*Curriculum Vitae*

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John Foran is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he teaches courses on climate change and climate justice, activism and movements for radical social change, and issues of development and globalization beyond capitalism. He is the author of *Fragile Resistance: Social Transformation in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution* (1993) and *Taking Power: On the Origins of Revolutions in the Third World* (2005). His research and activism are now centered within the global climate justice movement, and much of it can be found at the International Institute of Climate Action and Theory [<https://www.iicat.org/john-forans-iicat-research-portal>] and at Resilience.org [<http://www.resilience.org/?type=Filter+by&s=Foran>].

Present Position

Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara (1988 to the present)

Affiliated appointments with Environmental Studies, the Program in Latin American and Iberian Studies, the Program in Middle East Studies, the Department of Global and International Studies, and the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management.

Co-director and co-founder, the International Institute of Climate Action and Theory, [www.iicat.org](http://www.iicat.org), 2011 to the present

Member, Climate Justice Project, [www.climatejusticeproject](http://www.climatejusticeproject), 2013 to the present

Past Positions

Visiting Professor of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London (2009-10)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara (2003-6)

Vice Chair, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara (2002-3)

Visiting Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts (2000-2002)

Director, Program in Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (1995-1999)

Education

1988 Ph.D. in Sociology. University of California, Berkeley. Dissertation: “Social Change in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution.”

1981 M.A. in Sociology with honors. University of California, Santa Barbara. Thesis: “Dependency and Social Change in Iran, 1501-1925.”

1978 Fellowship. Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France. Audited courses at the Université de Paris VIII (Vincennes) with Henri Weber and Nicos Poulantzas and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales with Alain Touraine.

1977 B.A. Summa cum laude in two majors: European Studies and French. Amherst College, Amherst, MA. Honors theses: “Le jeune Camus et son oeuvre jusqu`à 1942” and “The Relationship of the Man to the Work. Existential Psychoanalysis and Marxian Sociology: The New Literary Theory of Jean-Paul Sartre” (Adviser – Norman Birnbaum).

Dissertation

"Social Structure and Social Change in Iran from 1500 to 1979"--analyzes societal transformation and social movements in Iran over the last five centuries as a product of internal social structure and external political and economic factors, to which the various social classes and groups in Iran have responded through their own political cultures and value orientations.

Critically synthesizes and evaluates leading theories in the fields of development and social change, including dependency, world-systems, modes of production, the autonomy of the state and cultures of opposition.

Areas of Research and Teaching

The climate crisis, 21st-century movements for radical social change, and sustainable development or “building better futures.” Also: development, globalization, revolutions, Latin American studies, social theory, comparative, historical, and dialectical methods.

Teaching Experience

2000-2002 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology and Program in Latin American Studies, Smith College. Courses taught: Sociology of Revolutions (Sociology 225); Development and Social Change in the Middle East (Sociology 235); Development and Social Change in Latin America (Sociology 245); Globalization and Its Alternatives (Sociology 321); Sociology of Development; Five Latin American Revolutions (Latin American Studies 201).

1989- Assistant to Professor, Department of Sociology, Santa Barbara. Courses taught: Sociology of Development (Sociology 130); Development and Social Change in Latin America (Sociology 130LA); Development and Social Change in the Middle East (Sociology 130ME); Radical Social Change from Cuba to Chiapas and Beyond (130ST); Activism (Sociology 134A), Climate Justice (Sociology 134CJ); Global Justice Movements (Sociology 134GJ); Sociology of Revolutions (Sociology 134R); Earth in Crisis (134EC); Sociology of Revolutions (Sociology 134R); Radical Social Change (134RC); Seminar in Comparative-Historical Sociology (Sociology 108CH); Honors Research Practicum (196H-HT-HR); Writing Seminar in Comparative-Historical Sociology (Sociology 212B); Third World/Cultural Studies (Sociology 218T); Seminar on the Sociology of Development (Sociology 265); Climate Justice (Sociology 265CJ); Earth in Crisis (265EC); Women, Culture, and Development (Sociology 265W); Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar on Modern Latin America (Sociology 197H/294); Interdisciplinary Introduction to Latin American and Iberian Studies (LAIS 100); Interdisciplinary Approaches to the History and Societies of Latin America (LAIS 101); Freshman Seminar on Studying Revolutions (Interdisciplinary Studies 94); Freshman Seminar on Studying Revolutions (Interdisciplinary Studies 94); Freshman Seminar on Climate Justice (Interdisciplinary Studies 94); Introduction to Cultural Studies (College of Creative Studies General Studies 120).

1985-86 Teaching assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, in History of Sociological Thought.

1984 Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, in Development and Social Change in Latin America.

1980-81 Teaching assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara in: Social Movements, Social Psychology, Sociology of Mass Media, Introductory Sociology. Lectured and read in Sociological Theory.

Awards and Honors

2016 Teaching and Mentorship Award. The Environmental and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association.

2016 “Write to Change the World.” Workshop with the OpEd Project. University of California, Merced. April.

2015-16 “Climate Futures: This Changes Everything.” Critical Issues in America. Co-coordinator with Ken Hiltner. University of California, Santa Barbara. $25,000.

2014-15 International Symposium on “Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice” at the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Center. Co-coordinator with Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. Bellagio, Italy.

2013-14 UCSB Sustainability Champion Award. University of California, Santa Barbara.

2013 Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award. University of California, Santa Barbara.

2013 Deborah Gerner Innovative Teaching in International Studies Award. International Studies Association. San Francisco, April.

2007 Honorable Mention, Barrington Moore Prize for Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions (Cambridge University Press, 2005), given by the American Sociological Association’s Comparative and Historical Sociology Section. New York, August.

2007 Outstanding Book Award for Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions (Cambridge University Press, 2005), given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems’ Global Division. New York, August.

2006 Outstanding Book Award for Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions (Cambridge University Press, 2005), given by the American Sociological Association’s Section on the Political Economy of the World-System. Montreal, August.

2006 Outstanding Book Award for Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions (Cambridge University Press, 2005), given by the American Sociological Association’s Section on Marxist Sociology. Montreal, August.

2006 Finalist, Outstanding Book Award for Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions (Cambridge University Press, 2005), given by the American Sociological Association’s Section on Political Sociology. Montreal, August.

2006 Award for Distinguished Scholarship for Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions (Cambridge University Press, 2005), given by the Pacific Sociological Association. Los Angeles, April.

2003 Prize for best article, Culture section of the American Sociological Association, for “Political Cultures of Opposition: Exploring Idioms, Ideologies, and Revolutionary Agency in the Case of Nicaragua,” co-authored with Jean-Pierre Reed.

2000 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching (for work on the case method of teaching). Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, March.

1999-2000 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship. “The Origins of Third World Revolutions.”

1998 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research. University of California, Santa Barbara.

1995-96 Fellow of the Sawyer Seminar of the Advanced Study Center of the International Institute at the University of Michigan, on the theme of “Social Movement and Social Change in a Globalized World.”

1995 Award for Distinguished Scholarship for Fragile Resistance: Social Transformation in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution (Westview Press, 1993), given by the Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, April.

1994-95 Pew Faculty Fellowship for Teaching the Case Method in International Affairs. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

1994 Award for Distinguished Scholarship for Fragile Resistance: Social Transformation in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution (Westview Press, 1993), given by the Political Economy of the World-System section of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, August.

1992 World Society Foundation Fellowship. “Third World Social Revolutions.” Zurich, Switzerland. $23,000.

1990 Finalist, International Sociological Association Competition for Best Paper by a Young Sociologist. “Toward a Theory of Third World Social Revolutions: Iran, Nicaragua and El Salvador Compared.”

1989 Malcolm H. Kerr Award for best social science dissertation on the Middle East. Awarded by the Middle East Studies Association of North America.

Grants, Fellowships, Projects

2018-20 “The UC-CSU Climate Education Digital Platform and Knowledge Action Network: A Two-Year Plan to Scale Up Faculty Engagement and Climate Change Education Resources in Support of the Carbon Neutrality Initiative.” Faculty Coordinator. University of California Carbon Neutrality Initiative grant. $128,000.

2016-17 “Climate Knowledge-Action Network Beyond UC: Building a Climate Knowledge-Action Base for Teaching Carbon Neutrality, Sustainability and Climate Justice for K-12 and College-Level Education between the UC and CSU Systems.” Faculty coordinator. University of California Carbon Neutrality Initiative grant. $100,000.

2016-17 General Research Grant. “Climate Justice and Human Rights after the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.” With Richard Widick. University of California, Santa Barbara. $10,000.

2015-16 “Climate Futures: This Changes Everything.” With Ken Hiltner. Critical Issues in America grant. $25,000. <http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=11154>

2014-15 “Climate Justice Futures: Movements, Gender, and Media.” Crossroads: Integrating Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching in Graduate Education. Participants: Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Corrie Ellis, John Foran, Zack King, Chris Walker, Janet Walker.

2014-15 General Research Grant. “*Climate Justice* and *Not Yet the End of the World*: Two Research Documentaries on the Battle over the Next Global Climate Treaty.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $5,000.

2013-14 UCSB Sustainability Champion Award. University of California, Santa Barbara. $25,000. Another $18,000 was raised for the May 10, 2014 conference at UCSB: “Re-Imagining Climate Justice: At the Crossroads of Hope and Possibility.

2013-14 New Leaf Grant. Film making for Sociology 134EC: Earth in Crisis. University of California, Santa Barbara. $1,000.

2013-14 General Research Grant. “Not Yet the End of the World: Climate Justice Activism and Market Advocacy at the UN Climate Talks.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $8,200.

2012-13 General Research Grant. “The International Climate Wars: A Global Conflict between the Social Forces of Civil Society, the Corporate Economy, and Nation-States at the UN Climate Talks.” With Richard Widick. University of California, Santa Barbara. $3,600.

2011-12 Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (ISBER). “Earth in Crisis: The Emergence of New Political Cultures for Global Climate Justice.” With Richard Widick. Social Science Research Grant (SSRG). University of California, Santa Barbara. $3,000.

2011-12 Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (ISBER). “Global Climate Justice Movements: A Pilot Study.” Collaborative Research Initiation Grant (C-RIG). University of California, Santa Barbara. $1,500.

2011-12 Instructional Improvement Grant. “Sociological Research Traditions: An On-line Methods Training Tutorial.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $7,087.

2011-12 General Research Grant. “Earth in Crisis: The Emergence of New Political Cultures for Global Climate Justice.” With Richard Widick. University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,800.

2011-12 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Collaborative Research Grant. “Earth in Crisis: The Emergence of New Political Cultures for Global Climate Justice.” With Richard Widick. University of California, Santa Barbara. $1,600.

2010-11 General Research Grant. “Earth in Crisis: New Movements for a Just Climate Treaty.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $5,600.

2009-10 General Research Grant. ““The Rise and Fall of the Grenadian Revolution, 1979-1983: What Went Wrong?” University of California, Santa Barbara. $TBA.

2007-8 General Research Grant. “Understanding Revolutions: Their Origins, Processes, and Outcomes from the French Revolution to the Post-Cold War World.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $5,200.

2006-7 Instructional Improvement Grant. “Sociological Research Traditions: An On-Line Methods Training Tutorial.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $8,077.

2006-7 Teaching Enhancement Award. “Sociological Research Traditions: An On-Line Training Module.” American Sociological Association. $1,000.

2006 Instructional Development Min-Grant. “Sociological Research Traditions.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $680.

2005-6 General Research Grant. “Toward a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy and the Global Justice Movement.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $4,360.

2004-5 General Research Grant. “Toward a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy and the Global Justice Movement.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $9,400.

2003-4 Instructional Development Mini-Grant. “Digital Images for PowerPoint Lectures.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $1,000.

2003-4 General Research Grant. “The Origins of Revolution in the Third World: The End of a Project.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,500.

2003-4 Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research. “The Origins of Revolution in the Third World: The End of a Research Project.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $3,000.

2002-3 General Research Grant. “The Origins of Revolution in the Third World.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $3,500.

2002 Faculty Research Grant, summer. “The Comparative-Historical Origins of Third World Revolutions: The Case of China, 1989.” Smith College. $1,134.

2002 Faculty Research Grant, spring. “The Comparative-Historical Origins of Third World Revolutions: The Cases of Grenada and South Africa.” Smith College. $1,850.

2001-2 ASA Teaching Enhancement Fund Grant. “Teaching the Case Method of Learning.” American Sociological Association. $1,000.

2001 Faculty Research Grant, summer. “The Comparative-Historical Origins of Third World Revolutions: The Cases of Angola and Mozambique.” Smith College. $1,940.

2001 Faculty Research Grant, spring semester. “The Comparative-Historical Origins of Third World Revolutions: The Cases of Bolivia and Zimbabwe.” Smith College. $1,870.

2000-2001 Grants to fund a conference, “The Future of Revolutions in the Context of Globalization.” $15,000 from the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation; $5,000 from the American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline; and $5,000 from the Wenner-Gren Foundation on Anthropological Research.

2000-2001 Instructional Improvement Grant. “Teaching with the Case Method in Introduction to Sociology.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $8,000.

1999-2000 Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research. “The Comparative-Historical Origins of Third World Social Revolutions: Why a Few Succeed, Why Most Fail.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $4,000.

1999-2000 Teaching Grant. “Teaching Case Methods in International Affairs (with Faculty).” Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. University of California, San Diego. $10,000.

1999-2000 Instructional Improvement Grant. “Teaching International Topics with the Case Method across the Social Sciences.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $4,200.

1998-99 General Research Grant. “The Origins of Anti-Colonial and Reversed Revolutions.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,400.

1998-99 Teaching Assistant Departmental Training Grant for Latin American and Iberian Studies. Office of Instructional Development. University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,644.

1997-99 Chancellor’s Initiative Grant. To develop curriculum for Latin American and Iberian Studies. University of California, Santa Barbara. $8,200.

1997-98 Regents’ Humanities Faculty Fellowship. “The Cuban Revolution in Comparative Perspective.” University of California, Santa Barbara.

1997-98 General Research Grant. “The Cuban Revolution in Comparative Perspective.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,900.

1997-98 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Grant. “The Origins and Making of the Cuban Revolution.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,000.

1996-97 General Research Grant. “Re-thinking the Mexican Revolution.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,500.

1996-97 Teaching Grant. “Teaching Case Methods in International Affairs (with Graduate Students).” Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. University of California, San Diego. $7,250.

1996-97 TA Departmental Training Grant. “Case-Writing for Sociology Classes.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,098.

1996-97 Regents’ Humanities Faculty Fellowship. “Re-thinking the Mexican Revolution.” University of California, Santa Barbara.

1995-96 Instructional Improvement Grant. “Making the Third World Visible.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $4,880.

1995-96 General Research Grant. “Third World Movements for Revolutionary Change: Why Have Some Been Less Violent (and How Have They Fared)?” University of California, Santa Barbara. $3,000.

1994-95 Faculty Supervisor, Graduate Research Mentorship Program. “The Origins of Third World Social Revolutions.” With Jean-Pierre Rivera. University of California, Santa Barbara. $15,000.

1994-95 General Research Grant. “Theorizing Revolution: Disciplines, Approaches.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,000.

1994-95 Regents’ Humanities Faculty Fellowship. “Who Makes Revolutions, and Why? Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Middle East.” University of California, Santa Barbara.

1994 American Council of Learned Societies. Travel Grant to attend meetings of the International Sociological Association. Bielefeld, Germany. July 1994.

1993-94 World Society Foundation Grant. “Who Makes Revolutions, and Why? Class, Gender, and Ethnicity in the Mexican, Cuban, and Nicaraguan Revolutions.” Zurich, Switzerland. $20,000.

1993-94 General Research Grant. “Who Makes Revolutions, and Why? Class, Gender, and Ethnicity in the Mexican, Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Iranian Revolutions.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $4,042.

1993-94 Regents’ Junior Faculty Fellowship. “Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the Mexican, Cuban, and Nicaraguan Revolutions.” University of California, Santa Barbara.

1991-92 Two Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Research Grants. “Third World Social Revolutions.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,000 and $3,750.

1991 Regents’ Junior Faculty Fellowship. “Third World Social Revolutions.” University of California, Santa Barbara.

1990-93 Three General Research Grants. “Third World Social Revolutions.” University of California, Santa Barbara. $2,950, $1,850, and $500.

1990-91 Faculty Supervisor, Graduate Research Mentorship Program. “Third World Social Revolutions.” With Joan Weston, Magdalena Prado, and Veronica Villafan. University of California, Santa Barbara. $14,000.

1989-90 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Grant. Seminar on Modern Latin America. University of California, Santa Barbara. $1,500.

1989-90 Regents’ Junior Faculty Fellowship. “Social Structure and Social Change in Iran.” University of California, Santa Barbara.

1987-88 Research Apprenticeship. Institute of International Studies. University of California, Berkeley. Sponsor: Ira Lapidus.

1986-88 Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Berkeley.

1982-85 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Middle East Studies – Persian Language. University of California, Berkeley.

1978-79 University Fellowship. University of California, Santa Barbara.

1977-78 Amherst Exchange Fellowship to Paris. Amherst Memorial Fellowship.

1973-77 National Merit Scholarship.

Publications

Work in Progress

Book in research phase: *Creating a Field: Building Climate Justice Studies in Teaching and Research.*

“Climate Democracy.” Article with Ben Manski.

“Intersectional Ecosocialism.” Book chapter.

Manuscripts under Review

Books

*2015: Year Zero for Climate Justice*. Isla Vista: Eco Vista Climate Justice Press. 2020. <https://ecovistacommunity.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/2015-year-zero-for-climate-justice-john-foran.pdf>

*Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice.* Volume co-edited with Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. London: Zed Press. 2019.

2017: Days and Months of Climate Justice. Climate Justice Press. 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxLi8k2KLP3XbHlRSE9ZV0ZGRkhmZVdOSGRoVkpocGFSUWk4/view>

Feminist Futures: Re-imagining Women, Culture and Development. Volume co-edited with Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Priya A. Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. Second revised edition. London: Zed Press. 2016.

*The First Draft of History: Thirty-Four of the Best Pieces on the Paris Agreement at COP 21.* Compiled by John Foran. 2016.<http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Thirty-three-of-the-Best-Pieces-on-the-Paris-Agreement-at-COP-21.-John-Foran-January-4-2015.pdf>

*At the COP: Global Climate Justice Youth Speak Out*. Volume co-edited with Corrie Ellis and Summer Gray. 2014. <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/At-the-COP-Global-Climate-Justice-Youth-Speak-Out-Foran-Ellis-Gray-2014.pdf>

*What Now for Climate Justice: Social Movement Strategies for the Struggle over the Next Universal Climate Treaty*. Volume co-edited with Richard Widick. 2014. <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/What-Now-for-Climate-Justice-Dec-5-Adv-IICAT-2014.pdf>

*On the Edges of Development: Cultural Interventions*. Volume co-edited with Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. New York: Routledge. 2009.

*Revolution in the Making of the Modern World: Social Identities, Globalization, and Modernity*. Volume co-edited with David Lane and Andreja Zivkovic. London: Routledge. 2008.

Teaching Comparative-Historical Methods in Sociology. Compiled and edited by John Foran. Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association. 2007.

Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2005. <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Taking-Power-by-John-Foran-2005-Cambridge-University-Press.pdf>

Feminist Futures: Re-imagining Women, Culture and Development. Volume co-edited with Kum-Kum Bhavnani and Priya A. Kurian. London: Zed Press. 2003. Also published in New Delhi by Zubaan Press in 2006.

*The Future of Revolutions: Rethinking Radical Change in the Age of Globalization*. Edited volume. London: Zed Press. 2003.

Theorizing Revolutions. Edited volume. London: Routledge. 1997. Translated to Persian by Farhang Ershad as *Nezariye Pordazi-ye Inqilibha*. Tehran: Neshreny Publishers. 1382/2003. Translated to Romanian by Radu Pavel Gheo as *Teoretizarea revolutiilor*. Bucarest: Polirom. 2004.

A Century of Revolution: Social Movements in Iran. Edited volume. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994.

Fragile Resistance: Social Transformation in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution. Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford: Westview Press, 1993. Translated to Persian as Muqavamat-i Shikanandeh. Tehran: Mu’asisi-yi Khidmat-i Farhang-yi Rasa. 1377/1998. Second Persian translation, by Malihe Maghazei and Hossain Ali Nowzari, Muqavamat-i Shikanandeh: Tarikh-i Tahavolat-i Ijtima`i Iran. Tehran: Intisharat Naqsh-i Jahan. 2003. With a new foreword by John Foran. Also available on-line at: <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fragile-Resistance-by-John-Foran-1992-Westview-Press.pdf>

Major Articles and Chapters

“Transforming the University to Confront the Climate Crisis.”

Part One: “A Network Strategy of Providing Transformative Resources to Teacher-Activists of the Climate Crisis.” July 23, 2020. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-07-23/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-1/?mc_cid=b494548c08&mc_eid=6d8c24e1b3>

Part Two: “Eco Vista and the World in 2025:  Taking the Classroom into the Community.” July 31, 2020. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-07-31/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-2/>

Part Three: “Toward a Pluriverse of  Climate Justice Universities.” August 6, 2020. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-08-06/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-3/?mc_cid=412a202106&mc_eid=6d8c24e1b3>

“Eco Vista in the Quintuple Crisis.” Pp. 284-291 in *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements.* Volume 12. Issue 1 (July 2020). <https://www.interfacejournal.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Foran.pdf>

“The Future of Revolutions: Intersectional Global Climate Justice as Humanity’s Best Hope.” Pp. 526-539 in *The Routledge Handbook of Transformative Global Studies*. Edited by S. A. Hamed Hosseini, James Goodman, Sara C. Motta, Barry K. Gills. Routledge. 2020.

“Climate Futures: An Introduction.” With Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. Pp. 1-8 in *Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice.* Edited by Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. London: Zed Press, 2019*.*

“Sleepwalking is a Death Sentence for Humanity: Manifesto for a Sociology of the Climate Crisis and of Climate Justice.” Pp. 105-113 in *Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice.* Edited by Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. London: Zed Press, 2019. Also published at: <http://www.resilience.org/stories/2017-10-02/sleepwalking-is-a-death-sentence-for-humanity/>

“Frontlines, Intersections, and Creativity: The Growth of the North American Climate Justice Movement.” With Corrie Grosse and Brad Hornick. Pp. 222-231241-245 in *Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice.* Edited by Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. London: Zed Press, 2019.

“We’re doing something together that will reverberate down over time”: An Interview with Bill McKibben.” Pp. 222-231 in *Climate Futures: Re-imagining Global Climate Justice.* Edited by Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya Kurian, and Debashish Munshi. London: Zed Press, 2019.

“System Change Not Climate Change: Radical Social Transformation in the Twenty-First Century.” Pp. 399-425 in *Handbook on Social Movements, Revolution, and Social Transformation*. Edited by Berch Berberoglu. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan. 2019.

“This will Change Everything: Teaching the Climate Crisis.” With Summer Gray, Corrie Grosse, Theo LeQuesne. Pp. 126-147 in *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*. Special issue on *Teaching the Future*. Volume 28. Number 2. 2018.

“For True System Change, Not Climate Change, We Will Need a *New* Kind of Party/Movement.” Pp. 7-10 in *Green Horizon Magazine*: An International Journal Published by the Green Horizon Foundation. Number 36. Volume XV. Issue 1. Winter/Spring 2018.

“Finding Pathways to a Better Future*:* A proposal that our movements confront the issue of Political Power, finding new ways to take and use it*.”* *Radical Ecological Democracy.* December 16, 2017. <http://www.radicalecologicaldemocracy.org/finding-pathways-to-a-better-future/>

“Finding Pathways to a Better Future: Part 1, Where We Have Been.” *Resilience*. December 14, 2017. <http://www.resilience.org/stories/2017-12-14/finding-pathways-to-a-better-future/>

“Finding Pathways to a Better Future: Part 2, What We Might Try.” *Resilience*. December 18, 2017. <http://www.resilience.org/stories/2017-12-18/finding-pathways-to-a-better-future-part-2-what-we-might-try/>

“Not Yet the End of the World: Political Cultures of Opposition and Creation in the Global Youth Climate Justice Movement.” With Corrie Ellis and Summer Gray. Pp. 353-379 in *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements.* Volume 9. Issue 2. November/December 2017. <http://www.interfacejournal.net/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Interface-9-2-Foran-Gray-Grosse.pdf>

“Reimagining Radical Climate Justice.” Pp. 151-170 in Paul Wapner and Hilal Elver, editors. Re-Imagining Climate Change. New York: Routledge. 2016.

“Re-imagining Climate Justice: What the World Needs Now is Love, Hope … and You.” Pp. 426-432 in Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya A. Kurian, and Debashish Munshi, editors. Feminist Futures: Re-imagining Women, Culture and Development. Second edition. London: Zed Press. 2016.

“Preface to the Second Edition.” Pp. xx-xxvi in Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya A. Kurian, and Debashish Munshi, editors. Feminist Futures: Re-imagining Women, Culture and Development. Second edition. London: Zed Press. 2016.

“Postscript.” Pp. 433-438 in Kum-Kum Bhavnani, John Foran, Priya A. Kurian, and Debashish Munshi, editors. Feminist Futures: Re-imagining Women, Culture and Development. Second edition. London: Zed Press. 2016.

“Revolutions and Movements for Radical Social Change.” Forthcoming in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Eight volumes. Edited by George Ritzer. New York: Blackwell Publishing.

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“A Comparative Analysis of Chavismo to Zapatismo: Between Revolutionary ‘Common Sense’ and ‘The Limits of the Possible’ for Radical Social Change. International Studies Association. San Francisco, California. April 2008.

“New Political Cultures of Opposition: Revolutions Between Past and Future.” Invited lecture at UCLA. October 2007.

“New Political Cultures of Opposition: What Future for Revolutions?” American Sociological Association. New York, New York. August 2007.

“New Political Cultures of Opposition: What Future for Revolutions in the Age of Globalization?” Global Studies Association. Irvine, California. May 2007.

“Cultivating Optimism in the Classroom.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. April 2007.

“Teaching as a Revolutionary Act.” Pacific Sociological Association. Los Angeles, California. April 2006.

Foran, John and Joe Conti. “Towards a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy.” Conference on “Empire, Resistance, and the War in Iraq.” Austin, Texas. February 2006.

“Teaching Middle East Studies with Cases: An Interactive Approach to Learning about the Middle East.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 2005.

“Towards a Sociology of U.S. Foreign Policy.” With Joe Conti. 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology. Stockholm, Sweden. July 2005.

“Revolution and Globalization: From Chiapas to Seattle and Beyond.” Invited talk at a conference on “Revolution, Class, and Modernity.” King’s College, Cambridge University, U.K. April 2005.

“Confronting an Empire: An Analysis for the Global Justice Movement of the U.S.-made World Crisis.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. August 2004.

“Oil, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Global Justice.” Invited talk. UC Santa Barbara. April 2004.

“Sociology and the U.S.-made World Crisis.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. April 2004.

“Confronting an Empire: Sociology, the Global Justice Movement, and the U.S.-made World Crisis.” Invited lecture. UC Davis. February 2004.

“Sociology and the U.S.-made World Crisis.” Invited lecture. UC Santa Barbara (October 2003); Smith College (October 2003).

“Political Cultures of Opposition: Exploring Idioms, Ideologies, and Revolutionary Agency in the Case of Nicaragua.” International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Classes and Social Movements, Conference on “Social Movements at a Cross-Roads.” Tokyo, Japan. July 2003.

“Reversed Revolutions: Origins and Outcomes in Guatemala 1945-54, Bolivia 1952-64, Chile 1970-73, Jamaica 1972-80, Grenada 1979-83, and Nicaragua, 1979-90.” Latin American Studies Association. Dallas, Texas. March 2003.

“Love, Dreams, and Visions in Graciela Limon’s *Erased Faces* Graciela Limon’s *Erased Faces*Graciela Limon’s *Erased Faces*.” Invited presentation on an interdisciplinary panel. Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara. February 2003.

Venezuela, Latin America, and the Future of Revolutions“Venezuela, Latin America, and the Future of Revolutions.” Invited panel presentation. Organized by the student group Honor y Orgullo Latinoamericano, UC Santa Barbara. February 2003.

“What Future for Revolutions in the Age of Globalization?” Invited lecture. Department of Sociology, New York University. April 2002.

“The Future of Revolutions in an Age of Globalization.” Invited lecture. Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh. March 2002.

“How Might the Revolutions of the Future Have Better End(ing)s? Lessons from Latin America’s Past and Present.” Latin American Studies Association. Washington, D.C. September, 2001.

“Contentious Politics in the Middle East.” Invited paper. Conference/workshop on “Contentious Politics in the Developing World.” Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. October 2000.

“Marxism and the Future of Revolutions.” Marxism 2000 Conference. Amherst, Massachusetts. September 2000.

“Political Cultures of Opposition: Exploring Idioms, Ideologies, and Revolutionary Agency.” With Jean-Pierre Reed. American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C. August 2000.

“Magical Realism: How Might the Revolutions of the Future Have Better End(ing)s?” Thematic session paper/session co-organizer. American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C. August 2000.

“Comments on Revolution in the Post-Cold War Era: Reflections and Debates.” Discussant’s paper. International Studies Association. Los Angeles, California. March 2000.

“Studying Revolutions Through the Prism of Race, Gender, and Class: Notes Toward a Framework.” Invited lecture. University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. May 1999.

“Jeff Goodwin’s No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991.” Organizer and critic at Author Meets Critics panel. Latin American Studies Association. Chicago, Illinois. September 1998.

“Studying Revolutions through the Prism of Race, Gender, and Class: Notes toward a Framework.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. April 1998.

”The Fin-de-Siècle Revolution in Latin America: Predicting the Future from the Lessons of the Past.” Latin American Studies Association. Guadalajara, Mexico. April 1997.

“Perspectives on the Study of Race, Class, and Gender in Latin American Revolutions.” Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies. San Diego, California. February 1997.

Featured presentation at “Conference on The Globalization of Contentious Politics?” Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. Stanford University. October 1996. My paper was read for me in my absence.

“The Future of Revolution in a Globalized World.” Presented to the Sawyer Seminar of the International Institute at the University of Michigan. April 4, 1996. Also presented at the conference on “Globalization and Collective Action.” University of California, Santa Cruz. May 1996.

“Discourses and Social Forces: The Role of Culture and Cultural Studies in Understanding Revolutions.” Social Science History Association. Chicago, Illinois. November 1995.

“The Dialectic of Discourses and Social Forces: Re-Mapping the Iranian Revolution of 1977-79.” Islamic and Near Eastern Studies Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara. June 1995.

“Abbas Vali’s Pre-Capitalist Iran.” Author Meets Critics Session. Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA). Columbus, Ohio. April 1995.

“Who Makes Revolutions? Class, Gender, and Race in the Mexican, Cuban, and Nicaraguan Revolutions.” With Linda Klouzal and Jean-Pierre Rivera. International Sociological Association. Bielefeld, Germany. July 1994. Also presented at the Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. April 1995.

“The Comparative-Historical Sociology of Third World Social Revolutions: Why a Few Succeed, Why Most Fail.” International Sociological Association. Bielefeld, Germany. July 1994.

“A Century of Revolution: Historical, Theoretical, and Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements in Iran.” International Sociological Association. Bielefeld, Germany. July 1994.

“A Discussion of Fragile Resistance: Social Transformation in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution.” Author Meets Critics Session. Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA). Villanova, Pennsylvania. May 1994.

“Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the Making of the Mexican Revolution.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. Miami, Florida. August 1993. Also presented to the American Sociological Association. Miami, Florida. 1993.

“Los orígenes de las revoluciones sociales en el Tercer Mundo.” Presented at FLACSO (Latin American Faculty in the Social Sciences). Havana, Cuba. August 1993.

“Development, Democracy, and the New World Order: Problems and Prospects for the Middle East in the 1990s.” Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA). Los Angeles, California. April 1993. Also presented to the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Miami, Florida. August, 1993.

“The Causes of Latin American Social Revolutions: Searching for Patterns in Mexico, Cuba, and Nicaragua.” Latin American Studies Association. Los Angeles, California. September, 1992.

“Revolutionary Outcomes in Iran and Nicaragua. Coalition Fragmentation, War, and the Limits of Social Transformation.” With Jeff Goodwin. American Sociological Association. Cincinnati, Ohio. August, 1991.

”Dependency and Resistance in the Middle East: 1800-1925.” International Political Science Association. Buenos Aires, Argentina. July, 1991.

“A Theory of Third World Social Revolutions: Iran, Nicaragua and El Salvador Compared.” International Sociological Association. Madrid, Spain. July, 1990.

“The Long Fall of the Safavid Dynasty: Going Beyond the Standard Views.” Middle East Studies Association. Toronto, Canada. November, 1989.

“Theories of Revolution and the Case of Iran.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. August, 1989.

“The Strengths and Weaknesses of Iran’s "Populist Alliance": A Class Analysis of the Constitutional Revolution of 1905-1911.” Conference on "Bringing Class Back In: Historical and Contemporary Analyses." University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas. April, 1989.

“The Concept of Dependent Development as a Key to the Political Economy of Qajar Iran (1800-1925).” Middle East Studies Association. Los Angeles, California. November, 1988.

“A Historical-Sociological Framework for the Study of Long-Term Social Transformations in the Third World, with ‘Theses on Iran’.” International Sociological Association. New Delhi, India. August, 1986.

“The Modes of Production Approach to Seventeenth-Century Iran.” International Sociological Association. New Delhi, India. August, 1986.

“Modes of Production, European Impact and Social Change in the Pre-Capitalist Middle East and South Asia: A Comparative Survey of the Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal Empires from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Centuries.” Middle East Studies Association. San Francisco, California. December, 1984.

“Modes of Production, Social Bases of Development and Social Change in Early Islam, 600-950 A.D.” Social Science History Association. Washington, D.C. October, 1983.

“From Marx to Modes of Production: A Critical Review of Theories of Development and Social Change, with Suggestions for a Synthesis.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Jose, California. April, 1983.

“Reform, Rebellion, Revolution, Coup: Social Change in Late Qajar Iran.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, California. September, 1982.

“The Emergence of Socio-Economic Dependence in Late Qajar Iran: Background to the Constitutional Revolution of 1905-1911.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, California. April, 1982.

“Dependence on the West and Processes of Social Change in Nineteenth-Century Iran.” Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, Oregon. March, 1981.

**Other Professional Activities**

The International Institute for Climate Action Theory (<http://www.iicat.org/>). Co-founded By John Foran and Dr. Richard Widick in 2011, the International Institute of Climate Action Theory (iicat) is committed to advancing public knowledge of the relationships among the science of climate change, global civil society, the global governing institutions with which it struggles, and the ever-expanding world economic and culture systems. A special emphasis is put on presenting information and assessing the intertwined global crises of economic instability, militarism, poverty and inequality within and between nations, and the deadly advance of climate change, in particular, the warming of the planet.

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
ASA Marxist Section (Council Member 2001-4)  
Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (Board Member 1993-98)  
Latin American Studies Association  
Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies (Board Member 1996-98)  
Pacific Sociological Association  
Society for Iranian Studies  
The Sartre Society  
Green Party of Santa Barbara County (Council member, 2003-5)

Language Skills

French (fluent)  
Spanish (reading and speaking competence)  
Persian (reading competence)  
German (reading competence)

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