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Education

Ph.D. Candidate Political Science, University of North Texas (Degree Expected Early 2022)

Dissertation Title: *A Plague on the State? Political Corruption in Machiavelli and Ibn Khaldun*

M.A. Political Science, University of Texas at Arlington (2012-2014)

M.A. Political Thought, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran (2006-2008)

B.A. Political Science, Allameh Tabatabai University (2002-2006)

Work and Professional Experience

University of North Texas (September 2015-Ongoing)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Teaching Assistant
- Research Assistant

University of Texas at Arlington (September 2012-June 2014)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Assisted Professors in 8 undergraduate classes in four semesters.
- Supported Political Science students through office hours

Press TV International English News Channel (February 2009-July 2012)

Website and Newsroom Editor and Website Senior Editor

- Senior Editor at Press TV's U.S. Desk (2009-2012)
- Middle East Editor at Press TV's website (2007-2009)

Iran's Green Movement (March 2009-June 2009)

Campaign of Reformist Candidate Mr. Mir-Hossein Mousavi

- Adviser to the Presidential Campaign of Green Movement candidate Mr. Mir-Hossein Mousavi and activist in Iran's Green movement

Publications

- SAGE Iran Entry Editor: Political Handbook of the World, published by CQ Press (SAGE), 2017.

- Translation to Farsi: Locke, John. *Two treatises of government*. Edited by Peter Laslett Sections 25-33. (Cambridge University Press, 1988). Published in: "Farhange Andishe Quarterly," No. 20 Winter2006-Spring 2007, Tehran.
- Translation to Farsi: R.C. Solomon, M.C. Murphy, *What is Justice?* Oxford University Press, 2000, pp155. Published in: "Farhange Andishe Quarterly," No. 20, Winter 2006, Tehran.
- Translation to Farsi: Chapters on "John Stuart Mill" and "John Dewey" In, Strauss L., & Cropsey, J. (1987). *History of political philosophy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Upcoming for publication, *Pegah Ruzegare-No* publishers)
- Translation to Farsi: *The Motives That Ought to Encourage Us to the Sciences*. published in "goftogo" journal: <http://goftogu.com/>

Conference Presentations

- Midwest Political Science Association. Paper Accepted: *Political Corruption in Islam and the West: The Influence of Machiavelli and Ghazali*. April 2020.
- Lone Star Conference for the study of Political Thought. Paper: *Machiavelli's Concept of Corruption in the Prince and the Discourses: From the Individual to the City*. March 2nd, 2019.
- Midwest Political Science Association. Paper Presentation: *Defensive Jihad as a Means of Jus Ad Bellum*. April 4-7, 2019.
- Lone Star Conference for the study of Political Thought. Paper: *Defending Defensive Jihad as a Means of Jus ad Bellum*. March 4th, 2017.

Research Interests

- Political Corruption
- Comparative Western-Islamic political thought
- New Interpretations of Traditional Islamic Jurisprudence
- History of Political Thought in Iran
- Middle East Politics
- Politics in Iran
- Authoritarian and Totalitarian Regimes/Transition to Democracy
- Liberalism in Islamic Countries/Cultures
- New Technologies and Authoritarian Regimes

Languages

English: Native Speaker

Persian: Native Speaker

Arabic: Upper-Intermediate

References

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