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Employment

Associate Professor, Public Policy, UNC Chapel Hill, 2021–present.

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Calgary, 2016–2020.

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Miami, 2011–2016.

Visiting Associate Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2018–2020.

Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, Feb 2018.

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2017–2018.

Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Princeton, Department of Politics, 2015.

Education

PhD, Economics, UIUC, 2004-2011.

PhD student, Political Science, University of Rochester, 2007-2008. (no degree awarded)

BSc, Physics, Sharif University of Technology, 2000-2004.

Grants

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant, 2018-2021, \$84,000.

Invited Talks

University of Michigan, University of Illinois, “Inspiring Regime Change,” 2019

Indiana University Kelley School, “Investment in the Shadow of Conflict,” 2019.

Northwestern University MEDS, University of Chicago Harris School, Drexel University, “Investment in the Shadow of Conflict,” 2018.

Princeton, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Warwick, University of Konstanz, University of Miami, “Investment in the Shadow of Conflict: General Equilibrium

Foundations of Regime Change” (Capitalists in Revolution), 2017.

Queen’s University, University of Miami, “Reward and Punishment in a Regime Change Game,” 2017.

University of Washington in St. Louis, FIU, “Institutions, Repression & the Spread of Protest,” 2016.

University of Miami, Department of Mathematics, “Contribution Restrictions in a Global Game,” 2016.

University of Utah Business School, Princeton, Miami Economic Theory Conference, NYU-Abu Dhabi, “Institutions, Repression & the Spread of Protest,” 2015.

University of Calgary, “Vanguards in Revolution,” 2015.

NYU, “Extremism in Revolutionary Movements,” 2014.

University of Chicago Harris School, “Vanguards in Revolution,” 2013.

Kansas University, “A Theory of State Censorship,” 2013.

Berkeley Haas School of Business, “A Theory of State Censorship,” 2012.

University of Miami, “Coordination Games with Common Values,” 2011.

Caltech, “Collective Actions with Uncertain Payoffs,” 2010.

Publications

1. Shadmehr, Mehdi, Sepehr Shashahani, and Charles Cameron. Coordination and Innovation in Judiciaries: Correct Law vs. Consistent Law. *Forthcoming, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.
2. Dziuda, Wioletta, Arda Gitmez, and Mehdi Shadmehr. The Difficulty of Easy Projects. *Forthcoming, American Economic Review: Insights*.
3. Boleslavsky, Raphael, Mehdi Shadmehr, and Konstantin Sonin. Media Freedom in the Shadow of a Coup. *Forthcoming, Journal of European Economic Association*.
4. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2019. Tullock Paradox, Pivotal Revolutionaries and the Strength of Weak States. *Forthcoming, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.
5. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Raphael Boleslavsky. 2019. International Pressure, State Repression and the Spread of Protest. *Forthcoming, Journal of Politics*.
6. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2019. Investment in the Shadow of Conflict: Globalization, Capital Control, and State Repression. *American Political Science Review* 113 (4): 997-1011.
7. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2019. “Vanguards in Revolution.” *Games and Economic Behavior* 115: 146-66.
8. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2019. “Multiplicity and Uniqueness in Regime Change Games.” *Journal of Politics* 81(1): 303-8.

9. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2017. "When Can Citizen Communication Hinder Successful Revolution?" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12: 301-23.
10. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2017. "Monotone and Bounded Interval Equilibria in a Coordination Game with Information Aggregation." *Mathematical Social Sciences* 89: 61-9.
11. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Peter Haschke. 2016. "Youth, Revolution and Repression." *Economic Inquiry* 54 (2): 778-93.
12. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2015. "State Censorship." *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 7 (2): 280-307.
13. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2015. "Extremism in Revolutionary Movements." *Games and Economic Behavior* 94: 97-121.
14. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2015. "Simple Decision Rules in Small Groups: Collegial Rule v. Rotational Rule." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 113 (May): 51-63.
15. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2014. "Mobilization, Repression, and Revolution: Grievances and Opportunities in Contentious Politics." *Journal of Politics* 76 (3): 621-35.
16. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2011. "Collective Action with Uncertain Payoffs: Coordination, Public Signals, and Punishment Dilemmas." *American Political Science Review* 105 (4): 829-51.

Book Chapters

1. Cameron, Charles, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2017. "Great Judges: Judicial Leadership in Theory and Practice." In *Leadership in American Politics*, edited by Jenkins and Volden. University of Kansas Press.

Working Papers

1. Motivation in Collective Action. *With Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. Revise and Resubmit, American Political Science Review.*
2. Transparency and Stability: On Hollyer, Rosendorff, and Vreeland's Models of Economic Transparency and Political Stability. *With Dan Bernhardt. Revise and Resubmit, Quarterly Journal of Political Science.*
3. When Do Co-located Firms Selling Identical Products Thrive? *With Dan Bernhardt and Vangelis Constantinou. Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Industrial Economics.*
4. Judicial Independence and Government Repression in Autocracies. *With Raphael Boleslavsky and Tom Ginsburg.*
5. Demagogues and the Instability of Democracy. *With Dan Bernhardt and Stefan Krassa.*

6. Inspiring Regime Change. *With Stephen Morris.*
7. Repression and Repertoires. *With Stephen Morris.*
8. Coordination and Social Distancing: Inertia in the Aggregate Response to COVID-19. *With Ethan Bueno de Mesquita.*
9. Demagogues in America: From the Revolution to the Second World War. *With Dan Bernhardt and Stefan Krasa.*
10. Theological Origins of the Iranian Islamic Government. *With Hassan Farhang Ansari.*
11. Khomeini's Theory of Islamic State and the Making of the Iranian Revolution.

Works in Progress

1. Checks and Balances in the Islamic Civilization. *With Arda Gitmez and James Robinson.*
2. Predictability and Freedom of Assembly. *With Yusuf Neggers and Jesse Shapiro.*
3. Unemployment and Regime Change. *With Ethan Bueno de Mesquita.*
4. Optimal Quitting. *With Ilie Grigorescu.*
5. Carrots, Sticks, and Cronyism. *With Dan Bernhardt.*

Referee:

Economics: American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, AEJ: Micro, Journal of European Economics Association, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Theory, International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, International Journal of Game Theory, Economic Theory, Journal of Public Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Law, Economics & Organization, World Bank Review, Public Choice, Journal of Comparative Economics.

Political Science: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of East Asian Studies, Economics and Politics, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Behavior, Perspective on Politics, Political Studies.

Teaching

Fall 2011: Topics in the Economics of Politics (PhD), University of Miami.

Spring 2012 & 2013: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, University of Miami.

Fall 2013: Microeconomics III (PhD), University of Miami.
Fall 2014: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory and Microeconomics III (PhD), University of Miami.
Spring 2016: Microeconomics III (PhD), University of Miami.
Spring 2017: Political Economy (PhD), University of Calgary.
Fall 2018 & 2019: Microeconomics for International Development (MA), University of Chicago.
Winter 2019: Analytical Politics II: Developing World (MA), University of Chicago.
Spring 2020: Contentious Policy Making (MA), University of Chicago.
Fall 2020: Principles of Microeconomics, University of Calgary.
Spring 2021: Microeconomic Foundations of Public Policy, UNC-CH.

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

Yishu Song, Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of Miami, 2016.

Libo Xu, Ph.D. in Economics, University of Calgary, 2017.

Media

WVUM Radio Talk, Media Censorship, Repression, and Revolution, December 2, 2013.

Awards

Paul W. Boltz Fellowship, UIUC, Summer 2010.

Cleo Fitzsimmons Award for the Highest GPA in Econ PhD Core Courses, UIUC, May 2006.

Block Grant Fellowship, UIUC, 2005-2006 & 2006-2007.

Third place in National Chemistry Olympiad, 1999.