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EDUCATION **2010 Department of History, UCLA**
PhD in Middle Eastern/Near Eastern History

2002: London School of Economics, UK
MSc Global History

EXPERIENCE **Oct. 2020- Dept. Area Studies, Leiden University**
Research Officer

Aug. 2016 – Dec 2020 Princeton University, NJ
Associate Research Scholar, Lecturer

Aug 2014- Aug 2016: Freie Universität Berlin
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellow; Lecturer

**May 2014-Aug. 2014: Max Planck Institute for the History
of Science, Berlin**
Research Fellow, Dept. I

2013 – 2014: Dept. History, University of Nevada, Reno
Visiting Assistant Professor of History

2012-2013: SOAS, University of London
Senior Teaching Fellow

2011-2013: Aga Khan University, London, UK
Adjunct Lecturer

2010-2013: London School of Economics, UK
Research Officer, Central and West Asia in the Project
URKEW (European Research Council funded)

LANGUAGES

Modern

Persian: Native

English: Fluent/Native

German: Advanced

Arabic, French, Russian: intermediate/research

Ancient

Research/Teaching languages: Middle Persian, Bactrian, Syriac.
Other Research Languages: Greek, Old Norse

PUBLICATIONS

Published Books

Reorienting the Sasanians: East Iran in Late Antiquity. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press 2017. Honourable Mention: E. Yarshater Book Award, 2018.

The Anonymous Syriac Chronicle known as 'the Chronicle of Khuzistan', Persian Translation and historical marginalia (with Sajad Amiri), Tehran: Sina, 1395/2016.

T. Daryaee, K. Rezakhani, *From Oxus to Euphrates: Near East in Late Antiquity*, Irvine, CA: UCI Jordan Center 2016. (Persian translation: Tehran, Nov. 2018).

Forthcoming Books

Inventing the Silk Road: Travel, Trade, and Myth-Making, 100-1500 CE. (IB Tauris/Bloomsbury).

Middle East from the Rise of Islam to the Mongols (OneWorld Publishing contract offered)

Edited Volumes

Hyland, John and Khodadad Rezakhani. *Companion to War in Ancient Iran*, Leiden: Brill, 2021 (forthcoming).

T. Daryaee, A. Mousavi, K. Rezakhani (eds.), *Excavating an Empire: the Achaemenid Empire in Longue Durée*, Costa Mesa: Mazda, 2014.

Refereed Articles (English)

Academia.edu: <http://fu-berlin.academia.edu/KhodadadRezakhani>

“the Formation of the South (Nēmrōz) and the Politics of the Elite in the Sasanian Empire,” in Silvia Balatti and Josef Wiesehöfer (eds), *Paleo-Persepolis*, 2020 (forthcoming).

“The End of Sasanian Rule: the Centre and Periphery of Ērānšahr in the Seventh Century,” in T. Daryaee and M. Compagni (eds.) *Studi sulla Persia Sasanide e suoi rapporti con la civiltà attigue*. Bologna, 2019, 229-255.

“West Asia,” in *A Companion to Global Early Middle Ages*, ed. Erik Hermans, Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam Press, 2020: 253-276.

“Notes on the Pahlavi Archives I: Finding *Haspīn-raz and the Geography of the Tabarestan Archive”, *Dabir* 7, 2020: 119-127.

“From Mirosan to Khurasan: Geopolitical Identity in Eastern Central Asia,” *Vicino Oriente* XXXIII (Rome), 2019: 121-138.

“*Saansaan Pirosoen*: Ammianus Marcellinus and the Kidarites,” *DABIR* 3 (March 2017): 44-50.

“From Aramaic to Pahlavi: Orthographic Observations from the Coinage of Hellenistic Persis,” in Vesta Sarkhosh Curtis and Elisabeth Pendleton (eds.) *Arsacids and Sasanians, BIPS Archaeological Monograph Series*, Oxford: Archaeopress, 2016.

“From the Cleavage of Central Asia to the Greater Khurasan: Central Asia in Late Antiquity.” *Iranian Studies* 49/2/ (Spring 2016).

“Continuity and Change in Late Antique Iran: an Economic View of the Sasanians.” *International Journal of the Society of Iranian Archaeologists* 2/2 (Spring-Summer 2015): 66-80.

“A Note on Alkhan Coin Type 39 and Its Legend,” *DABIR* 1 (2015): 24-27.

Sebastian K.T.S. Wärmländer, Linda Wählander, Ragnar Saage, Khodadad Rezakhani, Saied A. Hamid Hassan and Michael Neiß, “Analysis and interpretation of a unique Arabic finger ring from the Viking Age town of Birka, Sweden.” *Scanning* 37/2 (2015): 131-137.

“Mazdakism, Manichaeism, and Zoroastrianism: in Search of Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy in Late Antique Iran,” *Iranian Studies*, 48/1 (January 2015): 55-70.

K. Rezakhani and Michael G. Morony, “Markets for Land, Labour, and Capital in Mesopotamia 200-600 CE,” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 57 (2014): 231-261.

Ting Xu and Khodadad Rezakhani “Reorienting the Discovery Machine: Perspectives from Islamdom and China on Toby Huff’s *Intellectual Curiosity and the Scientific Revolution*,” *Journal of World History*, 23/2 (2012): 401-412.

“The Road That Never Was: the Silk Road and Trans-Eurasian Exchange,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and Middle East*, 30.2 (2011): 420-433.

“The “*Unbekannter König III*” and the Coinage of Hellenistic and Arsacid Persis,” *International Journal of Iranian Studies (NIB)*, 15, (2010).

Contributions to Edited Volumes

“Pangul and Banji, Zhulad and Fulad: a Note on the Genealogy of the Shanasbid

Amirs of Ghur” in T. Daryaee, J. A. Lerner, and V.C. Rey (eds) *Dinars and Dirhams: Festschrift in Honor of Michael L. Bates*. Irvine, 2020.

“The Rebellion of Babak in Armenian Sources,” *Reflections of Armenian Identity in History and Historiography*, eds. H. Berberian and T. Daryaee, Irvine: UCI Jordan Center, 2018.

“Pangul and Bunji: the Ancestors of the Ghurids in Texts and Coins,” *Festschrift for Michael Bates*, ed. Judith Lerner and Touraj Daryaee, 2019.

“From the Kushans to the Western Turk,” in *the King of the Seven Climes: A History of Ancient Iran*, ed. Touraj Daryaee, Irvine, CA: Jordan Center for Persian Studies, April 2017.

Daryaee, Touraj and Khodadad Rezakhani, “the Sasanian Empire,” in *the King of the Seven Climes: A History of Ancient Iran*, ed. Touraj Daryaee, Irvine, CA: Jordan Center for Persian Studies, April 2017.

“The Present in the Mind’s Past: Imagining the Ancients in the Iranian Popularization of Pre-Islamic History,” in *1001 Distortions: How (not) to Narrate History of Science, Medicine, and Technology in non-Western Cultures*. Sonja Brentjes, Edis Taner, Lutz Richter-Bernburg (eds.) 97-108. Würzburg: Ergon-Verlag, 2016.

“Aracid, Elymaean, and Persis Coinage,” in Daniel Potts (ed.), *the Oxford Handbook of Ancient Iran*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Entries in Philip Parker (ed.) *The Great Trade Routes*, London: Conway, 2012.

- “The Camel: a New Tool of Trade”
- “The Caravan Cities of the Middle East”
- “The Growth of the Islam Empire and Its Effects on Trade”
- “Trade Under the Umayyads and ‘Abbasid Caliphates”
- “Islamic Trade with Europe Before the Crusades”
- “Trade Routes in the Islamic World”
- “Trade in the Indian Ocean: the Dhow”

Contributions to Popular Journals

“End of the Sasanian Rule and the Arab Conquests of the Near East,” *History Today* (April 2017): 28-36. Cover and Featured Story.

“A Critical Bibliography of the Persis Coinage in the Hellenistic Period,” *KMTJ* 178 (June 2013): 29-32.

Rasmus C. Elling and K. Rezakhani, “Talking About Class in Tehroon,” *Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP)* (April 2016).

Contributions to Online Publications

“Abadan in the Ancient and Mediaeval Periods,” *Abadan: Retold*, Sept. 2016

<http://www.abadan.wiki/en/abadan-in-the-ancient-and-early-mediaeval-periods/>

“The Arab Conquests and Sasanian Iran: Some General Observations on the Late Sasanian Period” *Mizan Project*, February 2016 (<http://goo.gl/IqshOJ>).

“Menander Protector: Fragments 6.1-3 with commentary,” e-*Sasanika*, 2008.

Encyclopaedias (Selection)

“Buyids” ; “Al-Malik al-Rahim” ; “Al Malik al-Aziz”, *Ency. of Islam III*, 2019.

“Khuzistan: in the Sasanian Period,” *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (2015).

“Odoacer,” *Encyclopedia of World History: The Ancient World, Prehistoric Eras to 600 CE, vol. 1*. New York: Facts On File, 2008.

“Prussians (Pre-Germanic Baltic Population)”, Brepols supplement to *Lexikon des Mittelalters*, June 2006.

Conference Presentations (Selection)

“Diplomats on the Steppe” *Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference*, 10-13 October 2019, GWU, Washington DC

“The Hinterland of Ctesiphon: Middle Tigris in the Hellenistic and Late Antique Periods,” *The Ninth European Conference of Iranian Studies*, Berlin, 9-13 September 2019.

“Yabghu of Tukharistan and the King of Khurasan,” *International Mediaeval Congress*, Leeds, UK, 1-4 July 2019.

“Governors or Emperors? The Kushanshahs on the Edge and the Centre”, *the Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society*, Los Angeles, CA 2017

“Gozihr, Mancihr, and Ardashir: Was there a ‘Dynasty of Persis’?” *Societas Iranologica Europea Conference 8*, September 2015, St. Petersburg, Russia.

“Post Sasanian Dynasties: a Case of Diverging Claims,” *MESA 2015*, Washington DC, USA.

“Eastern Iran and the Development of Sasanian Royal Identity” *IX Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2012.

“Bactria and the East in the Sasanian Empire,” *Seventh Conference of the Societas Iranologica Europea*, Krakow, 7-10 September 2011.

Miscellaneous and Public Appearances

Founder and Administrator of @*HistorianofIran* and @*Tweetistorian*, rotating weekly Twitter handles dedicated to bringing the research of historians of Iran and world historians to the public.

Author of “Meetings with History” biweekly syndicated column (in Persian), *Rowshan* Journal, Iran.

Regular contributing consultant for *BBC*, *VOA*, and *Radio Farda*.

Writer and presenter of Web-Seminars on *History* and *Iranian Languages*, sponsored by University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School of Media and Communication.

Founder and author of www.iranologie.com

AWARDS

2018 Ehsan Yarshater Iranian Studies Book Award
Honourable Mention: *ReOrienting the Sasanians*

2015: American Friends of Humboldt Foundation
Wm Calder III Award for Research in Ancient History

2013: Royal Numismatic Society
Research and travel award

2012: British Institute of Persian Studies, London
Travel Research Award

2012: Soudavar Memorial Foundation
Research and Travel Award

2011: Economic History Society, UK
Conference and Workshop Awards

MEMBERSHIPS

European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH)
Royal Numismatic Society
Middle Eastern Studies Association
Societas Iranologica Europea (member)
Melammu Ancient Near East Project (Board Member)
The American Council for South Asian Art (Elected member)
