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**RESEARCH FIELDS**

Politics and History in the Middle East; Ethnography of the State; Drugs History & Drug Policy; Interdisciplinary Methods.

**CURRENT POSITION**

**01/10/2018 – 30/08/2020**

Departmental Lecturer in Modern Iranian History

Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinator in Iranian Studies

Oriental Institute

University of Oxford

Tutorial Fellow, Wadham College

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**01/09/2017 – 30/04/2018**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Institut de Recherche Interdisciplinaire sur les Enjeux Sociaux

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Paris, France

**01/01/2018 – 30/04/2018**

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow

Erasmus Mundus Programme

Tehran University of Medical Studies (TUMS)

Tehran, Iran

**01/09/2017 – 31/12/2017**

Teaching Fellow

SciencesPO

Paris and Menton, France.

**PREVIOUS DEGREES**

**01/10/2013 – 24/02/2017**

*DPhil*in Politics - St Antony’s College

Department of Politics and International Relations

University of Oxford

Thesis title ‘Drugs, Addiction and the State: The Art of Managing Disorder in Iran’.

Examiners: Prof. James H. Mills (Strathclyde University); Dr Stephanie Cronin (Oxford University)

Wellcome Trust Scholar, awarded to the ‘brightest minds in the medical humanities and social sciences’

**01/10/2011 – 30/06/2013**

*MPhil* in Modern Middle Eastern Studies

St Antony’s College

University of Oxford

Distinction: winner of the Walter Zander Prize for the highest results in the degree.

**PRIZES**

British Society of Middle Eastern Studies Best Graduate Article, 2014.

Walter Zander Prize, St Antony’s College, for the highest marks in the MPhil degree, 2013.

Azizeh Sheibani Prize, Middle East Centre, St Antony’s College, for the best essay on Iran at Oxford, 2013.

**GRANTS**

Wellcome Trust Society & Ethics Doctoral Studentship. 2013-2017, ca. £110,000

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2017-2018, 36,000 Euro.

Erasmus Mundus Fellowship, European Union, 2018, ca. £15,000.

Wellcome Trust Small Grants, 2016, £5000.

The Vice-Chancellors’ Award at the University of Oxford, 2016, £3000

**MEMBERSHIP IN EDITORIAL BOARDS AND PEER-REVIEW DUTIES**

Member of the Editorial Board: *Social History of Drugs and Alcohol*: 2019-2021.

Member of the Editorial Board: *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*: 2019-2021.

**LANGUAGES**

*Italian*: Native Speaker;

*Persian*: Native Speaker

*English*: Advanced;

*French*: Advanced;

*Spanish*: Advanced

*Modern Standard Arabic*: Lower-Advanced;

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**2017/19. Oxford University, Oxford:**

1. Themes in Iranian History (undergraduate). This course is the introductory core course for all undergraduate students intending to study Iran or issues related to the Persianate world. It includes lectures and tutorials, with a final examination in the 4th year of the degree.
2. Modern Historical Texts (undergraduate). The course provides students with methodological tools in doing qualitative research. It familiarises them with interpretative tools, from archival inquiries to discourse analysis. Texts are selected from a wide-range of Persian primary sources, including from world-known intellectuals such as Ali Shariati, Jalal Al-e Ahmad, and Ruhollah Khomeini. It is intended for 3rd and 4th year undergraduate students.
3. History and Politics of the Islamic Republic of Iran (graduate, optional for undergraduates). The option covers major political developments in Iran starting from the outbreak of the revolution in 1979. It is a key option for graduate students interested in modern Iran and students interested in political Islam. It is taught through a combination of lectures and tutorials, offered for the MPhil and MSc in Modern Middle Eastern Studies and students based at the Middle East Centre, St Antony’s College, Oxford.
4. Politics and Anthropology of Iran (graduate only). This is an advanced course offered for the MPhil degree in Modern Middle Eastern Studies. It engages with a set of interdisciplinary approaches on political questions, with an emphasis on qualitative methods. It looks at issues often side-lined in the study of politics, such as The Politics of Area Studies, Sexuality, Crime, Informality, Medicine, Rural and Urban communities. It is taught through a combination of lectures and tutorials.

**2017/2018: Sciences PO, Menton:**

1. History of Islamic Civilisations: from Samarqand to Al-Andalus (undergraduate). This is a course for all the students studying political science at Sciences Po. The class consisted of 50+ students and covered the history of Islam and Islamic thought from the origins to the modern surge of political Islam. I thought the course in French and English.

**2016/2017: Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), Sciences PO, Paris:**

1. Islam and Politics in a Changing Middle East (graduate), co-taught with Professor Stéphane Lacroix. The course looked at the key aspect of the development of political Islam in the modern period (19th-21st centuries). It approached the topic by bringing in different case studies from across the globe, covering examples from Indonesia to Morocco. The classes consisted in 50+ students and the course was taught in English. Students were examined based on a short dissertation at the end of the course.
2. Dynamics of Conflict and Change in the Middle East (graduate), co-taught with Professor Daniel Brumberg (visiting Kuwait Professor from Georgetown University). The course introduced the class to the main debates in political sciences within the context of the MENA region. It discussed concepts and paradigms such as authoritarianism, democratisation theory, rentier state, etc. in a seminar format. The classes consisted in 50+ students taught in English. Students were examined based on a short dissertation at the end of the course.

**2014/16: Oxford University, Oxford:**

1. Politics in the Middle East, for the Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) degree (undergraduate). I provided tutorial classes and revisions for PPE students in their 3rd and 4th year. The course was based on the core syllabus which includes topics such as Minorities and the State, the Army, Public Policy, Oil and Political Economy, Gender, and other classical themes in the study of the region.
2. Europe and the Middle East, for US-based exchange students in the 3rd year (undergraduate). The course is an introductory approach to the study of European-Middle Eastern relations since the Napoleonic invasions of Egypt. It looks at the roots of colonialism, orientalism, modernisation, as well as the role of the Middle East in the world wars of 20th century. It concludes with Europe’s in the 21st century conflicts in the MENA region, with an eye to the Arab Spring and the rise (and demise) of the Islamic State.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES**

**at Oxford University and Wadham College, 2018/2019**

Coordinator for Undergraduate Studies in Persian and Iranian Studies

Coordinator for Graduate Studies in Iranian Studies

Member of the Managing Committee of the MPhil and MSc degrees in Modern Middle Eastern Studies

Member of the Arabic, Persian and Turkish sub-faculty committee.

Member of the Faculty Examination Board

Member of the Faculty Admission Committee

Examiner in Oriental Studies and Modern Middle Eastern Studies

Member of Wadham College’s Admission Committee

Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinator for Oriental Studies, Wadham College (04/2018 – 10/2018)

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS** (a selection):

**Monographs**

Ghiabi, M. *Drugs Politics: Managing Disorder in the Islamic Republic of Iran*. London: Cambridge University Press, 2019. doi.org/10.1017/9781108567084

**Edited Volumes:**

Ghiabi, M. (ed.). *Power and Illegal Drugs in the Global South*. London: Routledge, 2018. Forward by Philippe Bourgois: i-200.

Ghiabi, M et al. (eds.), الثورات العربية: عسر التحول الديمقراطي ومآلاته [The Arab Revolutions: The Dilemma of Democratic Transformation and its Mechanisms]. Doha Institute Press: Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, 2018.

Ghiabi, M. (ed.). *Drugs, Politics and Society in the Global South*. Special Issue of *Third World Quarterly* 39, 2 (2018). <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ctwq20/39/2?nav=tocList>

**Peer-reviewed articles (published or in press):**

Ghiabi M. ‘The Council of Expedience: Crisis and Statecraft in Iran and Beyond’, *Middle Eastern Studies*, (2019: 1-18, DOI: 10.1080/00263206.2019.1585346. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00263206.2019.1585346>

Ghiabi M. ‘Informality Incorporated: Technology and the Production of Urban Space in Tehran’, *Urbanistica 3* (in press, 2019).

Ghiabi M. ‘Le Ministère de la Crise ou l’Art de Gouverner en Iran’, *Critique Internationale*, no. 82 (2019). <https://www.cairn.info/revue-critique-internationale-2019-1-page-9.htm?contenu=article>

Ghiabi M. ‘Under the bridge in Tehran: Addiction, Poverty and Capital’. *Ethnography* (2018) : 1-31. DOI : 1466138118787534.

Ghiabi M. "Drogues illégales et gestion de l’espace dans l’Iran moderne." *Hérodote* no. 2 (2018): 133-151. <https://www.cairn.info/revue-herodote-2018-2-page-133.htm>

Ghiabi et al. ‘Islam and Cannabis: Legalisation and Religious Debate in Iran’, *International Journal of Drug Policy*, Vol. 56, 2018: 121-127 <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0955395918300793>.

Ghiabi M. ‘Spirit & Being: Interdisciplinary Reflections on Drugs across History and Politics’, *Third World Quarterly* vol. 39, no. 2 (2018): 201-217. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436597.2017.1409073>

Ghiabi M. ‘Maintaining Disorder: The Micropolitics of Drug Policy in Iran’, *Third World Quarterly* 39, 2 (2018): 277-297. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436597.2017.1350818>

Brownlee, Billie Jeanne and M. Ghiabi. ‘Passive, Silent and Revolutionary: The “Arab Spring” Revisited’. *Middle East Critique* 25, 3 (2016): 299-316. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/19436149.2016.1177919>

Ghiabi M. "Drugs & Revolution in Iran: Islamic Devotion, Revolutionary Zeal and Republican Means." *Iranian Studies* 48, 2 (2015): 139-163. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00210862.2013.830877>

Ghiabi M. ‘The Arab of Southwest Iran: Issues of the Balance of Power’, *Eurasian Studies,* X, 12 (2012): 182-205.

Narenjiha, Hooman, Roya Noori, Ghiabi M., and Khoddami-Vishteh H. R., "Characteristics of drug demand reduction structures in Britain and Iran." *Epidemiology, biostatistics, and public health* 12, 1 (2015).

**Chapters in edited books and volumes:**

Ghiabi, M., ‘The Virtual Poor in Iran: the Dangerous Classes and Homeless Life in Capitalist Times’. In Stephanie Cronin (ed.). *Crime, Poverty and Survival in the Middle East and North Africa: Dangerous Classes since 1800*. I.B. Tauris, (accepted, in press 2019).<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/crime-poverty-and-survival-in-the-middle-east-and-north-africa-9781838603984/>

Ghiabi M., ‘ « Une Histoire au Présent des Drogues : Opium, Héroïne, Méthamphétamine’. In Alessandro Stella (ed). *Vivre avec Drogue*. London: Elsevier/ISTE, 2020. Letter of acceptance available.

Ghiabi, M., ‘Deconstructing the Islamic Bloc: The Middle East and North Africa and Pluralistic Drug Policy’. In Stothard and Klein, *Collapse of the global order on drugs? From UNGASS 2016 to the High Level Review 2019*. London: Esmerald, 2018, pp. 167-189. <https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/978-1-78756-487-920181008>

Ghiabi, M., ‘The Opium of the State: Local and Global Drug Prohibition in Iran, 1941-1979’. In Roham Alvandi (ed). *The Age of Aryamehr*. London: Gingko Press, 2018: pp. 70-109. <https://www.gingko.org.uk/title/the-age-of-aryamehr/>

Ghiabi, M., ‘A State without a People: Civil War (and Displacement) in the Middle East [in Arabic]’. In *The Arab Revolutions: Five Years On*. Doha Institute Press: Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, 2018.