

SAMAR FARAGE

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Teaching Professor, *Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University* (2017-present)

Senior Lecturer, *Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University* (1996- 2017)

Director/Coordinator of Oakland Table Lecture Series and Conference (*Oakland City Hall, Sept–Oct 2000 and May 2001*), **Oakland, California**.

Lecturer: *Department of philosophy, Bucknell University* (1995-1996)

Teaching Fellow, *Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University* (1993-1996)

Coordinator, *Summer Intensive Language program: Arabic, Penn State University* (1988-92)

EDUCATION

1993 Pennsylvania State University

■ **Ph.D/Political Science**

- *Major: Political Philosophy*
- *Minors: Philosophy and Comparative Literature*

1984 University of Wisconsin

■ **M.A/Political Science**

- *Major: Comparative Politics*

1981-82 Universite de la Sorbonne, Paris, France

- *DEA at the Institut du Developement Economique et Social*

1981 American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

■ **B.A/Public Administration**

- *Minor: International Relations*

COURSES AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY & BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY*

Sociology

- *Social Theory; Media and Society; Political Sociology; Complex Organizations; Social Stratification; Women Approaching the 21st century*, Social Change; Sociology of Time.*
- *Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems; Sociology of Work*

Politics

- *Foundations of American Political Theory; Comparative Communist*

Systems

- *Introduction to Political Theory; Political Ideologies; Introduction to Comparative Politics*

Philosophy

- *The Western Mind: Introduction to Humanities*
- *Philosophy of Love**

Comparative Literature

Arabic Language and Culture: Levels 1 through 4

TEACHING EVALUATIONS

Consistently ranked across all courses in the top 10th percentile in course and instructor categories.

Recipient of Non-Tenure Line Teaching Award Spring 2011.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Publications

Farage Samar, "Swiped Right into the System" *Conspiratio*, Fall 2023

Farage Samar and S. Samuel "A Pedestrian Thinker" *the International Journal for Illich Studies*, vol 6,1, 2018.

Farage, Samar, "La Musica del Polso" in *Percorsi Di Guarigione*, eds (Arrigo Chieregatti). Hermatena Edizione 2014

Farage Samar, "Conversations around a table," in (ed) Corrine Kumar, *Asking, we walk: the south as a new political imaginary*, Streelekha Publications, 2007.

Farage Samar , "A Flame in the Dark" *International Journal of Illich Studies*, 3, 10.

Farage, Samar , "Richard Sennett" *Encyclopedia of Ethics, Science, Technology and Engineering*, 2011

Farage, Samar " Zygmunt Bauman", *Encyclopedia of Ethics, Science, Technology and Engineering*, 2011.

Farage , Samar , "Before the Biomedical Paradigm" in *Muslim Medical Ethics*, eds. Jonathan Brockopp and Thomas Eich, University of S.Carolina Press, 2008.

Farage Samar and S. Samuel, "Against Rationality, for Reason" *La Mirada Invertida: Essays in Honor of Jean Robert*, Ed. S. Marcos, Chamilpa, 2007

Farage, Samar " Female Genital Mutilations" in *The Vulva*, eds. M. Farage and H. Maibech, Informa Health care, 2006.

"Galenism" *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology and Ethics*, Carl Mitcham, ed. January 2005.

"Conversazione Atorno alla Tavola," in Ivan Illich :Le Paci dei Popoli, Altra Pagina, Milan 2005. pp.2-19

"Conversazione" in Lo Straniero, Rome, vol..8, n.45, March 2004.

Bourdieu, Pierre. "Rethinking the State: Genesis and Structure of the Bureaucratic Field," Farage, Samar and Loiq Waqant (trans.). Sociological Theory 12,1(1994).

"Postmodernity and Terrorism" in Basque Violence, ed. by Andoni Alonso, Madrid, Spain, forthcoming

Study Guide for Comparative Politics, Department of Independent Learning, Pennsylvania State University, 1997.

Study Guide for International Relations, Department of Independent Learning, Pennsylvania State University, 1997.

Conferences & Talks

" From Tools to Sysystems in the thought of Ivan Illich" Weisbaden Germany, Stiftung, June 17-20, 2025

" Social media addiction and Effects" presented at the Canelo Project in Tuscon , Arizona March 2023.

"From Tools to Systems" presented at the Ivan Illich annual meeting in Perugia , Italy June 2022.

"Old Age and Medieval Medicine" presented at the Scuola della Pace, Lucca June 2018.

" On Prognosis: An excursus into the Galenic Concept of Prognosis" in Statistical Prediction and Decision-Making, Univeristy of Oldenberg, Germany, March 4-6, 2014

"Terrorism in the Postmodern Era" Politics and Religion, Pescia, Italy, March, 2014

" Digital Technologies and Democracy", Union for Democratic Communication Annual Conference, San Francisco, Nov 1-1, 2013.

" Illich's Concept of Friendship", Celebration of Illich's Memory, Penn State dept, Dept of education, Penn State Univeristy, Dec 2, 2012.

" No to Bioethics: a Reflection on Ivan Illich's Thought" *Rethinking Basic Ilichian Concepts*" Conference in Pescia Italy June8-14 , 2011.

Chairperson: Panel on "Scientific Models in Comparative Perspectives" in *Finding Animals: An interdisciplinary Conference*, Penn State University, Ap30-May1, 2009

"From the Ethics of the Physician to Bioethics" presented during the 2nd

International Conference on Sociology at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, May 12-15, 2008.

"El Pulso y La Etica Medica" International Conference "*Conviviality in the Age of Systems*", La Salle University, Cuernavaca, Mexico, Nov 30-Dec2, 2007.

"Medical Ethics and the Pulse (or Pulse Diagnosis) in the Galenic-Islamic Medieval Tradition" *Islam and Bioethics*, Penn State University, March 22-25, 2006

"Osservazioni sul Contrasto Fra Nozioni Scientifici e Commune Sentire", *Ripensando Il Vernacolare*, Lucca, Italy, March 2-9, 2006

Seminar on "Galenic Medicine", *University of Hanover*, Dept of Sociology, June 2005.

"The Musical Proportions of the Pulse" *Ivan Illich Conference*, Penn State University, Nov 2004.

"L'arte del Vivere e la Sua Moderna Mistificazione", *Nel Solco di Ivan Illich*, Lucca, Italy, July 2004

"The Global media" *Teach-In on Globalization*, Penn State University, April 2004

Conversazione Atorno della Tavola" "*Le Paci dei Popoli*", Lucca, Italy, June 2003.

"Implications of the Global media" presented at the *Lebanese- American University*, Beirut, Lebanon, (June 2003)

Seminar : " Galenic and Islamic Medicine" *Carisbo Foundation*, Bologna, Italy, Oct. 2002.

"History of the Pulse in Galenic Medicine" Presented at the annual meeting of *The International Society for the History of Medicine*" Istanbul, Turkey, Sept 2002.

Seminar: "On the relation between philosophy and medicine in antiquity and Medieval Islam," *University of Bremen*, November 2001.

Seminar: "On the Pulse in Antiquity and the Middle Ages," *University of Bremen*, November-December 2000.

"History of Hospitality in the Islamic East" *Oakland Lecture Series*, Nov.2000

Seminar: "Proportionality in Ancient Medicine", *Oakland Lecture Series*, May 2001.

"Radical Democracy in the US: Historical impediments," presented at the *Solidarity Conference*, Penn State University, March 2000.

Seminar: "A commentary on Galens' Hygiene," *University of Bremen*, November -December 1999

"Postmodern Terrorism" presented at the *Annual American Sociological Association*- San Francisco (August 1998)

"Multiculturalism: The Role of Ideology in the Classroom," *Pennsylvania State University Teaching Colloquia Series*, Department of Sociology, (1995)

" Transgressions of Power" presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association*" (March.1994)

"Power and the Sacred," presented at the *Northeastern Political Science Association* (Nov. 1992).

"Literature and Politics" Panel Discussant, *American Political Science Review* (1990).

"Blanchot and Heidegger," presented at the *Penn State Phenomenology Conference* (1987)

"Nietzsche through the Eyes of George Bataille," presented at the *Penn State Phenomenology Summer Institute* (1986).

"Foucault's Archaeology of Power," presented at the *Penn State Conference on Michel Foucault* (1985).

Work in Progress

Manuscript: Digital Technologies and Democracy

Manuscript: The Concept of Hygiene in Medieval Galenic Medicine

Manuscript in collaboration with S. Samuel: Student Debt: Eating our Young

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Marshall Commencement spring 2019 Sociology

Co- editor of the Ivan Illich book series with Penn State Press.

Active Member of Committee for Early modern Studies Penn state 2017 -present

Faculty Marshall, Commencement spring 2015 Sociology

Member of Teaching Forum Committee, Sociology Dept,
Penn State (2010-

Active Member of Society for the Study of Religion, History
Dept, 2007-

Member of Rock Ethics committee on "Ethics of Climate
change" 2009

Member of "Visualising Animals" interdisciplinary group at
the Institute of Arts and Humanities, 2008-2011

Member of the sociology dept Undergraduate committee
(2020-2023)

Advisor for Sociology Club

AWARDS & GRANTS RECEIVED

*Research Grant, Cassa Di Risparmio, Bologna (affiliated with the University of
Bologna) (2002)*

Interdisciplinary Fellowship in the Humanities at Penn State (1986-1988).

Grant for Program in Phenomenology in Perugia, Italy (1985).

Full Scholarship (AID Program) at American University of Beirut (1982).

LANGUAGES

Fluent: *English, French and Arabic.*

Intermediate: *Spanish and Italian*
