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Gender: Female
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CURRENT POSITIONS

Tenure Track Fellow in Economics, University of Liverpool Management School
Associate, Center for Economic Performance (CEP)

EDUCATION

London School of Economics, PhD in Economics, 2024
Advisors: Yona Rubinstein, Guy Michaels, Alan Manning
Sharif University of Technology, MSc in Economics, 2016
BSc in Physics, 2013

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Family Economics, and Economics of Migration.

WORKING PAPERS

“Migration for Marriage” - [Link]

Abstract: Policymakers are concerned about permanent migration and are enforcing policies to tighten it. Marriage migration, wherein citizens marry foreigners, stands out as a significant pathway to permanent residency in OECD countries, particularly among Muslim communities. Notably, about half of British Muslims marry someone from their ancestral country of origin. This trend could be rooted in the desire to marry within one’s ethnicity or faith (endogamy preferences) or a pathway to gain residency in a developed country (migration gains). To disentangle these factors, I develop a novel marriage matching model in which I embed the choice of marrying someone from the country of origin. I structurally estimate the model using data from UK Census 2011. I find that 80% of Muslim marriage migration is explained by their preference for endogamy, driven by the ease of finding partners who share the same ethnicity and religious background in the country of origin. Therefore, raising the costs of marriage migration by policymakers does not increase their integration through intermarriage; instead, it leads to a higher rate of singlehood among Muslims.

“The Integration Penalty: Impact of 9/11 on the Muslim Marriage Market” - [Link]

Abstract: Major sociopolitical events can have lasting impacts on integration through changing marriage preferences. Marriage markets, due to their unregulated nature, both reflect and affect integration in society. I use 9/11 as a natural experiment that altered preferences for interethnic marriage without changing the demographic compositions. Using a difference-in-differences framework comparing American Muslims to other ethnic minorities, I find that 9/11 reduced Muslim intermarriage rates by 8 percentage points, primarily through decreased marriages with White Americans. I develop a novel model that analyses how individuals trade off between group identity and other partner characteristics in marriage decisions, providing a framework to compare intermarriage disutilities through compensating differentials in the marriage market. I find that barriers to intermarriage stem primarily from non-Muslim Americans rather than Muslims.

WORKS IN PROGRESS	<p>“Graduating in a Recession: Impacts on Fertility and Persistence Across Generations”, with Patrick Bennet and Jessica Botros</p> <p>“Does school integration improve outcomes for ethnic minority students?”, with Guy Michaels</p> <p>“Marriage Migration and Intergenerational Integration in France”, with Simone Maricone and Nadiya Ukrayinchuk</p>
PUBLICATIONS	Female Labor Participation in Iran: A Structural Model Estimation (with Mohammad Rahmati), 2020, <i>Journal of Economic Studies</i> , 47(1): 1-19. [Link]
GRANTS	<p>French Ministry of Interior, 2024, Understanding Immigrant Integration: Removing Obstacles for a More Inclusive Society, €60,000, Project leaders: Simone Maricone and Nadiya Ukrayinchuk</p> <p>STICERD Grant: Michio Morishima Student Support</p>
SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Teaching Fellow, Department of Management, LSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managerial Economics, BSc Level, 2022-2024 <p>Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, LSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Economics, MSc Level, 2020-2022 • Labour Economics, BSc Level, 2020-2022 <p>Graduate Teaching Assistance, Department of Economics, LSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Econometrics, BSc Level, 2018-2020 <p>Teaching Assistance, Department of Economics, Sharif University of Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Economics, BSc Level, 2013-2015
RESEARCH POSITIONS	<p>RA, Prof. Nava Ashraf and Dr. Natalie Bau, LSE, UK, 2017-2018</p> <p>Economist, Institute for Management and Planning Studies, Iran, 2015-2016</p> <p>RA, Monetary and Banking Research Institute, Iran, 2013-2014</p> <p>RA, Dr. Mohammad Rahmati, Sharif University of Technology, Iran, 2013-2015</p>
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	<p>2024: Sir Alec Cairncross Prize (best paper award), Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society (SES)</p> <p>2021: Best Class Teacher Award (Highly commended), Department of Management, LSE</p> <p>2021: Best Class Teacher Award, Department of Economics, LSE</p> <p>2021: Excellence in Education Award (for teaching), LSE</p> <p>2020-2022: Class Teacher Bonus Award (based on students’ ratings), LSE</p> <p>2017-2022: PhD Partnership in Economics Scholarship, LSE</p> <p>2009-2015: Elites Foundation Scholarship, National Elites Foundation Organization, Iran</p> <p>2009: Silver Medal, 3rd International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA)</p> <p>2008: Gold Medal, National Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics</p>
CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	<p>ASREC Conference, 2024, University of Macedonia, Greece</p> <p>Matching Markets and Inequality Workshop, 2024, University of Exeter, UK</p> <p>Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), 2024, SMU, Singapore</p> <p>Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (SOLE), 2024, US</p> <p>Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference, 2024, University of Glasgow, Scotland</p>

IESEG 2nd International Workshop on Migration and Family Economics, 2023, France
City/Royal Holloway Workshop on Family and Health Economics, 2023, UK
VI Workshop on Immigration, Health and Wellbeing, 2022, Italy
4th QMUL Economics Workshop for PhD & Post-doctoral students, 2022, UK
Fifth International Conference on the Iranian Economy, 2018, Netherlands

REFeree SERVICE	Economic Journal, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Economic Studies, Southern Economic Journal
COMPUTING	Python, Stata, Matlab, R, L ^A T _E X
LANGUAGES	English (Fluent), Farsi (Native), Azerbaijani (Intermediate), Arabic (Elementary)