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## Reza Falahati - CV

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### Education

- 2013**      **PH. D in Linguistics - University of Ottawa, Canada**  
*Gradient and Categorical Consonant Cluster Simplification in Persian: An Ultrasound and Acoustic Study*
- 2004**      **M. A in Linguistics - University of Victoria, Canada**  
*Contrastive Study of Hedging in English and Farsi Academic Discourse*  
**received the "2005-2006 ISG/SUTA Outstanding Thesis Award" by MIT & Sharif University**
- 1995**      **M. A in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) - University of Tehran, Iran**  
*The Relationship between Students' IQ and their Ability to Use Transitional Words and Expressions in Writing*

### Professional Experience

- March 2019- current** - Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences  
*Instructor*
- Sep 2017- Aug 2018** - English Department, University of Kashan  
*Assistant Professor*  
Teaching courses such as Sociolinguistics (MA), English Listening & Speaking (BA), English Phonetics (BA), Pedagogical Phonetics (MA), Linguistics in Language Teaching (MA), and supervising MA students
- Sep 2014 - Oct 2016** - Linguistics Laboratory, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
Working with acoustic and articulatory data, running production and perception experiments, writing and publishing research papers, participating in professional conferences, sitting on PhD thesis committee
- Nov 2013 - May 2014** - English Department, University of Kashan  
*Assistant Professor*  
Teaching courses such as Psycholinguistics (MA), English Phonetics (BA), Introduction to Linguistics (BA)

- Jan 2006 -** Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, University of Ottawa  
**Dec 2011** *English Instructor*  
 English Writing, English Conversation, TOEFL
- Sep 2002 -** Linguistics Department, University of Victoria  
**Dec 2004** *Teaching Assistant*  
 English Grammar, Second Language Acquisition, Sociolinguistics, History of English
- Sep 1995 -** English Department, University of Kashan  
**May 2002** *Instructor*  
 ESP/EAP, English Grammar, English Reading Comprehension, English Conversation, Study Skills, Second Language Acquisition, English Phonetics, Research Methodology in Applied Linguistics, Language Testing and Evaluation

## Selected Publications

- **The Acquisition of segmental and suprasegmental features in L2 Persian: A focus on prosodic parameters of politeness**  
 (in press, *The Rutledge Handbook of Persian Second Language Acquisition*)
- **Mechanical and controlled reduction in Persian /t/ deletion**  
 (under review, *Laboratory Phonology*, co-authored with prof. Jeff Mielke)
- **Doing research on L2 oral communication**  
 (proposal approved, to appear in *Speaking English as a Second Language* co-authored with Alireza Jamshidnejad and Etske Ooijsaar)
- **An ultrasound study of coronal stop deletion in Persian (*extended version*)**  
 (in press, *Ottawa Papers in Linguistics*)
- **The production of Persian rhotics by native Mandarin speakers**  
 (2015, *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*)
- **An ultrasound study of coronal stop deletion in Persian (*short version*)**  
 (2011, *Journal of the Canadian Acoustical Association*, 39 (3), pp. 172-173)
- **Contrastive study of hedging in English and Farsi academic discourse**  
 (2008, *ESP across Cultures*, 5, pp. 49-67)
- **Past tense marking in the English of second language learners**  
 (2008, *Quebec Student's Journal of Linguistics*, 2, pp. 8-21)

## Work in Progress

- **Present tense variation in the spoken English of seven Persian EFL students**
- **The use of im/politeness strategies by Iranian English and non-English major students**
- **The distribution of hedges and boosters in academic writing over time**

## Conference Presentations

- **(01/2018) Allophonic vs. phonemic labio-palatal glides: a cross linguistic EPG study on Italian and French**  
Poster presented at AISV , Bolzano, Italy.  
(co-presented with Bertinetto, P. M., Calamai, S., Barone, C., Bertini, C., Ricci, I.)
- **(01/2017) The distribution of rhotic variants in Persian: an ultrasound tongue imaging and acoustic study**  
Poster presented at AISV , Pisa, Italy.  
(co-presented with Ooijejaar, E.)
- **(07/2016) Phonetic sensitivity by individuals having different degrees of autistic traits**  
Paper presented at Labphon 15, Satellite conference on Personality in Speech, Ithaca, The united States.  
(co-presented with Salarifar, M. H. Kiani, A. H.)
- **(05/2016) The distribution of allophonic variants of rhotics in Persian**  
Poster presented at r-atics5 international conference, Fryske Akademy, The Netherlands.
- **(12/2015) Extraction of Persian coronal stops from ultrasound images using linear discriminant analysis**  
Paper presented at Ultrafest VII, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong.  
(co-presented with Abolghasemi, V.).
- **(12/2015) An EPG and UTI investigation of syllable onsets and codas in Italian**  
Poster presented at Ultrafest VII, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong.  
(co-presented with Chen, C., Ricci, I., Bertini, C., Celata, C.).
- **(09/2014) Variation in word-final coronal stop deletion among Persian speakers**  
Paper presented at 47th Annual meeting of Societas Linguistica Europaea, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań.
- **(11/2013) An ultrasound and acoustic study of consonant cluster simplification in Persian**  
Paper presented at Ultrafest VI, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh.
- **(03/2012) The simplification of consonants in Farsi**  
Paper presented at Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto (MOT) Phonology Workshop. University of Toronto, Toronto.
- **(10/2011) An ultrasound study of coronal stop deletion in Persian**  
Paper presented at the Canadian Acoustical Association Conference. University of Laval, Quebec  
(Co-presenter prof. Jeff Mielke).
- **(12/2010) An ultrasound study of coronal stops in Persian**  
Paper presented at the Bilingual Workshop on Theoretical Linguistics (BWTL). University of Toronto, Toronto.
- **(11/2008) The effects of orthography on the pronunciation of L2 learners of Persian**  
Poster presented at the workshop on Writing Systems: Analysis, Acquisition and Use (WSAAU).  
University of London, London.
- **(02/2007) Writing across cultures: The use of different strategies in academic texts by English and Farsi writers**  
Paper presented at the Graduate Students' 10th Interdisciplinary Conference. University of Ottawa, Ottawa.

- **(10/2006) The effects of topic on students' writing performance**  
Paper presented at the Second Language Research Forum, University of Washington, Seattle.
- **(02/2006) The use of hedging across different disciplines and rhetorical sections of research articles**  
Paper presented at the 22nd North West Linguistics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.

## Invited Talks

- **How to see the sounds of language: Application of ultrasound technology in linguistics studies. (05/2017)**  
Allameh Tabataba'i University , Iran.
- **How to analyse linguistic data. (05/2017)**  
University of Kashan , Iran.
- **Using Articulate Assistant Advanced software for ultrasound and EPG data. (12/2016)**  
University of Ottawa, Canada. (co-presented with Ooijevaar, E.)
- **Three-dimensional analysis of word-final /t/ deletion in Persian. (02/2016)**  
Meertens Institute, The Netherlands.

## Thesis Supervisor

- Perceiving English Vowels in Two Foreign Languages: A Comparison of Arab and Persian Speakers, M. Ghasemi, in progress
- A Comparative Study of Responses to Impoliteness between English and Persian Speakers, M. Heydari, in progress

## Thesis Examiner: Applied Linguistics

- Investigating the Effect of Using Flipped Classroom Model on Complexity, Accuracy and Fluency of Iranian EFL Learners' Oral Production, A. Ebrahimi, 2018, MA Thesis
- Students' and Teachers' Knowledge and Attitude Toward Plagiarism in EFL Context, S. Hajhassani, 2018, MA Thesis
- Genre Analysis of Move Structure of English and Persian Research Article Abstracts in Visual Arts and Music, F. Assadi, 2018, MA Thesis
- The Short-Term and Long-Term Effects of Strategy-Based Grammar Instruction in Pre-Intermediate English as a Foreign Language Classes, F. Mohammadi Fakhri, 2018, MA Thesis
- Investigating the Relationships between Personality Types, Language Learning Strategies and Their Proficiencies among Iranian and Afghans EFL Learners, M.R. Hosseini, 2017, MA Thesis
- A Genre Analysis of Thesis Defense Sessions Presented by MA Students of Teaching English as a Foreign Language, A. Alamshahi, 2017, MA Thesis
- Ambiguity Tolerance and EFL Learners' Performance on Grammar Tests, A. Marami, 2014, MA Thesis
- Corpus-based Analysis of Grammatical Complexity and Lexical Richness in Second Language Writing Performance, A. Mozaffari, 2014, MA Thesis
- The Effect of Activating Metacognitive Strategies on the Listening Performance and Metacognitive Awareness of EFL Students, M. Rahimirad, 2014, MA Thesis

- English Language and Literature Teaching Strategies, Pedagogical Knowledge and Teaching Critical Thinking in Higher Education, M. Asadi, 2014, MA Thesis
- Hypermedia Reading Strategy Use in EFL Context, Z. Naderi Safa, 2014, MA Thesis

## Thesis Examiner: Linguistics

- Developmental Stuttering and Phonetic Predictive Indexes of Chronicity, G. Lenoci, 2015, PhD Dissertation
- The Impact of Mother Tongue on the Remodeling of the Oral Cavity, S. Ardeshiri, 2013, MA Thesis

## Other Professional Education Received

- 2016**      **Aix Summer School on Prosody: Methods in Prosody and Intonation Research (September 6-9)**  
*Aix-Marseille Universite, France*
- 2015**      **Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School (July 22 - August 8)**  
*University of Masarykova, The Czech Republic*
- 2013**      **LSA Summer School on Universality and Variability (June 24 - July 19)**  
*University of Michigan, The United States*
- 2007**      **Summer School on Documenting Endangered Languages (August 20-31)**  
*University of Kiel, Germany*
- 2009-2017**    **Journal article reviewer**  
*Italian Journal of Linguistics, Southwest Journal of Linguistics, Linguistica Atlantica, Language Science, Ferdowsi University Journal of Linguistics*
- 2017**      **Book reviewer**  
**Challenging Sonority: Cross-Linguistic Evidence**  
*Edited by Martin J. Ball and Nicole Mller*
- <https://linguistlist.org/issues/28/28-3565.html>

## Skills

- Python, R software for Statistical Analysis, LaTeX
- Ultrasound Tongue Imaging (UTI), Electropalatography (EPG), Electroglotography (EGG)
- Advanced Articulate Assistant Software (AAA), Presentation, Praat, Articulatory & Acoustic Data Analysis

## Languages

- Persian - Native
- English - Native-like
- Arabic - Reading and writing knowledge
- French - Intermediate
- Italian - Basic