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Education

King's College London (2015-2017)

Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP), Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

University of Westminster – London (2007-2012)

PhD, Political and Social Studies (2012)

University of Westminster – London (2003-2004)

MA, International Relations and Contemporary Political Theory

University of Westminster – London (2003)

Special Certificate in International Relations

Ferdowsy University of Mashhad – Iran (1993-1998)

Associate Degree, Mathematics

Awards and Scholarships

Full scholarship for MA (2003-2004) and PhD (2007-2012) studies at the University of Westminster by the Institute of Ismaili Studies

Current Research

Ismaili studies, | Ismaili Philosophy | Shi'i studies | Contemporary politics of Iran | Persian poetry | Sufism | Contemporary Muslim Politics | Intellectual History of Muslims

Courses taught

Imam 'Alī's Life and Legacy | Imam 'Alī's Ethics of Governance | Ismaili Philosophy | Modern Ismailism, Aga Khan Development Network | Intellectual Traditions | Articulations of Authority and Leadership among Muslims

Work Experience

Series Editor, Ismaili Heritage, Institute of Ismaili Studies (2020-present)

Senior Research Associate, Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS) (2017-present)

Director, *Short Course on Islam*, Institute of Ismaili Studies (2017-present)

Research Associate, Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS) (2012-2017)

Lecturer, Department of Graduate Studies (DGS), Institute of Ismaili Studies (2010-present)

Academic Advisor and Research Supervisor (2012-present)

Editorial Researcher, Institute of Ismaili Studies (2009-2012)

Translator and Editor, Institute of Ismaili Studies (2005-2009)

Committee Work

- Academic Director, *Foundation Course on Islam*, Institute of Ismaili Studies (2017-present)
- Member of the Academic Review Committee for the Curriculum of the International Training Programme (ITP) at the Institute of Ismaili Studies (2012-Present)
- Member of the Academic Committee of the Alumni Research Grant (IIS) (2014-Present)
- Course Convenor: Pre-sessionals on Ismaili and Sufi Texts (2014-2015)
- Member; Aga Khan Education Board in the UK (July 2015-July 2019)

Membership in Academic Associations

- Middle Eastern Studies Association
- Association for Iranian Studies

Guest Lecturer

- Ismailis in Modern Times (DGS)
- Ethics, Law and Society (DGS)
- History of the Islamic World (DGS)

Publications

A. Books

- *Nurturing the Seed of Hope: A Green Strategy for Liberation* (2012), introduction and translation of Mir Hossein Mousavi's Statements (London: H&S Media)
- *Authority without Territory: The Ismaili Imamate and the Aga Khan Development Network* (2014), (New York: Palgrave Macmillan)
- Persian translation of *Consent of the Networked: The Worldwide Struggle for Internet Freedom* by Rebecca MacKinnon (Tavanaa: E-Collaborative for Civic Education, 2014)

- Persian translation of *Islam and Human rights: Tradition and Politics* by Anne Elizabeth Mayer (Tavanaa: E-Collaborative for Civic Education, 2015)
- Persian translation of *Inventing Human Rights: A History* by Lynn Hunt (Tavanaa: E-Collaborative for Civic Education, 2016)
- Aga Khan I. *The First Aga Khan: memoirs of the 46th Ismaili Imam*. Edited and translated by Daniel Beben and Daryoush Mohammad Poor (2018). London: I.B. Tauris.
- Shahrastānī Muḥammad Ibn-‘Abd-al-Karīm, and Daryoush Mohammad Poor. *Command and creation a Shi'i cosmological treatise: a Persian edition and English translation of Muhammad al-Shahrastani's Majlis-i Maktub* (2021). London: Bloomsbury.
- Hairī Yazdī, Mehdi, *A Philosophical Treatise on Muslim Politics: Wisdom and Governance*, tr. Daryoush Mohammad Poor (August 2022), Springer
- A new English translation of al-Shahrastānī’s *al-Milal wa al-niḥal* (forthcoming). IB Tauris.
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B. Articles & Book Chapters

- “Secular/Religious Myths of Violence: The Case of Nizārī Ismailis of the Alamūt Period”, *Studia Islamica*, Vol. 114, No. 1 (2019). Leiden: Brill.
- ‘Extra-Ismaili Sources and a Shift of Paradigm in Nizari Ismailism’ in *Intellectual Interactions in the Islamic World: the Ismaili Thread* (2019), London: IIS/I.B. Tauris.
- “Nurturing Critical Thinking across Self-Other Dichotomies” in *Education and Extremisms: Rethinking Liberal Pedagogies in the Contemporary World* (2018), Routledge.
- “Social, Economic, Political, and Intellectual Changes in Iran since 1960s”, co-authored with A. Abdi, A. Paya and H. Raghfar in *Social Progress in Islamic Countries*, eds. Tiliouine, H. and Estes, Richard J. (2016). Springer
- “Imām ‘Alī and *walāya*”, in Imām ‘Alī entry, in *Encyclopaedia Islamica*, Vol 3 (2011). Leiden: Brill.
- “Persian Poetry: Ḥasan-i Maḥmūd-i Kātib”, in *An Anthology of Ismaili Literature* (2008), tr. with Dr. J. Badakhchani (London: IB Tauris)

C. Encyclopaedia Articles

- Various translations in *Encyclopaedia Islamica* (vol. 1-4)

Conference papers

- *‘Ayn al-Quḍāt and the Ismailis* (WOCMES, 2010, Barcelona)
- *Modernity Revisited: The Need for a Fresh Reassessment of Modernist Discourse in Iran* (1st Triennial Conference of the Scandinavian Society for Iranian Studies, Oslo University, 2012)
- *Qur’ānically Speaking: ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt’s Literary Hermeneutics* (The Quran and Adab Traditions, Institute of Ismaili Studies, April 2012)
- *Ismailis and Philosophy: A Critical Rationalist Perspective* (Reflections on Ismaili Studies: Standing on Poonawala’s Shoulders, UCLA, May 2013)
- *Precedents to Rethinking Models of Authority among Nizari Ismailis: The Case of Tusi* (Iranian Studies Conference 2014, Montreal, Canada)
- *Imaginative Anachronistic Leaps and Secular/Religious Myth of Terrorism* (KNAW-LIAS Lecture Series: Understanding Political Violence beyond the Secular/Religious Boundaries, 2014, Leiden)
- *Authority without Territory: Doctrinal Shifts in Modern Ismailis* (Institute of Ismaili Studies, March 2015; Muslim Leadership in Britain Conference, University of Central Lancashire, April 2015; BRAIS Conference 2015, April 2015; Association of Persianate Societies Conference, Istanbul, September 2015)
- *Self-Other Binaries and the Lack of Critical Imagination* (Education, Extremism, Criticality; UCL-IOE, London, May 2015)
- *Manifestation and Concealment in Ismailism: Hermeneutics of Revival* (49th Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America (MESA), Denver, Colorado, November 2015)
- *A Multi-Layered Narrative of Resurrection* (Iranian Studies Conference 2016, Vienna, Austria)
- *Extra-Ismaili Sources and a Shift of Paradigm in Nizari Ismailism* (Intellectual Interactions Conference, IIS, October 2016)
- *Metamorphosis of Social Media in Iranian Politics* (in AKU-ISMC conference titled Media in Muslim Contexts: Invention and Reinventing Identities, London 3-4 November 2016)
- *Problematising Pluralism among Ismailis: an Intellectual and Pedagogical Perspective* (Ismaili Studies Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa, 10 March 2017)
- *Challenges and Accommodation of Pluralism* (Ismaili Centre Lecture Series, Toronto, 11 March 2017)

- *Ismaili Philosophy and Neo-Platonism: Myths and Realities* (BRAIS 2016, Chester University, Chester, 12 April 2017)
- *The Double Identity of Ismāʿīlīs in the Post-Alamūt Period* (ASPS 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia)
- *Al-Sharastānī's Role in the Articulation of the Doctrine of qiyāmat among Nizārī Ismailis* (AIS 2018, Irvine, US)
- *Ākhūndzāda - Dislocative nationalism and misrepresentations of Nizārī Ismaili Doctrines* (ECIS9, 2019, Freie Universität Berlin)
- *Nizārī Ismailis and Sufis before the Mongol Invasion* at International Conference: The Intellectual Traditions of Ismailis and Sufis, In a memory of W. A. Ivanow (1886–1970) (October 2019, St. Petersburg, Russia)
- *The Contemporary Ismaili Imamate and Sayyid Musa al-Sadr Foundation: A Comparative Review* (MESA Conference, October 2020)
- *Fatimid Cosmopolitanism: Political Pragmatism and Ethical Sensibilities* (December 2021, Institute of Ismaili Studies)
- *Ismaili Genres of Taʿwīl: Examples of Evolution* (MESA Conference, December 2021)
- *Al-Muʿayyad fī al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī's Bunyād-i taʿwīl: an example of a rational esoteric literary work from the Fatimid Period* (AIS 2022, University of Salamanca, Spain)

Panels chaired

- *Approaches to the Qurʾān in Contemporary Iran (I): Text* (Iranian Studies Conference 2012, Istanbul, Turkey)
- *Approaches to the Qurʾān in Contemporary Iran (II): Text* (Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, September 2013)
- *Religious Authority, Doctrine and Minorities in Persianate Shiʿism* (Iranian Studies Conference 2014, Montreal, Canada)
- *IIS PhD Seminar* (London, 23-24 October 2015)
- *Workshop on Citizenship, Islam, and Identity – AKU-ISMC and Simon Fraser University* (London 2017)
- *IIS PhD Seminar* (London, 2019)
- *IIS-Cambridge Workshop on the study of Islam at the end of empire* (March 2022)

D. Invited lectures & Outreach

- *ʿAyn al-Quḍāt and the Ismailis* (IIS Lecture, 2011)

- *Why pluralism matters?*, in the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations Summer Programme (Portugal, Coimbra University, August 2012)
- *Ismailis, Philosophy and Mysticism*, in Meeting of the Asian Chapter Group of the Alumni of the Institute of Ismaili Studies (Istanbul, Turkey, July 2013)
- *Contemporary Muslim Landscape*, in the *Summer Programme on Islam* of the Institute of Ismaili Studies (Clare College, Cambridge, August 2013)
- *Anatomy of Religious Extremism: Evolution and Present Day Manifestations* (Training for the Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board, Mombasa, Kenya, September 2013)
- *Secularism and Its Impact on Muslim Societies* (Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board Kenya, Mombasa, September 2013)
- *Authority without Territory* (at IDE Istanbul Think-Tank, September 2015)
- *Encountering Islam*, sessions delivered for Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board Members Training Programme for Central Asia (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, October 2015)
- *Articulations of Religious Authority among Muslim Communities*, sessions delivered for Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board Members Training Programme for Central Asia (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, October 2015)
- *The Contemporary Shi'i Landscapes: Challenges and Opportunities*, session delivered for Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board Members Training Programme for Europe (London, November 2015)
- *Articulations of Religious Authority among Muslim Communities*, module delivered for International Training Programme (ITP) for Central Asia in Farsi (Dubai, November 2015)
- *Ethical Underpinnings of the Institutions of Ismaili Imamatus* (Shia Ithnaashari Community of Middlesex (SICM), March 2016)
- *Shahrastānī: The Missing Link of a Doctrinal Shift in Ismailism* (IIS, DARP Lecture Series, 7 June 2016)
- *Webinar for Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board members Tajikistan on Articulations of Authority* (Khujand, Tajikistan, October 2016)
- *Intellectual Traditions among Muslims*, module delivered for the International Training Programme for the English and the Farsi sections (Dubai, November 2016) (two modules)
- *Fiqh and Shariat: Meanings and Manifestations*, Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board Pakistan (Islamabad, Pakistan, January 2017)

- *Varieties of Islamism*, Ismaili Tariqa and Religious Education Board Pakistan (Islamabad, Pakistan, January 2017)
- *AKDN and Imamat Institutions in Contemporary Times* (ATCK, Geneva, March 2020)

E. Book Launches

- *Authority without Territory* (London, IIS, March 2015)
- *The First Aga Khan* (London, AKC, May 2019)
- *The First Aga Khan* (Ismaili Centre Lisbon, February 2020)
- *Command and Creation* (London, AKC, March 2022)
- *Command and Creation* (Ismaili Centre Lisbon, May 2022)

F. Other published works

- Persian translation of Byran Turner's *Islam, Capitalism and the Weber Theses* (<http://blog.malakut.org/?p=621>, 2010)
- Persian translation of John Keane's "Life After Political Death – The Fate of Leaders After Leaving High Office", published in *Dispersed Leadership in Democracy: Foundations, Opportunities, Realities* (2009), edited by John Kane, Haig Patapan and Paul 't Hart (Oxford University Press):
http://johnkeane.info/media/pdfs/ljk_ife_after_politica_death_farsi_language.pdf
- Persian translation of "Petro-Democracy?", John Keane's interview with Grand Ayatollah Sayyed Fadlallah in 2003:
http://www.mardomak.org/story/interview_with_hossein_fazlollah/
- Persian translation of John Keane's "Remembering the many Václav Havel's" published originally in *Mardomak*: <http://johnkeane.net/14/invisible/remembering-the-many-vaclav-havels-persian-translation>
- Interview with John Keane on BBC Persian Service on US-Iran relations (Persian):
http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/story/2005/01/050121_v-iran-us-britan-keane-iv.shtml
- Book review, *We Are Iran*, on Persian blogosphere in BBC Persian Service:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/arts/story/2005/11/051107_mj-dm-we-are-iran-rev.shtml
- Persian translation of *A time-sensitive understanding of the Qur'an*, from Hans Küng's *Islam: Past, Present & Future*; on Radio Zamaaneh:
http://radiozamaaneh.com/idea/2008/09/post_374.html
- Persian Translations of *Contemporary Arab Philosophical Views of Secularism* (Chapter 4), *Secularism and its Hazards* (Chapter 3) and *Towards a Critical Arab Reason: The Contributions of Muhammad 'Ābid al-Jābirī* (Chapter 12) from Ibrahim

M. Abu-Rabi's book *Contemporary Arab Thought: Studies in Post-1967 Arab Intellectual History*; Radio Zamaneh:

http://radiozamaaneh.com/idea/2008/09/post_382.html

http://zamaaneh.com/idea/2008/10/post_416.html

http://zamaaneh.com/idea/2008/10/post_418.html

http://zamaaneh.com/idea/2008/11/post_419.html

- A brief biography of Professor John Keane (Persian): *John Keane; Sarchishmahā-yi gharīb-i dimukrāsī*:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2009/08/090812_dm_john_keane.shtml
- Translation of the introduction and conclusion chapters of *The Myth of Religious Violence: Secular Ideology and the Roots of Modern Conflict* by William Cavanaugh; Radio Zamaneh: http://zamaaneh.com/idea/2010/02/post_645.html
- Translation of Navid Kermani's article on Nasr Hamed Abu Zayd in *Modern Muslim Intellectuals and the Qur'an* (ed. Suha Taji Farouki); Malakut weblog:
<http://blog.malakut.org/?cat=19>

G. Media and Press

- Safheye 2 BBC Persian: The confrontation of clerics of Khurasan with music (with Yaser Mirdamadi) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29BlfQfhY8o>)
- Pargar BBC Persian: Secularism (in debate with Mohammad Reza Nikfar) (http://www.bbc.com/persian/tv/2010/05/100525_ptv_pargar_04.shtml)
- Pargar BBC Persian: Democracy and Coexistence (with Yasmine Mather and Ammar Maleki) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJAjh8_Id0)
- Safheye 2 BBC Persian: Freedom of Speech (Charlie Hebdo) (with Yazdanjoo, Sarkouhi & Dabbagh) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KE-rcD1Yrg4>)
- Safheye 2 BBC Persian: On the state of Palestine (with Meir Javdanfar & Mehrad Vaezinejad) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ar3edzLv-Zo>)
- Safheye 2 BBC Persian: On Iran's nuclear deal (with Farrokh Negahdar) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqZBRwUKPxE>)
- Safheye 2 BBC Persian: on Gaza and the state of Israel (with Alireza Kiani) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuaqrEgC1Is>)
- 60 Minutes BBC Persian: numerous appearances since 2009 on current affairs of Iran
- BBC News (English); Aljazeera English television (News hour); BBC Arabic News Hour; BBC World Have Your Say (radio): current affairs of Iran

H. Languages

English, Persian, Arabic, French