

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Fall 2019.

Concentrations: International Relations & Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *States, Satellites, and International Crisis Behavior.*

Abstract: My dissertation examines what role a state's security environment plays in the adoption of satellite capabilities and whether once this capability has been acquired how they affect the onset and internal dynamics of international crises the state is involved in. I use an original satellite dataset compiled from the records of the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) 1957-2017 and the Union of Concerned Scientists Satellite Database 2005-2016 to test variant hypotheses grounded in defensive and offensive realism alongside the stability-instability paradox. I find evidence for the effect of a state's security environment on its acquisition of satellite capabilities, and that the associated effect of both general satellite capabilities and military-specific applications on crisis onset and duration are greatly moderated by two well-documented factors heavily featured in IR conflict literature, state power and proximity. I find no evidence for the effect of satellites on the level of violence employed by crisis actors in an international crisis. The findings presented in this study provide the first empirical evidence supportive of satellite's effect on interstate conflict, and underscore the importance of realism and the stability-instability paradox as frames to understand the use of various types of these platforms by state actors.

Committee: John P. Tuman (Chair), Tiffiany Howard, Jonathan R. Strand, and David Henry (Communications)

M.P.A., Boise State University, 2010.

Concentrations: Public Policy & State and Local Government

B.S., Boise State University, 2008.

Concentration: International Relations

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Spring 2025. **Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science.** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, NV.
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022. **Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science.** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, NV.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman Lewis. *Kurds and Their Struggle for Autonomy: Enduring Identity and Clientelism*. Lexington Books. 2022. Print.

Book Chapters

Lewis, Roman and Mehran Tamadonfar. "The Clerics, Legal Schisms, and Pragmatism in the Islamic Republic of Iran." In *The Sociology of Shari'a: Case studies from Around the World*. Edited by Adam Possamai, James T. Richardson, and Bryan S. Turner. Cham, Switzerland. Springer. 2023. 117-139. Print.

Wampler, Brian, Lewis, Roman, and Kattalina Berriochoa. "Engaging Citizens to Expand Accountability." In *Accountability in Context*. Ed. Peter Spink, Jacqueline Brigagao, and Gonzalo Delamaza. Sao Paulo: Editora da FGV, 2013. 33-60. Print.

Lewis, Roman. "Beyond Eagle." In *Growing Closer: Density and Sprawl in the Boise Valley*. Ed. Todd Shallat, Brandi Burns, and Larry Burke. Boise, ID: Boise State University College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, 2011. 120-135. Print.

Journal Articles

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman B. Lewis. "Junbish-i Sabz-i Īrān." *Encyclopaedia of Islam EI3*. 2021.

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman B. Lewis. "Religious Regulation in Iran." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics*. 2019.

Policy Papers

Howard, Tiffany and Roman Lewis. 2017. "Immigration and Ethnic Diversity in Nevada." *The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver State*, edited by Dmitri N. Shalin. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, <http://cdclv.unlv.edu/>

Wampler, Brian and Roman Lewis. "Exploring Public Participation in the Treasure Valley". White Paper, Boise State College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs (SSPA). 45 pages. August 2011. http://sspa.boisestate.edu/communityandregionalplanning/files/2011/10/TVTransportation_White_Paper_Final.pdf

Under Review

Lewis, Roman and Mehran Tamadonfar. "The Enduring Clientelism in the Iraqi Kurdish Political Institutions: A Historical Review." Under review.

Works in Progress

Lewis, Roman B. *States, Satellites, and International Crisis Behavior*. Book in Preparation.

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman Lewis. *De-Westernization of the Middle East, Partners in Multipolarism*. Book in Preparation.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Political Science

PSC 405Z *Great Wars and Theories of Violent Conflict*

- Spring 2022

PSC 405W *New Issues in Foreign Policy* (x2)

- Fall 2024
- Fall 2023

PSC 405U *International Security* (x4)

- Summer 2024 (online)
- Spring 2021
- Fall 2019
- Spring 2019

PSC 101 *Introduction to American Politics* (x16)

- Spring 2025
- Fall 2023/Spring 2024
- Fall 2022/Spring 2023
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022
- Fall 2020
- Fall 2019/Spring 2020 (online & in-person)
- Fall 2018
- Fall 2017/Spring 2018
- Fall 2016/Spring 2017
- Fall 2015/Spring 2016

PSC 407Q *Political Violence and Terrorism*

- Summer 2019 (online)

PSC 405P *Global Political Economy*

- Fall 2022

PSC 231 *Introduction to International Relations* (x2)

- Fall 2018/Spring 2019

PSC 211 *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (x2)

- Fall 2019
- Summer 2019

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Honors College

HON 430 *International Security*

- Fall 2023

HON 430 *Political Narratives through Film*

- Fall 2024

HON 111 *Themes in American Civilization* (x3)

- Fall 2024
- Fall 2022
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022

HON 430 *Outer Space Policy*

- Spring 2025

College of Southern Nevada

PSC 101 *Introduction to American Politics* (x8)

- Spring 2025
- Spring 2024
- Fall 2022/Spring 2023 (online & in-person)
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022 (online & in-person)
- Fall 2020/Spring 2021 (online & in-person)
- Spring 2020 (online & in-person)

Teaching Interests

Astropolitics; Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Narratives; International Relations; CP/IR of the Middle East and North Africa; Nationalism; Security Studies; Theories of Violent Conflict

Conferences

“Commanding the Heavens: Regime Type and National Space Programming in Latin America.”
Presented at the 2016 Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies (PCCLAS) Conference. October 9, 2016.

Software Skills

STATA, MAXQDA, Microsoft Office, Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

Financial Awards, Grants, and Scholarships

UNLV Political Science Summer Research Grant, 2016
UNLV Political Science Summer Research Grant, 2015
UNLV Graduate Access Grant, 2014-2018
UNLV Political Science Graduate Assistant, 2014-2018/2019

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2014-Current
International Studies Association (ISA) 2014-Current
International Political Science Association (IPSA) 2014-Current

Professional Development & Certifications

Quality Matters (QM) Teaching Online Certificate, May 2022

REFERENCES

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Teaching evaluations available on request through the UNLV Department of Political Science.

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