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### **EDUCATION**

- 1988-1989 Postdoctoral Studies, Comparative Education  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA  
Area of Specialization: Education in the Middle East and North Africa
- 1988 Ph.D., Education, University of California, Los Angeles, USA  
Area of Specialization: Social Sciences and Comparative Education
- 1980 M.Ed., Education, Harvard University, USA
- 1979 B.A., Psychology and Sociology  
University of Southern California, USA
- 1977 Program in Political Science  
University of Cambridge, UK

## **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

- 2020      “Internationalizing the Curriculum”  
Lynch School of Education and Human Development  
Boston College  
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2019      “Think Tank on Global Education: Empowering Global  
Citizens”  
Graduate School of Education  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- 1989      “Adult Education”  
School of Education  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Amherst, Massachusetts, USA

## **TEACHING**

- 2016-      Professor of Education  
present    Alzahra University  
              Tehran, Iran
- Spring      Visiting Professor of Education  
2002,1997, Graduate School of Education,  
1993&1991 University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- Summer    Lecturer, International and Area Studies  
1990      Summer Institute for Educators  
              The Middle East Office for International Studies and Overseas  
              Programs  
              University of California, Los Angeles, USA

- 1998-2016 Associate Professor of Education  
Alzahra University  
Tehran, Iran
- 1995-2000 Visiting Professor of Education  
Shahid Beheshti University  
Tehran, Iran
- 1990-2012 Visiting Professor of Education  
Allameh Tabataba'i University  
Tehran, Iran
- 1989-1998 Assistant Professor of Education  
Alzahra University  
Tehran, Iran
- 1988-89 Lecturer  
Graduate School of Education  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 1987 Lecturer, International and Area Studies  
Teacher Training Institutes  
The Middle East Office of International Studies and Overseas  
Programs  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA

## **RESEARCH**

- In progress “The Dialogue of the Local and the Global: Internationalization  
of Iranian Higher Education”  
Alzahra University, Iran
- 2019-  
present “Internationalization of Universities in Canada”  
University of Western Ontario, Canada

- 2012-2015 “Female Education in Iran”  
Islamic Social Practices and Their Underlying Principles  
Waseda University, Japan
- 2007-2009 “Comparative Study of Female Higher Education in Iran and  
Canada”  
Alzahra University, Iran, and University of Western Ontario,  
Canada
- 2001-2002 “Comparative Study of Education in Iran and the Republic of  
Azerbaijan”  
Graduate School of Education  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 2000 “School Drop-Out in Oman”  
UNICEF, Oman
- 1999-2000 “Peace Education in School Textbooks in Iran”  
UNICEF, Iran
- 1992-1997 “Girls’ Primary Education in Iran”  
UNICEF and Ministry of Education, Iran
- 1991-1992 “Situation Analysis of Education in Iran”  
UNICEF, Iran
- 1988 Research Associate  
Graduate School of Education  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 1984-1985 Researcher  
Educational Office of the Iranian National Commission for  
UNESCO, Iran

## CONSULTANCY

- 2006-2012 Consultant and Member of the Advisory Board,  
Gender and Economic Policy and Analysis  
The Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank  
World Bank, USA
- 2003 Gender Consultant  
The Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2003 Consultant and Member of Gender Advisory Group on  
Education and Development, UNESCO  
Paris, France
- 2001-2002 Gender and Education Consultant  
The Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2000 Education Consultant, UNICEF  
Muscat, Oman
- 2000-2010 Consultant, Consultative Council on Gender in the Middle East  
and North Africa, World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 1998-2000 Consultant, Consultative Council for Women in the Middle East  
and North Africa, World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 1994-1995 Education Consultant, UNICEF  
Middle East and North Africa Regional Office  
Amman, Jordan
- 1992-1993 Education Consultant, UNESCO  
Tehran, Iran

1991-2000 Education Consultant, UNICEF  
Tehran, Iran

## **PUBLICATIONS (in English)**

- 2020 “Islamization and Indigenization of Faculties of Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran” (co-author with Fariba Adli). *Course Syllabi in Faculties of Education: Bodies of Knowledge and Their Discontents, International and Comparative Perspectives*. London and New York: Bloombury, UK
- 2019 *Women, Islam, and Education* (co-edited with Goli Rezai-Rashti and Shirin Abdmolaei). New York and London: Routledge, USA
- 2019 “Female Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran” (co-author with Fariba Adli). *Women, Islam, and Education*. New York and London: Routledge, USA
- 2015 “Female Empowerment in Iran: The Voice of Iranian University Students (A Grounded Theory Approach)” (co-author with Somayeh Fereidouni and Yazdan Mansourian). *Higher Education Quarterly*, Vol. 69, No. 4, UK
- 2010 “Representations of Arabs in Iranian Elementary School Textbooks.” *Education in the Arab World: Political Projects, Struggles, and Geometries of Power*, World Yearbook of Education 2010. New York and London: Routledge, USA
- 2009 “Doing and Undoing Gender: Female Higher Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *International Review of Education*, UNESCO, Vol. 55, Germany
- 2007 “The Portrayal of the ‘Insider’ and ‘Outsider’ in the School Textbooks of the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *Teaching for Tolerance in Muslim Majority Societies*, Center for Values

Education in Cooperation with the Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Istanbul: DEM, Turkey

- 2007 “Religious Education of Muslim and Non-Muslim Schoolchildren in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *Aspects of Education in the Middle East and North Africa*, Oxford Studies in Comparative Education. Oxford Symposium Books, UK
- 2007 “Iran: A Shi’ite Curriculum to Serve the Islamic State.” *Teaching Islam: Textbooks and Religion in the Middle East*, Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, USA
- 2003 “The Paradox of Tradition and Modernity in Female Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *Comparative Education Review*, Vol. 47, No. 3, August 2003, USA
- 2003 “Khatami, Political Reform and Education in Iran.” *Comparative Education*, Vol. 39, No. 3, August 2003, UK
- 2002 “The Presentation of the ‘Self’ and the ‘Other’ in Post-Revolutionary Iranian School Textbooks.” *Iran and the Surrounding World 1501-2001: Interactions in Culture and Cultural Politics*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, USA
- 2000 “A Study of the Facilitating Factors in Girls’ Education in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” *NIRA* (National Institute for Research Advancement), No. 19990127, Japan (translated in Japanese)
- 1999 “Lifelong Learning: New Opportunities for Women in a Muslim Country (Iran).” *Comparative Education*, Vol.35, No.2, UK
- 1999, 2012 “Education in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities.” (co-author with Shabana Mir). *Comparative Education: The Dialectic of the Global and the Local*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, USA
- 1998 “Education in Postrevolutionary Persia, 1979-1995.” *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, Vol. III, Fascicle 3, USA

- 1998 "Islam and Women's Roles." *Women in the Third World: An Encyclopedia of Contemporary Issues*, USA
- 1997 "Higher Education in Iran." *Asian Higher Education: An International Handbook and Reference Guide*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, USA
- 1997 "A Study of Girls' Lack of Access to Primary Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran." *Compare*, Vol. 27, No. 3, UK
- 1996 "Needed: Disciplined Dialogues on Religion and Education" (co-edited with Matthew Zachariah). *Comparative Education Review*, Vol. 40, No. 1, USA
- 1995 *Girls' Drop-out from Primary Schooling in the Middle East and North Africa: Challenges and Alternatives*. UNICEF (also published in Arabic and French)
- 1994 "Educational Reform in Post-revolutionary Iran: A Shift in Policy?" *International Perspectives on Education and Society*. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, USA
- 1992 "Educational Reform in Iran." *International Handbook of Educational Reform*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, USA
- 1992 "Social Implications of Literacy Education in Iran." *Comparative Education Review*. Vol. 36, No.2, USA
- 1991 "The Creation of a New Muslim Woman: Female Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran." *Convergence*, Vol. 24, No. 4, Canada
- 1990 "Ideology and Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran." *Compare*, Vol. 20, No. 1, UK
- 1989 "Survey of Events: 1988- The Middle East." *Comparative Education Review*, Vol. 33, No. 2, USA
- 1989 "Socialization of Schoolchildren in the Islamic Republic of Iran." *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 22, No. 1, USA



- 1989 “Cultural Revolution and Value Transformation in Post-Revolutionary Iranian Education.” *Muslim Education Quarterly*, Vol. 7, No. 1, UK

### **BOOK REVIEW (in English)**

- 2003 *Gender and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Women in the Public Sphere*, with Mona Khalaf, Published by the World Bank, USA
- 1998 *Education and the Making of Modern Iran*, Published in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, USA

### **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (in English)**

- 2019 “De-Westernization of Iranian Universities.” (with Fariba Adli)  
Paper presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
San Francisco, California, USA
- 2017 “The Duality of Indigenization and Internationalization at Institutions of Higher Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” (with Fariba Adli)  
Paper presented at the International Higher Education Studies Conference  
Antalya, Turkey
- 2017 “The Paradox of Tradition and Modernity in Shaping Iranian Women’s Educational Experience.”  
Paper presented at Waseda University  
Tokyo, Japan

- 2017 “Female Education in Iran.”  
Paper presented at Kyoto University  
Kyoto, Japan
- 2016 “The Educational Challenges of Rural and Nomadic Girls in Iran.”  
Paper presented at the United Nations Girl Child Day  
International Conference  
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 “Islam, Women and Education: Educating Women in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Vancouver, Canada
- 2013 “Educating the Ideal Muslim Woman in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the International Conference on New Horizons in Islamic Area Studies, National Institutes for the Humanities of Japan  
Lahore, Pakistan
- 2013 “Neo-Fundamentalism and Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the XV Comparative Education World Congress  
Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2011 “Female Educational Experience in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, McGill University  
Montreal, Canada
- 2010 “Women, Higher Education, and Empowerment in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the XIV World Congress of Comparative Education, Bogazici University

Istanbul, Turkey

- 2007 “The Creation of a Politicized Shi’i: Religious Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the International Symposium of Religious Education in Muslim World and Teaching Islam in Schools in Europe  
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 “The Portrayal of the ‘Insider’ and ‘Outsider’ in the School Textbooks of the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Paper presented at the Conference on Learning about the Other and Teaching for Tolerance in Muslim Majority Societies  
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 “Quality Education and Gender Equality.”  
Paper presented at the International Conference on Education, UNESCO/IBE  
Geneva, Switzerland
- 2004 “Religious Education and the Presentation of ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ in Iranian Schools.”  
Paper presented at the University of Oslo/Oslo Coalition  
Oslo, Norway
- 2003 “Religious Education and Identity Formation in Iranian Schools.”  
Paper presented at Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island, USA
- 2002 “Lessons Learned from the Female Educational Experience in the Islamic Republic of Iran.”  
Lecture delivered at Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey, USA
- 2002 “Human Rights and Human Development: Education in Iran.”  
Paper presented at the World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2002 “The Educational Experience of Iranian Youth.”

- Paper presented at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2002 “Highlighting Educational Issues in the Middle East.”  
Presentation delivered at the World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2002 “A Study of Women’s Dual Role in Iran and its Impact on Female Education.”  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Orlando, Florida, USA
- 2001 ”Comparative Study of Minority Education: Iran.”  
Paper presented at the Annual IREX Conference  
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2001 “Case Study: Iran.”  
Presentation delivered at the World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2001 “Female Educational Experience in Iran.”  
Paper presented at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Washington, DC, USA
- 2001 “The Right to Education: The Case of Girls’ Schooling in Iran.”  
Paper presented at the Graduate School of Education, University of California,  
Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2001 “Female Education in Iran: The Interplay of Tradition and Modernity.”  
Lecture delivered at the Graduate Center, City University of New York  
New York, New York, USA

- 2000 “Study of School Drop-Out in the Sultanate of Oman.”  
Paper prepared for UNICEF  
Muscat, Oman
- 2000 “The World and the Image of the ‘Other’ in Post-Revolutionary School Textbooks in Iran.”  
Paper presented at the International Conference on “Iran and the Surrounding World since 1500.”  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 2000 “The Preparation of Iranian Schoolchildren for the Twenty First Century: A Study of the Messages Conveyed in Primary School Textbooks.”  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and Education Society  
San Antonio, Texas, USA
- 1999 Study of the Facilitating Factors in Girls’ Education in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” Paper Presented at the Association for Islamic Studies in Japan  
Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 “Iran-Universalizing Girls’ Access to Primary Education.”  
Presentation delivered at the World Bank  
Washington, DC, USA
- 1998 “Out-of-School Girls in Iran.” Presentation delivered at the UNICEF Seminar on Reaching the Unreached: MENA’s Basic Education Challenge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Beirut, Lebanon
- 1998 “A Study of the Iranian Success Story in Girls’ Education.”  
Paper presented at the World Bank Conference.  
Mediterranean Development Forum  
Marrakesh, Morocco
- 1997 “Girls’ Education and Community Participation: Lessons Learned from the Iranian Experience.”  
Presentation delivered at the UNICEF Basic Education and Community Participation Workshop

Sana'a, Yemen

- 1996 "Study of the Hindering Factors Leading to Girls' Lack of Access to or Drop-out from Primary Schooling in Iran." Paper presented at the IXth World Congress of Comparative Education  
Sydney, Australia
- 1995 "Girls' Drop-out in Primary Education in the Middle East and North Africa." Presentation delivered at the UNICEF Cross-Regional Seminar on Innovative Strategies for Girls' and Women's Education  
Manama, Bahrain
- 1993 "Shifting Priorities in Post-Revolutionary Educational Reform in Iran." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Kingston, Jamaica
- 1993 "Revolutionary Exigencies Versus Post-Revolutionary Realities: A Study of Educational Transformation in the Islamic Republic of Iran." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis  
Los Angeles, California, USA
- 1992 "Literacy Education in Iran: Quantity or Quality?" Paper presented at the VIIIth World Congress of Comparative Education  
Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 1992 "Female Education and Identity Formation in the Islamic Republic of Iran." Paper presented at the Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Los Angeles  
1993 Los Angeles, California, USA
- 1992 "The Effect of the Commitment Versus Expertise Debate on the Quality of Education in Post-Revolutionary Iran." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

- 1991 “Literacy Education in Iran: Element of Stability or Instrument of Social Change?” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
- 1990 “Educational Reform in Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Shift in Policy?” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Anaheim, California, USA
- 1989 “The Education of a New Muslim Woman in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” Paper presented at the VIIth World Congress of Comparative Education  
Montreal, Canada
- 1989 “Cultural Revolution and Value Transformation in Post-Revolutionary Iranian Education.” Paper presented at the VIIth World Congress of Comparative Education  
Montreal, Canada
- 1989 “The Creation of the New Muslim Woman: Female Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- 1989 “Cultural Revolution and the Transformation of Values in the Educational System of the Islamic Republic of Iran.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis  
New York, New York, USA
- 1988 “Women’s Education in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America  
Beverly Hills, California, USA

- 1988 “Cultural Revolution and Educational Change in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- 1987 “Post-Revolutionary Educational Change in Iran.” Lecture delivered at the Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, California, USA
- 1987 “Ideology and Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” Paper presented at the Western Region Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society  
Los Angeles, California, USA
- 1987 “A Study of the Social, Political, and Cultural Values Taught in Iranian Schools.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Comparative and International Education Society  
Washington, DC, USA

## **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

- 2008 Presentation at the Workshop on “Gender and Economics in the Middle East and North Africa: from Theory to Policy Making.”  
Dubai School of Government in Association with Harvard University  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2005 Presentation at the Workshop on “Fostering Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations through Concrete and Sustainable Initiatives.”  
UNESCO, ISESCO, ALESCO  
Rabat, Morocco
- 2004 Presentation at the Workshop on “Quality Education and Gender Equality.”



UNESCO International Conference on Education  
Geneva, Switzerland

- 2003 Presentation at the Workshop on “Future of Our Culture and Education.”  
Asia-Pacific Forum for UNESCO  
Tokyo, Japan

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

- 2020 Reviewer, *Higher Education: The International Journal of Higher Education Research*, Springer, Switzerland and UK
- 2019 Reviewer, *Social Education Research*, USA
- 2015 Facilitator, Signing of Memorandum of Understanding  
Waseda University (Japan) and Alzahra University
- 2014-2016 Invited Professor Keiko Sakurai of Waseda University (Japan) to Deliver Lectures at Alzahra University
- 2014 Invited Professor Goli Rezai-Rashti of University of Western Ontario (Canada) to Deliver a Lecture and Conduct a Workshop at Alzahra University
- 2014 Reviewer, *International Journal of Educational Development*, USA
- 2013-2016 Reviewer, *Journal of Language, Identity, and Education*, USA
- 2013-2015 Reviewer, *International Review of Education*, UNESCO, Germany
- 2013-present Member of the Editorial Advisory Board  
Routledge Publications, USA and UK

- 2012-2015 Member of the Research Group: Islamic Social Practices and Their Underlying Principles  
Organization for Islamic Area Studies  
Waseda University, Japan
- 2011 Reviewer, *Educational Research*, USA
- 2008-2012 Reviewer, *Comparative Education Review*, USA
- 2008-2009 Academic Cooperation with Asian University for Women, Bangladesh
- 2003-2008 Member of Advisory Board, *Comparative Education Review*, USA
- 1996 Co-editor of Special Issue, with Mathew Zachariah, *Comparative Education Review*, USA

## **INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 1989- present Pi Lambda Theta  
National Honor and Professional Association in Education, USA
- 1989-2000 International Council for Adult Education, Canada
- 1989-1994 Iranian Studies, USA
- 1990-1994 International Society for Middle Eastern Studies, USA
- 1984- present Comparative and International Education Society, USA