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### **EDUCATION**

<b>Brandeis University</b> MA, History	Waltham, MA 2018
<b>Harvard University</b> MA, Middle East Studies	Cambridge, MA 2017
<b>Brandeis University</b> MA, Conflict Resolution	Waltham, MA 2014
<b>University of Science and Culture</b> BS, Management	Tehran, Iran 2006

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### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

<b>Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science</b> Research Assistant	Cambridge, MA Jan 2016 – May 2017
<b>Brandeis University</b> Research Fellow of Crown Center for Middle East Studies	Waltham, MA 2013 – Current

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### **SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS**

- What's really at stake in Iran's presidential election The Washington Post, May 18, 2017
- What does the 2017 presidential election tell us about the state of the Islamic Republic of Iran?  
Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, May 2017
- Iran's election wasn't about moderation or democracy. It was about how Iran will re-engage with the world." The Washington Post, March 3, 2016

- "Can the Vienna Agreement Solve Iran's Problems?" "Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, January 2016
- "Why did Iran's parliament hold hearings on the nuclear deal?" The Washington Post, October 6, 2015
- "Understanding Iran's supreme leader on the nuclear deal" The Washington Post, April 14, 2015
- "A Comprehensive Nuclear Deal with Iran: Not Mission Impossible" Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, October 2014
- "Worried" or "Valiant"? The Dialectic between Iran's Nuclear Negotiations and its Domestic Politics Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, June 2014
- "Rouhani Takes on Privatization in Budget" Al-Monitor, February 18, 2014
- "Iran: How "Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's candidate" lost the election." The Guardian, July 4, 2013
- "Electing the Diplomatic Sheikh" Iran Wire, June 13, 2013
- "Can Iran Surprise by Holding a "Healthy" Election in June?" Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, May 2013
- "The luck of Mahmood: Who is Ahmadinejad and what is long term plan?" Etemaad Newspaper, New Year special volume, March 2008
- Exclusive interviews with former Iran presidents (Rafsanjani and Khatami), former prime minister (Mousavi) and former speakers of parliament (Nategh Nouri and Karroubi) Industry and Development Magazine, 2007-2008
- The significant impact of changing the subsidized energy policy on Iran economy, Shargh Newspaper Editorial, July 2004

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### **Invited talks and Conferences**

- "The Government's Power of Spending and the Result of Presidential Election in Iran" Annual MESA Conference, Washington DC, November 2017
- "How Iranian Independent Journalism Has Preserved its Importance Despite Restrictions" Harvard workshop of Journalism, August 2016

- “Two Major Iranian Crises the Nuclear Deal Does Not Necessarily Solve” CMENAS Graduate Student Symposium, University of Michigan, March 2016
  - “Iran in the Post Deal Era, Shifting Global System” Pardee Graduate Conference, Boston University, February 2016
  - “In the Aftermath of the Nuclear Deal: The Middle East, Iran, the U.S.” Brandeis University, October 2015
  - “Iran’s Direct Negotiations with the United States: Ideological or Pragmatic [Foreign Policy]?” International Studies Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, February 2015
  - “Looking at the Islamic Republic of Iran in Three Historic Negotiations Over Three Decades” International Society of Iranian Studies Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 2014
  - “Beyond Déjà Vu: A Review of Iranian Nuclear Negotiation Teams (2002-2013)”  
Co-Author with Prof Alain Lempereur  
International Organization for Conflict Management-Annual Conference- Leiden, Netherlands, July 2014
  - Iran Advisory Group Stimson Center-Heinrich Boell Foundation, Washington DC, May 2013
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## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>Hamshahri Press Group</b> Senior Consultant	Tehran, Iran 2009 – 2012
<b>Industry and Development Magazine</b> Chief Editor	Tehran, Iran 2008 – 2009
<b>Vice President of Youth Committee and Campaign Editor</b> Presidential Election Campaign	Tehran, Iran 2009
<b>Member of Central Council</b> Mujahidin Enghelab, (Reformist Political Party)	Tehran, Iran 2006 – 2009
<b>Shargh Newspaper</b> Member of Editorial Committee and Secretary of Economics Department	Tehran, Iran 2003 – 2007
<b>Hamshahri and Norooz Newspapers</b> Economics Reporter	Tehran, Iran 2001 – 2002

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## **HONORS**

**Full Tuition Graduate Scholarship** 2017-2018  
Brandeis University GSAS and Crown Center

**Full Tuition Graduate Scholarship**  
Sharif University Alumni Association 2016-2017

**Annual Grant for Best Research in Field of Negotiation**  
Harvard University 2013  
Dialogue between United States and Iran over the nuclear issue: Ten years of negotiation without meeting expectations

**Best Journalist in Iran**  
Association of Iranian Journalists Annual Press Festival 2003 & 2004

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## **LANGUAGES**

English: Fluent      Persian: Native      Arabic: Advanced

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## **REFERENCES**

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