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## **EDUCATION**

PhD Candidate, Sociology <i>University of Chicago</i>	Expected 2018
<i>Dissertation: Institutionalization of a Revolutionary Army: The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88)</i>	
Non-degree Graduate Studies, Theoretical-Cultural Sociology <i>University of Tehran</i>	2011
Master of Arts, Cultural Studies <i>Allameh Tabatabaei University, Tehran</i>	2008
Bachelor of Arts, Iranian Music <i>University of Tehran</i>	2005

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Comparative-Historical Sociology, Culture, Social Movements, State-building, Revolutionary Militias, Religion, the Middle East

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Azadarmaki, Taghi and **Maryam Alemzadeh**. 2010. "Immaterialism and Minimal Religiousness in Iran." *OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development* 2 (1): 17-26.

### *PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN FARSI*

**Alemzadeh, Maryam**, and Samina Rastegari. 2015. "Youth Religiosity, Ideals and Facts: A Study of the Limits of Religious Discourses in the Analysis of Youth Religiosity." *Mutali'at-i jami'ishinakhti [Sociological Studies]* 21 (2): 159-188.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam**. 2010. "Ideal Pattern of Religiosity in Contemporary Traditionalism: A Case Study of Hussein Nasr." *Namih-i farhang va irtibat [Journal of Culture and Communication]*, 1389 (2): 55-82.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Alemzadeh, Maryam**. "Formalizing Informality: State-building and the Birth of Militias in Post-revolutionary Iran."

**Alemzadeh, Maryam**. "An Unconventional Military's Survival: The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in the Iran-Iraq War." (under review)

## PUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS (English to Farsi)

Skinner, Quentin. Forthcoming. *Bazgasht-i kalan-nazariyeh dar olum-i insani* [*The Return of Grand Theory in the Human Sciences* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985)]. Trans. **Maryam Alemzadeh**. Tehran: *Farhang-i Javid* Publications.

Jaccard, James, and Jacob Jacoby. 2017. *Maharatha-i mudilsazi va nazariyehpardazi* [*Theory Construction and Model-Building Skills* (New York: Guilford Press, 2010)]. Trans. **Maryam Alemzadeh**. Tehran: Institution for Cultural and Social Studies.

Gandhi, Leela. 2009. *Pasa-isti'margarayi* [*Postcolonial Theory* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1998)]. Trans. **Maryam Alemzadeh** and Homayun Kakasoltani. Tehran: Institution for Cultural and Social Studies.

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS**

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$38,000	2017-18
Department of Sociology Robert Park Lectureship Award, University of Chicago, \$6,000 (declined)	2017-18
Social Sciences Division Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, \$5,000	2016
Social Sciences Division Summer Grant, University of Chicago, \$3,000	2015
UChicagoGrad Travel Grant, University of Chicago, \$500	2015
Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago, \$24,000 stipend per year	2011-2016
Top College Graduate Award, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Tehran	2005
Exceptional Talent Iranian National Governmental Award	2002-2005

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor, “Classics of Social and Political Thought, III” <i>University of Chicago, Collegiate Division</i>	2017
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This seminar style class is part of the Collegiate Division’s social science core education and explores social and political institutions through reading classics from Tocqueville to Du Bois. I modified the class structure—e.g., added a modernist novel to the readings, organized a “classical movie” night, and designed specific writing assignments so that the students would be able to better connect the concepts to their everyday experience of the social surrounding.

- Instructor, “Introduction to Classics of Sociological Thought” 2016  
*Iranian Sociological Association*  
 I designed and taught this 20-hour course to ten students of sociology in Tehran, Iran. The goal was to familiarize them with reading classical sociological texts in English as a second language. After a brief introduction of the author and the text at hand, I addressed the challenges the students faced reading each text and provided advice on how to achieve a holistic understanding of it despite the language barrier.
- Teaching Assistant, “Sociological Theory” 2015  
*University of Chicago, Department of Sociology*
- Teaching Assistant, “Intermediate Persian” 2014-2015  
*University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Cultures and Languages*
- Teaching Intern, “Classics of Social and Political Thought, I, II, III” 2013-2014  
*University of Chicago, Collegiate Division*

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “Formalizing Informality: State-building and the Birth of Revolutionary Militias in Post-revolutionary Iran.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Montreal, QC, 2017.
- “Charisma as a Source of Everyday Cohesion in an Unconventional Military.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Seattle, WA, 2016.
- “An Unconventional Military in a Conventional Battle: The Informal Organization of Revolutionary Guards in the Iran-Iraq War.” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, 2015.
- “Ideals and Realities of Youth Religiosity in Tehran.” *Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard University*. Cambridge, MA, 2013.

### **PROFESSIONAL and UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- American Journal of Sociology* 2014-Present  
 Occasional Reviewer
- American Journal of Sociology* 2017  
 Manuscript Review Board
- American Journal of Sociology* 2014-2015  
 Book Review Board
- University of Chicago Politics, History & Society Workshop* 2015  
 Student Coordinator
- University of Chicago, Department of Sociology* 2012-2013  
 Society for Social Research (SSR) Board Member

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Middle East Studies Association  
Iranian Sociological Association

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Fluent in Farsi, reading knowledge of Arabic and German

**REFERENCES**

Andreas Glaeser  
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