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## Education

**Ph.D. in Economics** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, 2016

**M.A. in Economics** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, 2013

**M.Sc. in Economics** Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, 2011

**B.Sc. in Electrical Eng.** Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, 2008

## Professional Experience

**Assistant Professor**, College of Business and Computing, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA, 2019-Present

**Instructor**, Department of Economics, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA, 2017- 2019

**Consultant**, Poverty Group ECA, The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2017

**Associate**, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2016 - 2017

**Consultant**, Poverty Group MENA, The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2016

**Consultant**, Macro and Fiscal Management Group, The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2015

## Primary Fields of Interest

Environmental Economics, Development Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

## Publications and Research

### Refereed Journal Article

1. "Cash transfers and labor supply: evidence from a large-scale program in Iran" (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, *Journal of Development Economics* , 2018) [Link]

### Book Chapter

2. "Consumer subsidies in Iran: simulations of further reforms", *The Quest for Subsidies Reforms in the MENA Region: A Microsimulation Approach to Policy Making*, By Paolo Verme and Abdelkrim Araar, New York: Springer International Publishing, 2017 (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani) [Link]

### Institutional Publications

3. "Welfare and Fiscal Implications from Increased Gasoline Prices in the Islamic Republic of Iran," Policy Research working paper No. 9235, The World Bank, 2020, (with Aziz Atamanov, and Matthew Wai-Poi) [Link]
4. "Poverty, Inequality, and Agriculture in the EU," Policy Research working paper No. WPS 8638, The World Bank, 2018, (with Azevedo, Joao Pedro Wagner De; Van Den Brink, Rogier J. E.; Corral, Paul; Avila, Montserrat; Zhao, Hongxi) [Link]
5. "Thinking CAP; Supporting agricultural jobs and incomes in the EU," World Bank Report on the European Union, The World Bank, Fall 2017, Washington, D.C. [Link]

6. "Constructing robust poverty trends in the Islamic Republic of Iran: 2008-14," Policy Research working paper No. 7836, The World Bank, 2016, (with Aziz Atamanov, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, and Tara Vishwanath) [Link]

#### **Other Publications**

7. "Iran Economic Monitor: The Economy at a Crossroads," The World Bank, Spring 2021, Washington, D.C. [Link]
8. "Iran Economic Monitor: Mitigation and Adaptation to Sanctions and the Pandemic.," The World Bank, Spring 2020, Washington, D.C. [Link]
9. "Iran economic monitor: Weathering Economic Challenges ," The World Bank, Fall 2018, Washington, D.C. [Link]
10. "Iran economic monitor: towards reintegration," The World Bank, Fall 2016, Washington, D.C. [Link]

#### **Working Papers**

1. "Cash transfers, food consumption, and nutrition of the poor in Iran," (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, and Masoumeh Heshmatpour, presented at ERF 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2020)
2. "The effects of precipitation shocks on rural labor markets and migration," (with Ghadir Asadi, *Revised and Resubmitted*)
3. "The effects of paid family leave programs in US on women's wages and employment outcomes"

#### **Grants**

1. PI, "Economic Impact Analysis in Sumter County, GA," Faculty Development Grant, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA, \$1,500, 2021
2. PI, "Analyzing the Spatial Dimensions of Poverty in the Middle East and North Africa Region," The World Bank, Washington, DC, \$14,000, 2020
3. PI, "Measurement and Analysis of Poverty in the Middle East and North Africa Region," The World Bank, Washington, DC, \$10,000, 2019
4. PI, "The Estimation and Understanding of Poverty in the Middle East and North Africa Region," The World Bank, Washington, DC, \$12,000, 2018

#### **Presentations**

##### **Conferences**

1. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 2021 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, August 2021
2. Western Economic Association International 96th Annual Conference, Virtual, June-July 2021
3. Economic Research Forum (ERF), 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Online), August 2020
4. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 2020 Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, August 2020
5. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 2019 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, July 2019
6. Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Evanston, IL, March 2018
7. The Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Medford, MA, November 2017
8. Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC, November 2016
9. Iranian Conference on the Economy, Institute for Management and Planning Studies, Tehran, Iran, January 2015
10. Third International Conference on the Iranian Economy, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, October 2014

### Invited Talk

11. "Further reforms in Iran", Let's Talk Subsidies; The SUBSIM Project and Beyond, The World Bank, Washington, DC, June 2015

### Work in Progress

1. "Dust storms and children's human capital" (with Mahdi Majboori, Ghadir Asadi, and Seyed Mohammad Karimi)
2. "Prolonged droughts, underground water and sustainable development," (with Ghadir Asadi)
3. "Long-run and inter-generational transmission of in-utero shocks; evidence from Roudbar Earthquake"

### Honors and Awards

- Influential Faculty Award, Bloomsburg University, Spring 2019.
- Teaching Fellowship, Department of Economics, Virginia Tech, 2016.
- **Best paper award**
  - Iranian Conference on the Economy, Institute for Management and Planning Studies, Tehran, Iran, January 2015.
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Virginia Tech, 2011~2016.
- Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the National Economics Olympiad for University Students, Tehran, Iran, 2008.

### Service Experiences

- Referee:
  - Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Modeling, and Middle East Development Journal.
- Discussant:
  - The Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Medford, MA, November 2017
  - Southern Economic Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 2016.
- Elected Department of Economics Delegate to the Graduate Student Assembly, Virginia Tech, 2014.
- Travel Fund Program Committee, Graduate Student Assembly, Virginia Tech, 2014.

### Memberships

- American Economic Association (2016-Present)
- Southern Economic Association (2016-present)

### Media

- Media attention to research:
  - Business Insider [[Link](#)], World Economic Forum [[Link](#)], Vox [[Link](#)]
- Contributions:
  - "Do cash transfers make the poor work less?" The International Growth Centre (IGC), London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, 2018.
  - "Irans economy under Rouhani: achievements and obstacles," The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA, 2017.
  - Analytical articles and columns to US and Iranian papers such as: Roanoke Times, and Tejarat-e Farda (in Persian).

**Language and  
Computer Skills**

- English (fluent), Persian (native)
- Statistical Packages: Stata, R, EViews
- geographic Information System Packages: ArcGIS, ArcMap
- Programming: Python, MATLAB, Mathematica
- Text Editing: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MS Word, Scientific Workplace
- Operating Systems: Unix, Windows, iOS