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| **EDUCATION** | | |
| 2016 | Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Studies, York University:  Tehran’s Urban Reforms Before and After Revolution: Developmentalism, Worlding and Neoliberalism. | |
| 2000 | Masters of Arts, Social Science, Alameh Tabatabei University, Tehran | |
| 1995 | Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of Tehran, Tehran | |
| **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS** | | |
| 2011-12 | Graduate Award in Environmental Studies, Unilever Canada, $10,000 | |
| 2010-12 | Graduate Scholarship, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), $21000 for 2 years. Total $42,000 | |
| 2008-10 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship, $15000 for 2 years. Total $30,000 | |
| 2008-12 | York University PhD Scholarship, $20000 for 4 years. Total $80,000 | |
| **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**  Urban Governance and Planning  Housing Politics in the Middle East  Gender and Urban Economy  Conflicts, Natural Disasters, Migration and Resettlements | | |
| **EMPLOYMENT**  **Research Positions** | | |
| 2017-18 | Research Affiliate, *SSHRC Partnership Grant: Urbanization, Gender and the Global South: A Feminist Intervention**(2017-23),* Principal Investigator Professor Linda Peake, the City Institute at York University. | |
| 2016-17 | Research Affiliate, *SSHRC Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI): Global Suburbanisms, Governance, Land, and Infrastructure (2010-17),* Principal Investigator Professor Roger Keil, York University. | |
| 2012-13 | International Research Fellow, funded by International Institute for Social History, Netherlands (IISH), *Social History of Labor Force in the Iranian Oil Industry*, Principal Investigator Professor Touraj Atabaki, Leiden University. | |
| 2008-09 | Researcher, *SSHRC Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI): Global Suburbanisms, Governance, Land, and Infrastructure (2010-17),* Principal Investigator Professor Roger Keil, York University. | |
| 2006-10 | A member of country team leaders, *Collaborative Research Project on* *Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Poverty, Gender and Democratization from the Inside Out* (2006-10), comparative research grant focused on Indonesia, Pakistan, China and Iran, Funded by the City University of Hong Kong.Responsible for women and economy research team. | |
| **Teaching Positions** | | |
| **Course Director** | | |
| 2018 | Emergency and Disaster Management Program, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University  Course *AP/ADMS 4421 Qualitative Methods*  An upper level undergraduate course with 35 students | |
| 2016-17 | Research Foundation ofState University of New York, Albany, *Training of the Trainers Project*  Course *Urban Development and Planning*  An online graduate course with 40 students from professional staff of the Iran Environment Organization and various Iranian environment NGOs | |
| **Teaching Assistant** | | |
| 2013-14  2011-12  2010-11  2009-10 | Course title: *ENVS 2200 Foundations of Urban and Regional Environments,* Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University | |
| 2012 | Course title:  *ENVS 4530 Urban Sustainability,* Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University | |
| **Professional Planning Posts** | | |
| 2007-08 | Principal Planner, Urban Rehabilitation and Development Organization, MHUP (Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning) Iran, *Community Development and Poverty Alleviation in Informal Settlements, A* *Research/Action Projects in the city of Esfahan.* | |
| 2003-06 | Head of the Population and Housing Research Team, Architecture and Urban Planning Research Center, MHUP Iran, *Tehran Master Plan 2006*. | |
| 2002-03 | Principal Planner, Housing Economics & Planning Office, MHUP Iran, *Social Housing Policy of Iran’s Comprehensive Housing Plan* (2005-9). | |
| 2000-02 | Principal Planner, New Town Planning, MHUP (Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning) Iran, *Community Development and Poverty Alleviation in Informal Settlements* *Research/Action Projects in the cities of Kermanshah and Qum.* | |
| 1996-99 | Head of Social and Housing Research Team, Architecture and Urban Planning Research Center, MHUP Iran, *Tehran Metropolitan Plan*. | |
| **PUBLICATIONS**  **PhD. Dissertation** | | |
| 2016 | Tehran’s Urban Reforms Before and After the Revolution: Developmentalism, Worlding and Neoliberalism.  My dissertation-based book proposal, *Revolutionary Islam Makes its Capital Global* has been sent to two university publishers, both of which have expressed interest in its publication. Presently I am revising and preparing the manuscript for submission. | |
| **Edited Books** | | |
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| 2019 | Khatam, A., Ehsani, K., and Karimi, P., (eds.) *Contemporary Urban Landscapes of Iran.* New York: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc. | |
| 2010 | Khatam, A., (ed.) *The City and Deadly Earthquakes: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Causes of Vulnerabilities to Earthquake (Shahr va zaminlarzeh: roikardi beinershteh-I be elale-e margbari-e zelzeleh dar Iran)*. Tehran: Agah Publishing House. In Farsi | |
| 2009 | Khatam, A., (ed.) *A Critical Lens on Women’s Empowerment and Development Discourses (Negahi enteqadi be tavanmandi–e zanan dar goftarhay-e tose’eh). Tehran: Agah Publishing House.* In Farsi | |
| **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles** | | |
| 2019 | Khatam, A. and Ehsani, K., Urban governance and municipal politics in Tehran. *Iranian Studies.* Under Review. | |
| 2018 | Khatam, A. and Haas, O., Interrupting planetary urbanization: A view from Middle Eastern cities. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 36 (3): 439-456. | |
| 2006 | Khatam, A., The destruction of Bam City and its reconstruction following the earthquake of December 2003. *Cities* (23): 462-464. | |
| 2003 | Khatam, A., Réforme et société civile: Exemple des conseils municipaux. *Esprit (*7): 156- 158. | |
| **Book Chapters** | | |
| 2016 | Khatam, A., The space reloaded: publics and politics on Enqelab Street in Tehran*,* in Deen Sharp and Claire Panetta (eds.) *Beyond the Square: Urbanism and the Arab Uprisings.* New York: UR Terreform, pp. 84-104. | |
| 2013 | Khatam, A., La rénovation urbaine en Iran: De I’interventionnisme d’Etat au mercantilisme, in Mina Saeidi-Sharouz (ed.) *Le Téhéran des quartiers popularizes, transformation urbaine et société civile en République Islamique*. Paris: Karthala, pp. 47-72. | |
| 2010 | Khatam, A., Struggles over defining the moral city: Islam and urban public life in Iran, in Linda Herrera and Asef Bayat (eds.) *The Making of Muslim Youths: New Cultural Politics in the Global South and North.*  New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 207-221. | |
| **Non-Peer Reviewed Articles in English** | | |
| 2018 | Tehran, A city constantly under construction, in *Shifting Panoramas* by Solmaz Shahbazi and Azar Mahmoudian, Berlin: Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen. | |
| 2009 | Khatam, A., The Islamic Republic’s failed quest for the spotless city, *MERIP* (250): 44-50. | |
| **Web-Based Publications** | | |
| 2016 | Decentralization and ambiguities of local politics in Tehran. Co-authored with Arang Keshavarzian, Middle East Institute, “Governing Megacities in MENA and Asia,” <http://www.mei.edu/content/map/governing-megacities-mena-and-asia>. | |
| 2010 | Iranian Paradox – The inverted relation of university and society, in International Sociological Association, Council of National Associations: <https://isacna.wordpress.com/2010>. | |
| **CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS**  **Invited Talks** | |
| 2018 | Urban Governance and Municipal Politics in Tehran  Princeton University, Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, September 27, 2018. |
| **Conference Panels Organized** | | |
| 2017 | Urban Warfare in the Global South  *Canadian Association of Geographers,* York University.Toronto, May-June 2017. | |
| 2016 | Claims and Agency: The Contested Urban Landscape in Contemporary Iran  *Eleventh Biennial Iranian Studies Conference,* University of Vienna, Vienna, August 2016. | |
| 2014 | Urban Modernism and Gentrifying Politics in Tehran  *Tenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, Montreal, August 2014. | |
| 2013 | Rehabilitation Policies in Popular Neighborhoods in Tehran and Istanbul  *The Notion of Neighborhood in a Changing Urban: a Comparative Workshop Between Istanbul, Tehran, Beirut, Athens and Alexandra*, Institut Francaise d’Etudes Anatoliennes and Institute François de Recherché en Iran and Institute François de Recherché en Turkey, Istanbul, May 2013. | |
| 2012 | Post-War and Disaster City Building  *Iranian Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Tehran, November 2012. | |
| 2010 | Conceptions of Women’s Empowerment  *Conference on Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts,* Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, May 2010. | |
| **Conference Presentations** | | |
| 2019 | From company towns to labor camps: Resource curse and destitution in the Persian Gulf  *Questioning Urban Diversities in the Gulf and Beyond****,*** Princeton University,  March 2019. | |
| 2018 | Urban governance and municipal politics in Iran  *Twelve Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, University of California Irvine, August 2018. | |
| 2018 | The politics of housing in Iran  *International Sociological Association’s World Congress of Sociology,* Toronto, July 2018. | |
| 2018 | Gender politics and recent provincial protests in Iran  *Middle East Crisis Beyond the Headlines Workshop,*DePaul University, Chicago, May 2018. | |
| 2018 | Suburban development and hyper commodification of housing: A view from Iran. *Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Panel on Global Postsuburbia,* Toronto, April 2018. | |
| 2018 | Increasing social inequality and urban renewal in Tehran  *Shifting Panoramas: On Visual Conception and Recent Transformations of Urban Landscape in Tehran and Berlin Conference*, Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (IFA), Berlin, April 2018. | |
| 2017 | Local political economy of global suburbanisms: Housing and politics in the ME.  *After Suburbia: Extended Urbanization and Life on the Planet’s Periphery,* Toronto, October 2017. | |
| 2017 | Wounded city: Everyday life in Abadan from revolutionary terror to war and reconstruction  *Annual Conference of Canadian Association of Geographers,* Toronto, May 2017. | |
| 2017 | Rescaling of state and right to the city in Iran  *City Debates Conference 2017,* American University of Beirut, March 2017. | |
| 2016 | Conceptions of the Capital in Pahlavi Iran  *The Pahlavi Iran, 1941-1979: A Global History Workshop*, London School of Economics and Political Science. London, May 2016. | |
| 2016 | Land speculation and growing urban inequality  *Annual Conference of American Association of Geographers*, San Francisco, April 2016. | |
| 2016 | Contested process of extended urbanisation in the Middle East  *Rethinking Urban Theory Through the Analytical Lens of Planetary Urbanization Workshop*, Toronto, April 2016. | |
| 2015 | Imaging the ‘Modern’ and circulation of Asian development models  *International Confernce on Social Development*, Tehran, October 2015. | |
| 2015 | The paradox of land:Between state-led suburbanism and self-built housing  *Spotlight on Istanbul: Building and Rebuilding the Periphery,* MCRI Workshop on Global Suburbanisms, Istanbul, December 2015. | |
| 2015 | Women’s insecurities in Tehran  *Transformative Knowledge Networks,* International Social Science Council & City Institute at York UniversityWorkshop, Toronto, January 2015. | |
| 2014 | Beyond Navab Highway  *The Tenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, Montreal, August 2014. | |
| 2014 | From company towns to labor camps: Deregulating the oil urban environment in Iran  *International Institute for Social History* (IISH), Amsterdam, January 2014. | |
| 2013 | Beyond developmentalism and populism in Iran, *Inter-Asian Connections IV Conference,* Social Science Research Council, Yale University and Koç University, Istanbul, October 2013. | |
| 2013 | Politics of decentralization in Tehran  *Suburban Revolution: Governance, Land and Infrastructure in the 21st Century*, Toronto, September 2013. | |
| 2013 | Redefining citizenship in Tehran in the Iran-Iraq post-war era  *Junior Scholar Workshop*, New York University, New York, May 2013. | |
| 2013 | Policies and practices of urban rehabilitation in Tehran  *Workshop on the Notion of Neighborhood in a Changing Urban, Institut Francaise d’Etudes Anatoliennes, Istanbul, May 2013.* | |
| 2010 | From statist gentrification to entrepreneurial renewal in Tehran  *First National Conference on Social Impact Assessment,* Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, October 2010. | |
| 2009 | Economic restructuring and informal suburbia in Iran. *PhD Seminar*, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, October 2009. | |
| 2008 | Challenges of interdisciplinary social research. *Workshop on Multidisciplinary Research Proposals*, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, December 2008. | |
| 2006 | Struggles on defining the moral city: Islam and public life in Iran, *International Workshop on the Making of Muslim Youths: New Cultural Politics In the Global South and North*, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Hague, October 2006. | |
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| **ACADEMIC SERVICE**  Professional Associations  2019-2022 Regional Representative for the Middle East and West Asia region, Research Committee on Women and Societies, International Sociological Association  2005-2018 Co-founder and board member of Urban Research Monitoring Committee (Payesh Pajohesh-e shahri), affiliated with ISA, Iran’s Engineers Society and Iran’s Urban Planning Association  2004-2018 Board member of Earthquake Watch (didban-e larzeh-ei) in Iran  2001-2007 Director of Iran Sociological Association, Urban Committee  1999-2008 Co-founder and executive director of Independent Researchers on Women’s Issues in Iran (IRWII)  Editorial work  Editorial board of journal *Goftogu* (*dialogue*) in Iran 2000-present  Review work  Reviewer for *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 2013-14*  Reviewer for *Sociology (Jame-e shenasi),* ISA journal in Iran *2010-18*  Reviewer for *Social Studies (Motaleat-e sejtemaei),* ISA journal in Iran *2010-18* | | |
| **MEMBERSHIP**  American Association of Geographers, since 2010  Canadian Institute of Planners, since 2015  Association for Iranian Studies, since 2008  International Sociological Association, since 2009  Association for Middle Eastern Studies, since 2012  Iranian Sociological Association, since 2001 | | |
| **LANGUAGES** | | |

English, fluent in reading, writing and speaking

Farsi, native language