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□ **Current position**

- Professor, historical sciences methodology and prospective studies, Methodologica Universitas (Paris)
- General director, Graduate School of the Methodology of the Humanities (Ecole Supérieure de Methodologie des Sciences Humaines - Paris)
- Chef Editor, Analytica Iranica, Journal of Iranian Studies (Paris)
- General editor, Encyclopaedia Historia Iranica (Paris)

□ **Academic background**

- 2009: Ph.D. in modern history, Sorbonne University, Paris III
- 2003: Master degree (D.E.A: Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies), Middle Eastern and Mediterranean civilizations, option: history, Sorbonne University, Paris III
- 1994: Master degree, Iranian history, Tehran Azad University, Iran
- 1992: Bachelor in history, Tehran University, Iran
- 1987: Baccalaureate, High school Chamran, Tehran

□ **Professional background in France**

- Since 2007: Director-General and professor, Graduate School of the Methodology of the Humanities (Ecole Supérieure de Methodologie des Sciences Humaines -Paris)
- Since 2009: Founder and editor, Analytica Iranica, magazine dedicated to the Iranian history and civilization, in English and French, Paris
- 2007: Scientific director, conference « Iran and France », Franco-Iranian relationship bicentenary anniversary (1807-2007), under the high Patronage of French Senate President Christian Poncelet, French Senate, December 2007
- 2007: Scientific director, prospective workshops on Iran and Middle East:
 - Analysis of an American military operation's possibility against Iran, Paris, 7 March 2007
 - Analysis of the international sanctions' impact on Iranian economy and European investments in Iran, Paris, 15 May 2007
 - Iran and new geostrategic stake in Middle East: Iran and Arab countries, Paris, 28 June 2007
- 2005-2008: Editor, « Journal d'Iran », magazine dedicated to Iranian culture and history, in French, Paris
- 2004-2005: Co-founder and editor, « Iranian studies » (Motaleat-e Irani), magazine dedicated to Iranian history, in Persian, Paris
- 2003: Teacher, Persian language, Iranian Studies Institute and Razi Association, Sorbonne University, Paris
- Since 2001: President, Institute for Iranian Historical Studies, Paris

□ **Professional background in Iran**

- 1999-2004: Founder and director, Moaserpajooan publishing, Tehran
- 1999: Scientific member, Iranian National Archives' Research Institute, Tehran

- 1999: Research project manager, set up of an archival fond from Qajar's period until now, Foundation of Iranian Martyrs, Tehran
- 1999: Research project manager, set up of a database including Iranian artists and their catalogue of works, Iranian Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Tehran
- Since 1998: Founder and director, Moaserpajooan Cultural Institute, Tehran
- 1998-2000: Teacher, history and sociology, Alizadeh and Mortaza Motahari High-schools, Tehran
- 1998-2000: Teacher, administration, document archiving and methods in documentary studies, Iranian National Archives' Research Institute, Tehran
- 1995: Research project manager, Iranian women under Reza Shah Pahlavi's reign (1924-1941), Iranian Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Tehran
- 1989-2000: Codicology specialist, Persian ancient texts and manuscripts, Iranian National Archives, Tehran
- 1989-2000: Research member, Archiving Historical Document's Council, Iranian Contemporary History Research Institute, Tehran

□ Lectures

- A series of 4 conferences within the framework of Methodology of strategic foresight in urban management, Centre for Cultural Studies of Tehran, 2014, Tehran, in Persian
 - Definitions, principles, concepts and applications of strategic foresight
 - Methodology of strategic foresight
 - Methods and tools for setting up scenarios in strategic foresight
 - Strategic foresight in urban management
- A series of 3 courses within the framework of Methodologica Universitas' Summer School in Iran, Baharan's Institute, 2014, Tehran, in Persian
 - Methodology in historical research (case studies, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary)
 - Research methodology applied to humanities studies
 - Methodology for strategic foresight
- Methodology of book review applied to historical publications, House of writers (Sareye ahle ghalam Tehran), 2014, Tehran, in Persian
- Methodology of historical research based on historical documents, Iranian Library and National Archives, 2014, Tehran, in Persian
- An introduction to the basic concepts of a prospective methodology, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Iranian Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, 2014, Tehran, in Persian
- Prospective methodology in the management of socio-cultural projects, conference organized by the Faculty of Economics and Management, Islamic Azad University, Department of Science Research, 2014, Tehran, in Persian
- Analysis of current strategies of French foreign policy in North Africa and the Middle East, Institute of Strategic Studies of the Middle East, 2014, Tehran, in Persian
- Iran facing the world, a series of conference "The world of tomorrow", Association Carré Thiars, 2010, in French
- Secularisation in Iran, conference on secularism, French Senate, Association Egale, 2010, in French
- Iran and France, Franco-Iranian relationship bicentenary anniversary (1807-2007), under the high Patronage of the French Senate President, French Senate, December 2007, in French
- The current crisis in the Middle East and the need for a European doctrine on Iran, conference on Iran, nuclear technology and new security challenges in the Middle East, European Institute for Strategic Research on Iran, Paris, 26 June 2006, in French
- Pamphlets and satirical newspaper at the time of the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, seminar on sources of the Constitutional Revolution, Iranian Studies Institute, Sorbonne University, Paris III, 2003, in French
- The biography of Sheikh Ibrahim Zanjani, seminar on sources of the Constitutional Revolution, Iranian Studies Institute, Sorbonne University, Paris III, 2002, in French
- The coming to power of Reza Shah Pahlavi, International Conference on the coup of 3 Esfand 1299 (1921), Institute of Contemporary History of Iran, Tehran, 2000, in Persian
- The influence of Iranian students sent to France, in the transmission of modern concepts in Iran, international conference on the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, Iranian Foreign Ministry, Tehran, 1999 in Persian

- Heterogeneous culture and its influence in the implementation of cultural reforms during Reza Shah's reign, annual conference, History of Iran Publishing, Tehran, 1995, in Persian
- The Iranian army and its failure on September 1941, History of Iran Publishing, Tehran, 1994, in Persian

□ Interviews

- 2014: "Foresight studies in Iran", Mehr News, Tehran, in Persian
- 2014: "Invasion of Iran in 1944 by Allied", Shargh journal, Tehran, in Persian
- 2014: "Methodology of the historical review", IBNA' Agency, Tehran, in Persian
- 2014: "Iran and Middle East geopolitics", Ghanoun journal, Tehran, in Persian
- 2009: "Iranian post elections", television interview, Al Hurra, Paris, 23/06/2009, in French
- 2009: "Iranian elections: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad re-elected", guest of the News at France 24, Paris, 13/06/2009
- 2009: "Pending for the Iranian elections", guest of the magazine A la une, France 24, Paris, 11/06/2009, in French
- 2009: "President Obama's speech", guest of the debate presented by Sylvain Attal, France 24, Paris, 04/06/2009, in French
- 2009: "Iran", guest of the magazine A week in Asia, France 24, Paris, 23/04/2009, in French
- 2009: "Ahmadinejad: controlled skid? », guest of the magazine A la une, France 24, Paris, 21/04/2009, in French
- 2009: "Sending an Iranian satellite into space", guest of the magazine A la une, France 24, Paris, 04/02/2009, in French
- 2008: "Iran-US: appeasement?", guest of the magazine A la une, France 24, Paris, 17/07/2008, in French
- 2007: "About the conference « Iran and France » held at the French Senate on 21 December 2008 for the Franco-Iranian relationship bicentenary anniversary 1807-2007, under the high Patronage of French Senate President, magazine Valeurs Actuelles, Paris, 14/12/2007
- 2007: "Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's address at UN", guest of the magazine Face à Face, France 24, Paris, 26/09/2007
- 2007: "Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's speech at Columbia University", Special edition, France 24, Paris, 24/09/2007
- 2007: "Iranian nuclear: new sanctions?", guest of the magazine A la une, France 24, Paris, 21/09/2007
- 2007: "Until the war, business as usual", magazine Challenges, Paris, 20/09/2007
- 2007: "The tension between Iran and the United Kingdom during the kidnapping of 15 British sailors by Iran", guest of the magazine A la une, France 24, Paris, 30/03/2007
- 2007: "The possibility of a U.S. military attack against Iran", television interview, Voice of America, Paris
- 2006: "The situation in the Middle East and the role of Iran and Europe in the regional security's establishment", television interview, Mehr News, Tehran
- 2006: "Iran's nuclear and security issues in the Middle East", television interview, Mehr News, Tehran
- 2006: "The Iranian nuclear issue and some options out of crisis", television interview, Voice of America, Paris
- 2006: "The Iranian nuclear issue", Radio France Internationale, RFI, Paris
- 2000: "The question of political legitimacy of Pahlavi regime, the Shia scholars, and socio-political developments in Iran in the twentieth century", television interview for the national Iranian canal 1, Tehran

□ Debate

- Debate with François Géré ; Director of the Institut Français d'Analyse Stratégique, in Journal d'Iran, n°4-5, November 2005-February 2006
- Debate with Alexandre Adler ; historian and columnist, in Journal d'Iran, n°4-5, November 2005-February 2006
- Debate with Alain Gresh ; editor of Monde Diplomatique, in Journal d'Iran, n°6-7, March-June 2006
- Debate with Pierre-Jean Luizard ; CNRS researcher, in Journal d'Iran, n°6-7, March-June 2006
- Debate with Didier Billion; Deputy Director of the Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques, in Journal d'Iran, n°6-7, March-June 2006
- Debate with Parviz Mina; former Director of International Affairs, NIOC, in Journal d'Iran, n°9-10, September-December 2006

- Debate with H  l  ne Flautre; Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the European Parliament and Firouzeh Nahavandi; Director of the Institut de Sociologie of Universit   libre de Bruxelles, in Journal d' Iran, n  11-12, January-April 2007
- Debate with Christian Bromberger ; Director of the Institut Fran  ais de Recherche en Iran, in Journal d' Iran, n  11-12, January-April 2007
- Debate with Roland Dumas; former Minister of French Foreign Affairs, in Journal d' Iran, n  13-14, May-August 2007
- Debate with Thierry de Montbrial; Director of the Institut Fran  ais des Relations Internationales, in Journal d' Iran, n  13-14, May-August 2007

□ Publications

History (book)

- Heterogeneous culture under Reza Shah, in Persian, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 1995, in Persian
- Iranian scout association during Reza Shah's reign, in Persian, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 2003, in Persian
- First volume of "La travers  e occidentale", La naissance d'une nouvelle   lite iranienne en Occident in French, 2013, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris, in French
- Second volume of "La travers  e occidentale", La naissance d'une nouvelle   lite iranienne en Occident in French, 2014, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris, in French
- Third volume of the series "La travers  e occidentale" La scolarit  , les tendances politiques des   tudiants iraniens en France et leur retour en Iran (1921-1941), in French, 2015, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris

Collective work

- « Iran and France, a new approach to an old story » published in « l'Iran et la France malgr   les apparences » with Charles Henri de Fouch  cour, Yadollah Royai  , Francis Richard, Maryam Habibi, Saeed Peyvandi, Hall Gardner, Michel Makinsky, Marzieh Yazdani, Armand Karimi Goudarzi, Marc Pajou, Mohammad Reza Tafreshi and Sima Taheri, in French, Europeperse publishing, January 2009

Literature (book)

- The trip' sky is not always blue, collection of poems in Persian, 1995, Tehran, in Persian

Historical articles

- Industries and technical institutions' status during Reza Shah's reign, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 1991, in Persian
- Iranian students sent to Europe during World War I, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 1993, in Persian
- Organization for Intellectual Development: A Survey of cultural policies at the time of Reza Shah, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 1996, in Persian
- The German government's role in arming Iran during Reza Shah's reign, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 1999, in Persian
- The Constituent Assembly elections of 1925 and the accession of Reza Shah to the throne, Iranian National Archives Publishing, 2000, in Persian
- Secular historiography; Analytica Iranica volume III, 2012, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris, in Persian
- The Shiite theological school in Najaf in Iraq and the question of the modern state in Iran 1919-1925, A reinterpretation of a historical paradox, Eurorient, 2002, in French
- Charle Bonnin, in: Dictionary of French-speaking Orientalists, under the direction of Fran  ois Pouillon, Karthala Edition, 2008, in French
- A new approach on the Iranian studies, Analytica Iranica volume I, 2010, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris, in French
- La R  volution d' Irak de 1920, un tourment dans l'histoire chiite, Analytica Iranica volume IV-V, 2013, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris, in French

- Ali Akbar Davar and the modernization of Iranian judicial institutions (1927-1937), *Analytica Iranica* volume II, 2011, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris, in English

Articles in politics and international relations

- Iran and Europe toward the end of negotiations?, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°20-21, July 2008
- France and the achievement of nuclear weapons in the Middle East: Control the Islamic Republic or increase the awareness of the French security? », in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°18, March 2008
- Franco-Iranian relations; Pandora's box », in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°15-17, September 2007
- Where does Iran go? The countdown has started », in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°13-14, May 2007
- The Islamic Republic towards a war economy, in French, report of the Prospective Workshop on Iran devoted to the « Analysis of the impacts of the international sanctions on Iranian economy and European investments in Iran », Paris, May 2007
- A new war of strategists had already begun: Can the Middle East avoid a regional war?, in French, report of the Prospective Workshop on Iran and the Middle East devoted to the « Analysis of an American military operation's possibility against Iran », in French, Paris, March 2007
- Human rights in Iranian opinion, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°11-12, January 2007
- Is Iran's economy sick?, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°9-10, September 2006
- The current crisis in the Middle East and the need of a European doctrine on Iran, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°8, July 2006
- The Middle East in the hands of Ali and Hussein's men, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°6-7, April 2006
- Illusion of reforms or fear of the Revolution's comeback, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°4-5, February 2006
- The French diplomacy vis-a-vis the Iranian conservatives, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°2-3, October 2005
- New challenges of Iran's geopolitics in the Middle East, in French, *Journal d'Iran*, n°1, June 2005

Literary articles (in Persian)

- A report on Iranian contemporary calligraphy, 1999, Tehran, in Persian
- The biography of Seyf-o-Allah Yazdani, Master in Persian calligraphy, 1998, Tehran, in Persian

Book review

- « Haji Ali Razmara's memoirs », in French, in *Abstarcta Iranica*, 2005, Paris
- « Freemasonry in Iran », in French, in *Abstarcta Iranica*, 2005, Paris
- « Sheikh Hossein Kamarehei's memoirs », in French, in *Abstarcta Iranica*, 2005, Paris
- « Medicine and physicians in Iran », in French, in *Abstarcta Iranica*, 2005, Paris
- « Geopolitics of Iran, Collection of the world's Geopolitics », in French, in *Journal d'Iran*, October 2005
- « Iran » Collection idées reçues, in French, in *Journal d'Iran*, 2005
- « Parandeh no Parvaz » (The bird takes flight), the story of a group of communist supporters in Iran during the early years of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, in French, in *Journal d'Iran*, October 2005
- « The story of these stories », a review of Ehsan Naraghi's memoirs published in Persian in « Following the story », 2004

Articles published on the web (internet)

- Ahmad Kasravi, from hostility toward religion to the presentation of a new religion, in Persian, March 2012, BBC.com, in Persian
- Elections and the crisis of political legitimacy, in Persian, June 2009, Roozonline.com, in Persian
- To be or not to be, that is the question, analysis of the political composition of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Persian, June 2009, Roozonline.com, in Persian
- New report, new controversy?, in French, June 2008, Journaldiran.com, in Persian
- Iran and the French foreign policy in the Middle East, in French, Journaldiran.com, April 2008, in Persian
- The revolutionary guards rebuilt, in French, Journaldiran.com, March 2008, in Persian
- Iran and the French foreign policy, in Persian, Roozonline.com, in Persian
- At the dawn of political reconstruction, analysis of the political developments in Iran, in Persian Roozonline.com

Translation from English

- Article « Boroujerd », from *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, from English to Persian, in the magazine of Lorestanpajouhi, Tehran, 1999

○ Article « Labor historiography », from English to Persian, in the magazine Kar va Karegar, Tehran, 2000

□ **Ongoing publication (book)**

○ Methodology of Historical Sciences, Principles and methods, in French, to be published in September 2015, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris

○ Fourth volume of the series “La traversée occidentale” Les étudiants iraniens en France entre les deux guerres (1918 - 1940), in French, to be published in December 2015, Methodologica Universitas publishing, Paris

□ **Ongoing research**

A new approach on historical methodology, in French

□ **Working languages**

Persian (native language)

French

English