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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

PhD in Political Science, 2013-2023

(Dissertation: *Politics is Conspiracy: Everyday Political Conversations in Afghanistan*)

Smith College, Northampton, MA

Diploma in American Studies, 2009-2010

(Thesis: *American Interests in the 1953 Coup in Iran*)

Tehran University, Iran

MA in Philosophy, June 2006

(Thesis: *Active Intellect: Avicenna in Comparison with Thomas Aquinas*)

Tehran University, Iran

BA in Philosophy, May 2003

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Midwestern State University, Dept. of Political Science
(2023 – present)

Instructor, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Dept. of Political Science (Spring, 2023)

- *Corruption, Discontent, and Global Unrest*

Instructor, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Dept. of Political Science (Summer, 2019)

- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*

Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Dept. of Political Science, 2014-2022)

- *Central Asian Politics*
- *Comparative Politics*
- *Political Economy of Development*
- *International Political Economy*
- *Making the Global World*
- *World Politics*
- *Introduction to Political Theory*
- *Controversies in Public Policy*
- *American Politics Through Film*

Persian Instructor, Five College Center for the Study of World Languages, *Amherst, MA*
(August 2008 – Present)

- Instruct up to 12 students each semester in beginning to advanced levels; provide individualized instruction and group conversation skills in a unique student-centered, proficiency-oriented program
- Developed the project Culture Talk, a collection of filmed interviews in Persian about Iranian life and culture, available on Five College Language Center website
- Developed Syllabi for learning Persian from elementary to advanced levels

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 “Power of Naming: Democratization and Foreign Powers” Southern Political Science Association, January, New Orleans

2023 “Ambivalences: Frontstage Unity and Backstage Divides” Midwest Political Science Association, April, Chicago (Online)

2023 “Ambivalences: Frontstage Unity and Backstage Divides” New England Political Science Association, April, Mystic CT

2021 “Narratives of Pride: Afghan Migrant Laborers in Iran” Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity (PRIEC), November, at University of Northern Texas

2021 “Stories of Success: Afghan Migrant Laborers in Iran” New England Political Science Association, April (online)

2021 “Foreign Founders: Afghanistan’s Lost Hope for the New Beginning” Midwest Political Science Association, March (online)

2019 “Identity Formation and Potential for Populism in Afghanistan” Midwest Political Science Association” Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia

2019 “*Gharib* as the New Identity in Afghanistan” Central Eurasian Studies Society, October, Washington D.C.

PUBLICATIONS

“Narratives of Pride: Afghan Migrant Laborers in Iran.” (Under Review)

AWARDS

- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2023 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2022 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2021 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2020 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2019 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded Dissertation Fieldwork Grants by University of Massachusetts, Fall 2018

- Awarded the Summer Research and Writing Grant for Summer 2017 by Department of Political Science
- Awarded full scholarship for attending two-week long workshop at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) at Syracuse University, Summer 2015
- Awarded full scholarship for the one-week-long workshop at the ICNC Summer Institute at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. This is a training workshop for the leading professional education program in the world focusing on the advanced, interdisciplinary study of civil resistance, 2013
- Fulbright Scholarship, Institute of International Education (IIE), August 2008 – June 2009

OTHER WORK Experience

Research Fellow

Nonviolent Initiative for Democracy, July 2012 – 2014

- Researching nonviolent resistances in the level of theory and practice
- Translating and providing reports of the events and writings about nonviolent resistance and conflict resolution from English to Persian and vice versa

Research Scholar

Smith College, Department of American Studies, September 2011- December 2012

- Advising students in the Diploma in American Studies Program to navigate them throughout the one-year study and experience at Smith College and Five College area

Blogger, October 2010 – 2013

www.padsokhan.com

Freelance Writer

- BBC Persian
- Radio Zamaneh (Persian)
- Rooz Online (Persian)
- JARAS (*Jonbesh-e Rah-e Sabz*)

LANGUAGES

- Persian (Native speaker and Afghanistan Dari)
- English (Fluent)
- Arabic (Advanced)
- Turkish (Elementary)

REFERENCES

Prof. Regine Spector

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