

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Education:**

PhD (Philosophy of Science) University of London (University College), 1995,  
Dissertation: *An Argument in Defence of Scientific Realism*

M.Sc. (Philosophy of Science) University of London (Chelsea/King's College), 1985

M.A. (Philosophy) University of Tehran, 1980

B.Sc. (Electronics) Sharif University of Technology, 1976

Islamic Philosophy; Advanced Studies in Islamic Philosophy under the personal tutorship of well-known traditional masters such as Ayatollah Murtada Motahhari and Ayatollah Dr. Haeri. (1975-1982)

### **Current Academic Positions**

Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Islamic College, (UK)

Adjunct Professor, Department of Theoretical Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation, National Research Institute for Science Policy (Iran)

Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy of Science, Azad University (Institute for Research and Sciences - Iran)

### **Previous Academic Positions Held:**

(2022 – 2023) Guest Editor, *Journal Of Philosophical Investigations (Pazhohesh ha-ye Falsafi)*, A Special Issue on Critical Rationalism, June 2023, Published by the University

of Tabriz.

(2008 - Present) Professor, The Islamic College, (UK)

(2008 - Present) Visiting Professor, Azad University (Tehran - Iran)

(2012 - 2018) Visiting Professor, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

(2014 - 2017) Senior Advisor, Institute for Work-Based Learning, Middlesex University, London

(2014 - 2015) Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy of Science, Tarbiyat Moddares University, Iran

(2011 - 2016) Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Westminster (UK)

(2005 - 2011) Visiting Professor, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster (UK)

(2000 - 2005) Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster (UK)

(2008 - ) Professor, Department of Futures Studies, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP)

(2004 - 2008) Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Futures Studies, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP)

(2002 - 2004) Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Science and Society, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP) (Tehran – Iran)

(2006 - 2008) Visiting Professor, Sharif University of Technology (Tehran - Iran)

(1995 – 2000) Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Tehran

(28 August – 7 September 2007) Co-course Leader, Summer School, postgraduate seminars on *Transition, Islam and Democracy*, the Tenth International Summer School for Democracy, Belgrade.

(20 - 26 August 2004) Course Leader, postgraduate seminars on *Freedom, Democracy and Social Justice*, Alpbach Forum, Austria.

(2003 - 2004) Visiting Professor, Tarbiyat Modares University (Tehran - Iran)

(2000 - 2001) Visiting Professor, Tarbiyat Modares University (Tehran - Iran)

(1995- 1996) Visiting Professor, University of Allameh Tabatabaee (Tehran - Iran)

(1994) Teaching Assistant, University College London, Department of History, Philosophy and Communication of Science (London – UK)

(1988) Instructor, the Muslim Institute (London)

(1979 - 1983) Researcher, the Research and Educational Planning Bureau (Department of Education)

(1977 - 1979) Researcher, Department of Physics, Iranian Open University (Teheran)

(1976 - 1977) Research Engineer, Faratel Electronics Co. (Teheran)

(1975 - 1976) Assistant Supervisor, Electronic Laboratory, Sharif University of Technology (Tehran)

(1974 - 1975) Teaching Assistant, Sharif University of Technology (Tehran)

### **Teaching**

The Islamic College: Postgraduate courses in Comparative Epistemology, Ethics, Methods and Perspectives in Islamic Studies, Western Philosophy, Muslim Social and Political Thought, Islam and Modernity, Islam and Modern Politics.

Aga Khan University (including Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations): Modern Islamic Thought, Approaches to the Study of Muslim Culture, Muslim Responses to Modernity and Postmodern Theories.

University of Westminster: Postgraduate courses in Islam & Democracy; Islam & Modernity; Human Sciences; an Undergraduate course in Islam & Politics in the Middle East.

Azad University: PhD Courses in Philosophy of Social Sciences

Sharif University of Technology: PhD Courses in Philosophical, Sociological and Ethical Aspects of Sciences & Technology Policy.

Tarbiyat Modares University: Postgraduate courses in Western Philosophy, Philosophy of Science

Amir Kabir University: Postgraduate courses in Western Philosophy

Allameh Tabatabaee University: Postgraduate courses in Modern Western Philosophy

University of Tehran: Postgraduate courses in Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology; Undergraduate courses in History of Philosophy, Ethics.

Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations: A Postgraduate course entitled, "Muslim Responses to Modernity and Postmodern Theories."

### **Research and Publications (1): Books (including authored books, edited anthologies &**

## **translations in English & Persian) Published and Forthcoming**

### **A. Forthcoming**

*Ethics, Epistemology, and Religion: Further Themes from a Critical Rationalist Reading of Islam*, London & New York: Routledge, 2025.

*Science vs Religion: A Critical Study of an Uneasy Relationship in the Context Muslims Encounter With Modern Science*, London & New York: Routledge, 2025.

*Analytic Philosophy: Problems and Perspectives*, A second, revised and enlarged edition, Tehran: Tarh-e Nou, 2025. The first edition of this book was awarded the Book of the Year Prize in 2004.

### **B. Published**

*Methods, Methodologies and Perspectives in the Humanities and Social Sciences (With Particular Reference to Islamic Studies): A Critical Rationalist Interpretation*, London: ICAS Press, 2022.

*Religious Science, Indigenous Science, and Islamic Science: Thinking the Impossible or Thinking Ahead of Time: An Anthology of Ideological Projects of Knowledge Production, Plus Two Critical Assessment of the Views of Two Iranian Thinkers on Science*, Tehran: University Press Centre, 2021.

*Science, Society and Development: Essays on the Public Understanding of Science (Tarvij-e Ilm dar Hiteh-ye Umumi)*, Tehran, National Institute for Science Policy, 2020.

A new enlarged, annotated edition of Mortada Motahhari, *Understanding the Islamic Sciences*, with a new introduction, London ICAs Press, 2019.

*Andishe Mostaqbal* (Thinking about the Future: Essays Concerning Futures Studies), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Research, 2018.

*Islam, Modernity and a New Millennium: Themes from a Critical Rationalist Reading of Islam*, London & New York: Routledge, 2018 & 2019. The Iranian Embassy in London awarded this book on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as one of the three best scholarly books on Iran and Islam, published in 2017-early 2018.

*Rah va Rasm-e Manzel-ha* (Tools of the Trade: Essays on, and from the viewpoint of, Human Sciences), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Research, 2018.

*Greh Goshae Be Shiveh-ye Philosophan va Mohandesan* (Problem-solving in Accordance with the Approaches of Philosophers and Engineers: Essays Concerning

Science, Technology and Science Policy), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Research, 2017.

A Persian Translation of "*A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, John Losee, Oxford University Press, 3rd English edition, 2001," Tehran: Samt University Press, 9<sup>th</sup> expanded Persian edition (translator & co-author with Jalal Besharati), 2017.

*Analytic Philosophy from the Perspective of Critical Rationalism*, Tehran: Tarh-e Naqd Publications, 2016.

*Habermas and Iranian Intellectuals* (with Mohammad Amin Ghaneirad), Tehran: Tarh-e Naqd, 2016.

*A Critical Pathology of the Underdevelopment of Social and Human Sciences in Iran* (with H. Ebrahimabadi & B. Arvin), Tehran: Institute for Cultural and Social Studies, 2015.

*A Survey of Some of the Futures Studies Exercises in Different Countries: Themes from the West and the East* (editor), Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy, 2015.

*The Misty Land of Ideas and the Light of Dialogue: An Anthology of Comparative Philosophy- Western & Islamic*, edited by Ali Paya, London: ICAS Press, 2014, second edition.

*Iraq, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World*, edited by Ali Paya & John Esposito, London & New York: Routledge, 2012.

*Converging Technologies: The Fourth Wave of Scientific-Technological Development and its Cultural and Social Consequences in Iran* (with R. Kalantarinezhad), Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy, 2008, second ed. 2014.

*Technology, Culture and Ethics*, Tehran: Pazhoheshgah-e Farhang, Honar va Ertebatat-e Islami (Institute for Culture, Art and Islamic Relations), 2009.

*Western Philosophy*, UK Islamic College for Advanced Studies (An academic partner with Middlesex University), 2009 (was Available online for The Islamic College's Postgraduate Distance Learning Programme until 2015).

*Comparative Epistemology* (Textbook), UK Islamic College for Advanced Studies (An academic partner with Middlesex University), 2009, (was Available online for The College's Postgraduate Distance Learning Programme until 2015).

*University, Scientific Thinking, Innovation, and the Public Sphere*, Tehran: Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, 2005.

*Cultural Studies in the Light of Futures Studies*, edited by Ali Paya and Hossein Raghfar, Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy & Institute for Management and Planning Studies, 2005.

*Epistemology and Methodology of Futures Studies*, Tehran: National Research Institute for Science Policy & Institute for Management and Planning Studies, 2005.

*Modern Technologies and Culture*, Tehran: Institute of Culture and Technology, 2005.

*Analytic Philosophy: Problems and Prospects*, Tarh-e Nou, Tehran, 2003. (Winner of the Book of the Year Prize (Iran, 2004)

*Think-Tanks: An Engine for Growth in the Twenty-first Century*, Tehran: Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, 2004.

A Persian Translation of *The Myth of the Framework: In Defence of Rationality and Science*, Karl Popper, Routledge, 1994," Tehran, Tarh-e Nou, 2004.

Chief editor, supervising the Persian translation of Manuel Castells *Trilogy: The Information Society* (The Rise of the Network Society (1996), The Power of Identity (1997), and End of Millennium (1998) OUP), Tehran: Tarh-e No, 2003.

A Persian Translation of "*Kant*, Roger Scruton, Oxford University Press," Tehran, Tarh-e Nou, 1996. Second edition 2003.

*Dialogue in the Real World: Quixotic Pursuit or Sine Qua Non?*, International Centre for Dialogue Among Civilizations in collaboration with Tarh-e Nou, Tehran, 2002.

A Persian Translation of "*The Lesson of this Century*, Karl Popper, Routledge, 1998," Tehran, Tarh-e Nou, 1998.

A Persian Translation of *A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, John Losee, Oxford University Press, 4th English edition, 2001, Tehran: Samt University Press, 4th Persian edition, 2017 (with a completely new chapter added by the author with the assistance of Jalal Besharati); First Persian edition from second English edition, Oxford University Press, 1980, published by *Markaz-e Nashr-e Daneshgahi* (The Iranian University Press), 1982.

*Philosophy: A Text for College Students*, Tehran, Ministry of Education (The Organisation for Producing Primary and Secondary School Text Books), 1981.

*History of the World in the Twentieth Century: A Text Book for the Sixth-Formers*, Tehran, Ministry of Education (The Organisation for Producing Primary and Secondary School Text Books), 1981.

## **Research and Publications (2): Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Reviews (in English & Persian)**

### **A. Forthcoming**

“Is ‘Islamic Psychology’ a proper scientific discipline or a set of practices and skills

tailor-made for Muslims' requirements?", 2025.

"The Myth of 'Modern Islamic Sciences' and the Contribution of Muslim Scientists to Modern Sciences: The Case of Ibn Arabi's *Mā Lā Yo'awwalu 'Alaih* (What Cannot be Trusted)", 2025.

"Muslim Educators and Science Education: A Critical Assessment", 2025.

"Tusi's Nasirean Ethics vs. Soroush's Ethics of Gods: A Critical and Comparative Assessment," chapter to be published in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Islamic Ethics*, edited by Jafar Mahallati, 2025.

Review of *What is Islam: The Importance of Being Islamic*, by Shehab Ahmed, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016, *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*. 2025.

Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Theology*, edited by Sabine Schmidtke, OUP, 2016, *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*, 2025.

Review of Peter Adamson, *Philosophy in the Islamic World* (Volume three of *A History of Philosophy without any Gaps*), Oxford: OUP, 2016, *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*. 2025.

## **B. Published**

"Is AI a threat to faith? How do we maintain human freedom and agency?: Perspective of a Shi'a Muslim," *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies* (JSIS), Vol. XVI, Nos. 3-4, consecutive date of publication as appeared on the Journal (2023), the actual date of publication, 2025.

"A New Critical Approach to Fact-Value Relationships", *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Shi'a Studies*, London: ICAS Press, 2024.

"Editorial Note," *Pazhohesh Ha-ye Falsafi (The Journal of Philosophical Investigations)*, Tabriz University, June 2023, pp. I-IV.  
[https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article\\_16562\\_b2ff4ff25cd2f856b54086aaa738cb0c.pdf?lang=en](https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article_16562_b2ff4ff25cd2f856b54086aaa738cb0c.pdf?lang=en).

"The Encounter of Two Philosophers with 'the Crisis of Modernity': Karl Popper and Hans Blumenberg," *Pazhohesh Ha-ye Falsafi (The Journal of Philosophical Investigations)*, Tabriz University, June 2023, pp. 258-280.  
[https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article\\_16587\\_12ec0fed16dd14a0437bc511d22698b.pdf?lang=en](https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article_16587_12ec0fed16dd14a0437bc511d22698b.pdf?lang=en).

"Is it more reasonable for a Critical Rationalist to be non-Religious?: Belief and Unbelief in a Post-secular Era," *Pazhohesh Ha-ye Falsafi (The Journal of Philosophical Investigations)*, Tabriz University, June 2023. pp. 332-351.  
[https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article\\_16591\\_4ecee926608303739aff4ca9c003544a.pdf?lang=en](https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article_16591_4ecee926608303739aff4ca9c003544a.pdf?lang=en)



“Does *On Certainty* represent the third Wittgenstein? A critical evaluation”, (joint paper with Abdolhamid Mohammadi), *Metaphysics* (published by Isfahan University), Vol. 15, issue 2, 2023, pp.161 to 184.

“What Does the Quran Teach Us and How Should It Be Studied?”, *Journal of Pazhohesh ha-ye Fasafi (Philosophical Investigations)*, 16(40), 2023, pp. 633-664. Published by Tabriz University, DOI: <http://doi.org/10.22034/jpiut.2022.15806>, [https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article\\_15806\\_6bb7ee5cbdcfd8297569a89ffc5cd41c.pdf?lang=en](https://philosophy.tabrizu.ac.ir/article_15806_6bb7ee5cbdcfd8297569a89ffc5cd41c.pdf?lang=en)

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Parts IV)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies (JSIS)* 2022.

“Science vs Religion: The Case of a Historical Intellectual Exchange between Two Shi‘i Scholars Regarding Evolution”, *Theology and Science*, DOI: 10.1080/14746700.2022.2084855, July 2022.

“‘Islamization of Knowledge’: a Utopian dream or a viable project? A critique of the views of two prominent Iranian proponents of the ‘Islamization Project’”, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 50, issue 4, 10 April, 2022, pp. 962-982. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13530194.2022.2048462>.

“Our Expectations of Universities in the Next Few Decades: Developments in Universities’ Responsibilities and Functions”, joint paper with Dr Ebrahim Aabadi, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities*, 14 (3), 9-48, 2022.

“Is the later Wittgenstein falling into the abyss of relativism? An assessment through the Lens of Critical Rationalism”, joint paper with Abdolhamid Mohammadi, *The Quarterly Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, University of Tabriz, 16 (39), 2022.

“Assessing the Epistemological Status of Certainty in Wittgenstein through the Prism of Critical Rationalism”, joint paper with Abdolhamid Mohammadi, *The Quarterly Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, University of Tabriz, 16 (38), 2022, pp. 670-705.

“Science Vs. Religion: The Case of An Historical Intellectual Exchange between Two Shi‘i Scholars”, *Journal of Theology and Science*, Vol. 20, No. 3, 2022.

“‘Islamization of Knowledge’: A Utopian Dream or a Viable Project? A Critique of the Views of Two Prominent Iranian Proponents of the ‘Islamization Project’”, *The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 49, No. 4, 2022.

“The Future of Philosophy”, *Ayandeh Negar (Study of Future)*, Winter 2022, Vol. 12, No. 115, pp. 33-37.

“The Quran vs. The Theory of the Evolution: A Critical Assessment of the Contrasting Views of Two Prominent Shi‘a Scholars of the 20<sup>th</sup>c”, the *Proceedings of the Annual International Conference on Shi‘i Studies*, Vol. 6, 2022, pp. 3-17, London: ICAS Press.

“The Absence of The Insights from the Humanities and Social Science: The Why &

How of the Disastrous Consequences of Technological and Engineering Projects”, *Ayandeh Negar* (Study of Future), Autumn 2022, Vol. 12, No. 111, pp. 97-100.

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Parts III)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* (JSIS) 2021.

The Persian version of “Shariati’s Unfinished Project,” *Siasat-Nameh*, No. 15, 2021.

“The Effect of Sin on Scientific Knowledge: a case study of Stephen Moroney’s approach from a critical rationalist point of view” (paper jointly written by Homa Yazdani and Lutfullah Nabavi), *Philosophy of Science* (Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies), 2020, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp, 203-223.

The Persian translation of “What and How Can We Learn from the Quran: A Critical Rationalist Perspective,” *Bharestan* (Journal of the Iranian Academy of Science), 7, Autumn 2020.

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Part II)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* (JSIS), Summer 2017 Volume X, Number 4 (Joint Paper with Dr Isa Jahangir). N.B. The above issue is the latest issue of the JSIS, which, due to the Journal’s backlog, will be published in January 2020.

“Nihilism and the Information Technology”, *Fasl Nameh Pazhohesh-haye Falsafi va Kalami* (A Quarterly Journal of Philosophical and Theological Investigations) Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri), 2020.

“Fiqh as a Technology: Implications and Consequence”, (Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri), *Falsafeh Tahlili (Analytic Philosophy)*, 2020.

“Shi‘as in Britain: The Earliest Cases (Part 1)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Summer 2017 Volume X, Number 3, pp. 51-312 (Joint Paper with Dr Isa Jahangir). N.B. The above issue is the latest issue of the JSIS, which, due to the Journal’s backlog, was published in October 2019.

“Science and Technology: Differences, Interactions, and Implications”, *Falsafeh-ye Ilm (Philosophy of Science)*, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 105-134, 2019 (Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri).

“Philosophical Relationship between Science & Technology”, *Ravesh-Shenasi-ye Ulum-e Ensani (The Methodology of Human Sciences)*, Vol. 25, Consecutive number, 99, pp. 19-33, 2019 (Joint Paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri).

“Justice and Ethics as Totipotent Emergent Properties: A Critical Rationalist Perspective” in the *Proceedings of the Annual International Conference on Shi‘i Studies*, Vol. 4, 2019, London: ICAS Press, pp. 196-225.

“Technology: Rationality and Criticizability vs. Justificationism”, (joint paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri and Ms Sediqa Qayumi) *Zehn (Mind)* (Iranian Institute of Islamic Culture and Research), 2019.

“The Role of Intellectuals in the Public Sphere” (joint paper with Hossein Paya), *Iran* (Newspaper) 2019.

“The Status of University in the Iranian Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Critical Reflections on the New Functions of not a Very New Technology” in *The Philosophy of University*, edited by Reza Mahoozi, Tehran: Institute of Cultural and Social Studies, 2019.

“Replies to the Questions Concerning *Habermas and the Iranian Intellectuals*”, *Qlam-Yaran: A Cultural-Social Monthly*, November 2018, No. 14.

“A Brief, though Critical, Assessment of Iran’s First Science and Technology Roadmap”, *Rhayaft*, No. 71, Autumn 2018.

“Critical Rationalism as a Theoretical Framework for Futures Studies and Foresight”, *Futures*, no. 96, 2018, pp. 104-114.

“Science and Technology: Differences, Interactions, and Consequences” (joint paper with Dr Alireza Mansouri), *Philosophy of Science* (Iranian Institute of Human Sciences and Cultural Studies), No.2, Vol. 8, Fall 2018, pp. 105-134.

“A Critical Assessment of Allameh Tabatabaee’s Methodological Approach and Methods of Interpretation in his *Magnum Opus, Tafsir al-Mizan* from a Critical Rationalist Point of View”, in *Proceedings of the Annual International Conference on Shi’i Studies*, Vol. 3, 2017, London: ICAS Press, 2018.

“*Fotowwat* (Altruistic Magnanimity), *Javānmardī* (Chivalry) and *Pahlevānī* (Ethical Heroism) in the Iranian-Shi’i Thought”, *Ishraq: Islamic Philosophy Yearbook*, The Russian Academy of Science, No. 8, 2017, pp. 373-379.

“Religious Intellectuals and a Desired Model of Governance” (joint paper with Hossein Paya), *Zeitoon*, 11 November 2017, <https://zeitoons.com/57289>

“Further Replies to Critics Concerning the Epistemic Status of Fiqh”, “*Sadra, A Specialist Quarterly for Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 7, Autumn 2017.

“A Popperian (Critical Rationalist) Approach to Religion”, in *Karl Popper and the Problem of Change*, edited by Halil Rahman Acar, Ankara: Research Institute for Philosophical Foundations of Disciplines, 2017.

“The Epistemic Status of Fiqh”, *International Journal of Islam*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2017.

“How to Promote ‘Modern Critical Thinking’ in the Context of Islamic Studies in Virtual Environment?” in *E-Learning and Islamic Studies: An International Conference*, edited by Morteza Rezaee, London: ICAS Press, 2017.

“If Shariati Was Among Us Today” (co-authored with Hossein Paya), *Azadi-ye Andishe*, No. 4, Summer 2017.

Persian translation of “Transdisciplinary Approach: A Critical Appraisal from an

‘Islamic Perspective’”, in *Farhangestn-e Ulum*, the Journal of the Iranian Academy of Science, No. 61, Spring 2017.

“Muslim Philosophies: A Critical Overview”, *Synthesis Philosophica*, 62 (2) 279-294, January 2016.

“Fiqh and Engineering: Replies to Some Critiques”, *Sadra, A Specialist Quarterly for Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 6, No. 20, Winter 2016, pp. 224-244.

“How to Improve the Efficiency of Human Sciences?” *Journal of Methodology of Human Sciences*, Vol. 21, Number 84, 2016.

“The Disenchantment of Reason: An Anti-rational Trend in Modern Shi‘i Thought-Tafkikis”, *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*, Volume IX, Issue 4, 2016.

“A Critical Assessment of the Programme of ‘Islamic Science’ and ‘Islamisation of Science/Knowledge’”, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 2015, Vol. 29, No. 4, 311–335. (This paper was published in the Summer of 2016; however, its publication date is backdated due to the Journal’s being behind its usual calendar.)

“Some Critical Observations Concerning the Epistemological Status of Fiqh”, *Sadra: A Specialist Quarterly for Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 5, No. 17, Spring 2016, pp. 172-177.

“Social, Economic, Political, and Intellectual Changes in Iran since 1960s” (Paya et al.) in *Handbook of Wellbeing and Quality of Life in the Islamic World*, edited by Richard Estes & Habib Tiliouine, Springer, 2016.

“Faqih as Engineer: A Critical Assessment of the Epistemological Status of Fiqh”, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 33 (1), 2016, pp. 25-51. A Persian translation of this paper has appeared in the *Iranian Journal of Knowledge Studies in the Islamic University*, No. 63, Summer 2015, pp. 173-198.

Review of *Metaphysical Penetrations: A Parallel English-Arabic Text by Mulla Sadra*, trans. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, ed. and introduced by Ibrahim Kalin, 2014. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, distributed for Brigham Young University), xli + 320 pp. (English/Arabic), \$39.95. ISBN: 978-0-84252-839-9.

“Transdisciplinary Approach: A Critical Appraisal from an ‘Islamic Perspective’”, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, Vol, 32, No. 1, 2015, pp. 23-48. A Persian translation of this paper has appeared in *Nameh Farhangestan Ulum (The Journal of the Iranian Academy of Sciences)*, New Series, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 87-120.

Review of ‘*East and West: Allama Jafari on Bertrand Russell*, by Seyyed Javad Miri, University Press of America, Inc. 2013’, *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 65, 2015.

“What and How Can We Learn from the Quran: A Critical Rationalist Perspective”,

*Islamic Studies*, 53, no. 3, 2014, pp. 175-200.

“Abdolkarim Soroush: A Hesitant Rationalist,” *Ishraq: Islamic Philosophy Yearbook*, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, No: 6, 2015, pp. 264-272.

“The Irresolvable Contradictions of the Projects of Islamisation of Social Sciences and Humanities” in Prof. Gholamreza Awwani’s *Festschrift*, Tehran: Academy of Philosophy.

“Islamic Philosophy: Past, present, and Future”, *Philosophical Traditions*, Royal Institute of Philosophy, 2014, pp. 265-321. DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1358246114000113>

“Acquiring Knowledge with a Critical Mind”, *Islam Today*, September/October 2014 Issue 23, Vol. 2, pp. 16 – 19.

“Scepticism and the Problem of Acquiring Genuine Knowledge: Ghazzali and Popper”, in *The Misty Land of Ideas and the Light of Dialogue: An Anthology of Comparative Philosophy- Western & Islamic*, edited by Ali Paya, ICAS Press, 2013.

“Is ‘Islamic Human Sciences’ Possible?”, *Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. 1. No. 1. 2013.

“Muslims and Modernity: After Two and a Half Centuries What Have We Learnt? A Meta-Study of the Main Lessons of an Eventful Encounter”, *Islam and Civilisational Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 4, 2013, pp. 548-561.

“Imam Ali’s Theory of Justice Revisited”, *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies*, Vol. VI, No. 1, 2013, pp. 5-30.

“Is Innovation Rule-based?” *Journal of Science & Technology Policy*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2013, pp. 79-102.

“How indigenous are ‘indigenous sciences’? The Case of ‘Islamic Sciences’”, in *Asia, Europe, and the Emergence of Modern Science: Knowledge Crossing Boundaries*, edited by Aron Bala, Palgrave, 2012, pp. 147-166.

“Religious Technology: Nature and Possibility”, *Journal of Methodology of Social Sciences and Humanities*, vol. 18, no. 73, pp. 7-51.

Review of *Michelangelo’s Finger: An Exploration of Everyday Transcendence* by Raymond Tallis, 2010. London: Atlantic Books, in *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2012, pp. 236-238.

“Two Unorthodox Methods for Popularising Science”, *Journal for Popularising Science*, Vol. 1, No. 1. 2012, pp. 8-16.

Review of *Islam, Modernity, and the Human Sciences*, By Ali Zaidi (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011), *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies* Volume 23, Issue 3, May 2012, pp. 403-406.

“Islamic Democracy: A Valid Concept or an Oxymoron?” in *Iraq, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World*, edited by Ali Paya & John Esposito, London & New York: Routledge, 2011.

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Iranian Academy of Philosophy

International Institute for Dialogue Among Religions

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Iranian Society for the Social Sciences

Transcultura - Institut International pour une Connaissance Réciproque des Civilisations  
(France)

Dialogue Society (UK)

British Association of Islamic Studies

Advanced Higher Education (Previously: Higher Education Academy)