

Sarah Cheikhali

PhD

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

War and security studies | Society and Technology studies | Human Geography | Geopolitics, and Geo-economics | International Relations | International Law | International Political Economy

## EDUCATION

*University of Sussex (2013-2017):*

Master of Arts in International Relations [First Class with Distinction]. Focused on:  
Terror and Security Studies - The Politics of Terror - The Middle East in Modern Global Order - Political Theory  
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Development [with Honors]

*University of California Santa Cruz (2018 - 2023)*

PhD in Politics. Dissertation title: Drone Territories: On the Spatial Politics of Military and Humanitarian Drones

## PUBLICATIONS

Cheikhali, S., Higazy, I., Howard, M., McLaughlin, H., Segura, G., Sparke, M., Vitale, L. (2024). *Alternative Archives: Researching Politics with Chunks of Reality*. Accepted and forthcoming in [Politics](#). DOI 10.1177/02633957241292492

Cheikhali, S. (2023). The spatial antecedents for drone governance in Afghanistan. *Human Geography*, 16(2), 117-129.

Cheikhali, S. (2023). The spatial politics of military and humanitarian governance by drone. *Dissertation*.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Cheikhali, S. (April 2021). “Biomedical Delivery Drones: Problematizing the Hype,” Presented with a panel titled “Globalization, Global Health, and Human In-Security in the Time of Covid” at the International Studies Association in April, ISA 2021.

Cheikhali, S. (September 2021) “The Geo-economics of Drone Space,” to be presented with a panel titled “New approaches to Necropolitics amidst Covid-19” at the International Studies Association in September, ISAWest 2021.

## WORKING PAPERS

From High-Footprint to Low-Footprint Intervention in US Warfare Strategy: What Changed?  
(Submitted Journal Article)

Making Space for Drones in Ghana (*Submitted Journal Article*)

## **GUEST LECTURES**

On Political Theorists: Hannah Arendt for Dr. Daifallah's *Political Theory: Modernity and its Discontents*. Winter 2020, UCSC.

## **AWARDS**

Highest Ranking Master's Research Dissertation in the University of Sussex (2017). Titled: The Transformation of War and the Hyperreality of the Human Bomb

## **TEACHING**

*Lecturer At the University of Santa Clara (2022-2023)*

- POLI 125: International Law
- POLI 125: International Law (asynchronous summer online course)
- POLI 1: Introduction to US Politics
- POLI 99: Intro to Poli Research / Qualitative Methods

*TA At the University of California, Santa Cruz (2018 – 2022t)*

- POLI 116: Comparative Law (recurring)  
with Professor Jackie Gehring
- POLI 17: US and the World Economy  
With Professor Matthew Sparke
- POLI 160B: International Law (recurring)  
With Professor Mark F. Massoud
- POLI 105C: Contemporary Political Theory: Modernity and its Discontents  
With Professor Yasmeen Daifallah
- LGST 10: Introduction to Legal Studies (recurring)  
With Professor Jackie Gehring
- POLI 70: Global Politics  
With Professor Shawn Nichols
- POLI 60: Comparative Politics  
With Professor Roger Schoenman