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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics; Political Theory; History of Political Thought; Modern Political Thought, Politics and Religion; Comparative Islamic-Western Political Thought

EDUCATION

AUGUST 2015

MA, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AZAD UNIVERSITY (TABRIZ BRANCH)

Thesis: The Concept of Secularization in the Debate between Schmitt, Löwith and Blumenberg

GPA: 3.93/4.

JULY 2012

BA, ENGLISH TRANSLATION, DANESHVARAN UNIVERSITY OF TABRIZ

SEPTEMBER 2010

AA, ENGLISH TRANSLATION DANESHVARAN UNIVERSITY OF TABRIZ

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Authored

Modernity is Legitimate; Reconstruction of The Debate on Legitimacy of Modern Age (Qoqnoos Publication, 2022).

Translated into Farsi

Enlightenment, Revolution, and Romanticism written by Frederick Beiser (Qoqnoos Publication, 2025).

History of Political Theory written by George Klosko (Ney Publication, 2023).

Enlightenment and Intellectual Foundations of Modern Culture written by Luis Dupre (Qoqnoos Publication, 2022).

Understanding German Idealism written by Will Dudley (Qoqnoos Publication, 2019).

Rousseau written by James Delaney (Markaz Publication, 2018).

Hobbes written by George MacDonald Ross (Qoqnoos Publication, 2018).

German Romanticism written by Frederick Beiser (Qoqnoos Publication, 2018).

After Hegel written by Frederick Beiser (Qoqnoos Publication, 2017).

Research Papers

"The Concept of Legitimacy and its Role in Debate between Schmitt, Löwith and Blumenberg about Modernity" (Political Quarterly, 2023).

"The Genesis and Development of the Concept of Substance in Philosophy; From Plato to Hume" (Journal of Philosophical Investigations, 2023).

"The Dark Side of Political Participation: When Mobilization Undermines Democracy" (Submitted to *Third World Quarterly*).

"The Will to Weakness: Populist Preferences and the Deliberate Undermining of Institutions" (Submitted to *Political Behavior*).

"The Language of Power: Discursive Convergence among Authoritarian Regimes in Justifying Constitutional Reforms" (Submitted to *Constitutional Political Economy*).

"Populist Governance and the Reproduction of Crisis: A Cross-National Study of Institutional Decline" (Submitted to *Chinese Political Science Review*).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 – 2023

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, AZAD UNIVERSITY OF TABRIZ

2017 – 2019

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, DANESHVARAN UNIVERSITY OF TABRIZ

COURSES OFFERED

- History of Western Political Thought, (Fall 2022)
- Research Methodology in Political Science, (Fall 2022)
- Philosophical Foundations of Politics, (Spring 2022)
- Advanced Dissertation and Essay Writing, (Spring 2022)
- Contemporary Islamic Philosophical and Political Thought, (Spring 2022)
- Islamic Political Thought, (Spring 2022)
- Political Thought in Ancient Iran, (Spring 2022)
- Principles and Methods of Political Analysis, (Fall 2021)
- History of Modern Political Thought; From Machiavelli to Marx, (Fall 2021)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Translation and Thinking", University of Daneshvaran (November 2020)

"Hermeneutics and Religion", Azad University of Tabriz (September 2019)

GUEST LECTURES AND APPEARANCES

History of Western Political Thought, University of Isfahan (December 2021)

Rousseau's Political Thought, Logos Institute in Tehran (May 2023)

The History of the Concept of Right in Western Political Thought, National Elite Foundation of Iran (August 2023)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Thesis Proposal, Azad University of Tabriz, (Jul 2015)

Winner of Iran's National Youth Book Festival in the field of Western Philosophy, (Sep 2021)
Member of the National Elite Foundation of Iran (since 2022)

SKILLS

- Research
- Classroom Management
- Critical Thinking
- Computer Skills
- Teamwork
- Translation

LANGUAGES

Persian, Azerbaijani, Turkish, English (native or near-native fluency)
Classical Arabic, German (reading proficiency)