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WORKING EXPERIENCE

2017-2018	Visiting Assistant Professor at Georgetown University in Qatar (Adjunct).
2014-present	Research Assistant Professor in Gulf Politics, Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University.
2013-2014	Full-time Visiting Assistant Professor at Georgetown University in Qatar.
2002-present	Part-time Lecturer (Online teaching), University of Salamanca, Spain.
2013-2017	Part-time Lecturer (Online teaching), University of Valencia, Spain.
2010-2012	Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of International and Intercultural Studies-IEII, University Aut3noma of Barcelona, Spain.
2009-2012	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, University Aut3noma of Barcelona, Spain.
2009-2016	Honorary University Fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, United Kingdom.
2008-2013	Part-time Lecturer, University Aut3noma of Madrid, Spain.
2006-present	Director, OPEMAM, Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World, Spain.
2006-2008	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, School of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain.
2006-2008	Part-time Lecturer, University Aut3noma of Madrid.
2006-2006	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, National University of Cordoba, Argentina.
2005-2007	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, National University of La Plata, Argentina.
2005-2007	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, National University of Rosario, Argentina.
2005-2005	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, National University of Cordoba, Argentina.
2005-2005	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, University Siglo XXI, Cordoba, Argentina.
2003-2004	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, University of Alcala de Henares, Spain.
2002-2002	Part-time Visiting Lecturer, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain.

2002-2010	Research Fellow, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University Autónoma of Madrid, Spain.
1997-1998	Assistant Researcher, at CONICET (National Council on Scientific and Technical Research) Argentina.
1997-1998	Teaching Assistant at the Department of International Relations, College of Political Science and International Relations, National University of Rosario, Argentina.

CURRENT TEACHING

* Lecturing on “*Iranian Politics*” (Spring term) and “*Politics of the Gulf*” (Fall term), at the Master in Gulf Studies, Qatar University (2014 – present).

* Lecturing on “*Politics and Foreign Policy of Iran*”, at Georgetown University in Qatar (2017-2018).

* Lecturing on “*Contemporary Iran: Politics, Foreign Policy and Society*”, at the Diploma on Languages and Cultures of India and Iran, University of Salamanca, Spain. Moodle Online teaching (2002 – present).

CURRENT RESEARCH

* Principal investigator at the project “The Performance of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his Impact on the Gulf Region” (QUUG-CAS-GSC\2017-2) Funded by Qatar University Faculty Grant Program. (08\01\2017 - 31\12\2017).

* Researcher at the R&D national project “*Transnational Dynamics and Actors in the MENA Region: A historical Genealogy of Elites and Social Movements in between the local and global level*” (HAR2016-77876-P) Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain (01/01/2017 AL 31/12/2019) funded by the Ministry of Economy. Main researcher: Prof. Laura Feliu.

* Researcher at the project “Middle East and North Africa Regional Architecture: Mapping Geopolitical Shifts, Regional Order and Domestic Transformations (MENARA)” (proposal number 693244). Funded by the European Commission program “Horizon 2020”. Barcelona’s CIDOB is the leader of the consortium in which QU-Gulf Studies Center is member (2016-2019).

* Research Coordinator and editor of the project “The legislative and political performances of the Shura/legislative councils in the Gulf”, funded by Qatar University and Konrad Adenauer Foundation (2015-2017).

* Researcher at the R&D national project “*Political participation, Islam and transnationalism in the Arab/Muslim World and migrant settings*” (CSO2014-52998-C3-1-P) Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain (01/01/2015 AL 31/12/2017) funded by the Ministry of Economy. Main researcher: Prof. Ana Planet Contreras.

* Country Coordinator on Qatar and Country Expert on Iran for the research project ‘*Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)*’ (<https://v-dem.net>), directed by Michael Coppedge, Staffan Lindberg and John

Gerring, at the University of Notre Dame Center for Research Computing, the University of Gothenburg Department of Political Science, and the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Since November 2013).

* Researching electoral and political issues of, and conducting electoral observation in Iran and GCC States at the *Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World* OPEMAM, www.opemam.org (2006 – present).

EDUCATION

* **PhD in Arab and Islamic Studies**, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain (Distinction, *Cum Laude*). Dissertation title: “*The Iranian Foreign Policy from Khomeini to Ahmadineyad (1979-2009): An Analysis of the Elites and the Decision Units Composition*”, completion 7/09/2010, qualification: *Sobresaliente Cum Laude* (Distinction with honours).

* **Diploma de Estudios Avanzados in International Mediterranean Studies** (Diploma of Advanced Studies, **equivalent to Master’s degree**). Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain, completion 20/09/2000, qualification: *Sobresaliente* (Distinction). Scholarship from FOMEC, Argentinean Fund for the Improvement of Education, from October 1998 to December 2001.

* **Licenciatura Degree in Political Science** (Eq. **BA**), Political Science College, National University of Rosario, Argentine, completion 28/12/1995, final qualification 7.41/10.

LANGUAGES

- * Spanish: Mother tongue
- * English: Fluent spoken and written.
- * Farsi: Working level.
- * Italian: Working level.
- * French: Initial level.
- * Arabic: Initial level.

ACADEMIC POSITION QUALIFICATIONS-ACREDITATIONS

Academic position qualification awarded by ANECA (National Agency for Academic Quality Evaluation), Ministry of Education, Spain (<http://www.aneca.es/eng>), 2011:

- “Profesor Contratado Doctor” (Resolution PCD: 2011-1563), equivalent to **Associate professor (American system) / Senior Lecturer (British system)**.

RESEARCH GRANTS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Competitive Grants</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2016-2017	Qatar University Faculty Grant, "The Performance of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his Impact on the Gulf Region"	QR 62,300
2015-2016	Start Up Grant Qatar University, "Networks of Dependency and Gender Discrimination in Iran's Academic World"	QR 50,000
2014-2015	Faculty Research Grant, Georgetown University in Qatar, "The Legacy of Ahmadinejad".	USD 9,580
2013-2014	Faculty Research Grant, Georgetown University in Qatar, "Iranian presidential elections 2013"	USD 10,000
2011-2012	Research grant from AECID-CAP-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" (REF. 11-CAP2-0972)	€ 58,000
2010-2011	Research grant from AECID-CAP-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" (REF. 10-CAP1-0026)	€ 47,000
2009-2010	Research grant from AECID-PCI-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" (REF. A/019241/08)	€ 9,000
2008-2009	Research grant from AECID-CAP-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" (REF. 08-CAP3-1305)	€ 35,000
2008-2008	Research grant from Human Rights Dept.-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" MFA (REF. AEC/854/2008)	€ 9,000
2007-2008	Research grant from AECID-CAP-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" (REF. 07-CAP2-0688)	€ 21,100
2006-2007	Research grant from AECID-CAP-Spanish Foreign Ministry, "OPEMAM Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World" (REF. 1556/06-20476)	€ 9,000
2007-2009	Research grant from Santander Bank-Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, "The research on Arab and Muslim Word in Argentina".	€ 5,500
	<i>Noncompetitive Grants</i>	
2011	Tres Culturas Foundation, Sevilla (for OPEMAM project)	€ 1,500
2009	Tres Culturas Foundation, Sevilla (for OPEMAM project)	€ 3,000
2007	Alternativas Foundation, Madrid (for OPEMAM project)	€ 6,000

PRE AND POST DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

10/2010-10/2012 : Post-doctoral Research contract, program "Alianza 4 Universidades", at the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Institute for International Studies.

9/1998-9/2000: FOMECA Scholarship, to conduct post-graduate studies at the Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Funded by the World Bank, through the program 767 School of International Relations, College of Political Science, National University of Rosario.

10/1997-9/1998: CONICET Scholarship for Initiation to Researcher Career, funded by the Argentinean National Council for Scientific Research.

2/1996-3/1996 : INTERCAMPUS AL/E Scholarship for University Exchange Latin America/Spain, to conduct research at the College of Humanities, Universidad Jaume I, Castellón de la Plana, Spain, funded by AECID, Spanish Agency for International Aid.

2/1995-3/1995 : INTERCAMPUS AL/E Scholarship for University Exchange Latin America/Spain, to conduct research at the College of Philosophy and Arts, Universidad de Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares, Spain, funded by AECID, Spanish Agency for International Aid.

3/1989-12/1989: Scholarship for Promotion of Scientific and Academic Activities, funded by the Universidad Nacional de Rosario.

PUBLICATIONS

Single and co-authored books

- 1 *Los enigmas de Irán: Sociedad y política en la República Islámica* (The Iranian enigma: Society and Politics in the Islamic Republic), Buenos Aires: Capital Intelectual, 2006, pp. 96 (ISBN 978-98-71181-60-5).¹
- 2 *Irak, invasión ocupación y caos*, Luciano Zaccara, Waleed Saleh, Alfonso Iglesias & Ignacio Gutiérrez, Madrid: Los Libros de la Catarata, 2006, pp. 200 (ISBN 84-83192-57-8).

Co-edited volumes

- 1 *Iran's Relations with the Arab States of the Gulf: Common Interests over Historic Rivalry*, Maaike Warnaar, Luciano Zaccara and Paul Aarts (eds.), Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2016, pp. 186 (ISBN 9783959940047).
- 2 *Elecciones sin elección. Procesos electorales en Oriente Medio y el Magreb (Elections without choice. Electoral processes at Middle East and Maghreb)*, Ignacio Álvarez-Ossorio & Luciano Zaccara (eds.), Madrid: Ediciones del Oriente y el Mediterráneo, 2009, pp. 352 (ISBN 978-84-96327-73-3).²

¹ This monograph has 17 citations, according to "Harzing's Publish or Perish" index, retrieved on April 2017. It has been cited in numerous doctoral and master's dissertation in Latin American universities as well, and it was reviewed in several specialized Spanish speaking magazines and newspapers in Argentina. It is included in several syllabi in Latin American and Spanish universities.

² This edited book has 19 citations, according to "Harzing's Publish or Perish" index, retrieved on April 2017.

Peer reviewed publications

- 1 "Iran 2016. From the JCPOA Implementation to the Demise of Rafsanjani", *Asia Maior*, Vol XXVII, pp. 357-378, June 2017 (ISSN 2385-2526).
- 2 "Las políticas de ciudadanía en los estados del Consejo de Cooperación del Golfo" (Citizenship policies in the GCC states), *Relaciones Internacionales*, Vol. 35, pp.79-101, June 2017 (ISSN 1699-3950).
- 3 "Cambio y estabilidad política en las monarquías del Golfo tras la Primavera Árabe" (Change and political stability in the Gulf monarchies after the Arab Spring), *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, n.109, p. 177-199, April 2015 (ISSN: 1133-6595), co-authored with Marta Saldana.
- 4 "Los desafíos del nuevo presidente de Irán. ¿Hacia dónde va Rohaní?" (The challenges of the new Iranian president: Whither Rohani?), *Dossier de análisis Nº 4*, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia, (April 2014) pp. 18.
- 5 "Comparing Elections in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries after the Arab Spring: The United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Kuwait", in *Journal of Arabian Studies*, vol. 3.1 (June 2013), pp. 80–101 (ISSN: 2153-4764).³
- 6 "Del "11S" a la "primavera árabe": ¿Qué nos dice la opinión pública árabe?" (From 9/11 to the 'Arab Spring': What the Arab Public Opinion Say?), in *Estudios Internacionais*, v. 1 n. 1 Jun-Dec 2012 pp. 95-108 (ISSN: 2317-773X).
- 7 "Instituciones electivas y elecciones en el sistema político de Irán" (Elective Institutions and elections in the Iranian Political System) in *Revista Estudios Digital*, monographic issue, Córdoba, Argentina, Autumn 2010 (ISSN 1852-1568).
- 8 "La élite político-clerical en la Republica Islámica de Irán" (The Political-Clerical Elite in the Islamic Republic of Iran), in *Contra-Relatos desde el Sur - Apuntes sobre África y Medio Oriente*, Córdoba, Argentina, December 2005. Edited by the Center of Advanced Studies, National University of Córdoba, Argentine, pp. 27-46 (ISSN 1669-953X).

Chapters in books

- 1 "Iran's permanent quest for regional power status", in Jacqueline Braveboy-Wagner (Ed.) *Diplomatic Strategies of Leading Nations in the Global South: Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016) pp. 181-211 (ISBN: 978-1-137-45225-2).⁴
- 2 "Elections and democratization in Iran", in Mahmoud Hamad and Khalil Al-Anani (Eds.), *Elections and Democratization in the Middle East: The Tenacious Search for Freedom, Justice, and Identity*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), pp. 153-179 (978-1-137-29924-6).

³ Since it was first published on line on 27 Jun 2013 the article has been downloaded 721 times, according to T&F metrix <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21534764.2013.802941#Uj6qINknoeo>.

⁴ This volume has been downloaded from the publisher website 1,510 times, according to Bookmetrix <http://www.bookmetrix.com/detail/book/c841e1e3-cc46-4220-a9ce-1c945eca1ebf#downloads>. This chapter is being translated into Polish, to become part of an edited volume in Poland in 2017 (contract signed).

- 3 "Irán 2009-2011: Del movimiento verde a la primavera árabe" (Iran 2009-2011, from the Green Movement to the Arab Spring), in *Voces, tramas y trayectoria: las protestas populares en el Medio Oriente y el Norte de África*, W. Western, A. Galindo & I. Bernal (Eds.) (Monterrey: Universidad de Monterrey, 2014), pp. 21-44.
- 4 "Saudi Arabia: Family, Religion, Army and Oil" with Eduard Soler, in *Political Regimes in the Arab World: Society and the Exercise of Power*, Ferran Izquierdo Brichs (Ed.) (London-New York: Routledge, 2012, pp. 155-182) (ISBN 978-0-415-62566-1).
- 5 "The Iranian Presidential Elections 2009 in Comparative Perspective", in *Iran and the International System*, Anoushiravan Ehteshami (Ed.) (London-New York: Routledge, 2011, pp. 192-206) (ISBN 978-0-415-55966-9).
- 7 "La política exterior de Irán en Asia Central" (The Iranian Foreign Policy in Central Asia), in *Panorámica de actores y factores en Asia Central*, Stelios Stavridis & Cesar del Prado (Eds.) (Zaragoza: Prensas Universitarias de Zaragoza, 2010, pp. 97-112) (978-84-15031-54-3).
- 8 "Observación independiente de las elecciones legislativas de Jordania del 20 de noviembre de 2007" (Independent monitoring of Legislative Elections in Jordan, 20 November 2007), in *Observación Electoral Internacional. Sentido, actores y retos*, Rubén Martínez Dalmau (ed.) (Valencia: Ediciones del CEPS, 2008, pp. 145-155) (ISBN 978-84-93186-33-3).
- 9 "Las relaciones exteriores de Iraq: pasado, presente y futuro" (The Foreign Relations of Iraq: past, present and future), in *Irak, invasión ocupación y caos*, Ignacio Gutiérrez de Terán (coord.) (Madrid: Los Libros de la Catarata, 2006, pp. 77-120) (ISBN 84-83192-57-8).
- 10 "Irán e Irak ¿el fin del conflicto?" (Iran and Iraq, the end of the conflict?), en *Oriente Medio. El laberinto de Bagdad*, Ignacio Gutiérrez de Terán (ed.) (Seville: Doble J Publisher, 2004, pp. 125-134) (ISBN 84-93326-55-0).

Publications in Indexed Journals or with Impact Factor

- 1 "Los países del Consejo de Cooperación del Golfo e Iraq" (The Gulf Cooperation Council States and Iraq) in *AWRAQ* Nº 13, Casa Árabe, Madrid, 2016, pp. 69-80 (ISSN 0214-834X).
- 2 "Reflections on Iran's 2013 Presidential Elections", co-authored with Anoush Ehteshami, in *Orient, German Journal on Politics, Economics and Culture of the Middle East*, Vol IV, issue 54, 2013, pp. 7-14.
- 3 "Elecciones en el Golfo: resistir la 'primavera árabe'" (Elections in the Gulf: resisting the Arab Spring) in *Política Exterior*⁵ Nº 148, Madrid, July/August 2012, pp. 136-147 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 4 "Irán y Estados Unidos, ni sanciones ni intervención" (Iran and the United States, neither sanctions nor intervention) in *Política Exterior* Nº 139, Madrid, January/February 2011, pp. 134-145 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 5 "Irán, 12 de Junio: La República Islámica desvelada" (Iran 12th June: The Islamic Republic unveiled) in *Política Exterior* Nº 130. Madrid, July/August 2009, pp. 51-64 (ISSN 0213-6856).

⁵ *Política Exterior* is the most prestigious Spanish Journal on international relations. Following the Foreign Affairs model, *Política Exterior* is oriented to decision makers and diplomats in Spain and Latin American countries, where is very extended and cited. Although not peer reviewed, it is indexed in PRIO, IPSA and JSTOR.

- 6 “2007, año de elecciones en los países árabes e islámicos” (2007, Year of elections at Arab and Islamic Countries) in *Política Exterior* Nº 121. Madrid, January/February 2008, pp. 121-130 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 7 “Ahmadineyad entre la espada y la pared” (Ahmadineyad between the Sword and the Wall), in *Política Exterior* Nº 116. Madrid, Spain, March / April 2007, pp. 99-110 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 8 “Las raíces socio-políticas y religiosas de la República Islámica de Irán” (Socio-Political and Religious Roots of the Islamic Republic of Iran), in *Hesperia Culturas del Mediterráneo*, Year II, Vol. III, Nº 5, 2006, Madrid, Spain, pp. 91-115 (ISSN 1698-8795).
- 9 “Irán: la cuestión nuclear y el liderazgo regional” (Iran: The Nuclear Issue and Regional Leadership), in *Revista de Relaciones Internacionales*⁶, Vol. 15 - Nº 30, December 2005/May 2006, Institute of International Relations, National University of La Plata, Argentine, pp. 1-16 (ISSN 1515-3371).
- 10 “La influencia iraní en Irak” (The Iranian influence in Iraq) in *Política Exterior* Nº 112. July / August 2006, pp. 107-116 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 11 “Irán y la cuestión nuclear” (Iran and the Nuclear Issue), in *Política Exterior* Nº 109, Madrid, Spain, January-February 2006, pp. 113-121 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 12 “Irán: una nueva era” (Iran: a New Era), in *Papeles de Cuestiones Internacionales* Nº 91, edited by the Center for Peace Research (CIP), Madrid, Spain, autumn 2005, pp. 57-68 (ISSN 0214-8072).
- 13 “Irán: ¿cambio conservador?” (Iran: Conservative Change?), in *Política Exterior* Nº 107, Madrid, September-October 2005, pp. 43-57 (ISSN 0213-6856).
- 14 “Irán ante el nuevo Irak y la redefinición de Medio Oriente” (Iran Facing the New Iraq and the Redefinition of the Middle East), in *Revista de Relaciones Internacionales*, Vol. 14 - Nº 28, December 2004/May 2005, Institute of International Relations, National University of La Plata, Argentine, pp. 161-178 (ISSN 1515-3371).
- 15 “El papel de Khatami en la distensión en el Golfo Pérsico” (The Role of Khatami in the Persian Gulf Détente), in *Revista de Relaciones Internacionales*, Vol. 11 - Nº 23, June/November 2002, Institute of International Relations, National University of La Plata, Argentine, pp. (ISSN 1515-3371).

Publications in other academic or specialized journals

- 1 “From Dialogue of Civilizations to Alliance of Civilizations: Iranian and Spanish initiatives revisited”, in *International Studies Journal*,⁷ Vol. 12, Nº 3, Winter 2016, Tehran, Iran, pp. 63-75 (ISSN 1735-2045).
- 2 “Comparing Elections Within the Algerian and Iranian Political Systems: Electoral Structures or Superstructures?”, in *International Studies Journal*, Vol. 3, Nº 1, summer 2006, Center for

⁶ *Revista de Relaciones Internacionales* is the oldest and most prestigious Argentinean Journal on international relations, edited by the National University in La Plata. It is indexed in Latindex, Dialnet and Scielo.

⁷ *International Studies Journal* is the only independent journal on international issues published in Iran, and one of the most prestigious in the region.

Scientific Research and Middle Eastern Strategic Studies, Tehran, Iran, co-author Rafael Bustos, pp. 41-64 (ISSN 1735-2045).

- 3 "Irán: la neutralidad imposible" (Iran: the Impossible Neutrality) en *Nación Árabe*, Madrid, Spain, Nº 51, Vol. XVII, spring 2004, pp. 117-125 (ISSN 1130-5037).
- 4 "Irán y sus vecinos árabes. De la desconfianza a la aproximación" (Iran and its Arabs Neighbours. From Distrust to Approach) in *Nación Árabe*, Madrid, Spain, Nº 47, summer 2002, pp. 85-92 (ISSN 1130-5037).

Book reviews

- 1 Book review, '*Shi'ism: A Religion of Protest*' by Hamid Dabashi (Cambridge-London: Harvard University Press, 2011), in *Awraq*, 8 (2013): 109-113.
- 2 Book review, '*Iran's Foreign Policy in the Post-Soviet Era*' by Shireen Hunter (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2010), in *Insight Turkey Journal*, Vol. 14, No. 3, 2012, pp. 208.

Yearbook's articles

- 1 "Irán. Perfil de país: política interior, economía y sociedad", in Fàbregues, F. & Farrés, O. (Coord): *Anuario Internacional CIDOB 2015*, CIDOB Publications, 2016, p. 194-200. Barcelona. ISSN: 1133-2743; E-ISSN: 2014-0703. Available online: www.anuariocidob.org.
- 2 "The Role of the Gulf Countries in the Mediterranean and the Middle East Following the Arab Spring", in *IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2015*, Barcelona, pp. 70-74. (ISSN 1698-3068) http://www.iemed.org/observatori/arees-danalisi/arxiu-adjunts/anuari/med.2015/IEMed%20Yearbook%202015_RoleGulfCountriesMediterranean_LucianoZaccara.pdf
- 3 "Las elecciones del año: Irán 2013, el triunfo de la reforma", in *Anuario Internacional CIDOB 2014*, Barcelona, pp. 107-109. (ISSN: 1133-2743 - E-ISSN: 2014-0703) http://www.cidob.org/es/articulos/anuario_internacional_cidob/2014/observatorio_electoral_internacional_2013
- 4 "La situación de los derechos humanos y libertades políticas en Irán", in *Anuario Asia Pacifico 2008*, Barcelona, pp. 415-426. (ISSN 1699-8111) <http://www.anuarioasiapacifico.es/pdf/2008/cultura1.pdf>

Official Reports

- 1 "Irán: sociedad, política y economía" (Iran: Society, Politics and Economy), in *Irán como pivote geopolítico, Documentos de Seguridad y Defensa Nº 35*, Superior Center of Studies on National Defense CESEDEN, Ministry of Defense, Madrid, 2010, pp. 15-30 (ISBN 978-84-9781-598-7).
- 2 "La comunidad internacional ante la cuestión iraní" (The International Community in face of Iranian Question), in *La cooperación internacional en el mediterráneo, Cuadernos de Estrategia Nº 144*, Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies IEEE, Ministry of Defense, Madrid, 2010, pp. 121-156 (ISBN 978-84-9781-547-5).

Policy Briefs

- 1 "Post-electoral analysis: IRAQ-KURDISTAN/Referéndum por la independencia 25-S", in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2017.
- 2 "Los desafíos del segundo mandato de Rohani" (Iran, an election for change?), in *Análisis del Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos*, at www.realinstitutoelcano.org, September 20th, 2017.
- 3 "Post-electoral analysis: IRAN/Implicaciones internas y regionales de la re-elección de Rohani", in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2017.
- 4 "Post-electoral analysis: IRAN/Who won the elections?" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2016.
- 5 "Pre-electoral analysis: IRAN/Elections to the Islamic Consultative Assembly February 2016" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2016.
- 6 "Irán: acuerdo nuclear y nueva era en Oriente Medio" (Iran: nuclear deal and new era in the Middle East), in *Spanish Foreign Policy Observatory of Alternatives Foundation - OPEX Nota de prospectiva N° 37*, at www.falternativas.org July 2015.
- 7 "Post-electoral Analysis: IRAN/ Presidential Elections 14th June 2013" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2013.
- 8 "Electoral Report: IRAN/Legislative Elections 2012" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2012.
- 9 "Pre-electoral analysis: KUWAIT/National Assembly 2012" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2012.
- 10 "Briefing paper: GCC / An autumn of elections in the Gulf" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2012.
- 11 "Electoral Report: QATAR/Central Municipal Council 2011" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2011.
- 12 "Irán ¿unas elecciones para el cambio?" (Iran, an election for change?), in *Análisis del Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos*, at www.realinstitutoelcano.org, June 30th, 2009.
- 13 "Electoral Report: IRAN/Presidential 12/06/2009" in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2009.
- 14 "Análisis preelectoral: IRAN/ Encuestas participación y claves electorales", in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2009.
- 15 "Análisis preelectoral: IRAN/ El inicio de la campaña presidencial", in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2009.
- 16 "Análisis preelectoral: IRAN/ El proceso de aceptación de candidaturas", in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2009.

- 17 “Las consecuencias de las elecciones legislativas en Irán” (Consequences of the Legislative Elections in Iran), in *Análisis del Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos*, at www.realinstitutoelcano.org, July 1st, 2008.
- 18 “La crisis nuclear iraní en 2008: posibles escenarios y propuestas” (The Iranian Nuclear Crisis in 2008: possible scenarios and proposals), in *Spanish Foreign Policy Observatory of Alternatives Foundation - OPEX Memorandum N° 69*, at www.falternativas.org, February, 2008.
- 19 “Electoral Report: IRAN/Municipal and Expert Assembly 15/12/2006” in *OPEMAM Analysis*, at www.opemam.org, 2007.
- 20 “¿Cómo gestionar la crisis nuclear de Irán?” (How to Manage the Iranian Nuclear Crisis), *Spanish Foreign Policy Observatory of Alternatives Foundation - OPEX Memorandum N° 2*, at www.falternativas.org, February, 2006.
- 21 “Iran: The Nuclear Issue and Foreign Policy”, in E-Newsletter N°5 of Foundation for International Relations and Exterior Dialogue - FRIDE, at www.fride.org, February 2005.
- 22 “El faccionalismo en la política exterior iraní hacia Irak” (Factionalism in Iranian Foreign Policy towards Iraq), in *Análisis del Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos*, , at www.realinstitutoelcano.org, September, 2004.

Works in writing or printing process

- * Book chapter “Kuwait Islamists. From institutionalized to informal opposition”, in Hendrik Kraetzmar and Paola Rivetti edited book, submitted to publishers for peer review in July 2017.
- * Edited book “The Iranian Foreign Policy under the Rouhani’s First Term”. Book project composed of nine chapters, with a chapter written by the editor. Expected completion date, 2017.
- * Edited book “The legislative performance of the Majles al Shura in the Gulf region”. Book project composed of ten chapters, and an introduction written by the editor. Expected completion date, 2018
- * Book “Do elections Matter? An analysis of the electoral processes of Iran 2005-2017”, proposal to be submitted to Cambridge University Press by February 2018.

PAPERS IN CONFERENCES SINCE 2008

- 1 “Comparing electoral processes in the Gulf Cooperation Council states (2014-2015)”, 8th Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, UK, 1-4 August 2017.
- 2 “Factional competition in an electoral authoritarian regime: An analysis of 2008, 2012 and 2016 Iranian Majlis elections”, Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), Washington DC, 27-28 November 2016.
- 3 “Official mistrust and public opinion in Iran and the GCC”, The 2016 Gulf Studies Conference, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter, UK, 22-24 August 2016.

- 4 *"The impact of the Iranian nuclear deal in the Iran-Saudi relations"*, 7th Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, UK, 18-20 August 2016.
- 5 *"The regional implications of the Iranian-P5+1 nuclear deal"*, Gulf Studies Forum, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, 6-8 December 2015.
- 6 *"The Iranian nuclear deal: regional implications, new strategic alliances and threat perceptions"*, 2015 Annual Convention of the Japanese Association of International Relations (JAIR), Sendai, Japan, October 30-November 1, 2015.
- 7 *"The role of the Central Municipal Council in the Institutional Process in Qatar"*, 6th Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, UK, 24-27 August 2015.
- 8 *"Networks of dependency and gender discrimination in Iran's academic world"*, at the Annual Conference of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), London School of Economics, UK, 24-26 June 2015.
- 9 *"Continuity and change in Rouhani's Iran: Ahmadinejad's Legacy"*, XII SeSaMO Conference (Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies), Universita Ca'Foscari, Venice, January 16-17, 2015.
- 10 *"Confronted perceptions: What do Iranians and GCC citizens think about each other?"*, at the conference: Overcoming Sectarian Fault Lines after the Arab Revolutions, Georgetown University SFSQ and Qatar University, 6-7 November, 2014.
- 11 *"The legacy of Ahmadinejad"* at the International Conference Iran in the World, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, 9th-10th October 2014.
- 12 *"Iran's influence in the Gulf after the 'Arab Spring': Failed strategy or successful Saudi containment?"* at Fourth World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), Ankara, Turkey, 18th-22nd August 2014.
- 13 *"Comparing the female electoral and political performance in Iran and the GCC states"*, at the Annual Conference of British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), University of Sussex, UK, 16-18 June 2014.
- 14 *"From Dialogue to Alliance of civilizations: Iranian and Spanish initiatives revisited"*, at the International Conference on Dialogue for Peace, Security and Human Rights, Tehran, Iran, 16th May 2014.
- 15 *"Iran's influence in the Gulf after the 'Arab Spring': failed strategy or successful Saudi containment?"*, 4th Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, UK, 2-5 July 2013.
- 16 *"The emergency of the Green Movement and its relation with the Arab Spring"* at the Annual Conference of British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), University of Dublin, Ireland, 24-26 June 2013.
- 17 *"Electoral responses to the 'Arab Spring': the case of GCC states"* at The 21st International Conference on Persian Gulf: The world in transition: Geopolitical developments in the Islamic World and the Persian Gulf, Bandar Abbas, Iran, March 5-7, 2013.

- 18 *"The Iranian Foreign Policy towards the GCC under Ahmadineyad"* at The 2012 Gulf Studies Conference, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter, UK, 17-20 July 2012.
- 19 *"Comparing elections in the GCC after the Arab Spring"*, 3rd Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, UK, 11-14 July 2012.
- 20 *"Conflict and Cooperation in Iran-Saudi Arabia Relations: from Iraq's Invasion to Jasmine Revolution"*, 2nd Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, UK, 6-9 July 2011.
- 21 *"Elite Dispute and Electoral Mechanism in the Iranian Competitive Authoritarian Regime"*, at The 2011 Gulf Studies Conference, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter, UK, 29 June-2 July 2011.
- 22 *"Iran and the Gulf Cooperation Council: Enmity, Distrust and Cooperation"*, at the Annual Conference of British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), University of Exeter, UK, 27-29 June 2011.
- 23 *"Elite Dispute through Electoral Means in a Competitive Authoritarian Regime: The Iranian Case"*, at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association MESA, San Diego, California, 18-21 November 2010.
- 24 *"Iran and the Persian Gulf: The Continuity of a Regional Power Foreign Policy"*, at Third World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), Barcelona, 18-24 July 2010.
- 25 *"Formal and Informal Political Participation in Iran After 12th June Presidential Elections"*, at 1st Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Center Foundation – University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 7-10 July 2010.
- 26 *"Elections and Factional Politics in Iran: Limiting the Change"*, at Eight Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS). Santa Monica, California, 27-30 May 2010.
- 27 *"El sistema electoral de Irán: los límites del cambio"* (*The Iranian Electoral System: The Limits of Change*), at III International Conference of Electoral Studies, SOMEE-USAL, Salamanca, 28-30 October 2009.
- 28 *"The Decision Making Process in Iranian Foreign Policy"*, at 16th Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO) Bonn, Germany, 8-10 October 2009.
- 29 *"Avances electorales y retrocesos democráticos en Irán 1997-2009"* (*Electoral Advances and Democratic Setbacks in Iran 1997-2009*) at IX Conference of the Spanish Association of Political Science (AECPA), Málaga 23-25 September 2009.
- 30 *"The Iranian Foreign Policy toward Iraq 1941-2009: The Continuity of a Regional Power Behavior"*, at Annual Conference of British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), Manchester, 3-6 July 2009.
- 31 *"The Iranian Electoral System: 30 Years of Intra-elite dispute"*, in the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Congress (BRISMES), in the panel: Charting Electoral Practices in the Middle East and North Africa, Leeds, United Kingdom, July 4th to 6th, 2008.

- 32 *"The 8th Majles Elections' Impact on Iranian Political System"*, in The 2008 Gulf Studies Conference, organized by the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter, United Kingdom, July 1st to 4th, 2008.
- 33 *"The Iranian Role in the Regional Stability"*, in The 18th International Conference on Persian Gulf: Grounds for Regional Cooperation, Stability and Security, Institute for Political and International Studies-IPIS, Tehran, Iran, June 16th and 17th, 2008.

INVITED LECTURES, ROUND TABLES and KEY NOTE SPEECHES SINCE 2006

- 1 Roundtable "Turbulence in Gulf geopolitics", Casa Arabe, Madrid, 12 July 2017.
- 2 "Iranian presidential elections 2017", Universidad de Salamanca, 25 May 2017.
- 3 "Trump administration and the Gulf affairs: Iranian and GCC perspective", at the Institute for Energy Economics IEEJ, Tokyo, Japan, 31st January 2017.
- 4 "Comparing Women Political and Electoral Performance in Iran and the GCC", at the Workshop on Gender Issues in the Middle East, Meiji University and University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, 28th January 2017.
- 5 Keynote speech "The MENA shifting trends and the role of external and regional powers", at the Conference The changing Middle East from the perspective of external powers, Institute for International Relations, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary, 13-14 December 2016.
- 6 Keynote speech "Iran and the GCC after the Arab Spring: Internal changes and shifting regional roles", at the 2nd Conference on Contemporary Arab and Muslim World in International Relations, Political Science Institute, University of Gdańsk, Poland, 13-14 September 2016.
- 7 "Iran and the Arab world", round table at the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society, with Paul Aarts, Sara Masry and Maaïke Warnaar, 21st March 2016.
- 8 "Electoral Systems in the Persian Gulf Region", at Alameh Tabatabaei University, Tehran, Iran, 29th February 2016.
- 9 "Iran", at Joaan Bin Jassim Joint Command and Staff College Course (JBJCSCC), Al Wakra, Qatar, 12th January 2016.
- 10 "Iranian Politics and its Influence in Regional Affairs", at the International Workshop: "Iran and the Middle East after the Nuclear Deal", Osaka University, Japan, 5th November 2015.
- 11 "Women and Politics in the Gulf", at the University of Tokyo, Japan, 2nd November 2015.
- 12 "An Analysis of the Iranian Nuclear Deal", at the ISEN Instituto del Servicio Exterior de la Nación (Foreign Service Institute), Buenos Aires, Argentina, 5th August 2015
- 13 "The Iranian Nuclear Deal: strategic, political and economic implications", at the School of Political Science and International Relations, National University of Rosario, Argentina, 30th July 2015.

- 14 "Iranian Nuclear Bargain: regional implications", round table at Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, 7th April 2015.
- 15 "Iran", at Joaan Bin Jassim Joint Command and Staff College Course (JBJCSCC), Al Wakra, 21st January 2015.
- 16 "The Gulf: Is there a common policy?" at the Conference *Middle Eastern Politics: Transformation and Conflict*, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 14th-15th November 2013.
- 17 "Do elections matter? Reflections on the 2013 Iranian Presidential Polls", at CIRS Lunch Talks, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University SFS-Q, 30th September 2013.
- 18 "The Middle East, from the Iranian Green Movement to the Arab Spring", at the School of Political Science and International Relations, National University of Rosario, Argentina, 30th July 2013.
- 19 "Elections in the Arab Spring's states", at the International Relations course, Universidad Nebrija, Madrid, 22nd November 2012.
- 20 "Iran's role in the Middle East, from the Green Movement to the Arab Spring", at the International Relations course, Universidad Nebrija, Madrid, 30th October 2012.
- 21 "Arab Spring and international sanctions: its implications for Iranian Foreign Policy", at the Institute of European Studies, San Pablo CEU University, Madrid, 26th March 2012.
- 22 "The Foreign Policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran (1979-2011)", at the Institute of International and Civil Security, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, 11th March 2012.
- 23 "The role of International Organizations in Electoral Assistance", at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Azad University, Poonak Branch, Tehran, 28th February 2012.
- 24 "Politics and Elections in the Islamic Republic of Iran (1979-2011)", at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, 5th December 2011.
- 25 "Electoral processes at GCC after Arab Spring", at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Azad University, Poonak Branch, Tehran, 22nd November 2011.
- 26 "Elections and Politics in Iran: the Limits of Change", at the Institute of Iranian Studies and Institute of Middle East, Central Asia and Caucasus Studies, University of St. Andrews, 17th March 2009.
- 27 "Iran: 30 years of revolution", at Fundación Tres Culturas, Spain, in the Seminar: Political Structure, the legacy of revolution: Who rules Iran?, with the participation of Sirin Ebadi, Ali Gheissari, Abdolreza Tajik, Taghi Rahmani, et al. Sevilla, Spain, 18-19 February 2009.
- 28 "The Iranian Enigma", within the round table "History and Culture in Iran", organized by FRIDE y CCCB, with the participation of Fred Halliday, Mariano Aguirre, Haleh Afshar, Rosemarie Hollis, Ali Ansari, Bagher Moin & Johanes Reisner, Barcelona, June 30th and July 1st, 2008.

- 29 "Irán: un balance político de las elecciones" (Iran, a Political Assessment of the Elections), in Casa Asia, Barcelona, April 10th and Madrid April 17th, 2008.
- 20 "2007, A Year of Elections in the Arabic and Islamic Countries", in the Middle East Research Centre, and organized by the Iranian International Studies Association, Tehran, Iran, March 13th, 2008.
- 31 "Iranian Foreign Policy: Realpolitik or Ideology". Seminar *Iran: Between Cooperation and Confrontation*, European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris, January 19th, 2007.
- 32 "The Nuclear Question and the Regional Leadership in the Middle East and Central Asia", IV Annual Almaty Conference: Conceptions and Approaches to the Regional Security Experience, Problems and Prospects of Interaction in Central Asia, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 7th, 2006. Published by KISS, December 2006.

PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCE

* Elective courses taught at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar:

- Summer 2015: *Gulf Politics* GOVT447-70

- Spring 2014: *Iranian Foreign Policy* IPOL364-70
Gulf Politics GOVT447-70

- Fall 2014: *Politics and Foreign Policy of Iran* IPOL382-70
Authoritarianism and Democratization in Middle East IPOL382-70

- Spring 2013: *Iranian Foreign Policy* IPOL364-70
Comparing Electoral Systems in MENA countries IPOL363-70

* MA Course on "Democratization and Reform in Iran and Turkey", at the Master in Contemporary Arab and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid (2008 – 2013).

* MA Course on "Middle East Politics: Iran and GCC countries", at the Master in International Relations, Security and Defence, Autónoma University of Barcelona (2009 – 2012).

* MA Course on "Foreign Policy of the Arab and Islamic Countries: Comparative Elements", Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid (2006-2008).

* Visiting Lecturer, School of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain. Courses taught: *Iranian Political System and Foreign Policy* at Master in Diplomacy and International Studies, 8 hours (May 2006, May 2007 and May 2008), and *Iran, Islamic Revolution and Real Islamism* at Course on Islam for Diplomatic Officials, 3 hours (2006, 2007, 2008).

* Visiting Lecturer, Institute of International Relations of La Plata University, Argentine. Master in International Relations. Course taught: *Iranian Foreign Policy*. Duration: 12 hours (August 2005, August 2006 and August 2007).

* Visiting Lecturer, Advanced Studies Centre, National University of Cordoba, Argentine. Graduate Course: *The Arab and Islamic World after 11-S. A Space in Transition?* Duration: 20 hours (August 2006).

* Visiting Lecturer, International Relations and Political Science College, National University of Rosario, Argentine. Course taught at the PhD Program in International Relations: *The Middle East after the Iraq War*. Duration: 40 hours (August 2005 and August 2007).

* Visiting Lecturer, Centre for Advanced Studies, Cordoba National University, Argentine. Graduate Course: *The Arabic and Islamic World: Political Organization and Contemporary History*. Duration: 10 hours (September 2005).

* Visiting Lecturer, Political Science School of Business, University Siglo XXI, Córdoba, Argentine. Undergraduate Course: *Contemporary Political History and Political Systems of the Arabic and Islamic World*. Duration: 43 hours (September 2005).

* Visiting Lecturer, Institute of Mediterranean and Eastern Europe Studies, Alcalá University, Madrid, Spain. Course taught: *Middle East during the 19th and the 20th Centuries* at Biennial Seminar in Latin Humanism: The New International Order. Duration: 28 hours (2004).

* Visiting Lecturer, Institute of Mediterranean and Eastern Europe Studies, Alcalá University, Madrid, Spain. Course taught: *The Islamic World. From Constantinople to Islamism*, at the Biennial Seminar in Latin Humanism: The Mediterranean Border. Duration: 12 hours (2003).

* Visiting Lecturer, College of Social Works, Castilla-La Mancha University, Cuenca, Spain. Course taught: *Introduction to Arab and Islamic World*. Duration: 16 hours. (November 2002).

STUDENTS SUPERVISION

PhD Thesis

* Co-supervisor PhD Thesis: “La influencia de Press TV en la ejecución de la política exterior de la República Islámica de Irán” (The influence of PressTV in the implementation of the Iranian Foreign Policy). PhD candidate: Rafael Fernandez Ruiz, Department Journalism, Universidad de Sevilla, 29th September 2017, grade: Apto, Cum Laude.

* Main supervisor PhD Thesis: “La acción colectiva de los Mujaheden Khalq en el escenario iraní: evolución, intereses y marketing político (1964-2009)” (The collective action of Mujahedeen Khalq in the Iranian scenario: evolution, interests and political marketing, 1964-2009). PhD candidate: Moises Garduño García, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 11th October, 2012, grade: Apto, Cum Laude.

* Member of Defense tribunal PhD Thesis: “Nuclear proliferation and security geopolitical challenges: Analysis of the North Korea, Pakistan and Iran Nuclear Programs”. PhD candidate: Anass Gouyez Ben Allal, Department of Public International Law and International Relations, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 16th July, 2016.

MA Dissertations

* Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: “Local politics: Examining the political participation of Qatari women in the Central Municipal Council elections.” Student: Jawaher Amal, Gulf Studies Program, Qatar University, to be defended on 24/5/2017.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "Political Reforms in Qatar: Tentative transition from Authoritarianism to the Political Gray Zone". Student: Cihat Battaloglu, Gulf Studies Program, Qatar University, 29/12/2015.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "El poder político en el Irán revolucionario: el caso de Alí Akbar Hashemi Rafsanyan" (Political Power in Revolutionary Iran: The case of Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani). Student: Ignacio Diaz Roncero, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 30/11/2012.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "El papel de los movimientos sociales en los procesos de transición: El caso del Movimiento Verde en Irán" (The role of social movements in transition processes: The Iranian Green Movement case). Student: Nuria Vhdat Owrang, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 30/11/2012.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "La comunidad chií. Identidad y trans-nacionalismo: El caso de Bahréin" (The Shi'a Community. Identity and trans-nationalism: The Bahrain case). Student: Claudia Guerrero, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 27/09/2011.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "Irán como praxis de la filosofía política milenarista del chiísmo duodecimano" (Iran as a case of praxis of millenary political philosophy of Twelver Shi'a). Student: David Santamaría, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 27/09/2011.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "Reformulación de la autoridad política y religiosa del shiísmo, de la orientación política a la secularización" (Reformulation of the Shi'a political and religious authority, from political orientation to secularization). Student: Maribel Benitez Gonzalez, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 20/09/2010.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "Análisis de los intereses de Irán en México a partir de sus crecientes relaciones con países latinoamericanos, en el ámbito de sus relaciones diplomáticas y comerciales" (Analysis of the Iranian interest in Mexico through its increasing relations with Latin American countries). Student: Karla Delgado Negrete, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 20/09/2010.

- * Main Supervisor MA Dissertation: "El ascenso de los neoconservadores en Irán. De las elecciones presidenciales de 2005 a las parlamentarias de 2008" (The rise of neo-conservatives in Iran. From 2005 to 2008 elections). Student: Rafael Fernández Ruiz, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 10/03/2009.

- * Member of Defense tribunal MA Dissertation: "A Comparison of Turkey and Iran's Soft Power in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries". Student: Nesibe Hicret Soy, Gulf Studies Program, Qatar University, 24/05/2016.

- * Member of Defense tribunal MA Dissertation: "The Ulama and the Al Saud: A Relationship Between Elites in Saudi Arabia". Student: Alejandra Permuy, Gulf Studies Program, Qatar University, 7/06/2015.

- * Member of Defense tribunal MA Dissertation: "Current Developments in Tajik-GCC Relations for Foreign Policy and Trade from a Tajik Perspective". Student: Aziz Bobohojiev, Gulf Studies Program, Qatar University, 7/06/2015.

- * Member of Defense tribunal MA Dissertation: "Migrants' Identity: A Study of Second Generation Migrants Labor in Qatar". Student: Hazal Muslu, Gulf Studies Program, Qatar University, 2/06/2015.

Undergraduate Dissertations

* *Certificate in Arab and Regional Studies Thesis: Democratization in Egypt. A Comparative Study of Egypt's Constitutions.* Student Kevin Mark Lee, School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Georgetown University, approved on 10th April 2014.

PAST RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Membership in Research & Development Projects funded by Qatar National Research Fund

* Principal Investigator of the project "Emerging Sectarian Fault-lines and Regional Security in the Arab Revolutions" (NPRP6-028-5-006/CR-N-16662) financed by the Qatar National Research Found-QNRF. Lead Principal Investigator Shahram Akbarzadeh (Deakin University, Australia), Co-Lead Principal Investigator Mark Farha (Georgetown University SFS-Q) (2014-2015).

Membership in Research & Development Projects funded by Spanish Ministry of Science

* *"Authoritarianism Persistence and Political Change Processes in North Africa and Middle East: Consequences on Political Regimes and International Scene"* (CSO2012-32917) University of Granada, Spain (February 2013–January 2016). Main researcher: Prof. Inmaculada Smolzka.

* *"Good Governance, Stability and Development. A Methodology for a Model of Sustainable Democracy"*, Department of International Relations, Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain (September 2013–August 2015). Main researcher: Dr. Alberto Priego.

* *"The Arab and Islamic World in Motion: Migrations, Reforms and Elections, and their Impact on Spain"* (CSO2011-29438-C05-01) Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain (January 2012–December 2014). Main researcher: Main researcher: Prof. Ana Planet Contreras.

* *"Spain in front of migrations and political reforms in the Mediterranean and Muslim World"* (CSO 2008/06232-C01-CPOL) Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain (January 2009–December 2011).

* *"Political Relations and Human Exchange between Spain and the Islamic World: 1939-2004"* (SEJ 2005-08867-C03-01/CPOL). TEIM – Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain (January 2005- December 2008).

* *"Politic and Economic Reforms. Social Changes and Migrations in the Mediterranean Integration Process"* (SEC2001-1353-C03-01). TEIM - Arabic and Islamic Studies Department, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain (January 2002- December 2005).

Participation in other Research Projects

* *"Analysis of Arab World Political Transitions"*. Main researcher: Dr. Ferran Izquierdo Brichs. Financed by CIDOB Foundation (Centro de Documentacion e Información en Barcelona), Spain (2007-2008).

* *“Argentine’s Research on Arabic and Islamic World”*. Main researcher: Professor Bernabé López García. Financed by Santander Bank-Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain (January-December 2007).

* *“Turkey facing the European Union: perspectives and problems”*. Financed by Autónoma University of Barcelona, Spain (Reference: EME2005-11, 28/05/2005 - 28/05/2007). Main researcher: Dr. Ferran Izquierdo Brichs.

* *“The Middle East after Iraq War”*. Arabic and Islamic Studies Department, Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain (2004-2005). Main researcher: Professor Ignacio Gutiérrez de Terán.

Organization of R&D activities, workshops and courses.

* Co-organizer and paper presenter, joint conference “Transformational Changes in the Middle East: Internal, Regional and International Drivers”, Qatar University, Durham University, Doha, 27-28 September 2016.

* Director and organizer, workshop “The Legislative and Shura Councils in the Gulf Region: Political and Legislative Performance”, Qatar University, 17-18 November, 2015 and 21-22 September 2016. Co-sponsors, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Gulf Office.

* Co-organizer and paper presenter, workshop “Understanding Iran's internal dynamics and external behaviour”, Qatar University, 13-14 March, 2016. Co-sponsors Chatham House, Middle East Office.

* Co-organizer, workshop “V4 and the Middle East: Relations, Interests and Prospects”, Qatar University, 20 October, 2015. Main sponsors Visegrad Fund and Institute for Foreign Affairs of Hungary.

* Director Summer course “How to understand, analyze and observe elections in Arab and Islamic countries? Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 7-9 September 2009.

Research stays in public or private R&D centres (pre and postdoctoral)

* Qatar University, Gulf Studies Center, Doha (August 2014-present), as Research Coordinator and Assistant Professor.

* Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Doha (January 2013-May 2014), as Visiting Assistant Professor.

* United Arab Emirates University, Political Science Department, Al-Ain (September 2011-February 2012), as Honorary visiting scholar.

* Institute of International and Intercultural Studies-IEII, Autónoma University of Barcelona, Spain (October 2010 – October 2012), as a Post-doctoral Research Fellow.

* Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University, United Kingdom, (September 2008-September 2009), as Honorary University Fellow.

* Tehran University, College of Language and Literature, Tehran (August 2002), as Farsi language student.

* Ca’ Foscari University, Center for Eurasian Studies, Venice (January-March 2000), as MA student.

Fieldwork stays and independent electoral observation in the Middle East region

* Iran

- Electoral observation: May 2017 presidential elections (10 days); February 2016 legislative elections (10 days); June 2013 presidential elections (14 days); February 2012 legislative elections (10 days); 2009 presidential elections (16 days); 2008 legislative elections (30 days); 2006 municipal and experts elections (30 days) and 2005 presidential elections (14 days).

- Fieldwork stays: March 2017 (7 days), January 2017 (5 days), September 2015 (7 days), May 2015 (5 days), February 2015 (5 days); May 2014 (7 days); March 2013 (4 days); November 2011 (10 days); June 2008 (7 days); April 2006 (7 days); July 2004 (21 days); July 2002 (35 days) and May 2002 (7 days).

* Iraqi Kurdistan

- Electoral observation and fact finding mission: September 2017 (6 days).

* United Arab Emirates

- Electoral observation: September 2015 (5 days) and September 2011 (within fieldwork stay)

- Fieldwork stays: September 2011-March 2012 (173 days).

* Oman

- Electoral observation: October 2015 (4 days) and October 2011 (4 days).

* Kuwait

- Electoral observation: November 2016 (3 days).

- Electoral observation: January 2012 (7 days).

* Bahrain

- Electoral observation: November 2014 (5 days).

* Qatar

- Electoral observation: May 2015 (within current position stay) and May 2011 (5 days).

* Jordan

- Electoral observation: November 2007 (8 days).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrative

* Conducting administrative activities at *Taller de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, from 2002 to 2009, including coordination of doctorate courses, students and lecturers' affairs and administrative support to research projects.

Consulting Experience

* GPW-Institute for International Politics and Economics, Seelze, Germany: external consultancy on Iranian and Gulf states politics and elections (September 2008 – 2012).

* Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain, on Iranian Affairs (on a regular basis from 2009 until 2012).

* ERGO consulting, New York: external consultancy on Iranian elections (2007 – 2009).

Media collaborations

* Regular contributor to *Al Jazeera English*, Qatar.

* Regular contributor to *Radio France International*, Spanish emission, France.

* Regular contributor to *Hispan TV*, Iran.

* Regular contributor to *Russia Today* (Spanish emission).

* Occasional contributor to *El País* and *El Periódico* newspapers, Spain.

* Occasional contributor to Spanish media: *Televisión Española TVE*, *Radio Nacional de España RNE*, *Radio Catalunya*, *Cuatro TV*, *La Sexta TV*, *Antena 3 International TV*, Spain.

* Occasional contributor to Latin-American (mainly Argentinean) media.

Peer Review and Editing experience

* Chief Editor for OPEMAM Analysis (Observatory on Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World), since 2006.

* Peer reviewer for Cambridge University Press.

* Peer reviewer for Springer Publishing – Social Sciences.

* Peer reviewer for academic journals:

- *British Journal of Political Science*, 2016

- *Journal of Arabian Studies*, 2013

- *Cyber Orient*, 2015

- *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, Barcelona

- *Revista de Estudios Políticos*, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales

- *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, Asociación Española de Ciencia Política

- *Revista Historia Contemporánea*, Universidad del País Vasco

- *Relaciones Internacionales*, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

- *Revista de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

- *Revista Contra-Relatos desde el Sur*, Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina

Other Postgraduate Studies; Diplomas and Continuing Professional Training

* Professional Training Seminar “Starting the Semester Strongly: Techniques to Maximize Your Teaching Effectiveness, Qatar University, OFID Office of Faculty and Instructional Development, Doha, 17th September 2017, 2 hours.

* “4th international course on Shia studies”, University of Religions and Denominations, Qom-Mashhad, 4th-9th March 2017.

- * Professional Training Course “Maximize Mentoring Potential”, Qatar University, OFID Office of Faculty and Instructional Development, Doha, 8th-9th February 2017, 13 hours.
- * Professional Training Course “Graduate Teaching Workshop”, Qatar University and US Council of Graduate Schools, Doha 19th-20th September 2014, 13 hours.
- * Professional Training Course “Great Teachers Retreat”, Weill Cornell-Q, Univ. of Calgary-Q, Georgetown-Q, College of North Atlantic-Q, North-western Univ-Q and Qatar University, Doha 21st-23rd March 2013.
- * Professional Training Course on “International Electoral Monitoring”, Diplomatic School, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid, Spain, 16th-17th May 2007; 17 hours.
- * First Module of European Master in Euro-Mediterranean Mediation (Islamic Studies), Venice International University, Italy, 10th January to 29th March 2000; 25 ECTS.
- * Postgraduate Diploma on *Conflict Prevention*, Complutense University of Madrid in cooperation with the Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies, Defence Ministry of Spain. Madrid, November 10th-30th, 1999; 50 hours.
- * Postgraduate Diploma on *Introduction to African Reality*, African Study Group, Political Science Department, Autónoma University of Madrid, February 23rd-April 8th, 1999; 54 hours.
- * Postgraduate Course *Introduction to Religious Sciences*, Psychology College, National University of Rosario, Argentine, 1997; 36 hours.
- * Postgraduate Course *Religion, War and Peace*, at Peace Studies: Peace, Security, Development and Conflict Resolution, Advanced International Program, European Peace University in Benicasim, Castellón, Spain, February 19th-March 8th, 1996; 45 hours.