



# ECONOMIC VIOLENCE AND EVERYDAY ECONOMICS OF VIOLENCE IN IRAN

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The international community has now used economic sanctions as its main means of containing the Iranian regime for 45 years. The leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran keep the fullest possible control of the national political and social space as the only way of maintaining sovereignty in the face of international adversity and national diversity. At the local level, the coercion of the Iranian state is embodied in and produced by its routine actions and through a range of mechanisms. Everyday life, in the Iranian context, is structured by how these different forms of violence, exercised by multiple categories of actors according to distinct sectoral rationales and at several levels, intertwine. In return, resistance manifests itself in proteiform, multisectoral and intersectional ways, both collectively and individually driven, across different spatial and temporal dimensions. These two half-days of studies are devoted to a scientific dialogue between the two sides of the Atlantic that questions, based on empirical investigation, these dynamics of Iranian society. How do the economic violence of the international community and the political violence of the regime feed into each other? In what forms does this multiscalar violence manifest itself in the ordinary life of citizens? What impact does it have on economic practices, on the spatial organization of society, and at a personal level? How, ultimately, are teaching and research practices negotiated in the face of these constraints inside and outside Iran?

To answer these questions, we adopt a relational approach, postulating that the material, moral and political conditions of the manufacture of society and the State are inseparable in nature. This prompts us to look into processes of exchange and circulation between acts of violence, domination and contestation at transnational, national and local levels. The economic, social and political aspects of inequality and injustice are inseparable from each other in both their collective and intimate forms. Through a transnational approach and avoiding particularistic or politicized perceptions of the Iranian context, our ambition is therefore to question the way in which international and national violence are constantly rejected, reconfigured and re-justified in relation to each other. In this sense, since 2022, the 'Women, Life, Freedom' movement has shed new light on the interdependencies between old and new normative frameworks, used to legitimize and delegitimize sanctions, repression and protest.

# Journées d'études

“Violence économique et économies ordinaires de la violence en Iran”

## April 9 – 15h-18h

Panel 1: Economic violence and ordinary practices

**Narges Bajoghli**, Assistant Professor of Middle East Studies, Johns Hopkins University SAIS (participation en distanciel)

*How Sanctions Work, Iran and the Impact of Economic Warfare*

**Amin Moghadam**, Researcher Toronto Metropolitan University, Visiting scholar Sciences Po Aix (participation en présentiel)

*Transnational Iranian homeownership experiences, and investments in the real estate sector in Toronto and Istanbul*

## April 10 – 15h-17h

Panel 2: Ordinary economies of violence: readjustments and resistance

**Sahar Aurore Saeidnia**, Ifpo et **Lucia Dierenberger**, Legs (participation en présentiel)

*Minoritizations in Iran. Decentering the analysis of power relations*

**Milad Odabaei**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Arkansas (participation en distanciel)

*Women, life and Freedom movement: Politicization of women's bodies and souls*

## April 10 – 17h-19h

Round Table “How do academics do with repression?”

**Azam Khatam**, York University, chief editor of *Global Iranian Studies Review* (participation en distanciel)

**Jérôme Heurtaux**, Université Paris-Dauphine, *Pensées captives. Répression et défense des libertés académiques en Europe centrale et orientale*. (Editions Codex, 2024) (participation en distanciel)

**Yves Mirman**, Triangle / Mesopolhis, Philippe Aldrin, Pierre Fournier, Vincent Geisser, Yves Mirman *Enquête en danger. Vers un nouveau régime de surveillance dans les sciences sociales*, (Paris, Armand Colin, 2022) (participation en présentiel)