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Education:

PhD (Philosophy of Science) University of London (University College), 1995, Dissertation: *An Argument in Defence of Scientific Realism*

M.Sc. (Philosophy of Science) University of London (Chelsea/King's College), 1985

M.A. (Philosophy) University of Tehran, 1980

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Islamic Philosophy; Advanced Studies in the Islamic Philosophy under the personal tutorship of well-known traditional masters such as Ayatollah Murtada Motahari, and Ayatollah Dr. Haeri. (1975-1982)

Current Academic Positions

Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Islamic College London

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Senior Advisor, Institute for Work Based Learning, Middlesex University, London

Previous Academic Positions Held:

(2008 - Present) Professor, Islamic College for Advanced Studies (London - UK)

(2008 - Present) Visiting Professor, Azad University (Tehran - Iran)

(2014- Present) Senior Advisor, Institute for Work Based Learning, Middlesex University, London

(2014-Present) Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy of Science, Tarbiyat Moddares University, Iran

(2011-2016) Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Westminster (UK)

(2005- 2011) Visiting Professor, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster (UK)

(2000- 2005) Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster (UK)

(2008 -) Professor, Department of Futures Studies, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP) (Temporarily Suspended)

(2004- 2008) Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Futures Studies, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP)

(2002-2004) Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Science and Society, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP) (Tehran – Iran)

(2006 - 2008) Visiting Professor, Sharif University of Technology (Tehran - Iran)

(1995 – 2000) Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Tehran

(28 August – 7 September 2007) Co-course Leader, Summer School, postgraduate seminars on *Transition, Islam and Democracy*, the Tenth International Summer School for Democracy, Belgrade.

(20-26 August 2004) Course Leader, postgraduate seminars on *Freedom, Democracy and Social Justice*, Alpbach Forum, Austria.

(2003-2004) Visiting Professor, Tarbiyat Modares University (Tehran - Iran)

(2000 -2001) Visiting Professor, Tarbiyat Modares University (Tehran - Iran)

(1995- 1996) Visiting Professor, University of Allameh Tabatabaee (Tehran - Iran)

(1994) Teaching Assistant, University College London, Department of History, Philosophy and Communication of Science (London – UK)

(1988) Instructor, the Muslim Institute (London)

(1979 - 1983) Researcher, the Research and Educational Planning Bureau (Department of Education)

(1977 - 1979) Researcher, Department of Physics, Iranian Open University (Teheran)

(1976 - 1977) Research Engineer, Faratel Electronics Co. (Teheran)

(1975 - 1976) Assistant Supervisor, Electronic Laboratory, Sharif University of Technology (Tehran)

(1974 - 1975) Teaching Assistant, Sharif University of Technology (Tehran)

Teaching

Islamic College: Postgraduate courses in Comparative Epistemology, Ethics, Methods and Perspectives in Islamic Studies, Western Philosophy; Undergraduate courses in Western Philosophy, Muslim Social and Political Thought.

University of Westminster: Postgraduate courses in Islam & Democracy; Islam & Modernity; Human Sciences; Undergraduate course in Islam & Politics in the Middle East.

Azad University: PhD Courses in Philosophy of Social Sciences

Sharif University of Technology: PhD Courses in Philosophical, Sociological and Ethical Aspects of Sciences & Technology Policy.

Tarbiyat Modares University: Postgraduate courses in Western Philosophy, Philosophy of Science

Amir Kabir University: Postgraduate courses in Western Philosophy

Allameh Tabatabaee University: Postgraduate courses in Modern Western Philosophy

University of Tehran: Postgraduate courses in Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology; Undergraduate courses in History of Philosophy, Ethics.

Research and Publications: Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Reviews (in English, Persian)

A. Forthcoming

“Doctrinal Certainty: A Major Contributory Factor to ‘Secular’ and ‘Religious’ Violence in the Political Sphere” in *Political Violence beyond the Secular / Religious Divide*, edited by: M. Mojahedi, Edinburgh University Press, 2017.

“How to Promote ‘Modern Critical Thinking’ in the Context of Islamic Studies in Virtual Environment?” in *E-Learning and Islamic Studies: An International Conference*, edited by Morteza Rezaee, London: ICAS Press, 2107.

“On the impossibility of ‘Islamic Sciences’”, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, Vol, 47, 2017.

“A Critical Assessment of Foresight Methodologies”, *Futures*, 2017.

“What and How Can We Learn from the Quran: A Critical Rationalist Perspective”, *Islamic Studies*, 53, no. 3, 2014. This paper is due to be published in 2017 however its publication date is backdated due to the Journal’s being behind its usual calendar.

“A Popperian (Critical Rationalist) Approach to Religion”, in *Karl Popper and the Problem of Change*, edited by Halil Rahman Acar, Ankara: Research Institute for Philosophical Foundations of Disciplines, 2017.

Review of *What is Islam: The Importance of Being Islamic*, by Shehab Ahmed, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016, *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies*, Volume, VIII, No. 2, 2017.

Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Theology*, edited by Sabine Schmidtke, OUP, 2016, *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies*, Volume, VIII, No. 3, 2017.

Review of Mohammad Baqir Al-Sadr, *The Logical Foundations of Induction*, Translated by Talib Janabi, London: University Press of London, 2016.

Review of Peter Adamson, *Philosophy in the Islamic World* (Volume three of *A History of Philosophy without any Gaps*), Oxford: OUP, 2016.

B. Published

“How to Improve the Efficiency of Human Sciences?”, *Journal of Methodology of Human Sciences*, Vol. 21, Number 84, 2016.

“A Critical Assessment of the Programme of ‘Islamic Science’ and ‘Islamisation of Science/Knowledge’, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 2015, Vol. 29, No. 3, 311–335. (This paper was published in summer 2016 however its publication date is backdated due to the Journal’s being behind its usual calendar.)

“Social, Economic, Political, and Intellectual Changes in Iran since 1960s” (Paya, et.al.) in, *Handbook of Wellbeing and Quality of Life in the Islamic World*, edited by: Richard Estes & Habib Tiliouine, Springer, 2016.

“Faqih as Engineer: A Critical Assessment of the Epistemological Status of Fiqh”, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 33 (1), 2016, pp. 25-51.

“Transdisciplinary Approach: A Critical Appraisal from an ‘Islamic Perspective’”, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, Vol, 32, No. 1, 2015, pp. 23-48.

Review of ‘*East and West: Allama Jafari on Bertrand Russell*, by Seyed Javad Miri, University Press of America, Inc. 2013’, *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 65, 2015.

“Abdolkarim Soroush: A Hesitant Rationalist,” *Ishraq: Islamic Philosophy Yearbook*, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, No: 6, 2015, pp. 264-272.

“Islamic Philosophy: Past, present, and Future”, *Philosophical Traditions*, Royal Institute of Philosophy, 2014, pp. 265-321.

“Acquiring Knowledge with a Critical Mind”, *Islam Today*, September/October 2014 Issue 23, Vol. 2, pp. 16 – 19.

“Scepticism and the Problem of Acquiring Genuine Knowledge: Ghazali and Popper”, in *The Misty Land of Ideas and the Light of Dialogue: An Anthology of Comparative Philosophy-Western & Islamic*, edited by, Ali Paya, ICAS Press, 2013.

“Is ‘Islamic Human Sciences’ Possible?”, *Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. 1. No. 1. 2013.

“Muslims and Modernity: After Two and a Half Centuries What Have We Learnt? A Meta-Study of the Main Lessons of an Eventful Encounter”, *Islam and Civilisational Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 4, 2013, pp. 548-561.

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“Islamic Democracy: A Valid Concept or an Oxymoron?”, in *Iraq, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World*, edited by Ali Paya & John Esposito, London & New York: Routledge, 2011.

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“Islamic Civil Society” in *The Islamic Philosophy Yearbook “Ishraq”* edited by Janis Eshots, published by the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2011.

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“The Reception of Kant and his Philosophy in Iran” (with Malekeh Shahi), *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 4, 2009.

“A philosophical assessment of the implications of the issue of human dignity for medical researches”, *Journal of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine*, 2008; 1:5, pp. 27-44.

“The Developments of the Philosophy of Science from the Beginning to the Present: A cursory Overview”, *Iranian Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, Vol.1, No.2, 2008.

“The notion of 'Fotowwat' [altruistic magnanimity] in the Persian Athletic Sports”, in Martina Ghosh-Schellhorn, Roland Marti (Eds.) *Jouer selon les règles du jeu - Playing by the Rules of the Game - Spielen nach den Spielregeln*, Reihe: Transcultural Anglophone Studies 2008.

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“Critical Shi‘ites”, *The CSD Bulletin*, Vol. 11/2- Vol. 12/1, winter 2004-5.

“Dialogue among Civilisations: The Theoretical Framework and an Actual Manifestation of an Idea,” in *Dialogue Among Civilisations: Collection of Essays in Honour of President Mohammad Khatami*, Tehran: Winter 2004-2005.

“For Scientific Realism and Against Constructive Empiricism,” *Science & Metaphysics: Dr. Yusuf Ali-Abadi Festschrift*, Tehran: Iranian Academy of Philosophy, 2004.

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"What is this thing called Islamic ethics: Review of *Ethical Theories in Islam*, Majid Fakhry [1991]" *The Muslim News*, August 1994, p.7.

"Critical Review of *Islam and Modernism*, by V.Martin, Tauris & Co., London, *Crescent International*, January 1992.

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Science in Crisis: A Third World Response, Third World Network Publications, Penang, 1988.

Journal papers and Book Chapters in Languages other than Persian or English

Arabic

* “Al-Tawado al-Ma‘refi; Ṭariq al-Ḥal al-Falsafi li-Moḥārebata al-‘unf”, *Isra’ News*,

<http://www.esranews.net/AR/News/118968/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B6%D8%B9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%B1%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%9B%20%D8%B7%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%82%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D9%84%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A%20%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AD%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A8%D8%A9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%86%D9%81>

* “Al-Tawado al-Ma‘refi;), *al-Rasid al-Tanwiri*, Vol. 8, No. 31, Spring. 2016.

“Ala al-Unf al-Siasi, Al-Islam al-Siasi, wa Dor al-Moḥaqaḥfin” (On Political Violence, Political Islam, and the Role of Intellectuals), *al-Rasid al-Tanwiri*, Vol. 6, No. 24, Fall 2014, pp. 24-29.

“Fi Ma‘ni Al-Vasf Al-Dini Li-Al-Demoqratiyah” (On the Meaning of the Notion of Islamic Democracy” in *Al-Demoqratiyah Fi Balad Muslim (Democracy in Muslim Countries)* edited by, Towfiq Al-Saif, Qatif: Atyaf Publisher and Distributor, 2007.

“Al-Deimoqratiyah Al-Islamiyah: Mafhoom Salim am Moltabas?” (Islamic Democracy: A Valid Concept or an Oxymoron?) *Al-Kalemeh (The Word)*, Vol. 13, Sequential No. 52, Summer 2006.

German

“Die Gestalt der kommenden globalen Zivilgesellschaft: Vorschlä für eine mögliche islamische Perspektive”, *Polylog: Zeitschrift Für Interkulturelles Philosophieren*, 18, 2007, pp. 27-45.

"Die Zeitgenossische Entwicklung des Philosophischen im Iran", *Fadscher*, Vol 11., 1994.

Books (including authored books, edited anthologies & translations) Published and Forthcoming

Islam, Modernity and Critical Rationalism: Themes from a New Millennium, London & New York: Routledge, 2017 (Forthcoming).

Prospects for Iran’s Cultural Development until 2020 (with a number of researchers), Expediency Council 2017 (Forthcoming).

An Intelligent Person Guide to Critical Rationalism, 2017 (Forthcoming).

Muslim Intellectuals in Iran: A Critical Assessment, 2017 (Forthcoming).

Methods and Perspectives in Islamic Sciences, London: ICAS Press, 2017 (Forthcoming).

A Persian Translation of "A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Science, John Losee, Oxford University Press, 3rd English edition, 1998," Tehran: Samt University Press, 9th expanded Persian edition (translator & co-author with Jalal Besharati), 2016 (Forthcoming).

- Ethics*, ICAS Press, 2016 (Forthcoming).
- Comparative Epistemology*, London: ICAS Press, 2016 (Forthcoming).
- Western Philosophy*, London: ICAS Press, 2016 (Forthcoming).
- Analytic Philosophy from the Perspective of Critical rationalism*, Tehran: Tarh-e Naqd Publications, 2016.
- Habermas and Iranian Intellectuals* (with Mohammad Amin Ghaneirad), Tehran: Tarh-e Naqd, 2016.
- Critical Analysis of the Underdevelopment of Social and Human Sciences in Iran* (with H. Ebrahimabadi & B. Arvin), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Studies, 2015.
- A Survey of Some of the Futures Studies Exercises in Different Countries: Themes from the West and the East* (editor), Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy, 2015.
- The Misty Land of Ideas and the Light of Dialogue: An Anthology of Comparative Philosophy-Western & Islamic*, edited by, Ali Paya, London: ICAS Press, 2014, second edition.
- Iraq, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World*, edited by Ali Paya & John Esposito, London & New York: Routledge, 2012.
- Socio-Ethical Consequences of Convergent Technologies* (with R. Kalantarinezhad), Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy, Summer 2011.
- Technology, Culture and Ethics*, Tehran: Pazhoheshgah-e Farhang, Honar va Ertebatat-e Islami (Institute for Culture, Art and Islamic Relations), 2009.
- University, Scientific Thinking, Innovation, and the Public Sphere*, Tehran: Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, 2005.
- Cultural Studies in the Light of Futures Studies*, edited by Ali Paya and Hossein Raghfar, Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy & Institute for Management and Planning Studies, 2005.
- Epistemology and Methodology of Futures Studies*, Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy & Institute for Management and Planning Studies, 2005.
- Modern Technologies and Culture*, Tehran: Institute of Culture and Technology, 2005.
- Analytic Philosophy: Problems and Prospects*, Tarh-e Nou, Tehran, 2003. (Winner of the Book of the Year Prize (Iran, 2004)
- Think-Tanks: An Engine for Growth in the Twenty-first Century*, Tehran: Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, 2004.
- A Persian Translation of "*Kant*, Roger Scruton, Oxford University Press," Tehran, Tarh-e Nou, 1996. Second edition 2003.
- Dialogue in the Real World: Quixotic Pursuit or Sine Qua Non?*, International Centre for Dialogue Among Civilizations in collaboration with Tarh-e Nou, Tehran, 2002.
- A Persian Translation of "*The Lesson of this Century*, Karl Popper, Routledge, 1998," Tehran,

Tarh-e Nou, 1998.

A Persian Translation of "A *Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, John Losee, Oxford University Press, 3rd English edition, 1998," Tehran: Samt University Press, 7th Persian edition, 1998; First Persian edition from second English edition, Oxford University Press, 1980, published by *Markaz-e Nashr-e Daneshgahi* (The Iranian University Press), 1982.

Philosophy: A Text for College Students, Tehran, Ministry of Education (The Organisation for Producing Primary and Secondary School Text Books), 1981.

History of the World in the Twentieth Century: A Text Book for the Sixth-Formers, Tehran, Ministry of Education (The Organisation for Producing Primary and Secondary School Text Books), 1981.

Paper Presentations at Professional Conferences and Workshops

“A Critical Assessment of Allameh Tabatabaee’s Methodological Approach and methods of interpretation in his *Magnum Opus, Tafsir al-Mizan* from a Critical Rationalist Point of View”, Paper to be presented at the *Third International Conference on Shi’i Studies*, London 6-7 May 2017.

“Justice and Ethics as Totipotent Emergent Properties: A Critical Rationalist Perspective”, Paper to be presented at the *International Conference on Justice and Ethics (ICJECA)*, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Faculty of Theology, Mashhad, Iran – April 15-16, 2017.

“The Epistemic Status of Fiqh and Sharia Law”, paper to be presented at the British Association for Islamic Studies, 11th to 13th of April 2017, University of Chester, UK.

“Introducing Critical Rationalism to the Iranian Public: An Account of a Personal Intellectual Journey”, paper to be presented at the panel on Comparative Philosophy in Iran, at Iranian Studies Conference, 2-5 August 2016 (Vienna).

“A Critical Comparative Assessment of Allameh Tabatabaee’s Theory of *E’tebariyyat*, David Lewis’s Conventions and John Searle’s Construction of Social Reality”, paper to be presented at the 2nd International Conference on Shi’a Studies, 7-8 May, 2016, London.

“Islamic Studies in the Light of Futures Studies: A Critical assessment”, paper presented at a Seminar at the Islamic College, 19 April 2016.

“A Critical Rationalist Approach to Religion”, paper to be presented at Al-Mahdi Institute, Birmingham, 18 April 2016.

“The Disenchantment of Reason: An Anti-rational Trend in Modern Shi’i Thought-*Tafkiki*” paper to be presented at the Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies, 14th to 16th March 2016.

“A Popperian (Critical Rationalist) Approach to Religion”, paper presented at the International Symposium on Karl Popper and the Problem of Change, Ankara, 18-22 September 2015.

“Critical Rationalism vs Doctrinal Dogmatism and Violent Radicalism: Muslim Intellectuals in Iran”, paper presented at the XXIth International Associations of History of Religions World Congress, Erfurt, Germany, 22-29 August 2015.

“A Critical Assessment of Foresight Methodologies”, paper presented at the International Conference on Foresight 22-25 June 2015, Athens, Greece

“Doctrinal Certainty: A Major Contributory Factor to ‘Secular’ and ‘Religious’ Violence in the Political Sphere”, Presented at the Conference on “Political Violence beyond the Secular / Religious Divide”, University of Leiden, 19 September 2014.

“How can a Popperian methodology shed light on the debates concerning the Islamization of science/knowledge?” Paper presented to the *Symposium on Karl Popper and the Open Society*, at Lebanon Valley College at Annville, Pennsylvania, 16-18 September 2014.

“On the Strengths and Weaknesses of Engineering”, paper presented at the National Conference on *Culture & Technology: Cultural Reflections on Rapid Industrialisation*, Tehran, Sharif University, 10-12 May 2014.

“Faqih as Engineer: A Critical Assessment of the Epistemological Status of Fiqh”, Al-Mahdi Institute, Birmingham, 19 December 2013.

“Islamic Philosophy: Past, present, and Future”, Paper presented at the Royal Society of Philosophy’s Series on *Philosophical Traditions*, London: 1 March 2013.

“Muslims and Modernity: After Two and a Half Centuries What Have We Learnt? A Meta-Study of the Main Lessons of an Eventful Encounter”, Paper presented at the Aga Khan University, London, 26 September 2012.

“The Misguided Conception of Objectivity in Humanities and Social Sciences”, paper presented at the international conference on *The Crisis of the Human Sciences False Objectivity and the Decline of Creativity*, Gulf University for Science & Technology Publications, March 6-8, 2011.

“Futures Studies in Iran: Learning through Trial and Error” paper presented at *World Future 2009: Innovation and Creativity in a Complex World*, Chicago, Illinois, July 17-19, 2009.

“How indigenous are ‘indigenous sciences’? The Case of ‘Islamic Sciences’”, paper presented at the international conference on *Asia-Europe Dialogue and the Making of Modern Science*, Singapore, 7-8 May, 2009.

“Liberal Democracy vs. Religious Democracy: Symbiotic Reciprocity or Mutual Exclusivity?” paper presented at the conference on *Iranian Theocracy & Democracy: Convergence or Contradiction*, Centre for the Iranian Studies, Durham University, 10 December 2008.

“The Discourse of Muslim Intellectuals in Iran: A Progressive Research Programme”, paper presented at the conference on *Islamism, Democracy and Arab Intellectuals: The Missing Dimension in Democracy Promotion*, Two-Day Conference Organised Jointly by the Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, London, 4-5 December 2008.

“Civil Society in Islam”, keynote speech presented on the occasion of Yaum Ali at the Ismaili Centre in London, 25 June 2008.

“Futures Studies and the Future of Values”, paper presented at the Faculty of Entrepreneurship, University of Tehran, 13 May 2008.

“Critical Observations Concerning Technology Development”, Paper presented at the Conference on *Technology Development*, Sharif University, Tehran, 21 January, 2008.

“Futures Studies and Shaping the Future: Reflection on Futures Studies Activities in Iran”, Paper presented at the conference: *Iran 1400*, University of Tehran, 26-27 November 2007.

“A Critical Assessment of the Role of Approaches Based on Futures Studies/Foresight in Modern Strategic Thinking”, Paper presented at the Second International Conference on Strategic Management, Tehran, 13-14 November 2007.

Transition, Islam and Democracy, the Tenth International Summer School for Democracy, 28th August – 7th September 2007.

“The Relations between Iran and the West after September 11”, Panel Discussion: Islam and Democracy after September 11, The National Library of Serbia and the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence in collaboration with the Anglo-Serbian Society, Monday, August 27, 2007.

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