



## PROJECT ON SHI'ISM & GLOBAL AFFAIRS

### Recent Event - Understanding Iran's Experience with COVID-19

In April, Project Co-Chair **Melani Cammett** and Director **Payam Mohseni** chaired a panel featuring **Alex Shams**, PhD Candidate at the University of Chicago and currently studying in Tehran. Shams discussed the impact of COVID-19 on Iranian society, government policies and civil mobilization, as well cultural expressions of solidarity within the country following the spread of the virus. The talk can be viewed [here](#), or by clicking the button below.

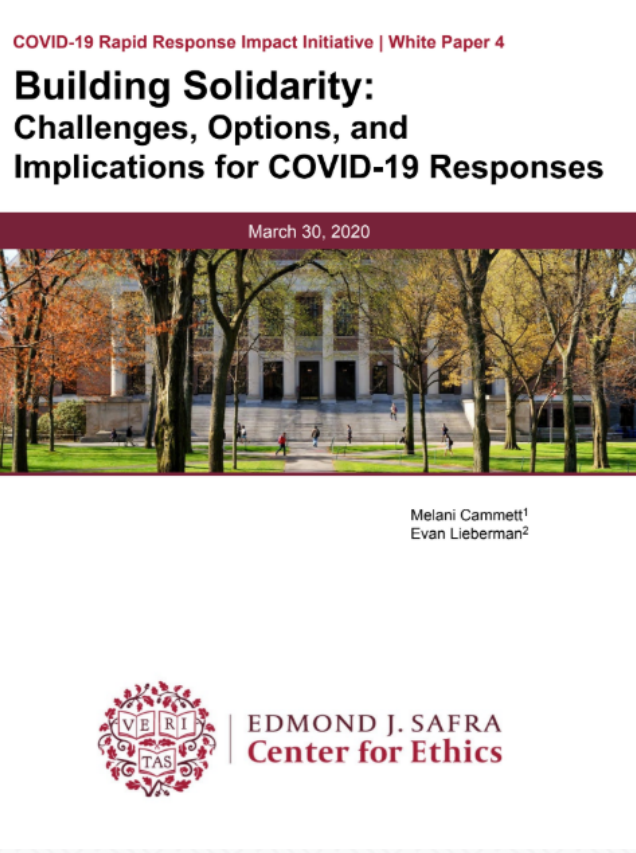


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### Publications and News



#### Building Solidarity: Challenges, Options, and Implications for COVID-19 Responses

By Melani Cammett and Evan Lieberman

Project Co-Chair Melani Cammett co-authored a white paper with Evan Lieberman on social solidarity during the pandemic, its impact, and potential obstacles to solidarity.

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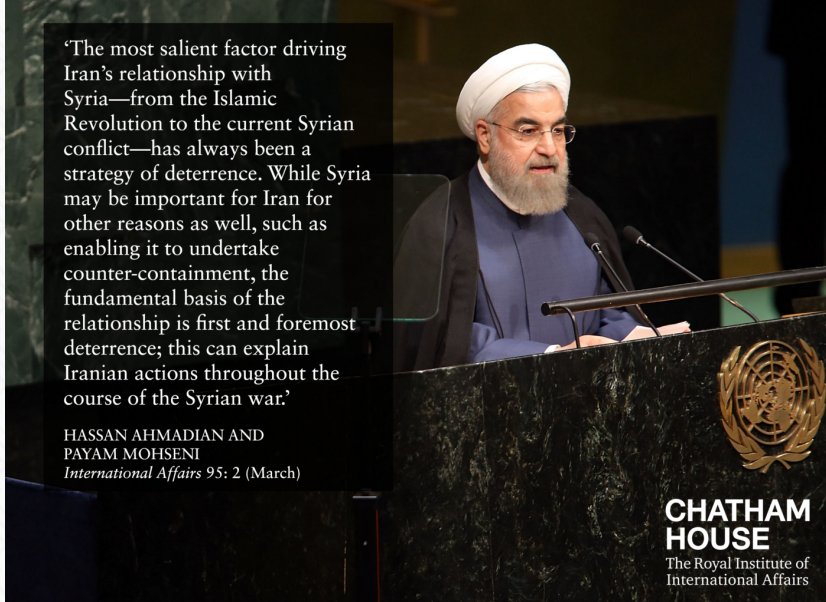


#### Insecurity and Political Values in the Arab World

By Melani Cammett, Ishac Diwan, and Irina Vartanova

Faculty Co-Chair of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs, Melani Cammett, co-authored an academic article with Ishac Diwan and Irina Vartanova on the relationship between shifting macro-political conditions and individual-level political values in the Middle East.

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#### Early Career Prize Nomination

Project Director Payam Mohseni and Project Associate Hassan Ahmadian were nominated for the *Early Career Prize* for their article "*Iran's Syria Strategy: the Evolution of Deterrence*". You can read their article [here](#), and the nomination [here](#).

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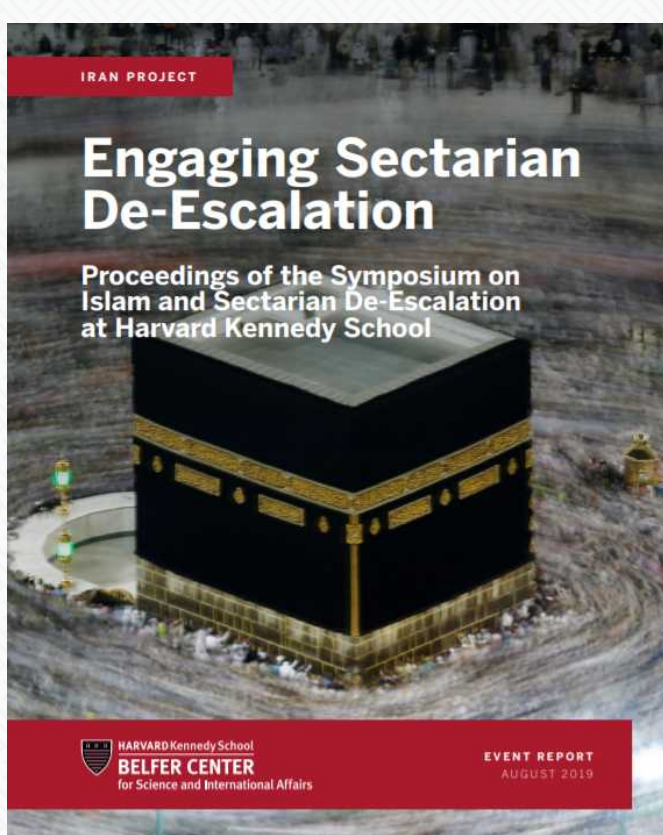


#### Islamic Pluralism in America and the Muslim Transnational

Mohammad Sagha and Shaykh Ibrahim Kazerooni

Project Associate Mohammad Sagha sat down with Shaykh Ibrahim Kazerooni from the Islamic Center in Dearborn to discuss Shaykh Kazerooni's unique journey from the seminaries of Najaf and fleeing persecution in Iraq to life as an exiled scholar in the West, as well as the lived experiences of pluralism and the challenges facing diasporic Muslim communities in the United States.

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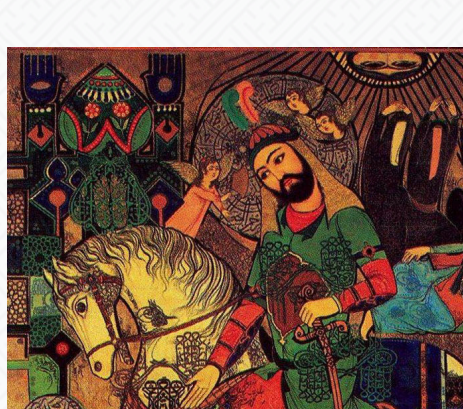


#### Does Theology Matter? Politics and the Role of Religion and Sectarianism in the Contemporary Muslim World

Mehdi Hasan, Jonathan Brown, Mustafa Akyol, Ibrahim Kazerooni

This panel, entitled "*Does Theology Matter?*" reflects on the salience of theology in debates on sectarianism in the Middle East.

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#### Research

The Project on Shi'ism & Global Affairs pursues advanced research on four inter-disciplinary studies in an effort to re-focus scholarly attention on the strategic transformations happening across the Shi'a worlds on both a socio-political level as well as the cultural values and ideology that drive these larger phenomena.

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#### Visions

Visions, the online publication platform of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs, provides an educational platform that bridges the dispersed field of Shi'a studies—from historical hagiography and philosophy to contemporary geopolitics and world affairs—into a leading source on the latest analysis on Shi'ism from an academic and scholarly perspective.

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