

## FARID SENZAI

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-present **Santa Clara University**  
*Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science:*
- Poli 2: Introduction to Comparative Politics
  - Poli 25: Introduction to International Relations
  - Poli 128: U.S. Foreign Policy
  - Poli 142: Politics of the Middle East
  - Poli 196: Senior Seminar: U.S. Foreign Policy towards Middle East
  - Religion 25: Muslims in America

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present **Center for Global Policy**  
*Founder and President*  
Founded the first independent, non-partisan American think tank working exclusively on issues at the intersection of U.S. foreign policy and Muslim geopolitics. Lead a team of experts focusing on US foreign policy towards Muslim majority countries. Analyze the most pressing social, political and economic issues in Muslim majority countries.
- 2002-2014 **Institute for Social Policy and Understanding**  
*Co-Founder and Director of Research*  
Conduct research and provide analysis on issues relating to Middle East politics. Conceive, design and implement research projects related to Muslims in the United States. The work entails research and writing for publication, organizing workshops and conferences, and engaging policy makers.
- 2001-2003 **Oxford Analytica**  
*Research Scholar and Analyst*  
Provide analysis of Middle East politics and other international affairs issues. Summarize and write reports and daily policy briefs on most relevant political and economic issues in the region. Write regular reports for the World Bank and the IMF.
- 1997-1999 **Brookings Institution**  
*Research Associate*  
Researched US foreign policy towards the Middle East. Analyzed the most pressing social, political and economic issues in the Middle East. Key responsibilities included research, analysis, and editing. Advised and gave interviews to the media (CNN, BBC, Washington Post and New York Times) on US foreign policy towards the Middle East.
- 1996-1997 **Council on Foreign Relations**  
*Research Analyst*  
Collected and analyzed economic and statistical data pertaining to the Muslim world. Helped edit newsletter on Muslim Politics. Organized conferences and workshops on topics pertaining to US foreign policy toward the Middle East.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

*Political Islam in the Age of Democratization*, Farid Senzai and Kamran Bokhari (Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2013)

*Educating the Muslims of America*, co-editor with Yvonne Haddad and Jane Smith (Oxford University Press, March 2009)

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- Farid Senzai and Kamran Bokhari “Geosectarianism and Translocal Politics” in Robert Mason’s *Reassessing Order and Disorder in the Middle East: Regional Imbalance or Disintegration?* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2017)
- Farid Senzai “The Political Incorporation and Mobilization of American Muslims” in Kyle L. Kreider and Thomas J Baldino (eds) *Minority Voting in the United States* (Praeger Press, 2015)
- Juris Pucenoks and Farid Senzai “Political Participation of American Muslims in Detroit” in Kyle L. Kreider and Thomas J Baldino(eds) *Minority Voting in the United States* (Praeger Press, 2015)
- Lance D. Laird, Wahiba Abu-Ras, Farid Senzai. “Cultural Citizenship and Belonging: Muslim International Medical Graduates in the U.S.” *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* Vol. 33, 3, 2013 (December 2013)
- Abu-Ras, Wahiba., Senzai, Farid. and Laird, Lance. “Muslim Physicians Experiences Post 9/11: Cultural Trauma and the Formation of Islamic Identity” *Traumatology* (Spring 2012)
- Farid Senzai and Kamran Bokhari “Defining a Moderate Muslim” in Muqtedar Khan, *Debating a Moderate Muslim: The Geopolitics of Islam and the West* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2007)

### Reports:

- *The Bay Area Muslim Study: Establishing Identity and Community* (Washington DC: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, May 2013)
- *Engaging American Muslims: Political Trends and Attitudes* (Washington DC: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, April 2012)
- *American Muslim Physicians: Civic and Political Engagement* (Washington DC: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, (Fall 2012)

- *The Greater Middle East Initiative: Off to a Shaky Start* (Detroit MI: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, July 2004)
- *The Impact of the US Patriot Act* (Detroit MI: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, July, 2003)

Reports: Advised and Assisted

- Pew Report: *Muslim Americans* (Washington DC: Pew Research Center, June, 2017 – served as researcher and advisor for the national study)  
I was part of the research team that conducted research for the study and assisted with the questionnaire. I also provided numerous national interviews to the press once we released the study.
- Pew Report: *The Worlds Muslims: Religion, Politics, and Society* (Washington DC: Pew Research Center, April 30, 2013)  
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- Pew Report: *Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream* (Washington DC: Pew Research Center, May, 2007 – served as researcher and advisor for the national study)  
I was part of the team that conducted the focus groups for the study. I also provided numerous national interviews to the press once we released the study.

**Online publication:**

- “American Muslim Demographics” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*

**Op-Ed Articles:**

- “Obama and the Arab Spring” *Islamic Monthly* (August 2016)
- “Funding gives US vital leverage with Islamists in Egypt, elsewhere ” *Sacramento Bee* (June 26, 2013)
- “The Muslim Swing Vote” *New York Times* (April 3, 2012)
- “Scare Tactics to Garner Votes” *Islamic Monthly* (January 2012)
- “Obama and the Arab Spring” *Islamic Monthly* (August 2011)

- “War or Peace in Afghanistan?” *Islamic Monthly* (February 2011)
- “U.S. Role in the Middle East Peace Process” *The Atlantic Constitutional* (September 5, 2010)
- “Only the U.S. has the Clout to Make Middle East Peace” *Sacramento Bee* (September 2, 2010)
- “The Pew Study on Muslim Americans” with Amaney Jamal *Horizons Magazine* (Chicago IL: ISNA Publication, Fall 2007)
- “Response to the 9/11 Commission Report” in *First Impressions: American Muslim Perspectives on the 9/11 Commission Report* (Herndon VA: IIIT Press, 2005)
- “It’s the Occupation We Should Worry About” *Al-Ahram Weekly* (December, 2003)
- “Rumors of War: Democracy Not Assured in Middle East” *San Francisco Chronicle* (November, 2002)

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “2017 National Study on American Muslims”, invited presenter at Pew Research Center, Washington DC (June, 2017)
- “Extremism in South Asia”, invited presenter at United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC (March 2017)
- “The Dismantling of the Middle East”, invited presenter at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara CA (Fall 2016)
- “Understanding ISIS”, invited presenter at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara CA (May 2015)
- Invited discussant to the Brookings Institution’s US-Islamic World Forum in Doha Qatar (June 9-11, 2014)
- “Muslims, the State and Political Participation” presented my research at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual conference in New Orleans. This is the premier association for scholars of the Middle East. The paper was based on my research of Muslims in the Bay Area. (September 2013)
- “American Muslim Political Participation in Detroit Michigan” presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual conference in San Francisco. (April 3-6th, 2013)
- “Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Muslim International Medical Graduates in the U.S.” Laird, L. D., Abu-Ras, W., Senzai, F. Presented our research at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)/Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) annual conference in Baltimore, MD (March 2012)
- “American Muslim Political Mobilization and Incorporation”, Invited discussant for workshop and presentation at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (March 16-17, 2012)

- “American Muslim Political Participation”, invited conference presenter at Columbia University, New York (October 7, 2011)
- “American–Muslim Physicians' Experiences since 9/11: Cultural Trauma and the Formation of Islamic Identity”, presented at the annual conference of the Council on Social Work Education and its Council on Conferences and Faculty Development (CCFD) in Atlanta Georgia (October 27-30, 2011)
- “Assessing the Arab Spring”, invited presenter at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara CA (May 2011)
- “American Muslim Political participation”, Invited discussant for workshop at Columbia University (October, 2010)
- “U.S. Policy Towards the Middle East”, presented at US State Department, Washington DC (July 2010)
- “American Muslim Political Mobilization and Incorporation”, invited discussant for workshop and presentation at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (March 26-27, 2010)
- “Challenges Facing the New President in the Greater Middle East”, presented at Michigan State University, Lansing Michigan (November 12, 2008)
- “The Political Participation of Muslims” presented at UC Berkeley, Berkeley California (October 20, 2008)
- “Muslims and the Political Process” presented at the Religion Writers Annual Conference, National Press Club, Washington DC (September 17, 2008)
- Invited discussant to the Brookings Institution’s US-Islamic World Forum in Doha Qatar (2007)
- “A Portrait of American Muslims”, presentation at the University of Delaware, Wilmington Delaware (March, 2007)
- Invited discussant to the Brookings Institution’s US-Islamic World Forum in Doha Qatar (2006)
- “U.S Foreign Policy towards the Islamic World”, presentation at the Brookings Institution, Washington DC (December, 2006)
- “US Diplomacy towards the Muslim World”, paper presented at the US Institute of Peace, Washington DC (January, 2005)
- “Democracy Promotion in the Middle East: The Case of Egypt” paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), San Francisco (November, 2004)
- “Bridging the Divide with the Muslim World”, presentation at the Brookings Institution, Washington DC (November, 2004)

- “Promoting Democracy and the Rule of Law: EU and US Strategies and Instruments”, invited discussant and paper presented at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (October 5th, 2004)
- “Migration and Security”, paper presented at the Social Science Research Council, Washington DC (September, 2004)
- “Winning the War on Terrorism: Response to the 9/11 Commission Report”, paper presented at the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington DC (August, 2004)
- “Civil Democratic Islam”, paper presented at DePaul University, Chicago (July, 2004)
- “U.S. Civil Society Assistance to the Middle East” paper presented at St. Antonys College, Oxford University (May, 2004)
- “Islam in America” paper presented at Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan (April, 2004).
- “U.S. Promotion of Democracy in the Middle East” paper presented at the Center for Study of Democracy, Oxford University (March, 2004)
- “Civil Society in Egypt: the Case of Human Rights Groups” paper presented at the American University in Cairo (November, 2003)
- “Rebuilding Afghanistan: Conflict Resolution,” paper presented at UN Association, Oxford University (April, 2002)
- “Promoting Civil Society in Egypt from Abroad,” paper presented at Oxford University (November, 2001)
- “The Effectiveness of UN Sanctions: The Case of Iraq and Afghanistan,” paper presented at Stanford University, Palo Alto CA (February, 2001)
- “Civil Society and Institution Building in Afghanistan,” paper presented at the Brookings Institution, Washington DC (March, 1998)
- “Democracy in the Middle East,” paper presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York (April, 1997)
- “The Role of NGOs in Promoting Tolerance,” paper presented at the United Nation's New York (June 25, 1995)
- “Islam and the West: Clash or Cooperation?” paper presented at the School of International Affairs, Columbia University, New York (September, 1996)
- “Securing Peace and Justice,” Keynote speaker at the United Nation's 50th Anniversary in San Francisco along with Secretary General Boutros-Gali, San Francisco, CA (June 25, 1995)
- US Foreign Policy towards the Muslim World, paper presented at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York (March 1997)

- “The Role of NGOs in Building Civil Society” presenter at the United Nations 48th Annual NGO Conference, New York NY (September 1995)

Frequently requested to comment on U.S. foreign policy and Middle East politics to government officials and on television, radio and print including *BBC*, *MSNBC*, *CNN*, *FOX News*, *NPR*, *NBC News*, *CSPAN*, *VOA*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*

## BOOK REVIEWS AND ASSISTANCE

Book Review of Steven Emerson’s “American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Amongst US” *American Journal of Islamic Social Science* (Fall Issue: 2003)

Researched and edited book for Janne Nolan, *An Elusive Consensus: Nuclear Weapons and American Security After the Cold War* (Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1999)

Researched and edited book for Yahya Sadowski, *The Myth of Global Chaos* (Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1998)

Researched and edited book for William Quandt, *Between Ballots and Bullets: Algeria's Transition from Authoritarianism* (Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1998)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016	Silicon Valley Community Foundation – Global Policy Fund Award: (\$650,000) Research on US foreign policy towards the Muslim world
2015	Silicon Valley Community Foundation – Global Policy Fund Award: (\$500,000) Research on US foreign policy towards the Muslim world
2012	Silicon Valley Community Foundation Award: (\$93,000): Research on Muslims in the Bay Area
2011	Al-Waleed bin Talal Kingdom Foundation Award: (\$460,000) two year grant as part of an effort to improve US-Muslim relations
2010	Proteus Fund Award: (\$50,000): Research on political participation of American Muslims
2010	U.S. Department of Education Award: Title VI Grant (\$450,000): Educating about the Middle East
2008	American Pakistan Physicians North America Islamic Medical Association of North America Award: (\$120,000): Conduct research on American Muslim Physicians
2006	Pew Research Center

Award: (\$90,000): Conduct focus group research for national study on American Muslims

- 1999-2004 Omar Khatab Foundation  
*Award:* Full Scholarship for the Ph.D. at Oxford University
- 1997 Presidential Management Fellowship  
*Fellowship:* Presidential Management Fellowship
- 1997 Columbia University Scholarship  
*Award:* Scholarship from Department of International Affairs
- 1997 Columbia University  
*Award:* Human Rights Department Research Abroad Grant
- 1995 United Nations 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award  
*Award:* Grant to Study Issues of Religion and Tolerance
- 1994-1994 California State University  
*Award:* Academic Scholarship  
*Award:* Student of the Year: School of Business
- 1993 Phi Kappa Phi (Professional/Honor Society)  
*Award:* *Phi Kappa Phi* Annual Scholarship
- 1992 Golden Key National Honor Society  
*Award:* Received scholarship and partial tuition.

## EDUCATION

- Oxford University, UK  
DPhil. in Politics and International Relations – February 2009  
Dissertation: “Promoting Civil Society and Democracy in the Middle East”  
Supervisor: Dr. James Piscatori
- Former Co-Editor of the Oxford International Review Journal
- Columbia University, NY  
M.A. (International Affairs) May 1997, GPA 3.9
- Certificate: Middle East Institute
  - Full Department Scholarship
- California State University, CA  
B.S. (Business Administration and Minor in International Economics)
- Graduated *Cum Laude*, May 1994, GPA 3.83
  - Student of the Year in the School of Business, 1993

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND ADVISOR

- 2012 – present Central Asia Institute  
Board of Directors



2002 – present	Institute for Social Policy and Understanding Board of Trustees
2008 – present	Zaytuna College Management Board and Academic Affairs Committee
2009 – present	Islamic Network Group Member of the Board of Advisors
2007-present	Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life Advisor

**LANGUAGES**

Fluency in Pushto  
Fair understanding of Persian  
Beginner in Arabic