

# MARIAM ABAZERI

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. | **University of Miami**; Environmental Science and Policy; Miami, FL  
Dissertation: Women of the Sun: Mediating Co-Production in Iranian Agrarian Systems

M.A. | **Sciences Po, Paris**; Environmental Policy; Paris, France  
Concentration: Public Health and South Asian Studies  
Sciences Po Outstanding Master's Thesis Award  
Thesis: Community-Driven Initiatives in Waste Management across India

B.A. | **University of Georgia**; International Affairs; Athens, GA

B.A. Exchange | **Université Jean Moulin Lyon III**; Political Science; Lyon, France

## POSITIONS

2024- Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar | **Arizona State University**  
Indigenous Knowledge Systems for the Anthropocene; School of Human  
Evolution and Social Change; Phoenix, AZ

2024- Co-Director | **Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival**  
New Orleans, LA 2025  
Tampa, FL 2024

2022-2024 Lecturer | **University of Miami**  
Anthropology; Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy; Miami, FL

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental anthropology; political economy, commons governance; traditional ecological knowledge; racialization; feminisms; participatory methods; visual cultures; documentary and ethnographic media

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

2024 Reyes-García, V., García-del-Amo, D., Álvarez-Fernández, S., Benyei, P., Calvet-Mir, L., Junquera, A.B., Labeyrie, V., Li, X., Miñarro, S., Porcher, V., Porcuna-Ferrer, A., Schlingmann, A., Schunko, C., Soleymani, R., Tofighi-Niaki, A., **Abazeri, M.**, ... Zakari, I.S. Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Report Ongoing and Widespread Climate Change Impacts on

Local Social-Ecological Systems. *Nature Communications: Earth & Environment*, 5:1. DOI: 10.1038/s43247-023-01164-y.

- 2024 Reyes-Garcia, V., García-del-Amo, D., Porcuna-Ferrer, A., Schlingmann, A., **Abazeri, M.**, Attoh, E., Vieira da Cunha Ávila, J., Ayanlade, A., Babai, D., Benyei, P., Clavet-Mir, L., Carmona, R., Caviedes, J., Chah, J., Chakauya, R., Cuní-Sanchez, A., Fernández-Llamazares, A., Galappaththi, E.K., Gerkey, D., ...Torrents-Tico, M. Local Studies Provide a Global Perspective of the Impacts of Climate Change on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. *Sustainable Earth Reviews*, 7:1. DOI: 10.1186/s42055-023-00063-6.
- 2022 **Abazeri, M.** A Chronology of Seeing: Subverting Gender Norms through a Long-Term Participatory Video Project with Rural Women in Iran. *Visual Anthropology Review* 38(2), 234-254. DOI: 10.1111/var.12278.
- 2022 **Abazeri, M.** Decolonial Feminisms and Degrowth. *Futures*, 136: 102902.

#### Book Chapters

- 2024 **Abazeri, M.** Strengthening Participatory Governance to Adapt and other Sociocultural Responses to Climate Change Impacts among Farming Communities in Kerman, Iran. In V. Reyes-Garcia with S. Álvarez-Fernández, P. Benyei, L. Calvet-Mir, D. García-del-Amo, A.B. Junquera, X. Li, V. Porcher, A., Porcuna-Ferrer, A., Schlingmann, and R. Soleymani. (Eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Climate Change Impacts on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*, 303-321. Routledge. DOI: 10.4324/9781003356837.
- 2024 **Abazeri, M.**, Mulrow, J., Pai, S., Ajl, M. A Degrowth Perspective on Environmental Violence. In R. Marcantonio, A. Fuentes, and J.P. Lederach (Eds.) *Exploring Environmental Violence: Perspectives, Experience, Expression, and Engagement*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2022 **Abazeri, M.** Seeing Locally Expressing Globally: Participatory Filmmaking and Aesthetics. In S. Rust, S. Monani, and S. Cubitt (Eds.) *Ecocinema Theory and Practice v.2*, 228-240. Routledge. DOI: 10.4324/9781003246602

#### Policy Papers

- 2023 **Abazeri, M.** *Western Lut Desert, Iran: Voices of Local Knowledge*. Policy Pamphlet on Local Indicators of Climate Change Impacts (LICCI). ICTA-UAB and European Research Council.
- 2023 The LICCI Consortium (**Contributor**). *The Local Indicators of Climate Change Impacts*. Policy Brief for LICCI Project. ICTA-UAB and European Research Council.

## Documentary Films

- 2020            Women of the Sun: A Chronology of Seeing. H. Zolfaghari and PV Group of Shafiabad, Iran, 83 min. (**Producer**)

## HONORS, GRANTS, & FUNDING

### Awards, Grants, And Fellowships

- 2025            AISES Indigenous Voices Travel Scholarship Award, National Science Foundation (Ecological Society of America Travel Grant)  
2022            Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship, University of Miami  
2022            Wadad Kadi Middle Eastern Studies Association Travel Grant  
2019            Society for Visual Anthropology Robert Lemelson Fellowship  
2019            Local Indicators of Climate Change Impacts (LICCI) Project, ICTA-Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) & European Research Council Co-Investigator in LICCI Consortium  
2018            Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Miami  
2011            Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship  
2011            Excel Award, University of Georgia  
2011            French Honors Society Scholarship, University of Georgia  
2011            Office of International Education Scholarship, University of Georgia

### Programs and Residencies

- 2024            Chrysalis Early Scholars Workshop Series Member; Wenner-Gren Foundation  
2020-22        Alex Doty Mentorship Program; Society for Cinema and Media Studies  
2019            Works on Water Underwater NY Governor's Island Art & Science Residency  
2018            American Meteorological Society Washington D.C. Science Policy Colloquium; National Science Foundation Fellow  
2014-15        Persian Language, History, & Literature Certificate from Dehkhoda Institute for Persian Studies, University of Tehran  
2012            The Woodenfish Project's Humanistic Residency in Taiwan  
2009            Junior Diplomats Exchange Program in Cahors, France

## INVITED LECTURES

- 2025            "Crisis in Water Cultures in Kerman, Iran" **Reparative and Restorative Paradigms for Environmental Justice Seminar** part of the **Potentialities of Justice: Toward Collective Reparative Futures Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series, Rutgers University-Newark**. Newark, New Jersey.  
2025            "Towards Climate Justice: What's gender got to do with it." **Gender, Culture, and Development Undergrad Course, Arizona State University**. Tempe, Arizona.

- 2024 “Participatory Filmmaking in Women of the Sun: A Chronology of Seeing.” **Critical Media Lab: McGill University.** Montreal, Quebec.
- 2024 “Decolonial Feminisms and Degrowth.” **Development Geographies PhD Course: Human Geography Departments at the University of Stockholm & University of Gothenburg.** Remote.
- 2024 “Smallholder Farmers’ Perspectives on Drivers of Environmental Change in Kerman, Iran.” **Symposium on the State of the Environment: Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies, Oklahoma State University.** Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- 2023 “Colonial Pasts and Presents in Visual Anthropology.” Half-day Workshop. **Exploration Science Speaker Series: Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Sciences, University of Miami.** Coral Gables, Florida.
- 2023 “Mediating the Politics of Gender and Environmental Change through Participatory Filmmaking in Iran.” **Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies Lecture Series: Oklahoma State University.** Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- 2022 “Ecofeminist Perspectives on Degrowth and Climate Resilience.” Panel. **The Kule Scholar’s Speaker Series: University of Alberta.** Remote.
- 2022 “Amphibious Screens: Film Culture and Water/Marine Ecosystems.” Panel. **University of Cambridge & University of Miami.** Miami, FL.
- 2021 “Decolonial Feminisms and Degrowth.” Half-day Workshop. **Environmental Justice Summer School: ICTA-Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB).** Remote.
- 2021 “Researching Together: An Open Dialogue on Collaborative Methods for Environmental Justice Research.” Panel. **University of Miami.** Remote.
- 2020 “Participatory Methods and Visual Research.” **The Field School.** Miami, FL.
- 2016 “Peace, Nonproliferation, and Society.” Panel. **United Nations.** Vienna, Austria.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Organized Annual Meetings, Festivals, and Conferences

- 2025 Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival. New Orleans, LA.
- 2024 Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival. Tampa, FL.
- 2021 Feminisms & Degrowth Alliance Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2020 DegrowUS Annual Meeting. Virtual.

### Organized Panels

- 2025 Panel | From Degrowth to Decolonialization. **DeSchool: Degrowth Institute Gathering.** Chicago, IL.
- 2024 Roundtable | Current Trends in Ethnographic Film and Multimodal Anthropologies. **American Anthropological Association.** Tampa, FL.
- 2024 Session | Q&A with invited filmmakers. **Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival.** Tampa, FL.
- 2021 Panel | Alternative Social Imaginaries for the Care Crisis. **International Society for Ecological Economics & European Society for Ecological Economics.** Virtual Conference.

#### Conferences and Colloquia

- 2025 “The Paradox of the Resistance Economy and the Agrarian Question under Global Capitalism.” **Development, War, and Agriculture in the Arab-Iranian Region—Rethinking the Agrarian Question, OSAE.** Tunis, Tunisia.
- 2025 “Empire, Militarism, and Racial Capitalism.” **DeSchool: Degrowth Institute Gathering.** Chicago, IL.
- 2025 **UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; 24<sup>th</sup> Session.** New York, NY.
- 2024 “Translating Visual Meaning: Analyzing Cross-Cultural Reception of an Iranian Participatory Film.” **Middle East Studies Association.** Remote.
- 2024 **UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; 23<sup>rd</sup> Session.** New York, NY.
- 2022 “Women of the Sun: The Politics of Collective Mediamaking and Transnational Productions.” **Middle East Studies Association.** Denver, CO.
- 2021 “Adapting to the Water Crisis: Drought and Uncertainty in South-Central Iran.” **American Anthropological Association.** Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 “The Politics of Public Visual Media: A Decolonial Feminist Approach to Gendered Representation.” **International Society for Ecological Economics & European Society for Ecological Economics.** Remote.
- 2020 “Degrowth and Gender.” **DegrowUS Annual Meeting.** Remote.
- 2019 “Participatory Video and Audience Reception.” **Visual Research Conference & American Anthropological Association.** Vancouver, BC.

- 2018 “Water Management through Participatory Video Methods.” **Visual Research Conference & American Anthropological Association**. San Jose, CA
- 2018 “Methods for Sustainable Livelihoods and Environmental Justice in South-Central Iran.” **North-South Degrowth-Decrecimiento**. Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 “Drought, Feminism, and Film: A Case Study of Participatory Video in South-Central Iran.” **International Society for Ecological Economics**. Puebla, Mexico
- 2018 **DegrowUS Annual Meeting**. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 **General Assembly of Indigenous and Community Conserved Area (ICCA) Consortium Annual Meeting & World Wilderness Congress**. Soria; Salamanca, Spain.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Undergraduate Courses

ECS 372 Environmental Storytelling (University of Miami)  
 ECS 376 Science, Media, and Storytelling (University of Miami/Franklin University)  
 ECS 113 Environmental Policy (University of Miami)

### Graduate Courses

ECS 611 Nature, the Anthropocene, and Visual Anthropology (University of Miami)  
 ECS 680 Science, Media, and Storytelling (University of Miami/Franklin University)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024-2027 Ex-officio Board Member and Director of SVA Film and Media Festival; **Society for Visual Anthropology**
- 2022 Research Contributor on Gendered Knowledge for the **United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Council** Report
- 2019-2023 Coordination Member, **Feminisms and Degrowth Alliance (FaDA)**
- 2019- Committee Member, **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy (CEESP)**  
 Specialist Groups: Gender; Gov. Equity and Rights; Nat. Res. Gov.
- 2019-2023 Board Member, **American Meteorological Society (AMS) Global Strategies**

## REVIEW SERVICE

### Academic Journals

Energy Research and Social Science

Environmental Values  
Globalizations  
Degrowth  
Journal of Asian Biodiversity

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Ecological Society of America  
Brown Girls Doc Mafia  
Middle Eastern Studies Association  
International Union for Conservation of Nature  
    Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy  
American Anthropological Association  
    Society for Visual Anthropology  
    Society for Cultural Anthropology  
    Society for Economic Anthropology  
    Environment and Anthropology Section  
International Society for Ecological Economics  
Indigenous Peoples' and Community Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCA) Consortium

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

English | Native Speaker  
Spanish | Fluent Written and Spoken  
French | Fluent Written and Spoken  
Persian | Fluent Written and Spoken  
Italian | Beginner Written and Spoken

## ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-2021	Documentary Producer and Studio Principal. <b>Crazy Woodpecker Film Studio.</b>
2014-2016	Project Manager; <b>Centre for Sustainable Development (CENESTA).</b> Tehran, Iran.
2013	Researcher; <b>Kalpavriksh Environmental Action Group.</b> Pune, India.
2012-2013	Researcher; <b>France Nature Environnement (FNE).</b> Paris, France.
2010	Intern; <b>Georgia Women's Actions for New Directions (GA WAND).</b> Atlanta, GA