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Languages

Persian (Native Speaker)

English (Fluent)

German (Good)

Arabic (Basic)

Ancient Languages

Avestan, Old Persian, Sanskrit, Parthian, Manichaean Middle Persian, Zoroastrian Middle Persian (Pahlavi), Bactrian, Khwarezmian, Sogdian.

Education

September 2013- Present

PhD Candidate

Department of the Study of Religions

School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK.

Thesis Title: The Avesta and Pahlavi Versions of the Hōm Yašt.

September 2012- September 2013

MA in Religions, specializing in Zoroastrianism (Distinction)

Department of the Study of Religions

School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK.

Thesis Title: A Study of the Transmission of the Avesta.

September 2008- September 2010

MA in the Languages and Culture of Ancient Iran

Faculty of Letters and Humanities

Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran.

Thesis Title: An Investigation into the Oral Literature of Iranian Zoroastrians and Its Comparison with the Middle Persian and Zoroastrian Persian Texts.

September 2005- August 2007

MSc in Animal Pathology

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Thesis Title: The Role of E2F7 and E2F8 in Controlling Cell Cycle and Embryonic Development.

October 1997- February 2004

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Azad University of Karaj, Karaj, Iran

Thesis Title: Evaluation of the Potential of Uterine Massage in Improvement of Reproductive Indices in Holstein Cows.

Academic Research and Project

Project

- **September 2013-Present**
Corpus Avesticum: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/religions/research/projects/digital-yasna/>

Research

- **Research Assistant (June 2014)**
Working on a Zij ī Ilkhāni manuscript kept at the British Library, UK.
- **September 2013-present**
Yadegar Bastan Research Group (registered organisation in the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Iran).
Established the Yadegar Bastan (Ancient Heritage) Research Centre with some illustrious Iranian academics to perform research on the Iranian culture and preserve the Iranian heritage
- **Researcher (October 2012- Present)**
Working on the Pahlavi Yasna manuscripts, SOAS, UK.
- **Research Assistant (October 2013- March 2014)**
Transliterating nine Pahlavi Yasna manuscripts, SOAS, UK.
- **September 2009- March 2012**
Joint work with Prof. Mazdapour that will result in the publication of a book regarding the Zoroastrian Oral Heritage.

Job Experience

- **Jun 2012-Sept 2012:** Kowsar Medical Publication Co.
- **Jan. 2011 - March 2012:** Military Service.
- **Jan 2008 – Sept. 2008:** Vetaque Veterinary Pharmaceutical Company.
- **June 2008 – July 2009:** Pars Evidence-based Research Centre.

Selected Publications in the Field of Iranian Studies

- “Concept of Purity in Zoroastrianism with the Special Reference to the Laws Pertaining to Corpse, Menstruation and Walking with One Shoe.”, 2014, will be published in the *Festschrift in Hounour of Abolghasem Esmailpour*.
- Review of “Parsis: A People of the Book”, 2014, will be published in the *Hamazour; Journal of the World Zoroastrian Organisation*.
- Essay on “A Comparative Study of the Declension of the Thematic ‘a’ and ‘ā’ Stems in the Avestan and Sanskrit Languages.” 2013.
- Introducing the Avesta Manuscript Available at the Fravahar Institute. *Fravahar Magazine*. 48 (451). 1391(2012).

- Writing weekly topics on the “Zoroastrian Oral Heritage” for the website: <http://www.berasad.com> (15 Nov. 2010 – 19 Dec. 2010).

Given Presentation and Workshops in the Field of Iranian Studies

- “Mithra and Mehragan Celebration” at the Human Institute of Arts and Music, Invited Guest Speaker. 2 Oct. 2010.
- Lecture on the “History of Gondi-Shapur City and its Academic Centre” at the symposium held by the Association of Zoroastrian Physicians. 16 Apr. 2010.
- Lecture on the “History of Medicine in Ancient Iran” at the symposium held by the Association of Zoroastrian Physicians. 27 Aug. 2009.

Recent Seminars Attended

- Indo-Iranian and Indo-European Symposium, Oxford University, 21 June 2014.
- Historical Comparative Mythology A New Approach, Its Predecessors and Its Critics, SOAS, 12-16 May 2014.
- Bactria and the Transition to Islam, Ancient India and Iran Trust (Cambridge), 10-11 May 2014.
- Dastur Dr. Sohrab Hormasji Kutar Memorial Lecture Series, SOAS, 8 May 2014.
- Women and Medieval Persian Literature. SOAS, 25 and 28 October 2013.
- Aspects of Zoroastrian Monotheism. The Seminar of Religions, SOAS, 15 October 2013.
- The Formation of Zoroastrian Identity through Rediscovery of the Past, SOAS, 11-12 October 2013.
- 8th International Conference, International Association of Manichaeic Studies, SOAS, 9-13 September 2013.
- The First International Conference of the Languages and Dialects of Iran, Tehran, 7-8 June 2012.

Selected Publications and Certificates in the Field of Veterinary and Medical Sciences

- E2F7 and E2F8 Protein Transcription Factors form Heterodimer on Their C-Termini and Regulate Cell Cycle Repression, The First National Congress of Veterinary Laboratory Sciences. 2 Dec. 2009.
- J. Li, C. Ran, E. Li, F. Gordon, G. Comstock, H. Siddiqui, W. Cleghorn, H. Chen, K. Kornacker, S. Pandit, M. Khanizadeh, M. Weinstein, G. Leone, and A. de Bruin. Synergistic Function of E2F7 and E2F8 is Essential for Cell Survival and Embryonic Development. *Developmental Cell* 2008 Jan; 14(1):62-75.
- Certificate of Laboratory Animal Science, Utrecht University.
- Certificate of Biostatistics. Utrecht University.