# SEPEHR SHAHSHAHANI

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## **EDUCATION**

**Princeton University** 

Ph.D. in Politics June 2019 (expected)

Sept. 2016 M.A. in Politics

Fields: American Politics, Formal & Quantitative Methods, Public Law Committee: Charles Cameron, Nolan McCarty, Jonathan Kastellec

New York University School of Law, LL.M. Sept. 2014

Boston University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude May 2008

University of Chicago, B.A. in Political Science, with honors, Phi Beta Kappa Dec. 2004

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"The Role of Courts in Technology Policy." 2018. Journal of Law and Economics 61:37-61.

"Religion and Judging on the Federal Courts of Appeals." 2017. Journal of Empirical Legal Studies 14:716-744 (with Lawrence Liu).

"The Nirvana Fallacy in Fair Use Reform." 2015. Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology 16:273-341.

"The Design of Useful Article Exclusion: A Way Out of the Mess." 2010. Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. 57:859-905.

Student Note, "Politics Under the Cover of Law: Can International Law Help Resolve the Iran Nuclear Crisis?" 2007. Boston University International Law Journal 25:369-426.

#### SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

"The Fact-Law Distinction" (job market paper).

"Coordination and Innovation in Judiciaries: Correct Law vs. Consistent Law" (with Charles Cameron and Mehdi Shadmehr).

"Strategic Abstention, Missing Data, and Ideal Point Estimation" (with Asya Magazinnik).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk, The Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit	Aug. 2012 – Aug. 2013
Law Clerk, The Honorable William E. Smith United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island	Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2011
Litigation Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP New York, NY	Oct. 2011 – Aug. 2012, Sept. 2008 – June 2010
Summer Associate, Proskauer Rose LLP, Newark, NJ	June 2007 – Aug. 2007
Intern, Kings County District Attorney's Office, Brooklyn, NY	June 2006 – Aug. 2006

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference ("Fact-Law")	Apr. 2018
Annual Emory Conference on Institutions and Law-Making (poster) ("Fact-Law")	Feb. 2018
American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting ("Religion")	May 2017
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies ("Religion")	Nov. 2016
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept. 2016
("Technology Policy" and "Strategic Abstention")	
Yale Graduate Student Conference on Judicial Politics ("Religion")	July 2016
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting (poster) ("Strategic Abstention")	July 2016
American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting ("Technology Policy")	May 2016

## SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND ACTIVITIES

Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship (awarded across all departments at Princeton for "the highest scholarly excellence in graduate work"), 2018-2019

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Graduate Student Research Grant, 2018

National Science Foundation Conference Grant for "Strategic Abstention" (with Asya Magazinnik), 2016

Center for Information Technology Policy Graduate Scholarship Award, Princeton University, 2014

Mamdouha Bobst Global Scholarship, New York University School of Law, 2013

First Prize, Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition (for papers on copyright law), Boston University, 2008 Editor in Chief, Boston University International Law Journal, 2007-2008

Edward F. Hennessey Scholar (top ten percent in class), Boston University School of Law, 2007-2008

School of Law Scholarship, Boston University School of Law, 2005-2008

President, Boston University School of Law International Law Society, 2006-2007

Paul J. Liacos Distinguished Scholar (top four percent in class), Boston University School of Law, 2006-2007

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, Preceptor, Mathematics for Political Science (graduate)	Sept. 2017 – Jan. 2018
Princeton University, Preceptor, American Politics (undergraduate)	Sept. 2016 – Jan. 2017
Roger Williams University School of Law, Guest Lecturer, Advanced Evidence	Feb. 2011
University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant, Persian (graduate and undergraduate)	Oct. 2003 – June 2004
University of Chicago Neighborhood Schools Program, Tutor (third grade)	Oct. 2002 – Dec. 2002
Foothill College, Pass the Torch Tutoring Program, Tutor in Statistics	Jan. 2002 – Mar. 2002
Literacy Teacher to Afghan Refugee Laborers, Tehran, Iran	Aug. 1999 – Sept. 1999

# **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York (2009), Massachusetts (2009), S.D.N.Y. (2010), Sixth Circuit (2013)

### **LANGUAGES**

Persian (Farsi) (native), Arabic (basic), French (basic)

# **PROGRAMMING**

R, LaTeX, Mathematica, html (basic proficiency), Python (basic proficiency)