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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. "An Unconventional Military's Survival: The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in the Iran-Iraq War." (Revised and resubmitted)

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

PUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS (English to Farsi)

Skinner, Quentin. Forthcoming. *Bazgash-t-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
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”
University of Chicago, Collegiate Division 2017

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

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