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### Education

PhD (Philosophy of Religion) University of Edinburgh, 2019

MA (Interfaith relations) University of Glasgow, 2009

Post-doctoral level course (*Kharij*), Jurisprudence (*Fiqh*), Seminary of Qom, 1991-2002  
Supervisor: Ayatollah Mirza Javad Tabrizi

Post-doctoral level course (*Kharij*), Principles of Jurisprudence (*'Ilm Usul al-Fiqh*), Seminary of Qom, 1991-2002  
Supervisor: Ayatollah Ja'far Sobhani

Advanced Islamic Philosophy (*Asfar*); under the personal supervision of Ayatollah Javadi-Amoli, 1997-2002

Advanced Philosophy and Theology, Imam Sadiq Institute, (Qom) 1991-1995  
Key modules: Philosophy, Theology, Hermeneutics, Logic and Ethics.

Advanced Interpretation of the Qur'an (*Kharij Tafsir*), 1988-2002  
Supervisor: Ayatollah Javadi-Amoli

BA, Islamic Studies, Seminary of Qom, 1983-1991  
Key modules: Arabic literature, logic, Islamic philosophy, Quranic sciences, interpretation of the Quran, the Theological Schools of Thought (*Milal va Nihal*), the science of narrators and narrations (*'Ilm al-Rijal and al-Dirayah*), Theology, Islamic Jurisprudence (*Fiqh*) and the Principles of the science of jurisprudence (*'Ilm Usul al-Fiqh*)

## Publications

### Books

*Dirayah Studies: An Introduction*. London: Contemporary Thoughts Press, 2025. (forthcoming)

*Worldview and the Theory of Knowledge*. London: Contemporary Thoughts Press, 2023.

*Rijal Studies: an Introduction*. London: Contemporary Thoughts Press, 2023.

*Religious Diversity in Contemporary Shi'i Thought*. London: ICAS Press, 2022.

*Jahān-binī va Shinākeh* (Epistemology). Qom: Imam Ṣādiq Institute, 1988.

*Nayl al-Waṭar min Qā'idah lā Ḍarar* (The Jurisprudential Maxim of No Harm). Qom: Imam Ṣādiq Institute, 1999.

*Lubb al-'Athar fī al-Jabr wa al-Qadar* (Predestination and Free will). Qom: Imam Ṣādiq Institute

### Articles

“Prophet Muḥammad and his Miracles: Critiquing ‘Alī Dashtī’s View”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* (JSIS), 2025. (forthcoming)

“A Critical View on Sayyid Quṭb and the Status of Intellect (‘Aql)”, *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* (JSIS), 2024.

“The Role of Intellect in the Perspective of Imamiyyah Jurists”, *al-Qalam Journal*. 2024.

Imamate and the Principle of Loving-Kindness. *The Journal of ‘Contemporary Study of Islam’* (JCSI). 2022.

*Pluralism Dīnī dar Chishm Andāẓ-i mā* (Religious Pluralism in our Perspective). *Journal of Islamic Theology*. 2007.

*Shari‘at Fāragīr va Jāhanī va Nasikh Sharāyi‘ Pishīn*, (The Universal Shari‘at and the Abrogator of the Previous Sharayi‘). *Journal of Islamic Theology*. 2007

*Gūshe'ī az Munāẓirātpi kalāmī* (A Brief Account of Theological Debates), *Journal of Islamic Theology*.1995.

*Āmūẓi-i hāy-i Ghīyām-i 'Āshūrā* (The Teachings of the 'Āshūrā Movement), *Journal of Islamic Theology*, 2008.

*Kūdāmyik az du ʿa bir ṣaḥīḥ āst*, “*Kitāba Allah va 'Itratī Aḥl al-Bayti*” ya “*Kitāba Allah va Sunnatī*”, (Which one of these two title is correct: the Qur'an and my 'Itrah or the Qur'an and my Sunnah) *Journal of Islamic Theology*. 1995.

## **Teaching**

Advanced Islamic Philosophy (*Sharḥ-i Manẓūmih al-Sabẓivārī*)

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in The Elements of Islamic Metaphysics (Main texts for each course respectively: *Bidāyah al-Hikmah* and *Nihāyah al-Hikmah*) - The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Logic. The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Ethics. The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the Philosophy of Religion: Hermeneutics, Epistemology, Religious Pluralism, Religious Experience. The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Theology. The Islamic College, Imam Sadiq Institute

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the history of the Islamic Schools of Thought (*milal and niḥal*). The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in The Principles of Jurisprudence. The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Jurisprudence. The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in the exegesis of the Qur'an (sequential and thematic). The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in the science of narrators and narration (*‘ilm al-rijal and al-dirayah*). The Islamic College, Seminary of Qom

Undergraduate courses in Arabic Grammar. The Islamic College, University of Qom

## **Work Experiences**

Senior Lecturer, The Islamic College.  
2019-present.

Director, al-Mahdi Islamic Institute, Glasgow.  
2002-2019.

Senior Lecturer, Imam Ṣādiq Institute, Qom.  
1991-2002.

Lecturer, University of Qom.  
1990-1993.

Visiting lecturer, Āzād University of Marvdasht.  
1993-1995.

Lecturer, Seminary of Qom.  
1987-2002.

## **Languages**

Fluent in Persian, Arabic, Turkish and English

## **Fields of Interest**

Philosophy, Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Islamic Jurisprudence (*Fiqh*), the Principles of jurisprudence (*‘Ilm Uṣūl al-Fiqh*), the science of narrators and narrations (*‘ilm al-rijāl and dirāyah*), history of Islam.