ROHAN ADVANI

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2026 (expected).
Advisors: Kevan Harris, Ching Kwan Lee

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2022.
Advisors: Kevan Harris, Ching Kwan Lee
MA Thesis: "Banking in Freedom or Freedom in Banking? Financial Development Singapore and Kuwait in the Era of Decolonization, 1952–1973"

M.A. Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2018.
Advisors: Arang Keshavarzian, Zachary Lockman, Helga Tawil-Souri
MA Thesis: "Port Politics: A Political Economy Analysis of the Beirut Port in the Post-Civil War Period"

B.S.F.S., Regional and Comparative Studies, Georgetown University, 2016.
Advisors: Daniel Neep
Thesis: "Pockets of Privilege: A Historical, Spatial, and Political Economy Analysis of Industrial Zones in Palestine"

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship, University of California Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, 2024–2025

International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA, 2024

Travel, Research, Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science, George Washington University, 2023

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, 2022

Publication Award, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, 2022

Kerr Family Endowment Fellow, UCLA, 2020–2022

Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, Graduate Division, UCLA, 2020–2023

Doctoral Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA, 2020-2026

Falak Sufi Memorial Essay Prize, New York University, 2018

Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2016–2018

The Regional and Comparative Studies Medal, Georgetown University, 2016

Magna Cum Laude Honors, Georgetown University, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

"Small States, Big Ambitions: Developing Global Finance in Kuwait and Singapore During the Age of Decolonization, 1952-1973" (Revise and resubmit).

"Pockets of Privilege: A Historical, Spatial, and Political Economy Analysis of Industrial Zones in Palestine," *New Middle Eastern Studies* 7 (2017)

Book Chapters

"Marxism and Neo-Marxism," with Michael A. McCarthy, in Maria Grasso and Marco Giugni (eds.) *The Encyclopedia of Political Sociology*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023

"A Realm Without Rights: Noncitizen Workers and Exclusive Citizenship in the Gulf," in Thanassis Cambanis and Michael Wahid Hanna (eds.) *Citizenship and its Discontents: The Struggle for Rights, Pluralism, and Inclusion in the Middle East*. New York: TCF Press, 2019

Book Reviews

"Book review: Between Dreams and Ghosts: Indian Migration and Middle Eastern Oil," *Arab Studies Journal*, 2023

"Book review: Anticolonial Afterlives in Egypt: The Politics of Hegemony," *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 2023

"The Imperious Interventions of Gulf Capital," *Middle East Research and Information Project*, August 28, 2019

Online Publications (selected)

"A World Still Disfigured by 9/11," with Peter Schwartzstein, et al., *The Century Foundation*, September 1, 2021

"Sowing Scarcity: Syria's Wheat Regime from Self-Sufficiency to Import Dependency," *Jadaliyya*, February 16, 2021

"A Dangerous Transition for America and the Middle East," with Thanassis Cambanis, et al., *The Century Foundation*, November 25, 2020

"A Pit(i)less Blame Game at the Beirut Port of Institutional Corruption," *The Public Source*, September 22, 2020 (republished by *Jadaliyya* on September 30, 2020)

"Revealed: The UK media company silencing Syrian activists on Facebook," with Kareem Chehayeb, *Middle East Eye*, July 21, 2020

"Humanitarian responses to the coronavirus bring the UAE and Syria publicly closer," *Syria Direct*, April 15, 2020

"Constructing Commercial Empire," *The Century Foundation*, December 9, 2019

"Economic crisis looms as the Syrian pound plummets to an all-time low," with Waleed al-Nofal, *Syria Direct*, November 26, 2019

"A Realm Without Rights," *The Century Foundation*, April 16, 2019

PRESENTATIONS

"Disaggregating Discipline: How Developmental States Coerce, Coax, and Condition Capital," Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2024

"Absolutely Small, Relatively Autonomous: The Political Economy of Small State Formation in the Persian Gulf," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, 2023

Discussant (with Rina Agarwala), "The Migration-Development Regime: How Class Shapes Indian Emigration," Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UCSD, 2023

"Forming Finance: The Establishment of a Domestic Financial Sector in the Persian Gulf, 1952-1973," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, 2021

"Banking as Freedom: Developing Finance and Financing Development in the Persian Gulf and Singapore (1952-1973)," Social Science Historical Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 2021

Discussant (with Dr. Mona Fawaz) on Panel "Citizenship as Political Action: Innovative Approaches," Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, The American University of Beirut, 2019

"Pockets of Privilege: A Historical, Spatial, and Political Economy Analysis of Industrial Zones in Palestine," MESAAS Graduate Conference, Columbia University, 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, UCLA, 2021 – Present.

- SOC 110 Comparative and Historical Methods: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 & Spring 2024

- IDS 110 Culture, Power and Development: Winter 2022
- IDS 130 Theory and History: Winter 2023 & Winter 2024
- SOC 130 Sociology of the Body: Fall 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

Century International, New York, NY. 2021–Present
Fellow

Syria Direct, Amman, Jordan. 2019–2020
Reporter and Arabic-English Translator

The Century Foundation, New York, NY. 2018–2019
Senior Foreign Policy Associate

Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York, NY. 2018
Director of 2018 Summer Institute

Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Washington, D.C. 2014–2016.
Research Assistant

SERVICE & OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Coordinator, *Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis*. 2022–2024

Co-Coordinator, *The Iranian Diaspora in Global Perspective Conference*, *UCLA*. 2023

Newsletter Co-Editor, *Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.* 2021–2022

Co-Coordinator, *Political Sociology and Global South Working Group, UCLA*. 2021–Present

Administrator, *Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, UCLA*. 2021–2023

Volunteer, *Herts for Refugees, Hertfordshire, UK*. 2021

Podcast Producer, *Digging a Hole: The Legal Theory Podcast, Yale University*. 2020–Present

Podcast Producer, *Order from Ashes, Century International.* 2019–Present

Consultancy and Freelance Work: *Open Society Foundation, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute, Institute for Palestine Studies, Alternative Policy Solutions (American University in Cairo), Arab Reform Initiative*

Professional Memberships: *American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, Middle East Studies Association*

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English, Native speaker (fluent)

Arabic, Professionally proficient in Modern Standard Arabic and Levantine dialect