

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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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

B.Sc. (Electronics) Sharif University of Technology, 1976

Islamic Philosophy; Advanced Studies in the Islamic Philosophy under the personal  
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### **Current Academic Positions**

Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Islamic College (affiliated with Middlesex  
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Adjunct Professor, Department of Theoretical Studies in Science, Technology and  
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Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy of Science, Azad University (Institute for  
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### **Previous Academic Positions Held:**

(2008 - Present) Professor, Islamic College for Advanced Studies (affiliated with  
Middlesex University), (UK)

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

(2012 - 2018) Visiting Professor, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

(2014 - 2017) Senior Advisor, Institute for Work-Based Learning, Middlesex University, London

(2014 - 2015) 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)

(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, Muslim Social and Political Thought, Islam and Modernity, Islam and Modern Politics.

Aga Khan University (including Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations): Modern Islamic Thought, Approaches to the Study of Muslim Culture, Muslim Responses to Modernity and Postmodern Theories.

University of Westminster: Postgraduate courses in Islam & Democracy; Islam & Modernity; Human Sciences; an 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.

Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations: A Postgraduate course entitled, "Muslim Responses to Modernity and Postmodern Theories"

## **Research and Publications (1): Books (including authored books, edited anthologies & translations in English & Persian) Published and Forthcoming**

## A. Forthcoming

*Ethics, Epistemology, and Religion: Further Themes from a Critical Rationalist Reading of Islam*, London & New York: Routledge, 2021.

*Methods, Methodologies and Perspectives in the Humanities and Social Sciences (With Particular Reference to Islamic Studies): A Critical Rationalist Perspective*, London: ICAS Press, 2021.

*Analytic Philosophy: Problems and Perspectives*, A second, revised and enlarged edition, Tehran: Tarh-e Nou, 2021. The first edition of this book had been awarded the Book of the Year Prize in 2004.

## B. Published

*Science, Society and Development: Essays on the Public Understanding of Science (Tarvij-e Ilm dar Hiteh-ye Umumi)*, Tehran, National Institute for Science Policy, 2021.

*Religious Science, Indigenous Science, and Islamic Science: Thinking the Impossible or Thinking Ahead of Time: An Anthology of Ideological Projects of Knowledge Production, Plus Two Critical Assessment of the Views of Two Iranian Thinkers on Science*, Tehran: University Press Centre, 2021.

A new enlarged, annotated edition of Mortada Motahhari, *Understanding the Islamic Sciences*, with a new introduction, London ICAs Press, 2019.

*Andishe Mostaqbal* (Thinking about the Future: Essays Concerning Futures Studies), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Research, 2018.

*Islam, Modernity and a New Millennium: Themes from a Critical Rationalist Reading of Islam*, London & New York: Routledge, 2018 & 2019. This book was awarded on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 by the Iranian Embassy in London as one of the three best scholarly books on Iran and Islam published in 2017-early 2018.

*Rah va Rasm-e Manzel-ha* (Tools of the Trade: Essays on, and from the viewpoint of, Human Sciences), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Research, 2018.

*Greh Goshaee Be Shiveh-ye Philosophan va Mohandesan* (Problem-solving in Accordance with the Approaches of Philosophers and Engineers: Essays Concerning Science, Technology and Science Policy), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Research, 2017.

A Persian Translation of "A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Science, John Losee, Oxford University Press, 3rd English edition, 2001," Tehran: Samt University Press, 9<sup>th</sup> expanded Persian edition (translator & co-author with Jalal Besharati), 2017.

- 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.
- A Critical Pathology 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.
- Western Philosophy*, UK Islamic College for Advanced Studies (Affiliated with Middlesex University), 2009, (was Available on-line for the College's Postgraduate Distance Learning Programme until 2015).
- Comparative Epistemology* (Textbook), UK Islamic College for Advanced Studies (Affiliated with Middlesex University), 2009, (was Available on-line for the College's Postgraduate Distance Learning Programme until 2015).
- 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 *The Myth of the Framework: In Defence of Rationality and Science*, Karl Popper, Routledge, 1994," Tehran, Tarh-e Nou, 2004.

Chief editor, supervising the Persian translation of Manuel Castells *Trilogy: The Information Society* (The Rise of the Network *Society* (1996), The Power of Identity (1997), and End of Millennium (1998) OUP), Tehran: Tarh-e No, 2003.

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, 4th English edition, 2001, Tehran: Samt University Press, 4th Persian edition, 2017 (with a completely new chapter added by the author with the assistance of Jalal Besharati); 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.

## **Research and Publications (2): Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Reviews (in English & Persian)**

### **A. Forthcoming**

"Tusi's Nasirean Ethics vs. Soroush's Ethics of Gods: A Critical and Comparative Assessment," chapter to be published in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Islamic Ethics*, edited by Jafar Mahallati, 2021, (forthcoming).

"'Islamization of Knowledge': A Utopian Dream or a Viable Project? A Critique of the Views of Two Prominent Iranian Proponents of the 'Islamization Project'", *European Journal for Philosophy of Sciences*, 2021, (forthcoming).

"A Short Note on the Relationship Between Facts and Values", *Ethics*, 2021, (forthcoming).

“The Epistemic Status of Fiqh: Replies to Some Objections and Criticisms”, *Journal of Shii Studies Review* (JSSR), 2021, (forthcoming).

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Parts III & IV)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* (JSIS) 2021.

Review of *What is Islam: The Importance of Being Islamic*, by Shehab Ahmed, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*. 2021.

Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Theology*, edited by Sabine Schmidtke, OUP, 2016, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*. 2021.

Review of Peter Adamson, *Philosophy in the Islamic World* (Volume three of *A History of Philosophy without any Gaps*), Oxford: OUP, 2016, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*. 2021.

## **B. Published**

The Persian translation of “Shariati’s Unfinished Project,” *Siasat-Nameh*, No. 15, pp. 129-142, 2021.

“The Effect of Sin on Scientific Knowledge: a case study of Stephen Moroney’s approach from a critical rationalist point of view” (paper jointly written by Homa Yazdani and Lutfullah Nabavi), *Philosophy of Science* (Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies), 2020, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp, 203-223.

The Persian translation of “What and How Can We Learn from the Quran: A Critical Rationalist Perspective,” *Bharestan* (Journal of the Iranian Academy of Science), 7, Autumn 2020.

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Part II)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* (JSIS), Summer 2017 Volume X, Number 4 (Joint Paper with Dr Isa Jahangir). N.B. the above issue is the latest issue of the JSIS which due to the Journal’s backlog will be published in January 2020.

“Nihilism and the Information Technology”, *Fasl Nameh Pazhohesh-haye Falsafi va Kalami* (A Quarterly Journal of Philosophical and Theological Investigations) Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri), 2020.

“Fiqh as a Technology: Implications and Consequence”, (Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri), *Falsafeh Tahlili (Analytic Philosophy)*, 2020.

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Part 1)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Summer 2017 Volume X, Number 3 (Joint Paper with Dr Isa Jahangir). N.B. the above issue is the latest issue of the JSIS which due to the Journal’s backlog has been published in October 2019.



“Science and Technology: Differences, Interactions, and Implications”, *Falsafeh-ye Ilm (Philosophy of Science)*, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 105-134, 2019 (Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri).

“Philosophical Relationship between Science & Technology”, *Ravesh-Shenasi-ye Ulum-e Ensani (The Methodology of Human Sciences)*, Vol. 25, Consecutive number, 99, pp. 19-33, 2019 (Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri).

“Justice and Ethics as Totipotent Emergent Properties: A Critical Rationalist Perspective” in the *Proceedings of the Annual International Conference on Shi‘i Studies*, Vol. 4, 2019, London: ICAS Press.

“Technology: Rationality and Criticizability vs. Justificationism”, (joint paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri and Ms. Sediqa Qayumi) *Zehn (Mind)* (Iranian Institute of Islamic Culture and Research), 2019.

“The Role of Intellectuals in the Public Sphere” (joint paper with Hossein Paya), *Iran* (Newspaper) 2019.

“The Status of University in the Iranian Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Critical Reflections on the New Functions of not a Very New technology”, in *The Philosophy of University*, edited by Reza Mahoozi, Tehran: Institute of Cultural and Social Studies, 2019.

“Replies to the Questions Concerning *Habermas and the Iranian Intellectuals*”, *Qlam-Yaran: A Cultural-Social Monthly*, November 2018, No. 14.

“A Brief, though Critical, Assessment of Iran’s First Science and Technology Roadmap”, *Rhayaft*, No. 71, Autumn 2018.

“Critical Rationalism as a Theoretical Framework for Futures Studies and Foresight”, *Futures*, no. 96, 2018, pp. 104-114.

“Science and Technology: Differences, Interactions, and Consequences” (joint paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri), *Philosophy of Science* (Iranian Institute of Human Sciences and Cultural Studies), No.2, Vol. 8, Fall 2018, pp. 105-134.

“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”, in *Proceedings of the Annual International Conference on Shi‘i Studies*, Vol. 3, 2017, London: ICAS Press, 2018.

“*Fotowwat* (Altruistic Magnanimity), *Javānmardī* (Chivalry) and *Pahlevānī* (Ethical Heroism) in the Iranian-Shi‘i Thought”, *Ishraq: Islamic Philosophy Yearbook*, The Russian Academy of Science, No. 8, 2017, pp. 373-379.

“Religious Intellectuals and a Desired Model of Governance” (joint paper with Hossein Paya), *Zeitoon*, 11 November 2017, <https://zeitoons.com/57289>

“Further Replies to Critics Concerning the Epistemic Status of Fiqh”, “*Sadra*, A

*Specialist Quarterly for Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 7, Autumn 2017.

“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.

“The Epistemic Status of Fiqh”, *International Journal of Islam*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 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.

“If Shariati Was Among Us Today” (co-authored with Hossein Paya), *Azadi-ye Andishe*, No. 4, Summer 2017.

Persian translation of “Transdisciplinary Approach: A Critical Appraisal from an ‘Islamic Perspective’”, in *Farhangestn-e Ulum*, the Journal of the Iranian Academy of Science, No. 61, Spring 2017.

“Muslim Philosophies: A Critical Overview”, *Synthesis Philosophica*, 62 (2) 279-294, January 2016.

“Fiqh and Engineering: Replies to Some Critiques”, *Sadra, A Specialist Quarterly for Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 6, No. 20, Winter 2016, pp. 224-244.

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

“The Disenchantment of Reason: An Anti-rational Trend in Modern Shi‘i Thought-Tafkikis”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Volume IX, Issue 4, 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. 4, 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.)

“Some Critical Observations Concerning the Epistemological Status of Fiqh”, *Sadra: A Specialist Quarterly for Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 5, No. 17, Spring 2016, pp. 172-177.

“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. A Persian translation of this paper has appeared in the *Iranian Journal of Knowledge Studies in the Islamic University*, No. 63, Summer 2015, pp. 173-198.

“Transdisciplinary Approach: A Critical Appraisal from an ‘Islamic Perspective’”, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, Vol, 32, No. 1, 2015, pp. 23-48. A Persian translation of this paper has appeared in *Nameh Farhangestan Ulum (The Journal of the Iranian Academy of Sciences)*, New Series, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 87-120.

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.

“What and How Can We Learn from the Quran: A Critical Rationalist Perspective”, *Islamic Studies*, 53, no. 3, 2014, pp. 175-200.

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

“The Irresolvable Contradictions of the Projects of Islamisation of Social Sciences and Humanities” in Prof. Gholamreza Awwani’s *estschrift*, Tehran: Academy of Philosophy.

“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: Ghazzali 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.

“Imam Ali’s theory of Justice Revisited”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. VI, No. 1, 2013, pp. 5-30.

“Is Innovation Rule-based?” *Journal of Science & Technology Policy*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2013, pp. 79-102.

“How indigenous are ‘indigenous sciences’? The Case of ‘Islamic Sciences’”, in *Asia, Europe, and the Emergence of Modern Science: Knowledge Crossing Boundaries*, edited by Aron Bala, Palgrave, 2012, pp. 147-166.

“Religious Technology: Nature and Possibility”, *Journal of Methodology of Social Sciences and Humanities*, vol. 18, no. 73, pp. 7-51.

Review of *Michelangelo’s Finger: An Exploration of Everyday Transcendence* by Raymond Tallis, 2010. London: Atlantic Books, in *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2012, pp. 236-238.

“Two Unorthodox Methods for Popularising Science”, *Journal for Popularising Science*, Vol. 1, No. 1. 2012, pp. 8-16.

Review of *Islam, Modernity, and the Human Sciences*, By Ali Zaidi (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011), *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies* Volume 23, Issue 3, May 2012, pp. 403-406.

“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.

“Introduction”, *Iraq, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World*, edited by Ali Paya & John Esposito, London & New York: Routledge, 2011.

“The Shape of the Coming Global Civil Society: Suggestions for a Possible Islamic Perspective” in *The Islamic Philosophy Yearbook “Ishraq”* edited by Janis Esots, published by the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2011, No. 2, pp. 290-305. Another version of the paper was published in ZNAKOVI VREMENA •SARAJEVO •JESEN 2016 -PROLJEĆE 2017 •GODINA XIX-XX •DVOBROJ 74/75 [SIGNS OF THE TIME • Sarajevo • Winter 2016 - Spring 2017 • Vol. XIX-XX • No. 74-75], pp. 99-117.

“The Misguided Conception of Objectivity in Humanities and Social Sciences”, in *The Crisis of the Human Sciences False Objectivity and the Decline of Creativity*, Edited by Thorsten Botz-Bornstein, Kuwait: Gulf University for Science & Technology Publications, 2011, (In Electronic Format), pp. 151-184.

Review of *Resistance: The Essence of the Islamic Revolution* by Alastair Crooke, 2009, Pluto Press, in *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 3, 2011, pp. 341-344.

Review of *Science and Islam: A History* by Ehsan Masood, BBC Publications, 2009, in the *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 2, 2011, pp. 231-233.

“Futures Studies in Iran: Learning through Trial and Error” (With H. Shoraka), *Futures*, Volume 42, Issue 5, June 2010, Pages 484-495.

“The Reception of Kant and his Philosophy in Iran” (with Malekeh Shahi), *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2010, pp. 25-40.

“How best to make sense of Science,” *Hekmat va Falsafeh*, Vol 4, No. 2, 2008, pp. 81-109.

“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 and 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.

“Is Globalization a Dialogue Among Civilizations?” in *Religious Thought*, Vol. 20, Spring 2008.

*Textbook: Comparative Epistemology (Islamic and Western Perspectives)*, UK Islamic College for Advanced Studies (Affiliated to Middlesex University), April 2008, (Available on-line for the College’s Postgraduate Distance Learning Programme).

*Textbook: Methods and Perspectives in Social Sciences and Islamic studies*, UK Islamic College for Advanced Studies (Affiliated to Middlesex University), August 2008, (Available online for the College’s Postgraduate Distance Learning Programme).

“Jonathan Dancy’s Particularism: A Critical Assessment”, *The International Journal of Humanities*, Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 127 – 155, 2008.

“Public Understanding of Science: A Philosophical Appraisal,” *Journal of Science Policy*, Vol. 1, No.1, 2008.

"A Potent Weapon in the Battle for Hearts and Minds?" Review of *Education in the Muslim World: different perspectives*, by Rosarii Griffin (Ed), Oxford: Symposium Books, 2006, *Higher Education Review*, Vol. 40, No. 3, Summer, 2008.

“Hesitant Rationalism”, *The CSD Bulletin*, Vol. 15, No. 1, Winter 2007-2008.

“In Defence of Universal Moral Principles and Values”, *Proceedings of the International Conference on Muslim World in Transition*, Leeds: Leeds Metropolitan University Press, 2007, pp. 473-493.

“Iran’s Tryst with Democracy,” *Seminar* (Special Issue on *Experiments with Democracy*), edited by Peter de Sousa, No. 576, August 2007.

“Habermas and Iranian Intellectuals,” (with Mohammad Ghaneirad), *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 3, 2007.

“A Critical Assessment of Dancy’s Particularist Approach to Ethics,” *Dr Jahangiri’s Festschrift*, Tehran: Hermes Publications, 2007.

“Critical Rationalism and Situational Logic: An Effective Approach to the Philosophy of Education”, *Educational Innovation Quarterly*, 2007.

“The Philosopher and the Revolutionary State: How Karl Popper’s Ideas Shaped the Views of Iranian Intellectuals,” Ali Paya and Mohammad Ghanei-rad, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, Vol. 20, No. 2, July 2006, pp. pp. 185 – 213.

“Quantum Physics: A Case for Anti-Realism?” *Hekmat va Falsafeh (Wisdom and*

*Philosophy*), the Academic Journal of Philosophy Department, Allameh Tabatabaee University, Vol. 2, No. 2. July 2006.

“Secular Democracy – Theologizing Politics”, *Learning for Democracy*, Vol. 2, No.3, 2006.

“Popper in Iran,” in *Karl Popper: A Centenary Assessment*, edited by Ian Jarvie, Karl Milford, David Miller, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006.

“Recent Developments in Shi'i Thought” in *Islamic Democratic Discourse: Theory, Debates, and Philosophical Perspectives* ed. by M.A. Muqtedar Khan, New York and Oxford: Lexington Books, 2006, pp.123-148.

“What Does Dialogue Entail: The Broad Perspectives,” *Proceedings of the International Conference on Environment, Peace and the Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultures*, UNESCO Publications, 2005.

“Bazargan: A Paradigm for Religious Intellectuals,” in *Bazargan: The Pure Way: Proceedings of the Conference in Commemoration of Mahdi Bazrgan*, Tehran: Kavir Publications, 2005.

“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.

Review of *Intellectuals and the State in Iran: Politics, Discourse, and Dilemma of Authenticity*, by Negin Nabavi, Gainsville: University Press of California, 2003, published in *Journal of Islamic Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 3. Sep. 2004.

“Civil Society in Iran: Past, Present and the Future,” in *Exploring Civil Society: Political and Cultural Contexts*, Edited by Marlies Glasius, David Lewis and Hakan Seckinelgin, London: Routledge, September 2004.

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“Promotion of Science in the Public Sphere: Obstacles and Difficulties”, Paper presented at the International Workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Tehran, 17-19 June 2019.

Paper presented at the “Meet the Author” meeting at the Islamic College in London on 8 March 2018 the occasion of the launch of my book *Islam, Modernity and a New Millennium*, London & New York Routledge, 2018.

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“A Critical Assessment of Different Interpretations of Imam Hossein’s Uprising”, in Union of Islamic Student Association in Europe, London, 4 February 2017.

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

“The Disenchantment of Reason: An Anti-rational Trend in Modern Shi‘i Thought-*Tafkikis*”, paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Shi‘a Studies, 7-8 May 2016, London.

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“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.

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*Modern Science*, Singapore, 7-8 May 2009.

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“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.

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"The Relevance of Iqbal's Thought for Contemporary Islam", Paper presented at the International Conference on *Islamic Ideas and Ideals*, University of London (Institute of Education), 21-22 August 1989.

### **Supervision of PhD Theses and Master Dissertations**

Until 2018, supervision of more than 20 successful PhD Theses and about 100 successful MA Dissertations.

### **Membership of Journals' Editorial and Advisory Boards**

*Science and Technology Policy*  
*The Journal of Dialogue Studies*  
*Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*  
*Falsafeh-ye Tahlili (Analytic Philosophy)*  
*Philosophical Investigations*  
*Rahyaft*  
*International Journal of Islam (IJI)*  
*Falsafeh-ye Ilm (Philosophy of Science)*  
*Ravesh-Shenasi-ye Ulum-e Ensani (The Methodology of Human Sciences)*  
*Journal of Islamic Research*

### **Journals Referee**

*Foresight*  
*Journal of Law and Religion*  
*Asian Journal of Social Science*  
*Research in Political Sciences*  
*Political Studies*  
*Science and Technology Policy*  
*Rahyaft*  
*Falsafeh-ye Ilm (Philosophy of Science)*  
*Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*  
*Ravesh-Shenasi-ye Ulum-e Ensani (The Methodology of Human Sciences)*  
*Journal of Research and Planning in Higher Education*  
*Hekmat va Falsafeh*  
*Policy & Politics*  
*Futures*  
*Journal of the Iranian Association of Political Sciences*  
*Islamic Studies*  
*Journal of Islamic Research*

### **Projects**



“Shi‘a Muslims in the UK: A Critical Account of the Contributions of Shi‘a Muslims to the Religious, Cultural, Academic, Social, Political and Economic Life in the UK Since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century”, The Islamic College (London), 2018-2020.

“Implications of an Effective Philosophical Approach to Technology”, Iran National Science Foundation (Project No. 95842765), 2018-2020.

“A Critical Exploration of the Notion of Innovation and its Optimal Application to the Scientific, Technological, Cultural, Political, Economic and Social Development in Iran”, National Research Institute for Science Policy, 2020.

Making Human Sciences Applicable to Real Life Issue: Possibilities and Threats, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, 2020.

Reviewer of the project of “Developing Curriculum and Educational Content for Research Ethics,” Iranian Research Institute for Information Science and Technology, 2020.

Reviewer of the project of “Guidelines for Writing Lay Summary in the Field of Water Management Research,” Iranian Research Institute for Information Science and Technology, 2020.

“Cultural Development in Iran until 2025: A Prospective Research”, *The Expediency Council*, 2009-2011

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“Human and Social Sciences in Iran: A Critical Pathology”, *Institute for Cultural and Social Studies*, 2008-2009.

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“Critical assessment of some of the Major International Foresight and Futures Studies Projects”, *National Research Institute for Science Policy*, 2006-2007.

“Democracy in Iran”, *Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster*, 2006.

“Karl Popper and Culture”, *Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance*, 2005-2006.

“Pamfa 1404: A Pilot Project for a National Technology Foresight”, *National Research Institute for Science Policy*, 2005-2006

“Emerging Technologies and Culture”, *Institute for Culture, Art, and Communication*, 2006.

“Think-tanks: The Engines for Growth”, *Institute for Cultural and Social Studies*, 2005.

**Affiliation to Academic Societies**

Iranian Academy of Philosophy

International Institute for Dialogue Among Religions

Iranian Society for the Advancement of Science

Iranian Society for the Social Sciences

Transcultura - Institut International pour une Connaissance Réciproque des Civilisations  
(France)

Dialogue Society (UK)

British Association of Islamic Studies

Advanced Higher Education (Previously: Higher Education Academy)