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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1. Research Fellow at University of Göttingen, Germany
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3. Head of the Department of Historical-Cultural Studies of the Quran
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Faculty of Quranic Studies, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS),
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Dates: 2016-2018

EDUCATION

- 2015, PhD, Quranic Studies, Isfahan University, Iran.
- 2009, M.A, Quranic Studies, Isfahan University, Iran.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2022- , The Idea of “Female Angels in the Quran and Islamic Tradition”, IHCS.
- 2019- 2021, “The Daughters of Allah”: Historical Reconstruction in the Quranic

Revelation. IHCS.

- 2017- 2018, *Sex and Sexuality in the Quran: An Archetypal Analysis*. IHCS.

BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

BOOK:

- 2024, *The Idea of Banatullah (Daughters of Allah): From Classic to Modern Quranic Scholarships*, Tehran: IHCS.
- 2021, *Sex and Sexual Symbolisms in the Quran*, IHCS.
- 2025, *Persian Translation of the Book " Discourses of Difference: An Analysis of Women's Travel Writing and Colonialism"* written by Sara Mills (London: Routledge, 1991), Tehran: IHCS.
- 2017, *Hope in the Quran: Ways to Create and Increase*, Qom: Baqir al-‘Ulum University.
- Forthcoming, *Persian Translation of the Book " Women, Islam, and Abbasid Identity"* written by Nadia Maria El Cheikh (Harvard University Press, 2015), Tehra: Thaleth.
- Forthcoming, *Persian Translation of the Book “Female Divinity in the Qur’an; In Conversation with the Bible and the Ancient Near East”* written by Emran El-Badawi (Palgrave Macmillan Cham, 2024), Tehran: *Hekmat*.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- Forthcoming, “Mother Earth in the Quran”, in *Sexuality in the Scriptures*, ed. Zohar Hadromi-Allouche, Gorgias Press.
- Forthcoming, “Islamic Tradition and Demonization of Pagans Deities”, in *Demons: Good and Bad*, Peeters Publishers.
- 2019, "The Quranic Mythological Ideas: A Methodological Study", *Quranic Studies and History of Ideas*, ed. Farhang Mehrvash, Islamic Azad University Publication, Iran. (In Persian)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

- **2017**, Contemporary Encyclopedia of the Quran, Qom (In Persian): Entries: 'Ulu al-amr, 'Ulu al-'azm, Baghy, Rajā', Ṭama'.

ARTICLE IN JOURNAL

English

1. Forthcoming, "The Quran and its Masculine God: A Historical-Feminist Analysis", *Arabica*.
2. 2025, "[Mary's Narrative in the Quran: Repressive or Emancipatory?](#)". *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 1-26.
3. 2025, "[Mariolatry in the Quran: A Critical Review of the Book Mary in the Quran](#)", *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 34/2, 257-277.
4. Mohagheghian, Zahra, and Pim Valkenberg. "[Mary in the Qur'an: Introduction.](#)" In *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 34/2 (2024), 113-125.

Persian

1. [Navigating Colonial Encounters: Exploring Sara Mills' "Discourses of Difference" in Women's Travel Writing](#), *Journal of Woman in Culture and Arts*, 17 4 (2025): 441-459.
2. [The Idea of Mariolatry in the Qur'an: A Comparative Analysis of Islamic and Western Scholarship](#), *Researches of Quran and Hadith Sciences*, 21(2), 165-203.
3. [The Ritual of Scapegoating: Re-reading the Slaughtering's Story of the Israelite's Cow Based on Pre-Zoroastrian Myths, the Old Testament, and the Quran](#), *Ma'rifat-e Adyān* 14 (1), 2023, 27-48.
4. [The Goddess al-'Uzza's Destruction Narratives in the Islamic Sources: A Morphological Analysis](#), *Ulum-i Hadith*, 2022; 27(4): 3-26.
5. [Al-'Uzza, the Black Goddess in Islamic Sources: Analyzing Its Origins Based on Ancient Semitic Beliefs](#), *Historical Researches*, 2021; 13(2): 53-71.
6. [Female Angels in the Quran: Challenges and Related Issues](#), *Olum-e Qur'an va Hadith*, 2021; 53(2): 175-198.
7. [The Hidden Identities: Reinterpretation of Surah al-Najm Considering the Arabian Deities](#). *Pazhooheshha-ye Qur'an va Hadith*, 2021; 53(2): 461-441.
8. ["Jesus, Son of God" in the Quran and the Islamic Tradition](#), *Journal of Quranic Interpretation and Language*, 2022; 10(1): 213-232.
9. [Were the Goddesses al-Lat, al-Uzza, and Manat, the Daughters of Allah?](#). *Historical Sciences Studies*, 2020; 12(2): 111-130.
10. ["Banāt Allāh" and their Gender Challenge in the Quran](#), *Motaale'at-e Qur'an va Hadith* 2020, 13 (25): 51-81.
11. [The Masculinity of the Golden Calf: An Archetypal Analysis](#), *Mytho-Mystic Literature* (ISC), 2020, 16 (60): 289-329.
12. [The Quranic Mythological Allusions: A Terminological Analysis in the Literary Studies of the Quran and the Exegetic Muslim Tradition](#), *Literary Quranic Researches*, 2020, 7(28): 137-171.
13. [Q 99: 2; An Interpretation Based on the Cultural Anthropological Approach](#), *Afaqh Al-*

Hadarah Al-Islamiyyah, 2020, 22(44): 219-245.

14. [The Dream of Prophet Yusuf: An Archetypal Analysis Based on Semitic Myths](#), *Qurān and Hadīth Historical Studies*, 2019, 25(65): 155-182.
15. [Mythological Analysis in the Literary Studies of the Quran](#), *Science and Religion Studies*, 2019, 9(2): 97-117.
16. [Cosmic Hierogamy of Heaven and Earth in the Quran: An Archetypal Analysis Based on Semitic Symbols](#), *Naqd-e Adabi (Literary Criticism)*, 2019, 12 (45): 111- 151.
17. [The Myth and the Quran: Different Interdisciplinary Approaches](#), *Ma'rifat-i Adyān*, 2018, 4(36): 43-60.
18. [The "Great- Mother" in the Quran: An Archetypal Analysis Based on Semitic Symbols and Myths](#), *Iranian Society for Quranic Studies and Islamic Culture*, 2018, 1(4): 145-170.
19. [The Hermeneutic Approach to "Similar Verses" of the Quran](#), *Journal of Literary Quranic Researches*, 2018, 6 (21): 43-71.
20. [Intertextuality of the Quran and Sahifeh Sajadieh](#), *Linguistic Research in the Quran*, 2016, 5(9): 21-36.
21. [Semiotics of Nonverbal Communication in the Quran](#), *Researches of Quran and Hadith Sciences*, 2016, 12 (28): 129-155.
22. [The Story of Moses and Khidr in the Quran: An Analytical Study](#), *Akhlagh-e Zisti (Bioethics Journal)*, 2016, 4 (14): 11-37.
23. [The word "Balad" in the Story of Ibrahim: A Comparative Study in Surah al-Baqarah and al-Ibrahim](#), *Journal of Quranic Interpretation and Language*, 2015, 4(1): 43-68.
24. [Interpretation of the Quranic Scientific Propositions: A Comparative Study in Jafar Nekounam's and Mohammad Ali Rezaei Isfahani's Views](#), *Science and Religion Studies*, 2015, 6(11): 79-99.
25. [Layer Semiology of the Quranic Verses, With Emphasis on the Inter-textual and Intra-Textual Relations](#), *Quran Shinakht*, 2015, 7(13), 27-46.
26. [Methodology of Tafsir Al-Mizan \(The Case Study: Surah Al-Ghafir\)](#), *The Quran And Islamic Texts*, 2015, 6(23): 183- 200.
27. [The Analysis of Rijali Character of "Hansh Ibn Mo'tamir"](#), *Hadith Sciences*, 2014, 19(73): 127-148.
28. [Al-Qaf: 31: A Historical Analysis](#), *Quranic Interpretation and Language*, 2014, 3(1): 7-20.
29. [The Contextual Evidences and the Similar Verses \(Case Study: the Proportion of Words and Meaning\)](#), *Linguistic Research in the Quran*, 2014, 3(1): 93-113.
30. ["Hope" in Schnider's Theory and Comparing it with the Quran](#), *Researches of Quran and Hadith Sciences*, 2013, 10(19): 1-30.
31. [The Nature of "Hope": A Comparative Study in Islam and Christianity](#), *Ma'rifat-i Adyān*, 2013, 4(7- 26).

32. [Comparative Study of Hopelessness in Snyder's Theory and the Qur'ān](#), *Quran and Hadith Studies*, 2012, 43 (87): 83-108.
33. [Ethical Analysis of "Hope" with Emphasis on the Quranic Verses](#), *Research Quarterly in Islamic Ethics*, 2011, 4(13): 93-118.
34. [Hope in the Quran and Psychology: A Comparative Study of Strategies for its Creating and Increasing](#), *Ma'rifat-i Adyān*, 2011, 20(164): 99- 113.

CONFERENCES, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS

English

- 2026, “The Gharānīq Narrative in Islamic Tradition: Tabooing the Feminine Divine”, International Conference on Taboos in Texts and Tabooed Texts in Late Antiquity and Early Islam, Göttingen University.
- 2025, “The Problem of Historicity: Why Islamic Feminism Fails to Decolonize the Qur'an?”, *International Conference on Islamic Feminism and Decolonial Futures: Epistemology, Ethics and Praxis*, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India.
- 2024, “The Qur'ān and Its Masculine God: A Historical Feminist Analysis”, Monday Majlis Online, Centre for the Study of Islam, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter.
- 2023, “The Divinity of Mary in the Qur'an: From History to Polemic,” *International Conference on the Book “Mary in the Quran: Friend of God, Virgin, Mother”*, written by Muna Tatary and Klaus von Stosch, Bonn University.
- 2022, “‘Jesus, the Son of God’ in the Quran and Islamic Tradition”, *International Conference on the Book “The Other Prophet: Jesus in the Qur'an”*, written by Mouhanad Khorchide and Klaus von Stosch, Paderborn University.
- 2022, “The Goddess Al-Uzza: From an Idol to a Black Woman”, A Feminist Study in the Growth of an Islamic Tradition”, The 51st Annual Conference “Lives of Hadith”, North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS), Cosponsored By University of Florida (UF),
- 2022, “Al-Lat, al-Uzza and Manat: From Goddesses to Demons”, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2019, “The Daughters of Allah: Possibilities of the Historical Reconstruction in the Quranic Revelation”, International Conference “The Quran in its Milieu of Origin. Possibilities of the Historical Reconstruction of the Quranic Revelation”, Münster, Germany. [RQS Münster 2019](#)
- 2019, “Arabian Goddesses in Late Antiquity”, Paderborn University, Germany.
- 2019, “Arabian Goddesses in the Quran”, Centre for Corpus Research, Berlin, Germany.
- 2017, International Conference “Hermeneutics of the Quran and the Bible”, Association of Iranian Studies of Quran and Islamic Culture, Cosponsored By University of Paderborn and

IHCS, Tehran.

Persian

- 2024, Islam and Late Antiquity: Challenges and Approaches, IHCS, Tehran.
- 2023, The Quran and Archetypes, University of Islamic Denominations, Tehran.
- 2023-2024, Archetypes in the Quran, National Workshop, IHCS, Tehran.
- 2020, The Arabian goddesses in the Traditional Muslim Material, First International Conference on Quranic Studies. Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Iran.
<http://www.ihcs.ac.ir/Quranicstudies>
- 2017, 2015: Research Methods on Quranic Studies, IHCS, Tehran.
- 2016, "Mythological Allusion" in Literary Studies of the Quran: A Terminological Study, The Fourth Symposium on the Quranic Studies and Humanities Sciences, Tehran.
<http://www.ihcs.ac.ir/Quranicstudies>
- etc.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2026, "The Concept of God's Daughters (Banāt Allāh)". Nominated for **Iran's National Book of the Year Award** (43rd edition).
- 2019, **Exemplary Researcher**, Annual Festival of Humanities Researchers, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS), Tehran
- 1997- Present, Memorizer (Hāfīz) of the whole Quran with different ranks in different Quranic competitions at different levels of national, state, and city.
- 2017, **First Prize**, National Award for Student Book, in the Department of Quranic Interdisciplinary Studies.
- 2016, **Ranked 1st** among Ph.D. students in the Department of Quranic Studies, Isfahan University, for achieving the highest grades.
- 2014, **Recognized as an Active Researcher** in the field of Quranic studies at the Annual Conference of Quranic Women in Islamic Countries, Iran.
- 2013, **Ranked 1st** in the Ph.D. Entrance Examination for Quranic Studies, Isfahan University.
- 2012, **First Prize**, National Festival of "Exemplary National Students," M.A. Degree.
- 2011, **First Award** of the National Award for Thesis, in M.A's Degree.
- 1997-Present, **Hāfīz (Memorizer) of the Entire Quran**, with various high-ranking.
- achievements in national, provincial, and city-level Quranic competitions.
- 2013-2016, **Annual Fellowship**, The Institution of Exceptional Talents.
- etc.

COURSES TAUGHT

Teaching: Commentary of the Quran, Quranic Sciences, History of the Quran, Nahj al-Balagha's Thematic Interpretation, Specialized English Language, Research Methods, Arabic Literature, Islamic Thought, etc.

- 2017-2018: Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Member of Faculty, Department of Quranic Studies.
- 2018: Al-Zahra University, Teaching Assistant in Quranic Studies Department.
- 2014-2016: Isfahan University, Teaching Assistant in the Quranic Studies Department and also in the Centre for Islamic Thought and Education.
- 2013- 2014: University of Quranic Sciences and Education, Faculty of Quranic Sciences (Isfahan).
- 2010-2012: Islamic Azad University, Teaching Assistant in Quranic Studies Department
- 2014-2015: Al-Mahdi Non-Profit University, Teaching Assistant in Quranic Studies Department.
- 2012: Şobh Şâdiq Non-Profit University, Teaching Assistant in Centre for Islamic Studies.

LANGUAGES

- Persian (native)
- English (advanced)
- Germany (Intermediate)
- Arabic (advanced in reading classic Arabic)
- Hebrew (basic)