

Dr Nadia Aghtaie, PhD, MSc, BSc
Academic CV

Personal Information

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Present Appointment

2017-ongoing (Permanent position) **Senior Lecturer** [*Equivalent to Associate Professor in North America*] in Gender and Violence, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, Centre for Gender & Violence Research; Director of Childhood Studies Programmes

Previous Appointments

September 2012-Sep 2017	Lecturer (Permanent position), SPS, UoB
September 2011-Sep 2012	Lecturer (Maternity cover), SPS, UoB
January 2008-April 2011	Senior Teaching Associate , SPS, UoB
August 2011-December 2011	Research Associate , SPS, UoB; ‘Feet for Purpose: An evaluation of Age UK Bristol foot care’
January 2011-July 2011	Research Associate , SPS, UoB; ‘Family experiences of disadvantaged 2-year old services in children’s centres in Bristol’
January 2009- April 2009	Research Assistant , SPS, UoB; ‘Violence against Women in Rural and Urban Areas.
February 2007-April 2007	Research Assistant , SPS, UoB; ‘Forced Marriage: the risk factors and the effect of raising the minimum age for a sponsor, and of leave to enter the UK as a spouse or fiancé’ (e)
September 2005- 2007	Home Start Bristol ; Working with parents and children from disadvantaged backgrounds

Academic Qualifications

2007-2011	PhD Social Policy Perspectives of Iranian Students to violence against women in Iran and the UK. University of Bristol, School for Policy Studies (ESRC funded Scholarship)
2004-2006	MSc Policy Research (Merit) University of Bristol, School for Policy Studies
2001-2004	BSc in Childhood Studies (2.1) University of Bristol, School for Policy Studies

Research activities:

Research Project (Co-applicant) Oct 2020-Oct 2022	Coercive Control and Gender based Violence (Oak Foundation)
Research Project (Co-applicant) Nov 2015-March 2018	Justice, Inequality and Gender Based violence (ESRC Large Grant)
Research Project (Co-applicant) Nov 2016-Nov 2018	Gender-Based Violence and Displacement SPS, UoB
Research Project (Co-Applicant) (2016-2017)	Multidimensional Poverty At General Population and Child Levels: Measurement And Methodology SPS, UoB
Research Project (Research Fellow) Dec 2012-Dec 2014	Safeguarding Teenage Intimate Relationship Online & Offline: A European Comparative Study SPS, UoB.
Research Project (Research Fellow) Feb 2012-Aug 2012	Evidence-informed review of family support services in family support services in Bristol' SPS, UoB

Research and Related Administration

I have conducted a number of research studies on gender-based violence in Iran as well as young Diaspora Iranians in the UK.

Having an expertise in Sharia law, I have conducted qualitative research within the Muslim and European contexts on gender-based violence, focusing on both, cultural and structural violence and domestic abuse. For example, I have written successful research proposals on the work of Sharia Councils in the UK as part of an ESRC Large Grant as well as a successful research funding from the Global Challenge Fund looking at Gender and Displacement with the Muslim communities of the UK and Iraqi Kurdistan. Being an expert in international comparative research, I led the qualitative part of an externally funded (DAPHNE) comparative European research project between five countries (England, Italy, Bulgaria, Norway, Cyprus), looking at 'Safeguarding teenage intimate relationships online and offline'.

The above research projects have led to various high-quality publications and conference papers.

Publications:

Edited book

1. **Aghtaie, N.** & Gangoli, G (eds)(2015) *Understanding Gender Based Violence in National and International Contexts*. London: Routledge: pp1-234.

Academic Journal Papers (refereed)

1. Williamson, E., Gregory, A., Abrahams, H., **Aghtaie, N.**, Walker, S-J. & Hester, M. (2020) Secondary Trauma: Emotional Safety in Sensitive Research. *Journal of Academic Ethics*. 16 p.
2. **Aghtaie, N.**; Mulvihill, N.; Abrahams, H.; Hester, M. (2020) Defining and Enabling 'Justice' for Victims/Survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse: Views of Practitioners

Working within Muslim, Jewish and Catholic Faiths. Religion and Gender. DOI: 10.1163/18785417-20200001

3. **Aghtaie, N**; Larkins, C. Barter, C, Stanley, N. Overlien, C; Wood, M. (2018) Interpersonal violence and abuse in young people's relationships in five European countries: online and offline normalisation of heteronormativity. *Journal of Gender Based Violence*.
4. **Aghtaie, N.** (2017) Rape within heterosexual intimate relationships in Iran: legal frameworks, cultural and structural violence, *Families, Relationships and Societies*. <https://doi.org/10.1332/204674317X14861126776962>. Accepted for publication 24 January 2017 • First published online 21 June 2017 .
5. Barter, C, Wood, M, Lanau, A, **Aghtaie, N**, Larkins, C & Overlien, C, (2017), 'Young people's online and face-to-face experiences of Interpersonal violence and abuse and its subjective impact across five European countries'. *Psychology of Violence*
6. Stanley, N. Barter, C. Wood, M. **Aghtaie, N.** Larkins, C. Lanau, A. Overlien, C. (2016) Pornography, Sexual Coercion and Abuse and Sexting in Young Peoples Intimate Relationships: A European Study, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*: pp 1-26.
7. **Aghtaie, N.** (2016) Iranian Women's Perspectives on Violence against Women in Iran and the UK, *Iranian Studies*. 49:4, pp: 593-611.
8. Wood, M., Barter, C., Stanley, N., **Aghtaie, N.** & Larkins, C., (2015) Images across Europe: The sending and receiving of sexual images and associations with interpersonal violence in young people's relationships, *Children and Youth Services Review*. Vol 59: 149-160.

Chapters in Books

9. **Aghtaie, N.** (2015) Men as women's guardian: domestic violence in Iran, in N. Aghtaie & G. Gangoli (eds) *Understanding Gender Based Violence in National and International Contexts*. London: Routledge. (165-183).
10. **Aghtaie, N.** & Gangoli, G., (2015) Key Issues: Researching Gender Based Violence, , in N. Aghtaie & G. Gangoli (eds) *Understanding Gender Based Violence: National and International Contexts*. (3-17).
11. Hellevik, P, Overlien, C, Barter, C, Wood, M, **Aghtaie, N**, Larkins, C & Stanley, N, (2015), '[Traversing the Generational Gap: Young People's views on Intervention and Prevention of Teenage Intimate Partner Violence](#)'. in: Nicky Stanley, Cathy Humphrey (eds) *Domestic Violence and Protecting Children*. . Jessica Kingsley Press.
12. Watson, DL, Cameron, AM & **Aghtaie, N** (2015) 'Embedded Service delivery with children and families: a model of innovative collaboration in children's services'. in: *Innovation in the public sector*. Fagbokforlaget, Molde, Norway.
13. **Aghtaie, N.** (2012) 'Breaking the silence. Rape law in Iran and controlling women's sexuality', in N. Westmorland & G. Gangoli: *International Approaches to Rape*, Bristol: Policy Press.

In Production :

Aghtaie, N., Staines, J. (2020) Child Execution in Iran: Furthering Our Understanding of Child Execution as a Form of Structural Violence. *Critical Criminology*.

Asadi Zeidabadi, P., **Aghtaie, N.** (2020) 'The perspectives of Iranian Feminists and Women Activists on Gender Equality in Iran'. *Journal of Politics and Gender*

Professional Journal Paper

Abrahams, H., Aghtaie, N. and Mulvihill, N., 2020. Faith, spiritual abuse and the search for justice. *Safe: The Domestic Abuse Quarterly*, 68, p.11-13. Available at:

https://research-information.bris.ac.uk/files/219745610/Abrahams_Aghtaie_Mulvihill_2019_Faith_Spiritual_Abuse_and_the_Search_for_Justice.pdf

Published Reports

- Gordon, D. **Aghtaie, N.**, Najera, H. Nandy, S. (2017) Multidimensional Child and Adult Poverty Measure for Iran, UNICEF.
- **Aghtaie, N.**, Larkin C. Barter, C. Stanley, N. Overlien, C. (2014) Briefing Paper 5: Young People's Perspectives on Interpersonal Violence and Abuse in Intimate Relationships. Funded by DAPHNE III European Commission
- Watson, D., **Aghtaie, N.** & Turney, D. (2012) Family Support Review: Bristol. Bristol City Council.
- **Aghtaie, N.** Smith, R. & Cameron, A. (2011) *Feet for Purpose: An evaluation of Age UK Bristol foot car*. University of Bristol
- Watson, D; Cameron, A. & **Aghtaie, N** (2011) *Family and Practitioner experiences of the enhanced provision for 2-year olds in Bristol children's centres*. Bristol City Council.
- **Aghtaie, N.** (2008) 'Can violence against women be justified – the role of the Quran', in C. Gomez: *The Impact of Gender Based Violence on Females Reproductive Health*. Medica Mondiale.

Conference Contributions :

Aghtaie, N. (2020) (Invited Speaker) Launching the Faith and VAWG Coalition, 'Faith and Justice for Survivors', **Standing Together Against Domestic Violence**, London.

Aghtaie, N. (2020) (Invited Speaker) External Seminar Series, **University of Oxford**, 'Gender based Violence: faith and the search for justice'.

Aghtaie, N (2019) (Invited Speaker) VAWG Annual Conference: VAWA and Harmful Practices, **The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**, London.

Aghtaie, N. (2019) (Invited Speaker) External Seminar Series, **University of Birmingham**, 'faith and the search for justice'.

Aghtaie, N. (2018) Social Policy in the Islamic World, **Tehran, Iran**

Aghtaie, N. (2017) (Invited speaker) **University of Winchester**: Sharia Councils in the UK.

Aghtaie, N. (2017) 'Exploring the role of faith in influencing what 'justice' means for victims/survivors of gender-based violence and for those working to support them' European Conference on Domestic Violence', **Porto, Portugal**.

Aghtaie, N. (2016) (Invited Speaker) Online and offline contexts and risks'. Kharazmi University, **Tehran, Iran**

Aghtaie, N. (2016) 'Young People's Perspectives on Interpersonal Violence and Abuse in Intimate Relationships: Connecting online and offline contexts and risks'. Alzahra University, **Tehran, Iran**.

Aghtaie, N. (2015) (Invited speaker) 'Impact of culture, religion and location on people's understanding and experiences of gender violence' Violence against Women and Children in Diverse Contexts. **Johannesburg, South Africa**.

- Aghtaie, N. (2012) Invited keynote speaker, ‘The transgression of the rules of patriarchy by Muslim women through cyberspace’, Department of Politics and International Relations, **University of Oxford**.
- Aghtaie, N. (2012), ‘Rape law in Iran and controlling women’s sexuality’, DSA, **University of York**.
- Aghtaie, N. (2011) ‘perspective of Iranian students in Iran and the UK to violence against women in the public sphere’ **University of West of England, Bristol**.
- Aghtaie, N. (2008) ‘Domestic Violence: Clash between Policy and Religion in relation to Women's Rights in Iran’, The Seventh Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies. **Toronto, Canada**.
- Aghtaie, N. (2008) ‘Gendered Impacts of Collective Violence in Iran: The Study of Civil and Criminal Laws’, Intersections of Gender, Ethnicity and Race in Collective Violence and Armed Conflict, **University of Warwick**.
- Aghtaie, N. (2007) Invited keynote speaker, ‘Can violence against women be justified – the role of the Quran’, International Conference on Comparative Islamic Law and Approaches to Family Violence-**Afghanistan, Kabul**.

Successful Research Grant

- Co-Applicant on an ESRC Large Grant (£850K), *Justice, Inequality and Gender Based Violence* (2015-2018).
- Co-Applicant on an ESRC/AHRC (£242K), *Gender Based Violence and Displacement* (2016-2018)
- Diversity Lead on NIHR Programme Grant (£2.4M), Re-Provide (2016-2017)
- Co-Applicant: UNICEF (\$ 59,486 USD). *Multidimensional Poverty At General Population And Child Levels: Measurement And Methodology* (2016-2017)
- Lead qualitative researcher on a DAPHNE project; (€ 600,000) *Safe Guarding Teenage Intimate Relationships: Online and Offline, STIR* (2012-2014).

Professional activities

- Co-editor of Journal of Gender Based Violence.

Teaching Responsibilities

- I am the current Programme Director of Childhood Studies, which has 6 pathways including with a significant range of responsibilities such as liaising with both academic and support colleagues across the University; ensuring the delivery of a first-class student experience across the 3/4 years of the programme of study; academic planning and management of staff and resources; marketing and overseeing Open Days, Widening Participation and public engagement; and developing, with colleagues, robust systems to ensure the wellbeing of students on this programme. Also since 2008 I have contributed to a range of programmes and courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level at the School for Policy Studies and

have convened at least three units each year. Having an in-depth insight into Muslim context, I have developed new units and lectures and incorporated them into some of the units at undergraduate and post graduate levels. These have enriched the childhood studies, Social Policy, MpolRes and MPP programmes, highlighting the importance of contextual and intersecting issues such as location, race, ethnicity and religion

- Between 2014-2016, I was Faculty Quality Teams (**FQT**) **representative for SPS. This meant undertaking visits to different Schools** in the Faculty of Social Science and Law to assure the quality of learning, teaching and assessment and the student learning experience in the context of the research environment that underpins it.
- I was Programme Director for the Interdisciplinary PhD Pathways in 2013 on ‘Security, Conflict and Justice’

Other Teaching Responsibilities

- External and Internal PhD Examiner
- Postgraduate Advising:
PhD Student Supervision (4 students)
Masters Student Supervision (11 students)