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## Work Experience

- August 2023 - **Digital Humanities Analyst/Data Scientist**, *Data Science and Analytics*, ASU, Tempe, AZ.  
2024 - **Faculty Associate**, *School of Politics and Global Studies*, ASU, Tempe, AZ.  
2015 - 2017 **Faculty/Lecturer**, Baku Engineering University(Former Qafqaz U), Baku, Azerbaijan.  
2013 - 2014 **Research Fellow**, Baku Engineering University(Former Qafqaz U), Baku, Azerbaijan.

## Education

- 2017–2022 **Ph.D. in Political Science**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.  
2024–2025 **MS Data Science**, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.  
2017–2022 **Graduate Certificate in Research Methods**, Arizona State University, Tempe.  
2014–2015 **M.A. in Dialogue Studies and International Relations**, Keele University, Newcastle, UK.  
2008–2012 **B.A. in European Studies and Economic Sciences**, Qafqaz University, Baku, Azerbaijan.

## Fields of Research Interests

- Substantive* conflict, political violence, state repression, authoritarian politics, climate change  
*Methods* machine learning, deep learning, text analysis and NLP, LLMs, network analysis, causal inference

## Research Experience

- August 2023 - **Research Associate**, *Gerda Henkel Foundation Sponsored Project*, Alfred Deakin Institute.  
2022 - 2025 **Country Analyst**, *Freedom House*, Washington,D.C..

## Book Projects

- *Legitimacy Through Repression: Domestic and Global Dimensions of Homophobia*
- *Beyond Bookshelves:Libraries in Advancing AI Education and Data Science Literacy*

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 **Namig Abbasov** and Cameron G. Thies "Between the West and Russia: Explaining Individual Foreign Policy Preferences in Small States", *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 19(2).  
2023 **Namig Abbasov**, "Nation-Building and Trust in Religious Organizations: Evidence from Georgia and Armenia", *Nations and Nationalism*. :1-29.  
2021 **Namig Abbasov**, "Antigovernment Protests and Commitment to Democratic Principles", *Problems of Post-Communism*, 69(1): 1-15.  
2019 Emil Souleimanov, **Namig Abbasov**, and David Siroky, "Frankenstein in Grozny: vertical and horizontal cracks in the foundation of Kadyrov's rule", *Asia Europe Journal*, 17(1): 87-103.  
2018 **Namig Abbasov** and David Siroky, "Joining the Club: Explaining Alliance Preferences in the South Caucasus", *Caucasus Survey*, 6(3): 252-267( *Winner of Open Science Foundation Preregistration*).

## Under Review

- **The Double-Edged Sword: Political Engagement on Social Media and Its Impact on Democracy Support in Authoritarian Regimes** (with Ihsan Yilmaz,Shahram Akbarzadeh, Galib Bashirov), *Political Research Quarterly*, **Accepted**
- **Forecasting Foreign Policy Dispositions in Small States: ML Approach**

- **Why do States Repress Sexual Minorities?**
- **Threat Perception and Support for Democracy in Authoritarian Settings** (*Best Graduate Student Paper Award from Northeastern Political Science Association*)

## Working Papers

- Predicting War Recurrence Using Survival-Based ML Algorithms(accepted to Polmeth 2024)
- Selective Violence in Chechnya (with Emil Souleimanov)
- Public Opinion on Climate Change with Emotient FACET software in Classical Experiments
- Global Environmental Collective Action: Climate Change vs Protection of Ozone Layer

## Work in Progress

- Predicting Peace Success Using Transformer-based LLMs(accepted to SPSA CWC on LLMs)
- Western Support for Global Gay Rights and Movements: Shared Identity and National Interests
- Great Power Shelter for the Small States
- Western Support for Global Gay Rights and Movements: Shared Identity and National Interests
- Tracing Colonial Origins of Global Acceptance(with Shreyas Ramani\* and Umang Rajnikant Bid\*)
- Climate Change and Small Island Nations (with Shreyas Ramani\* and Umang Rajnikant Bid\*)

\* Graduate Students

## Book Chapters and Other Editor- and Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2025 **Namig Abbasov**, Nations in Transit Azerbaijan 2025, *Freedom House*
- 2024 **Namig Abbasov**, Nations in Transit Azerbaijan 2024, *Freedom House*
- 2023 **Namig Abbasov**, Nations in Transit Azerbaijan 2023, *Freedom House*
- 2024 **Namig Abbasov**, "Post-War Situation in Karabakh: Peace and Reconciliation", *Central Asia-Caucasus Institute Book Project on Forty Four-Day War* , *forthcoming*.
- 2022 **Namig Abbasov** and Emil Souleimanov, "Azerbaijan, Israel, and Iran: How an Unlikely Triangle is Shaping the Northern Middle East", *Middle East Policy*, 29(1): 139-153
- 2021 David Siroky and **Namig Abbasov**, "Secession and Secessionist Movements" in *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, Ed. Sandy Maisel., Oxford University Press.
- 2021 **Namig Abbasov**, "LGBTQ+ Repression during Covid-19 Pandemic", *Global Human Rights Hub*.
- 2021 **Namig Abbasov**, "Global Backlash against Gay Rights: Why do States Repress Sexual Minorities?", *Global Human Rights Hub*.
- 2020 **Namig Abbasov**, Still Waters Run Deep: Federal, Regional, and Local Dimensions of Conflict in the North Caucasus. In *OSCE Yearbook 2019* (pp. 177-188). Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft mbH.
- 2020 **Namig Abbasov** and Emil Souleimanov, "Putin as Pyhrrus Russia in Syria and Libya", *Zeitschrift Osteuropa*, 70(6): 165-173.
- 2020 Emil Souleimanov and **Namig Abbasov**, Why Russia Has Not (Yet) Won Over Syria And Libya, *Middle East Policy*, 27(2): 81-93.
- 2015 **Namig Abbasov**, "Minsk Group Mediation Process in Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: Explaining The Failure of Peace Talks", *Journal of Caspian Affairs*, 1(2): 59:76.
- 2015 **Namig Abbasov**, "The Crisis of Multiculturalism in the UK: Has It Failed?", *Caucasus International*, 5(1): 85-97.
- 2014 **Namig Abbasov**, "Iranian Foreign Policy Toward Azerbaijan: Ideology versus Pragmatism", *Journal of Qafqaz University*, 2(2): 139-146.

## Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

- 2022 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Northeastern Political Science Association
- 2022 International Studies Association Award, \$700
- 2022 ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Award, \$950

- 2021 ASU SPGS Fellowship for Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, \$2,550
- 2020, 2021 ASU SPGS Article Completion Award, \$2000
- 2020, 2021 ASU Graduate College Award, \$1500
- 2019 Article Preregistration Prize awarded by Center for Open Science, Charlottesville, VA, \$1000
- 2018, 2020 ASU SPGS Summer Fellowship for ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, \$5500
- 2014-2015 Qafqaz University Full Tuition Fee Scholarship for MA at Keele University, UK, \$7500
- 2012 “Honorable Diploma of the First Place GPA” awarded by Qafqaz University, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2011 Article Contest Winner, Ministry of Economic Development, Baku, Azerbaijan \$625
- 2009-2012 Merit-Based Qafqaz University Scholarship, Baku, Azerbaijan, \$500
- 2008-2012 Special Qafqaz University Scholarship based on Entrance Exam, Baku Azerbaijan, \$1000
- 2008-2012 Full Tuition Fee Scholarship awarded by Qafqaz University, Baku, Azerbaijan, \$8500

## --- Conferences and Speeches

- 2024 Session Speaker [*AI: History, Current, Future: Will There Be Another AI Winter? Is Data Science Obsolete in Age of AI?*], ASU Data Conference
- 2024 Panelist, Association for Computers and Humanities
- 2021-2024 Panelist, Discussant, and Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2021, 2022 Panelist and Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2021, 2022 Panelist, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019-2022 Panelist, International Studies Association West
- 2021 Panelist, Four Corners Annual Meeting
- 2020, 2022 Panelist, International Studies Association Midwest
- 2016 Panelist, XI Silk Road International Conference, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2016 Panelist, IV International Young Researchers Conference, Qafqaz University, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2014 Panelist, Caucasus and Central Asia in Globalization Process, Qafqaz University, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2021 Discussant, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual World Convention

## --- Teaching Experience

- Fall 2024 Instructor, POS/SGS 394 LGBTQ+ Politics, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Summer 2024 Instructor, Essentials of Deep Learning, and Generative AI, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Summer 2024 Instructor, Text Analysis and NLP Techniques, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Summer 2024 Co-instructor, R Data Carpentry, *Northern Arizona University*, online
- Spring 2024 Co-instructor, R for Social Sciences Data Carpentry, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Summer 2023 TA, Matrix Algebra, Calculus, and Probability, *ICPSR, University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI
- Fall 2022 Instructor, POS/SGS 401 Political Statistics, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Fall 2021 Instructor, SGS 301 Principles of Global Studies, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Spring 2017 Instructor, Introduction to International Relations, *Baku Engineering University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- Spring 2017 Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, *Baku Engineering University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- Spring 2017 Instructor, Theories of International Relations, *Baku Engineering University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2016 Instructor, Foreign Policy Analysis and the Caucasus, *Qafqaz University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2016 Instructor, Introduction to International Relations, *Qafqaz University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2016 Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, *Qafqaz University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2016 Instructor, Theories of International Relations, *Qafqaz University*, Baku, Azerbaijan
- Spring 2023 Guest Lecturer, POS 350 Comparative Politics, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer, SGS 401 Political Statistics, Tempe, AZ
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer, POS 150 Comparative Government, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Fall 2020 Guest Lecturer, POS 300 Global Controversies, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ
- Fall 2018 Guest Lecturer, POS 305 Conflict and Film, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ

- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, SGS 350 Development and Globalization, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, POS 301 Empirical Political Inquiry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, POS 394: Political Marketing, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, POS 486 International Political Economy, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

## --- Computational Training

- 2024 IBM Data Science Professional Certificate
- 2024 Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate
- 2024 AI Foundations for Everyone Specialization (IBM)[Generative AI, Chatbots]
- 2023 ICPSR II in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,MI
  - Courses: *Data Science and Text Analysis, Network Analysis II: Advanced Topics, Categorical Data Analysis, Intro to Python*
- 2023 Mathematics for Machine Learning and Data Science Specialization, DeepLearning.AI
- 2021 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
  - Courses: *Multimethod research, Natural and Randomized Experiments, Social Media as Social Science Data, Computer Assisted Text Analysis, Re-thinking Small-N Comparisons*
- 2021 Joining the Data Revolution: Big Data in Education and Social Science Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,MI
- 2021 Python Programming for Non-Programming Social Scientists: Using Computational Notebooks and Python to tell your research story, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2020 ICPSR II in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, online
  - Courses: *Maximum Likelihood Estimation II: Advanced Topics, Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis, Time Series Analysis II: Advanced Topics*
- 2020 Multilevel and Mixed Models Using Stata, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, online
- 2018 ICPSR I in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
  - Courses: *Regression III: Advanced Methods, Statistics and Data Analysis, Regression Analysis II: Linear Models*
- 2017 R Workshop for Ph.D. Students, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
- 2017 Political Science Ph.D. Math Camp, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

## --- Fellowships, Work Replacement, and Internships

- April 2015 *Professional Fundraiser*, Oxfam GB, London, UK
- 2015 *Work replacement*, Dialogue Society, London, UK
- August 2013 *Communication Intern*, United Nations Development Programme, Baku, Azerbaijan
- May 2012 *Intern*, European Union Delegation to Baku, Baku, Azerbaijan
- March 2012 *Intern*, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), Baku, Azerbaijan
- August 2011 *Intern*, International Strategic Research Organization (USAK), Ankara, Turkey
- 2011 *Intern*, Center for Strategic Studies under President of Azerbaijan (SAM), Baku, Azerbaijan
- June 2010 *Intern*, International Conflicts Research Center (ICRC), Baku, Azerbaijan
- May 2010 *Intern*, Ombudsman Apparatus of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan

## --- Civil Society Training and Workshop

- 2015 London Forum on Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijan-UK Alumni Association, London, UK
- 2014 Regional Cooperation for Peace and Stability, Caucasian House, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2013 TC European Citizens- Right Now!, EU Youth in Action, Chisinau, Moldova
- 2013 Training on Civic Activism and Gender Equality, UN Association of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2012 EUROSima (EU Simulation Game), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
- 2012 Post Arab Spring Middle East NISA School, Foreign Ministry of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan

- 2011 American Studies Institute, U.S. Embassy, Baku, Azerbaijan  
2010 III.Security Forum of South Caucasus, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Baku, Azerbaijan

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## Journal Review

- *International Interactions, Political Research Quarterly, International Relations, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Journal of Eurasian Studies, Central Asian Survey, Caucasus Survey*

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## Skills

- **Technical Skills:** Python, R, Stata, SQL, Power BI, Latex
- **Language:** *Azerbaijani*-native, *Turkish*-advanced, *Russian*-basic, *German*-basic

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