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Education

PhD, Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2011.

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

BSc, Physics, Sharif University of Technology, 2005.

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2021-

Faculty Affiliate, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, 2021-

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of Calgary, 2016–2020.

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.

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

Honors

Paul W. Boltz Fellowship, UIUC, Summer 2010.

Block Grant Fellowship, UIUC, 2006-2007.

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

Block Grant Fellowship, UIUC, 2005-2006.

Third place in National Chemistry Olympiad, Iran, 1999.

Bibliography

Book Chapters

1. Cameron, Charles, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2017. "Great Judges: Judicial Leadership in Theory and Practice." In *Leadership in American Politics*, Ed. by Jenkins and Volden, 104-38. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press.

Refereed Papers

1. Bernhardt, Dan, Stefan Krasa, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2022. "Demagogues and the Economic Fragility of Democracy." *American Economic Review, Forthcoming*.
2. Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2022. Social Norms and Social Change. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Accepted*.
3. Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2022. "Motivation and Repression." *American Political Science Review, Accepted*.
4. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Raphael Boleslavsky. 2022. "International Pressure, State Repression and the Spread of Protest." *Journal of Politics* 84(1): 148-165.
5. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2022. "Transparency and Stability." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 17: 121-139.
6. Shadmehr, Mehdi, Sepehr Shahshahani, and Charles Cameron. 2022. "Coordination and Innovation in Judiciaries: Correct Law vs. Consistent Law." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 17: 61-89.
7. Dziuda, Wioletta, Arda Gitmez, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2021. "The Difficulty of Easy Projects." *American Economic Review: Insights* 3(3): 285-302.
8. Boleslavsky, Raphael, Mehdi Shadmehr, and Konstantin Sonin. 2021. "Media Freedom in the Shadow of a Coup." *Journal of the European Economic Association* 19 (3): 1782-1815.
9. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2021. "Protest Puzzles: Tullock's Paradox, Hong Kong Experiment, and the Strength of Weak States." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 16(3): 245-64.
10. Bernhardt, Dan, Vangelis Constantinou, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2021. "When Do Co-located Firms Selling Identical Products Thrive?" *Forthcoming, Journal of Industrial Economics*. Accepted on March, 5, 2021, 27 pages.
11. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2019. "Investment in the Shadow of Conflict: Globalization, Capital Control, and State Repression." *American Political Science Review* 113 (4): 997-1011.
12. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2019. "Vanguards in Revolution." *Games and Economic Behavior* 115: 146-66.
13. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2019. "Multiplicity and Uniqueness in Regime Change Games." *Journal of Politics* 81(1): 303-8.

14. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2017. "When Can Citizen Communication Hinder Successful Revolution?" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12: 301-23.
15. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2017. "Monotone and Bounded Interval Equilibria in a Coordination Game with Information Aggregation." *Mathematical Social Sciences* 89: 61-9.
16. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Peter Haschke. 2016. "Youth, Revolution and Repression." *Economic Inquiry* 54 (2): 778-93.
17. Shadmehr, Mehdi, and Dan Bernhardt. 2015. "State Censorship." *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 7 (2): 280-307.
18. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2015. "Extremism in Revolutionary Movements." *Games and Economic Behavior* 94: 97-121.
19. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2015. "Simple Decision Rules in Small Groups: Collegial Rule v. Rotational Rule." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 113 (May): 51-63.
20. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2014. "Mobilization, Repression, and Revolution: Grievances and Opportunities in Contentious Politics." *Journal of Politics* 76 (3): 621-35.
21. 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.

Working Papers

1. Ansari, Hassan, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2022. Theological Origins of the Iranian Revolution. *R&R at American Political Science Review*.
2. Morris, Stephen, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2021. Inspiring Regime Change. *R&R at Journal of the European Economic Association*.
3. Correa, Sofia, Gaétan Tchakounte Nandong, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2021. Crises, Catharses, and Boiling Frogs: Path Dependence in Collective Action.
4. Andirin, Veli, Yusuf Neggers, Mehdi Shadmehr, and Jesse Shapiro. 2021. Measuring the Tolerance of the State: Theory and Application to Protest.
5. Morris, Stephen, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2020. Repression and Repertoires.
6. Boleslavsky, Raphael, Tom Ginsburg, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2020. Judiciary and Public Perception of Repression in Autocracies.
7. Bernhardt, Dan, Stefan Krasa, and Mehdi Shadmehr. 2019. Demagogues in America: From the Revolution to the Second World War.
8. Shadmehr, Mehdi. 2017. Khomeini's Theory of Islamic State and the Making of the Iranian Revolution.

Products of Engaged Scholarship

1. “Why it matters when Governor J.B. Pritzker wears a mask” (with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita). *Chicago Tribune*, May 1, 2020.
2. WVUM Radio Talk, Media Censorship, Repression, and Revolution, December 2, 2013.

Invited Talks

- 2022: Baptist-CEIBS-NTU-NUS political economy seminar, ETH Zurich.
- 2020: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (public policy).
- 2019: University of Michigan (political science), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (economics), Indiana University Kelley School of Business.
- 2018: Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Drexel University LeBow College of Business.
- 2017: Princeton University (politics), London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Warwick (economics), University of Konstanz (political science), University of Miami Business School, Queen’s University (economics).
- 2016: University of Washington in St. Louis (political science), University of Miami (mathematics), Florida International University (economics).
- 2015: Princeton University (politics), University of Utah Business School, NYU-Abu Dhabi (political science), University of Calgary (economics).
- 2014: NYU (politics).
- 2013: University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, University of Kansas (economics).
- 2012: Berkeley Haas School of Business.
- 2011: University of Miami Business School.
- 2010: Caltech.

Teaching

1. Spring 2022, Microeconomic Foundations of Public Policy, 57 students, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
2. Fall 2021, Advanced Microeconomic Theory for Public Policy (PhD), 13 students, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
3. Fall 2021, Microeconomic Foundations of Public Policy, 40 students, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
4. Spring 2021, Microeconomic Foundations of Public Policy, 46 students, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
5. Fall 2020, Principles of Microeconomics, 324 students, University of Calgary.

6. Spring 2020, Contentious Policy Making (MA), 19 students, University of Chicago.
7. Autumn 2019, Microeconomics for International Development (MA), 31 students, University of Chicago.
8. Winter 2019, Analytical Politics II: Developing World (MA), 135 students, University of Chicago.
9. Autumn 2018, Microeconomics for International Development (MA), 26 students, University of Chicago.
10. Spring 2017, Political Economy (PhD), University of Calgary.
11. Spring 2016, Topics (PhD), University of Miami.
12. Fall 2014, Advanced Micro Analysis II (PhD), University of Miami.
13. Fall 2014, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, University of Miami.
14. Spring 2013, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, University of Miami.
15. Fall 2013, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, University of Miami.
16. Spring 2012, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, University of Miami.
17. Fall 2011, Advanced Micro Analysis II (PhD), University of Miami.

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

1. Libo Xu, Ph.D. in Economics, Three Essays on Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics, University of Calgary, 2017.
2. Yishu Song, Ph.D. in Mathematics, Hydrodynamic Limit of a Bak-Sneppen Diffusion Model, University of Miami, 2016.

Grants

1. Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan, Mehdi Shadmer, and Adam Zelizer, 2020-, "Higher Order Beliefs during a Pandemic: An RCT to Test the Effects of Public Health Campaigns," Research Grants for the Economic Effects of Coronavirus, Becker Friedman Institute, 10,000 usd.
2. Zelizer, Adam, Mehdi Shadmehr, and Elizabeth Dorssom, 2020-, "Higher Order Beliefs in a Legislature: An RCT to Test the Effects of Political Information on Bill Support among State Legislators," Understanding Legislative Negotiation Grant, American University, 15,500 usd.
3. Shadmehr, Mehdi (Principal Investigator), 2018-2020, "Capitalists in Revolution: Capital Control, Labor Repression, and the Nature of Right Wing Governments," Insight Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 84,000 cad.

Professional Service

Reviewer (Economics)

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

Reviewer (Political Science)

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

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Public Policy

2022-: member, Advisory Committee for Persian Studies
2021-2022: Graduate Committee, DEI

University of Calgary, Department of Economics

2020: Graduate Studies Committee, Research Activities Committee
2016-2017: Graduate Studies Committee, Research Activities Committee, Faculty Recruiting Committee

University of Miami, Department of Economics

2011-2016: Regular participant in recurring forms of department service, including new faculty recruiting and Ph.D. recruiting