

# **Dr. Daryoush Mohammad Poor**

## **Academic Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Education**

- Ph.D. Political and Social Studies, University of Westminster (London), 2012. (Dissertation on Ismaili Imamate and contemporary institutions)
- M.A. International Relations & Contemporary Political Theory, University of Westminster, 2004. (Awarded on a full IIS scholarship)
- Special Certificate in International Relations, University of Westminster, 2003.
- Associate Degree in Mathematics, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (Iran), 1998.
- PGCAP (Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice), King's College London, 2017 – earned Fellowship of the UK Higher Education Academy.

### **Academic Positions and Roles**

- Visiting Faculty, Department of Educational Development, Aga Khan University (2025-present)
- Interim Head, Constituency Studies Unit, Institute of Ismaili Studies (2024–present).
- Associate Professor, Department of Academic Research, The Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS), London (2023–present).
- Series Editor, Ismaili Heritage Series, IIS (2020–present).
- Director, Short Course on Islam, IIS (2017–present).
- Senior Research Associate (2017–2023) and Research Associate (2012–2017), IIS.
- Lecturer, Department of Graduate Studies, IIS (2010–present).
- Editorial Researcher, IIS (2009–2012).
- Translator & Editor, IIS (2005–2009).

### **Publications**

#### *Books and Translations:*

- *Nurturing the Seed of Hope: A Green Strategy for Liberation* (H&S Media, 2012) – Translator and Editor.
- *Authority without Territory: The Ismaili Imamate and the Aga Khan Development Network* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) – Author.
- Persian translation of Rebecca MacKinnon's *Consent of the Networked* (2014).
- *The First Aga Khan: Memoirs of the 46th Ismaili Imam* (I.B. Tauris/IIS, 2018) – Co-Editor and Translator.
- *Command and Creation: A Shi'i Cosmological Treatise* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2021) – Author/Translator.
- *A Philosophical Treatise on Muslim Politics* (Springer, 2022) – Translator.

- Muḥammad al-Shahrastānī's *al-Milal wa al-Nihal* – Translator and editor (forthcoming).

#### *Articles and Book Chapters:*

- “Secular/Religious Myths of Violence: The Case of Nizārī Ismailis”, *Studia Islamica* 114(1), 2019.
- “Extra-Ismaili Sources and a Shift of Paradigm”, in *Intellectual Interactions in the Islamic World* (2019).
- “Nurturing Critical Thinking”, in *Education and Extremisms* (2018).
- “Changes in Iran since the 1960s”, in *Social Progress in Islamic Countries* (2016).
- “Imām ‘Alī and Walāya”, *Encyclopaedia Islamica*, vol. 3 (2011).
- “Nizari Ismailis: History, Geography, and Beliefs,” *Illinois Geographer*, Fall-Spring (2023), Vol. 1-2.

*Persian Poetry: Ḥasan-i Maḥmūd-i Kātib*, in *An Anthology of Ismaili Literature* (2008).

#### *Encyclopædia Contributions:*

- Multiple translations and articles in *Encyclopaedia Islamica* (Vols. 1–4).

### **Conferences and Academic Engagements**

- Convened *Nizari Ismailis and Spiritual Resurrection* (2025, Aga Khan Centre, London).
- Convened *Ismaili Studies Conference: The State of the Field* (2022, Aga Khan Centre, London).
- Presented at MESA, AIS, ASPS, WOCMES, ECIS and more on themes of Ismaili history, *ta’wīl*, and Fatimid texts (full list of presented papers available upon request)
- Chaired panels at Iranian Studies conferences (2012–2014), MESA, and various IIS seminars and workshops.
- Invited Speaker at “Shia Islam and Ismaili Studies” Lecture Series; title *Ismaili Cosmology: Nature and Religion*, INALCO, Paris, 13 January 2025.
- Invited Speaker at *Institute of Oriental Manuscripts*, title: *Ismailis and Sufis before the Mongol Invasion*, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2019.
- Invited Speaker at *Democracy in Action: Roles of Elected Officials and Running for Office*, (16 May 2021), in a panel with Mayor Naheed Nensi, Minister Rajan Sawhney and MP Arif Virani

### **Interviews and Media Engagements**

- Interview with Dr. Farhad Daftary (2025) on Assassins – *The Origins: Assassins Beyond the Legend* Episode 1 of IIS Video Series (English and Persian).
- Ismaili TV, Bâ Ham Interview with Dr. Farhad Daftary (2023): *A Lasting Legacy* (Persian).

- Ismaili TV, Interview with Prof. Mohammad Ali Amir-Moezzi (2023) on *Esoteric Shi'i Islam* (Persian).
- Ismaili TV, Author interviews and talks for *Authority without Territory, Command and Creation*, and others.
- Frequent expert commentary on BBC Persian on Iranian politics (2008–2025).
- Various contributions as expert speaker in BBC Pargar (2008-present)

## **Professional Service and Affiliations**

- Advisory Board Member, *Encyclopædia Iranica* (2025–present).
- Visiting Faculty, Aga Khan University, Department of Educational Development, Karachi (2025–2027).
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Religious Minorities under Muslim Rule*.
- Member, Aga Khan Education Board UK (2015–2019).
- Fellow, Higher Education Academy (UK).