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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International Political Economy
U.S. Foreign Policy
Corporate Power
Security Studies
International Relations Theories
Research Methodology
Game Theory

SKILLS

Quantitative data analysis
Qualitative data analysis
Stata
Python
NVIVO
R
Data visualization
Microsoft Office
Mac OS
Teamworking
Project supervising

LANGUAGES

English(fluent)
Persian/Farsi (native)
Arabic (writing and reading)
Turkish (intermediate)

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. in International Relations, Florida International University
Dissertation: The Transnational Investment Bloc in U.S.-Persian Gulf Relations and U.S. Policy Toward Iran.
Advisors: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi and Dr. Ronald W. Cox
GPA: 3.85
- 2020 M.A. in International Studies, Florida International University
Fields: Security Studies and Quantitative Methodology
GPA: 3.85
- 2012 M.A. in International Relations, University of Tehran, Iran
Field: International Political Economy
GPA: 3.6
- 2009 B.A. in Political Science, University of Mazandaran, Iran
GPA: 3.75

PUBLICATIONS

Books And Book Chapters

- In-process Koruzhde, Mazaher (forthcoming) **Corporate Power and the U.S. Militarization of the Persian Gulf**, Brill Publishers.
- Under review Koruzhde, Mazaher and Lob, Eric (forthcoming) **Iran's Military Support for Russia; A Prospect Theory Approach**, in *Iran's Look East Policy*, Mehran Kamrava (ed), Cornell University Press.

Dec 2023 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Cox, Ronald W. (2023) **The Transnational Investment Bloc in the U.S. and Persian Gulf,”** in *Capitalism and Class Power*, Ronald W. Cox (ed), Brill Publishers.

Journal Articles

In-process Oskurchi, Ali and Koruzhde, Mazaher (forthcoming). **Corporate Power and the Decline of American Hegemony.**

In-process Koruzhde, Mazaher and Lob, Eric (forthcoming). **A Tale of Two Wars: A Critical Political Economic Analysis of Saudi Arabia’s Response (or Lack Thereof) to the Gaza War.**

In-process Koruzhde, Mazaher (forthcoming) **The Transnational Investment Bloc and the U.S. Militarization of the Persian Gulf.**

In-process Koruzhde, Mazaher (forthcoming) **The Shifting Global Economy and the Formation of U.S. Iran Policy in the Carter Administration.**

Submitted Koruzhde, Mazaher and Lob, Eric (forthcoming). **The Saudi Agency Deficit during the Gaza War: The Consequence of Fifty Years of Integration into the U.S.-Led Global Capitalist Economy**

July 2025 Koruzhde, Mazaher (2025) **The Sanctions Must Go On: The Transnational Investment Bloc Support for the Iran Sanctions,** *Middle East Critique.* 1-21.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19436149.2025.2499774>

Oct 2022 Koruzhde, Mazaher (2022) **The Iranian Crisis of 1970s-1980s and the Formation of the Transnational Investment Bloc.** *Class, Race and Corporate Power.* Vol. 10, No. 2
<https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/classracecorporatpower/vol10/iss2/1>

Sep 2022 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Popova, Valeriia (2022) **Americans Still Held Hostage: A Generational Analysis of American Public Opinion about the Iran Nuclear Deal.** *Political Research Quarterly,* Vol. 137, No. 3. DOI: 10.1002/polq.13387.

Apr 2022 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Cox, Ronald (2022) **Transnational Investment Bloc in U.S. Policy Toward Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf,”** *Class, Race and Corporate Power.* Vol. 10, No. 1.
<https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/classracecorporatpower/vol10/iss1/1>

Jan 2020 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Popova, Valeriia (2020) **America Still Held Hostage: The Hostage Crisis Generation and Public Opinion about Iran Deal.** *Working paper.* DOI: 10.33774/apsa-2020-v0cjm.<https://preprints.apsanet.org/engage/apsa/article-details/5e0a3dd0cd361a001afed243>

Apr 2016 Zavarzade, GholamAli; Zeinali, Sadegh; Tajik, Hadi; and Koruzhde, Mazaher (2016) **Grand Foreign Policy Orientation of Rentier States: A Case Study of Iranian Rentier State 1979-2014.** *Contemporary Political Inquiries,* Vol. 7, No. 1, p. 43-67 (in Persian). <file:///Users/mazaher/Downloads/4015413950103.pdf>

Oct 2014 Mazaher Koruzhde (2014) **The Transformation of the Nature of Universities due to Their Numerical Growth in Iran.** *Today’s New Culture,* October 29, 2014 (in Persian).
<https://www.farhangemrooz.com/news/23733>

- Oct 2012 Hadian, Naser and Koruzhde, Mazaher (2012) **Constitution of the State as an Organization in an Anarchic Environment**. *Foreign Relations Quarterly*, Vol. 4, No. 3(Persian).
http://frqjournal.csr.ir/article_123599_e0ff023cc34e3404bbcbbcf5c39071823.pdf

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- April 2025 Koruzhde, Mazaher. The Transnational Investment Bloc and the U.S. Militarization of the Persian Gulf. Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago)
- April 2024 Koruzhde, Mazaher. The Transnational Investment Bloc and the Iran deal. Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago)
- August 2023 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Lob, Eric. The Geopolitical Implications of Social Unrest and External Pressure in Iran. The Iranian Studies Unit-Iran's Look East Policy (Doha)
- March 2023 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Lob, Eric. The Geopolitical Implications of Social Unrest and External Pressure in Iran. Middle East Dialogue 2023 (Washington, DC)
- May 2022 Koruzhde, Mazaher. The U.S.-GCC Transnational Investment Bloc and Sanctions Policies Toward Iran. Paper presented at Annual ISA Convention (Nashville)
- May 2022 Koruzhde, Mazaher. The U.S.-Saudi Transnational Investment Bloc and the Iran Nuclear Deal. Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago)
- Apr 2021 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Cox, Ronald. Business Coalitions and U.S. Sanctions Policy Toward Iran. Paper presented at Annual ISA Convention (online)
- Apr 2021 Popova, Valeriia and Koruzhde, Mazaher. "America Still Held Hostage: The Hostage Crisis Generation and U.S Public Opinion on the Iran Nuclear Deal." Paper presented at Annual ISA Convention (online)
- Mar 2020 Popova, Valeriia and Koruzhde, Mazaher "America Still Held Hostage: The Hostage Crisis Generation and U.S Public Opinion on the Iran Nuclear Deal." Paper presented at Annual ISA Convention (Honolulu)
- Mar 2020 Koruzhde, Mazaher and Valeriia Popova. "Trump Administration's North Korea Policy: Repetition of Loss Framing and Prolonged Nuclear Crisis." Paper presented at Annual ISA Convention (Honolulu)
- Apr 2019 Koruzhde, Mazaher. "Trump Administration's North Korea Policy: Repetition of Loss Framing and Pro- longed Nuclear Crisis." Paper presented at 77th Annual MPSA Annual Convention (Chicago)
- Mar 2018 Koruzhde, Mazaher. "North Korean Nuclear Crisis: Challenges of Framing and Loss-aversion." Paper presented at Annual FPSA Meeting (Ft. Myers, FL)
- Dec 2011 Koruzhde, Mazaher. "Constitution of State as an Organization and Tension in Relationships Between States; Case Study of Tensions Between the US and Russia Over the U.S. Missile Defense Shield in Eastern Europe." Paper presented at Annual Political Science Association Meeting (Tehran, Iran)

- Oct 2010 Koruzhde, Mazaher. "The Soviet Union and Industrialization of Iran: Constructing Isfahan Steel Mill." Paper presented at Annual Political Science Association Meeting (Tehran, Iran)
- Nov 2009 Koruzhde, Mazaher. "Rentier State's Foreign policy: Oil and Foreign Policy Making in Iran." Paper presented at Annual Political Science Association Meeting (Tehran, Iran)

REVIEWS

- May 2025 The 4th edition of a textbook entitled "US Foreign Policy," by Micheal Cox and Doug Stokes. I reviewed six chapters to be added to this new edition: USA: Fragmented Superpower, Military Power, Dollar Hegemony, The American Way of War, The Future of Indian-US Relations, and Latin America: "beyond the "Monroe Doctrine."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2021-
2023 Research assistant
Supervisor's name: Dr. Eric Lob (elob@fiu.edu)
Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations
Project: Iranian revolutionary organizations and provincial developments in Iran after the revolution
- May 2021-
July 2021 Research assistant
Supervisor's name: Dr. Eric Lob (elob@fiu.edu)
Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations
Project: Economic relationship between Iran and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Jan 2013-
May 2014. Research assistant
Supervisor's name: Dr. Gholam-Ali Zavarzade (aliphd89@yahoo.com)
University of Tehran, Department of Law and Political Science, Iran
Project: Iran's rentier state and grand foreign policy direction
- Jan 2012-
Dec 2012 Research assistant
Supervisor's name: Dr. Naser Hadian (nhadian@utc.ir)
University of Tehran, Department of Law and Political Science, Iran
Project: Ramifications of the Arab Spring for Iran's foreign policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2024 Introduction to Quantitative Political Research
American University, Washington, DC
- Fall 2023-
Present Political Economy of Advanced Capitalism (graduate level)
Howard University, Washington, DC
- Fall 2022-
Present International Political Economy
Howard University, Washington, DC
Florida International University, Miami, FL
- Fall 2019-
Present Introduction to International Relations
Howard University, Washington, DC
Florida International University, Miami, FL

Fall 2023- Present	American Foreign Policy <i>Howard University, Washington, DC</i>
Summer 2021- Spring 2024	The Development of International Relations Thoughts <i>Florida International University, Miami, FL</i>
Spring 2023	Theories of International Relations <i>Florida International University, Miami, FL</i>
Spring 2023	TOEFL <i>Open Hearts Language Academy (OHLA), Miami, FL</i>
2009-2016	English teacher (Middle school and high school) <i>Andishe & Ghalam high school, Tehran, Iran</i> <i>Ekhlas Private Educational Complex, Tehran, Iran</i>
2009-2015	Education advisor to participants in the nationwide exam (Konkur) for entering graduate school, <i>University of Tehran, Iran</i>

GUEST LECTURES

2023	Iranians Cultural Center. An in-person lecture on the examination of the opposition in the 2022 nationwide protests in Iran
2022	Politics and International Relations Graduate Students Organization (“PIRGSO”). An in-person lecture in Career Advising Event for undergraduate students.
2022	Honors Society of International Relations at Florida International University. An in-person lecture on the anatomy of the September 2022 social unrest in Iran.
2022	American Government, POS 2041. An in-person lecture on the role of capitalist interest blocs in shaping the political debates in the U.S. government.
2022	American Government, POS 2041. An in-person lecture on civil rights and civil liberties; a comparison between Iran and the U.S.
2021	Center for Middle East Strategic Studies (cmess.ir). An online lecture on the formation on the U.S.-Saudi transnational investment bloc and its implications for Iran sanctions.
2019	Conflict Management, INR 4462. An in-person lecture on introduction to Game Theory and Prospect Theory.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2025	Presidential Microgrants: Faculty Travel Awards, \$2,000. Howard University.
2023	Kimberly and Dorothea Green Fellowship, \$15,00. SIPA, Florida International University
2022	Tuition Waiver Scholarship, \$3,400. Florida International University
2021	SGA Graduate Scholarship, \$2,000. Florida International University
2021	Travel Grant, \$700. International Studies Association (ISA)
2021	Dissertation Year Fellowship, \$16,800. Florida International University
2021	Dissertation Evidence Acquisition Award, \$8,400. Florida International University
2016- 2020	Ph.D. Scholarship, annually. Florida International University
2017-2021	Graduate School Travel grant, \$500-700 annually. Florida International University

2017-2021	Green School Travel grant, \$350 annually. Florida International University
2017-2021	PIR Travel grant, \$200 annually. Florida International University
2012	Military Service Reduction Award. Iran's National Elites Foundation, Iran
2009-2011	M.A. Scholarship, annually. University of Tehran, Iran
2009-2011	Housing Award. University of Tehran, Iran
2009	Genius Award for ranking 9 th in the nationwide exam for entering state graduate school among over 10,000 participants. \$800.
2005-2009	B.A. Scholarship, annually. University of Mazandaran
2005-2009	Housing Award, annually. University of Mazandaran

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

2022	Participant in a study on the "Health Implications of Migration Integration Policies for Highly-Educated Immigrants in the United States."
2022	Treasurer of the Iranian Students Organization (ISO)
2021	Speaker at Miami Science Café
2021	Speaker (online) at the funeral of Dr. Abumohammad Asgarkhani, Associate Professor of International Relations at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran

MEMBERSHIPS

2025	Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
2019-2025	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
2019-2025	International Studies Association (ISA)