

# Mohammad Khalilian

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## Education

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- Aug 2022–  
Present      Ph.D. Student of Sociology  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
Committee Chairs: Dr. Janet Stamatel and Dr. Loka Ashwood
- Sep 2017–Oct  
2020      M.Sc. in Social Science Research  
National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti), Tehran, Iran.  
Thesis: “*Sociological Explanation of the Advent and Evolution of Music Genres in Iran: A Multiple Case Study of Genres, 1997–2019*”
- Sep 2012–Jan  
2017      B.Sc. in Civil Engineering  
Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran.

## Research Interests

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Political and Economic Sociology, Organizations, Network Analysis, Culture, Comparative Criminology.

## Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

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- Aug 2024      Travel Award, Department of Sociology, *University of Kentucky*.
- May 2024      Howard Beers Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, *University of Kentucky*.
- Mar 2024      Travel Award, Department of Sociology, *University of Kentucky*.
- Mar 2024      Conference Award, Graduate Student Congress (GSC), *University of Kentucky*.
- Aug 2022      Charles Richter Reusing Graduate Excellence Scholarship in Sociology, *University of Kentucky*.
- Nov 2021      Honorable mention for Thesis of the Year, The 19th Thesis of the Year National Festival, *Iranian Academic Center for Education, Culture, and Research*.

- Oct 2020 Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> CGPA Among the Graduating Class, *National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti)*.
- Mar 2019 Awarded Best Article, “IndieBands: Classifying the New Scene of Iran’s Rock Music,” *The 7<sup>th</sup> Festival of Musical Writings on the Internet*.
- Mar 2019 Awarded Best Review, “Toward Popularization: Notes on Bomrani’s Sound Evolution in Leaving and Passing by,” *The 7<sup>th</sup> Festival of Musical Writings on the Internet*.
- Sep 2017–Oct 2020 Awarded Full Tuition Scholarship, *National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti)*.
- Sep 2017 Scored in the top 0.5% (#39 of all applicants), Iranian University Entrance Exam for Master’s Degree in Social Sciences.
- Mar 2015 Awarded Best Review, “Marriage of Rock and Poetry: Notes on Degardis’ Metamorphic Metromania,” *The 4<sup>th</sup> Iranian Festival of Music-based Weblogs and Websites*.

## Publications

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### Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

- Forthcoming **Khalilian, Mohammad**. “Music Scenes in Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Network Approach.” In *Iran Amplified: One Hundred Years of Music and Society*, Edited by Nahid Siamdoust and Houchang E. Chehabi. Ilex, Harvard University Press.

### Book Review

- Apr 2019 **Khalilian, Mohammad**. “Reformist Realities: A Review of ‘The Iranian Problem’ by Mohammad Fazeli.” *Andishe Poya* 58: 120. <sup>[Farsi]</sup>

### Other Publications

- Jun 2020 **Khalilian, Mohammad**. “Sociology of Music: Founding Figures.” *Honare Musighi* 179: 86–95. <sup>[Farsi]</sup>
- Dec 2016 **Khalilian, Mohammad, Mozghan Valizade**. “Rock Music in Developing Countries: An Introduction.” *Aftabnet* 34: 54–59. <sup>[Farsi]</sup>

## Conference Presentations

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### Paper Presentations

- Nov 2024     **Khalilian, Mohammad.** “Spiderweb Militarization: The Politics of Privatization Networks in Iran.” *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*. Virtual.
- Nov 2024     Kostelic, Amy., Bardo, Anthony. R., Thiel, Susan., Reardon, Claire., **Khalilian, Mohammad.** “Intergenerational Creative Movement Intervention Fosters Social Connections and Mental Health.” *Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America*. Seattle, WA.
- Jun 2024     **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Bardo, Anthony. R., Reardon, Claire., Thiel, Susan., Kostelic, Amy. “The Co-Evolution of Subjective Well-Being and Social Connectedness.” *Annual Meeting of Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis*. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Apr 2024     **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Krause, Robert. “Licensing Laws, Genre, and Network Structure in Post-Revolutionary Iranian Music: A Bayesian Analysis.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. New Orleans, LA.
- Apr 2024     Reardon, Claire., **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Bardo, Anthony. R., Thiel, Susan., Kostelic, Amy. “Exploring Intergenerational Social Connections among Women: Implications for Health and Well-Being.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*. New Orleans, LA.
- Feb 2024     Reardon, Claire., **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Bardo, Anthony. R., Thiel, Susan., Kostelic, Amy. “Exploring the Impact of Movement-Based Interventions on Mental Health and Well-being: A Quasi-experimental Study of Intergenerational Women.” *Winter Meeting of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies*. Virtual.
- Jan 2021     **Khalilian, Mohammad.** “Democracy and Bureaucracy in an Ideological State: The Problem of State Capacity in Iran.” *Annual Meeting of the National Symposium of Social Sciences Students’ Studies*. 351–363. Canceled due to COVID-19 but published in proceedings.
- Apr 2019     **Khalilian, Mohammad.** “The Influence of City and Urban Management on Tehran’s Art Scenes, 2005–2017.” *Annual Meeting of the National Symposium of Social Sciences Students’ Studies*. Tehran, Iran. 285–295.

### Poster Presentations

- Sep 2024     **Khalilian, Mohammad.** “Spiderweb Militarization: The Politics of Privatization Networks in Iran.” *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Apr 2024     Reardon, Claire., **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Bardo, Anthony. R., Thiel, Susan., Kostelic, Amy. “Intergenerational Social Connections and Health: A Mixed-Methods Social Network Diagnostic Pilot Study.” *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*, Columbus, OH.

## Roundtables

Aug 2024 **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Bardo, Anthony. R., Reardon, Claire., Thiel, Susan., Kostelic, Amy. “The Dynamics of Subjective Well-Being and Social Connectedness: A Stochastic Actor-Oriented Model.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Montréal, Québec.

Aug 2024 Reardon, Claire., Kostelic, Amy., **Khalilian, Mohammad.**, Thiel, Susan., Bardo, Anthony. R. “Intergenerational Creative Movement: A Social Connection Intervention to Foster Mental Health.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Montréal, Québec.

## Invited Talk

Nov 2020 **Khalilian, Mohammad.** “Social Theory and Music Production.” *Rajavandan*, Tehran, November 23.

## Research Experience

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May 2023–Dec 2023 **Research Assistant**, “Energy Ownership in Eastern Kentucky” and “Networks Structures in Big Ag,” University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Description: Two SNA projects, one exploring ownership structures in coal companies and the other investigating power dynamics within the US agricultural firms

- Collected relational data from mine permits
- Unified corporate ownership data
- Co-developed a Python Script to streamline data-cleaning processes for raw network data generated from Sayari.com

Feb 2021–May 2021 **Research Assistant**, “Transformations of Public Policy in Iran, 1925–2021,” *National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti)*, Tehran, Iran.

Description: A research project examining the historical changes in public policy of bureaucratic and legal structures

- Synthesized empirical literature on welfare policies in Iran

Aug 2019–Mar 2020 **Research Assistant**, “National Flood Report,” Social, Cultural, and Communication Working Group, Special Reporting Committee, *University of Tebran*, Tehran, Iran.

Description: A multidisciplinary national report to overview the events, causes, and consequences of the 2019 flood in Iran

- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data utilizing statistical and thematic analysis
- Co-authored and co-edited the final report with four professors

Apr 2019–Jun 2019 **Research Assistant**, “Social Aspects of Improvement in Tax Collection System,” *Allameh Tabataba’i University*, Tehran, Iran.

Description: A mixed-method research explaining social factors and mechanisms involved in tax behavior

- Generated a literature review by synthesizing theoretical and empirical literature on determinants of tax compliance and tax evasion behavior

## Teaching Experience

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- Jun 2024–Aug 2024     **Graduate Instructor**, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY.  
SOC 339: Introduction to Criminology
- Jan 2024–May 2024     **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY.  
Soc 404: Contemporary Sociological Theory and LAS201: Introduction to Latin America
- Jan 2023–May 2023     **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY.  
SOC 339: Introduction to Criminology and SOC 446: Mass Incarceration
- Oct 2022             **Guest Lecturer**, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY.  
“Women, Life, Freedom: 2022 Iran Uprising,” SOC344: Social Movements  
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Mooney
- Aug 2022–Dec 2022     **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY.  
SOC 339: Introduction to Criminology

## Professional Experience

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- Sep 2021–Jun 2022     **Editor**, TenzuToccata, Tehran, Iran.
- Feb 2018–Dec 2021     **Co-Founder & Editor**, Cadence, Tehran, Iran.
- Mar 2016–Jan 2018     **Freelance Journalist**, Musicema, Aftabnet, Tajrobeh, Exir, Etemad, Owrsi.  
  - Pitched stories and essays about Iran’s music scenes
  - Reviewed albums, concerts, and books
  - Interviewed musicians
- Sep 2013–Feb 2016     **Staff Writer**, Honare Musighi Monthly, Tehran, Iran.
- July 2012–Aug 2013     **Staff Writer**, Divan Magazine, Tehran, Iran.

## Service

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Sep 2017–Sep 2018     Substitute Member, Students Academic Council, Department of Sociology,  
*National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti)*

## Skills

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Statistical Softwares	Stata, SPSS
SNA Softwares	UCINET, Gephi
Programing Languages	R
Language	English (Fluent), Persian (Native)

## Memberships

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American Sociological Association (ASA), Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Iranian Sociological Association (ISA), Scholars Section of the Iran House of Music (Association for Iranian Musicians)

## References

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Dr. Janet Stamatel	Dr. Loka Ashwood	Dr. Steve Borgatti
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