Curriculum Vitae

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1. ACADEMIC CAREER
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1. ACADEMIC CAREER

Current Position	Professor (tenured, W3), School of Business & Economics, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), Philipps-Universität Marburg (since 2015) Deputy Managing Director of CNMS (2024-2026)
Fields of Interest	Political Economy, Development Economics, Empirical Institutional Economics, Natural Resource Management, Iran, Middle East Economics

Education and Previous Positions

2012-2015	Junior Professor (tenure track), Economics of the Middle East, CNMS, Philipps-Universität Marburg
2010-2012	Georg Forster Research Fellow of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, ZEW Mannheim & TU Dresden (Host professors: Andreas Löschel & Marcel Thum)
2009-2010	Research Fellow, Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Management, ZEW Mannheim
April 2006-July 2009	Dr.rer.pol, Ph.D. thesis, *summa cum laude*, TU Dresden (Supervisor: Prof. Marcel Thum)
October 2005-April 2006	interDaF, Herder-Institut der Universität Leipzig
2004-2005	Economic Expert, Tehran Stock Exchange Organization, Iran
2001-2003	Economic Expert, Ports & Shipping Org., Tehran, Iran
1999-2002	MSc in Energy Economics & Marketing, University of Tehran, Iran
1995-1999	BS in Theoretical Economics, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, Iran

Research Networks

March-May 2026	HIAS Fellowship, Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study
May 2025	Member of Research Hub 'Inclusive Health and Well-Being', EUPeace - European University for Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies
November 2023	Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) Visiting Scholar, Tunisia
Since 2019	CESifo Research Network Fellow
Since Jan 2018	Member of the World Economic Survey (WES) Expert Group, ifo Institute, Munich, Germany
Jan-Feb 2018	ifo/ CESifo Visiting Researcher, Munich, Germany
2016-2017	Working Group of the "Resource Curse" in the Gulf, The Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University in Qatar
Since 2017	International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) Chapter at Philipps-Universität Marburg for the German-speaking countries in Europe (Germany, Austria and Switzerland).
2013-2019	CESifo Research Affiliate
2012-2022	Member of International Public Finance Association (IIPF)
Since 2012	Alumnus of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
Since 2012	Research Fellow at Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo, Egypt
Since 2011	Member of International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA)
Since 2009	Alumnus of DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)

Board Memberships & activities in scientific commissions

Since Sep. 2026	Member of editorial board of Journal of Tax Research (Pajouheshnameh-ye Maliyat) (National Tax Affairs Organization (INTA) in Iran)
Since Sep. 2026	Member of editorial board of Iranian Economic Review (University of Tehran)

2025-2027	Member of editorial board of Journal of Iranian Economic Development Analyses (AlZahra University)
2025-2026	Chairperson of ERF Advisory Committee
	Member of scientific committee of the 7th International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) Conference, Doha, Qatar
	Member of appointment committee for Professorship (W 3) for Sustainable Development and Economic Policy, Philipps-Universität Marburg
	Member of external referee team for the MA program of Law and Economics of the Arab Region (MLEA), University of Hamburg
Since March 2024	Member of editorial board in Springer Nature journal of Humanities & Social Sciences Communications
2025	Accreditation of the Economics Faculty at UIN Syriah Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia organized by ACQUIN
2024-2025	Scientific Committee of the DAAD for Future prospects for academic mobility
2023-2025	Executive Secretary of International Iranian Economic Association
2021-2026	ERF Advisory Committee, Cairo.
Since Dec. 2021-	Editorial Board member, Quarterly Journal of Applied Theories of Economics, University of Tabriz, Iran.
2020	Independent peer reviewer for DAAD-Afghanistan Portfolio
2020	Guest editor, Special Issue "Political Economy of Natural Disasters", Journal of Risk and Financial Management
Since 2020	Member of International Editorial Board of Iranian Journal of Economic Studies, Shiraz University (Iran) & Member of International Editorial Board of the Quarterly Journal of Applied Economic Studies (Bu Ali Sina University)
Since 2019-	Editorial Board Member of Quarterly Journal of Economic Growth and Development Research (Iran)

2019-2023	Co-opted Board Member of International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA)
2018	Scientific Committee of International Conference on the Iranian Economy
2014-2020	Middle East - Topics & Arguments (Advisory Board)

Awards and Offers

2026	Editor of Distinction Award 2026, Author Service Award, Springer Nature, for editorial service to Humanities and Social Sciences Communications.
2015	Full Professorship (W3) in Economics of the Middle East, University of Marburg (accepted)
2015	Full Professorship (W3) in Economy and Society of the Middle East, FAU Uni. Erlangen-Nürnberg (declined)
2014	Public Policy Award of BMZ/GIZ at the 70th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance in Lugano, Switzerland, on August 20 – 23, 2014 (joint with Sajjad Dizaji)
2009	Dr. Feldbausch Preis "Best Dissertation" at TU Dresden

Grants

2026	„Qualitätssicherung der Lehre" (Quality Assurance in Teaching), ca. 13,000 Euro (Marburg Uni)
2025	„Qualitätssicherung der Lehre" (Quality Assurance in Teaching), ca. 9,000 Euro (Marburg Uni)
2021-2022	Second phase of NaDiMA project (DAAD, 200,000 Euro)
2020-2022	Project: DEBEC - Drivers and Socio-Economic, Behavioral Effects of Climate Change in Iran: The Case of Water Resources Management. Funded by BMBF & MSRT, 20,000 Euro.
2020	Project: NaDiMa - Socio-Economic, Cultural and Technical Aspects of Natural Disaster Management: A Dialogue between Germany and Iran. Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World Program, German Academic Exchange

	Service (DAAD), funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA), 90,000 Euro
2016-2018	Project Title: NAREM- Political Economy of Natural Resource Management, Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World Program, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA)
2012	The United States Institute of Peace (research paper)
2011	E.ON Ruhrgas scholarship grant for a Visiting Research, NHH, Bergen, Norway
2011	European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Half Grant for EAERE 2011 conference
2010-2012	Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship for Post-Doc Research for the project of "Pollution, economic development and democracy: Evidence from the MENA countries"
2010	Revenue Watch Institute, Project: Natural Resource Revenues Management for the Case of Iran (research paper)
2008	CESifo Travel Grant for "Venice Summer Institute 2008 - Workshop on Illicit Trade and Globalization"
2008	Special OFID/IAEE Support Fund for 31st IAEE International Conference in Istanbul, Turkey
2006-2009	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) full scholarship for PhD project of "Political Economy of Natural Resources and Governance in Iran: an Empirical Investigation"
2005-2006	DAAD scholarship for German intensive training course, interDaF e. V. am Herder-Institute, University of Leipzig
2006	Travel Grant for IIES international Oil and Gas conference (Tehran, Iran) from IIES

2. PUBLICATIONS

Publications in Refereed Journals

1. 2026: Housing market functioning and emergency housing governance under armed conflict: descriptive evidence from Iran, 2025–2026 (with H. Gholipour, K. Lee, K. Taoum). ***Applied Economics*** (in press, open access). (Covered in Donya-e-Eghtesad)

2. 2026: Marital formation and childbirth during the COVID-19 pandemic: survey-based evidence from Iran (with S. Fischer). ***Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*** 13, 1485. (open access). (Covered by Donya-e-Eghtesad)

3. 2026: Destabilizing the corrupt: Economic sanctions and their conflict-inducing consequences (with M. Alkurdi Albarawi). ***European Journal of Political Economy*** 95, 102885 (open access). (Covered by Donya-Eghtesad; the forum: ERF policy portal)

4. 2026: Iran's energy paradox: sanctions, external conflicts, and the governance trap (with A. Mehrizi, O. Mahian, A. Hashemizadeh). ***Energy Policy*** 218, 115480.

5. 2026: Men's Support for Women's Education in Afghanistan: The Roles of Income and Insecurity (with M. Asadi). ***Review of Development Economics*** (in press, open access). (Covered by Devpolicy Blog)

6. 2026: When electricity infrastructure is targeted, health is targeted too (with R. Majdzadeh), ***BMJ*** 393, s831.

7. 2026: Support besieged Iranian scientists (with R. Majdzadeh), ***Science*** 392, 473-473.

8. 2026: Global food security rests on the Strait of Hormuz (with O. Zamani), ***Nature Food*** 7, 301.

9. 2026: Public perception, government support, and the formation of AI startups: An institution-based view (with H. Gholipour, A. Andargoli, R. Tajaddini, F. Chege). ***Technovation*** 153, 103523.

10. 2026: Geography, institutions, and entrepreneurship: a new international perspective (with R. Goel, J. W. Saunoris). ***Applied Economics*** (in press, open access).

11. 2026: A 25% extraterritorial tariff shock and the health burden in Iran (with R. Majdzadeh). ***The Lancet*** 407, p673-674.

12. 2025: Internet, Inequality, and Regime Stability (with H.F. Gholipour). ***Scottish Journal of Political Economy***. (Open Access, In Press). (Covered in ERF, Conversation)

13. 2025: Health safeguards under the UN's reimposition of sanctions on Iran (with M. Moradi-Lakeh, R. Gibson, J. Gutmann, R. Majdzadeh). ***The Lancet*** 406, p2056-2057 (Covered in Al Jazeera)

14. 2025: Sanctions and Environmental Crimes in Iran: Evidence and Mechanisms (with S. Fischer). ***La Revue Internationale et Stratégique,*** 139. (Covered in Tejarat-e-Farda)

15. 2025: The Effect of International Sanctions on the Size of the Middle Class in Iran (with N. Habibi). ***European Journal of Political Economy*** 90, part B, 102749. (Open Access) (Covered in ERF, Al Jazeera, Eco-Iran TV and here, VoxDev, CNN, Euronews-German, Euronews-Persian, Deutsche Welle, DW English, Radio Zamaneh, Tehran Times, Iran International; Financial Tribune; Donya-e-Eghtesad; Euronews Persian)

16. 2025: Beyond National Resilience: Towards Global Accountability in the Health Impact of Sanctions (with H. Sajadi, M. Moradi-Lakeh, R. Majdzadeh). ***The Lancet Global Health***. (In press).

17. 2025: Political Connections and Business Sentiment in the MENA Region (with H. Gholipour). ***Constitutional Political Economy***. (Open Access, in press), (Covered in the ERF forum).

18. 2025: Iran and beyond: perilous threats to population health (with M. Moradi-Lakeh, R. Majdzadeh, M. Naghavi). ***The Lancet*** 406, p1001-1002.

19. 2025: Farmland Prices and the Farming Industry's Profitability in Australia (with H.F. Gholipour, A. Arjomandi, S. Yam, F. Gerth). ***Applied Economics*** (Open Access, in press). (Policy note in the Conversation).

20. 2025: Income, Subjective Well-Being, and Violence in Afghanistan: Evidence From a Nationwide Survey (joint with M. Asadi). ***Review of Development Economics*** (Open Access, in press). (Short video).

21. 2025: How do oil rents undermine patience? The role of governance. ***Applied Economics Letters***. (Open Access, in press). (Covered by the ERF forum; Tejarat-e- Farda).

22. 2025: The impact of a large-scale natural disaster on local economic activity: evidence from the 2003 Bam earthquake in Iran. (with S. Fischer). ***Empirical Economics*** 68, 1409–1428. (Covered by the ERF forum, Eghtesad Online).

23. 2025: What is the Potential Impact of Iran's Economic Global Integration on Saudi Arabia's Military Spending? ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 36, 1-19. (Covered by ERF, Donya-Eghtesad).

24. 2025: Oil rents shocks and corruption in Iran (with R. Zamani). ***Review of Development Economics*** 29, 887-916 (Open Access) (Covered by the forum, ERF Policy Portal).

25. 2025: Economic sanctions, energy consumption, and CO2 emissions in Iran: A system dynamics model (with H. Belali, O. Zamani, M. Baniasadi). ***Policy Studies*** 46, 718-747. (Open Access). (Covered by The forum – ERF policy portal, Shargh Daily, BBC Persian).

26. 2024: WHO EMRO's initiative on economic sanctions: delayed but promising (with H. Sajadi, R. Majdzadeh). ***The Lancet*** 404**,** p1638-1639.

27. 2024: Economic sanctions and energy efficiency: Evidence from Iranian industrial sub-sectors (with L. Jabari, A. Salem, O. Zamani). ***Energy Economics*** 139, 107920 (Open Access). (Covered by ERF, Ayandeh Negar)

28. 2024: Mortgage debt and domestic and outbound travel expenditures: International evidence (with H. Gholipour, C. Bassil, X. Zhao). ***Tourism Economics*** 31(3), 504-509.

29. 2024: Economic determinants of early marriage: evidence from the Iranian provinces (with M. Asna-ashary, M. Feizi, H. Gholipour). ***Children and Youth Services Review*** 159, 107518.

30. 2024: Finance and Sales Growth at the Firm Level in Iran: Does Type of Spending Matter? (with I. Cheratian, S. Goltabar, H. Gholipour). ***Research in International Business and Finance*** 67, 102142. (Open Access).

31. 2024: Natural Disaster Literacy in Iran: Survey-Based Evidence from Tehran (with S. Fischer and P. Noack), ***International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*** 100, 104204 (Open Access). (Covered by Tejarat-e-Farda).

32. 2024: Does satisfaction with amenities and environment influence the taste for revolt in the middle east? (with H.Gholipour), ***Constitutional Political Economy*** 35, 523–565 (Open Access) (Covered by ERF, Tejarat-e-Farda, Azzaman Arabic Daily).

33. 2024: House Prices and Labour Productivity Growth: Evidence from OECD Countries (with H. Gholipour), ***Construction Management and Economics*** 42, 582-589 (Open Access) (Covered by Donya-e-Eghtesad , Tejarat-e-Farda and Economics Observatory).

34. 2024: The Effect of Corruption on Internal Conflict in Iran using Newspaper Coverage (with R. Zamani), ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 35, 24-43. [Policy brief at the forum of ERF Policy Portal.]

35. 2023: Years of Life Lost to Revolution and War in Iran. ***Review of Development Economics*** 27, 2061-2103 (Open Access) (Coverage in Euronews Persian).

36. 2023: Understanding Economic Sanctions on Iran: A Survey (with E. Batmanghelidj), ***The Economists' Voice*** 20, 197-226 (A summary in Persian at *Tejarat-e-Farda* weekly business magazine in Iran).

37. 2023: Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and Votes in Favor of Russia in the UN General Assembly (with H.F. Gholipour), ***International Interactions*** 49, 454-470. [Policy brief at *VoxUkrain*.]

38. 2023: COVID-19 fatalities and internal conflict: Does government economic support matter? (with H.F. Gholipour), ***European Journal of Political Economy*** 78, 102368. [Covered by The PRS Group; Translation in Persian at *Tejarat-e-Farda* (literally meaning Tomorrow's Business) weekly business magazine in Iran.; research brief at Economics Observatory]

39. 2023: The Effect of Islamic Revolution and War on Income Inequality in Iran (with M.A. Kadivar), ***Empirical Economics*** 65, 1007-1026. [Persian translation at *Tejarat-e-Farda* weekly business magazine; Research brief at *ERF Forum*; Summary in German at *Ökonomenstimme*.]

40. 2023: Governments' Economic Support for Households during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Consumer Confidence (with H. Gholipour & R. Tajaddini). ***Empirical Economics*** 65, 1253–1272 (Open Access). [Persian translation at *Tejarat-e-Farda* weekly business magazine.]

41. 2023: Air Pollution and Internal Migration: Evidence from an Iranian Household Survey (with H. Gholipour, M. Javadian). ***Empirical Economics*** 64, 223-247 (Open Access). [Persian translation at *Shargh Newspaper* in Iran. And at the *forum of ERF* Policy Portal.]

42. 2023: Firms persistence under sanctions: Micro-level evidence from Iran (with I. Cheratian & S. Goltabar). ***The World Economy*** 46, 2408-2431. (Open Access). [Policy brief at the forum of ERF Policy Portal. Policy brief in Persian at *Ayandeh Negar* Monthly Magazine of Tehran Chamber of Commerce.]

43. 2023: Democracy and militarization in developing countries: A panel vector autoregressive analysis. (with S. Dizaji). ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 34, 272-292.

44. 2022: Government's support for adoption of digital technologies and firms' innovation during the COVID-19 pandemic (with A. Eslami and H. Gholipour). ***Applied Economics*** 55, 5518-5527.

45. 2022: Is It Right to Fight? Evidence from Russia and Ukraine (with S. Fischer), ***Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*** 8, 287-303.

46. 2022: A matter of trust? Political trust and the COVID-19 pandemic (with P. Hofmann). ***International Journal of Sociology*** 52, 476-499.

47. 2022: Oil price shocks, protest, and the shadow economy: is there a mitigation effect? (with P.W. Ishak). ***Economics and Politics*** 34, 298-321. [Policy brief at the forum of ERF Policy Portal.]

48. 2022: Global and Local Economic Uncertainties and Office Vacancy in Australia: A Sub-class Analysis (with H. Gholipour, A. Arjomandi, S. Yam). ***Applied Economics*** 54, 5393-5411. [Read the policy note here.]

49. 2022: The effects of international sanctions on Iran's military spending: a synthetic control analysis. ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 33, 767-778.

50. 2022: The economic cost of the Islamic revolution and war for Iran: synthetic counterfactual evidence. ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 33, 129-149. [MAGKS Working Paper & Interview with Euronews (Persian); Policy note in Bourse & Bazaar; Listen to SoundCloud on this study. Presentation clip can be seen here.]

51. 2021: Effect of public corruption on the COVID-19 immunization progress (with H.P. Hofmann). ***Scientific Reports*** 11, 23423. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-02802-1

52. 2021: The Asymmetric Impact of Oil Prices on Unemployment in the MENA Region (with I. Cheratian and S. Goltabar). ***Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*** 17, 175-204.

53. 2021: Lifting of international sanctions and the shadow economy in Iran - A view from outer space (with S. Fischer). ***Remote Sensing***. 13(22), 4620.

54. 2021: Growing up in the Iran-Iraq war and preferences for strong defense (with H. Gholipour). ***Review of Development Economics*** 25, 1945-1968.

55. 2021: Responses of REITS index and commercial property prices to economic uncertainties: a VAR analysis (with H. Gholipour, R. Tajaddini, S. Yam). ***Research in International Business and Finance*** 58, 101457.

56. 2021: Effect of oil revenues on size and income of Iranian middle class (with P. Alaedini, K. Azizimehr, M. Habibpour). ***Middle East Development Journal*** 13, 27-58 [MAGKS Working Paper]

57. 2021: The impacts of energy sanctions on the black-market premium: evidence from Iran (with O. Zamani, J. Loy, M. Einian). ***Economics Bulletin*** 41, 432-443.

58. 2021: Globalization and the outbreak of COVID-19: an empirical analysis (with M. Feizi, H. Gholipour). ***Journal of Risk and Financial Management*** 14 (3), 105.

59. 2021: Do sanctions constrain military spending of Iran? (with S. Dizaji). ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 32, 125-150. [MAGKS Working Paper]

60. 2021: International tourism and outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19): A cross-country analysis (with M. Feizi, H. Gholipour, R. Nunkoo, A. Andargoli). ***Journal of Travel Research*** 60, 687–692. [Interview with *DW News*.]

61. 2020: Ageing society and SARS-COV-2 mortality: does the healthcare absorptive capacity matter? ***Journal of Risk and Financial Management*** 13 (11), 277. (Open Access)

62. 2020: Drought and property prices: empirical evidence from provinces of Iran (with Feizi, M., Gholipour, H.). ***Economics of Disasters and Climate*** *Change* 5, 203–221. (Open Access)

63. 2020: The impact of declining oil rents on tax revenues: Does the shadow economy matter? (with P. Ishak). ***Energy Economics*** 92, 104925. [CESifo Working Paper]; Policy note in ERF

64. 2020: Economic liberalization in Egypt: a way to reduce of the shadow economy? (with M. Hassan, A. Badreldin) ***Journal of Policy Modeling*** 42, 307-327. [CESifo Working Paper]

65. 2020: Cognitive ability and corruption: rule of law (still) matters. ***Empirical Economics*** 59, 1723–1743. [MAGKS Working Paper]

66. 2020: Does oil rents dependency reduce the quality of education? (with M. Thum) ***Empirical Economics*** 58, 1863–1911. [MAGKS Working Paper]

67. 2020: How does the flow of remittances affect the trade balance of the Middle East and North Africa? (with S.M. Hassan) ***Journal of Economic Policy Reform*** 23, 248-266 [CESifo Working Paper]

68. 2019: Oil booms and inequality in Iran (with T. Krieger). ***Review of Development Economics*** 23, 830-859. [CESifo Working Paper]

69. 2019: Sanctions and the shadow economy: empirical evidence from Iranian provinces (with B. Hayo). ***Applied Economics Letters*** 26, 501-505. [MAGKS Working Paper]

70. 2018: The impact of oil rents on military spending in the GCC region: does corruption matter? ***Journal of Arabian Studies*** 8, 87-109.

71. 2018: Does gold price matter for divorce rate in Iran? (with H. Gholipour). ***Journal of Family and Economic Issues*** 39, 588–599. [MACIE Paper Series]

72. 2018: Natural resource rents and internal conflicts: Can decentralization lift the curse? (with C. Lessmann, G. Markwardt). ***Economic Systems*** 42, 186-205. [CESifo Working Paper]

73. 2018: Development and air pollution in the Middle East and North Africa: democracy matters. (with G. Markwardt). ***Journal of Policy Modeling*** 40, 350-374. [MAGKS Working Paper]

74. 2018: Institutions and the effectiveness of expenditures on environmental protection: Evidence from Middle Eastern Countries (with H.F. Gholipour). ***Constitutional Political Economy*** 29, 20-39.

75. 2017: Resource rents distribution, income inequality and poverty in Iran (with M. Habibpour). ***Energy Economics*** 66, 35–42. [CESifo Working Paper]

76. 2017: Corruption and Political Stability: Does the Youth Bulge Matter? (with S. Witthuhn) ***European Journal of Political Economy*** 49, 47-70. [CESifo Working Paper]

77. 2017: Does terrorism reduce life satisfaction? (with T., Krieger, D. Meierrieks). ***Applied Economics Letters*** 24, 893-896.

78. 2016: Political institutions and government spending behavior: theory and evidence from Iran. (with S. Dizaji and A. Naghavi) ***International Tax and Public Finance*** 23, 522–549. [CESifo Working Paper]

79. 2016: Divorce and the cost of housing: Evidence from Iran. (with H. Gholipour). ***Review of Economics of the Household*** 14, 1029–1054.

80. 2015: Resource rents, balance of power, and political stability. (with K. Bjorvatn). ***Journal of Peace Research*** *52,* 758-773. [CESifo Working Paper]

81. 2015: Marriage crisis and housing costs: Empirical evidence from provinces of Iran. (with H. Gholipour). ***Journal of Policy Modeling*** 37, 107–123. [MAGKS Working Paper]

82. 2014: Can oil-rich countries encourage entrepreneurship? ***Entrepreneurship & Regional Development: An International Journal*** 26, 706-725. [MAGKS Working Paper]

83. 2014: Does real estate transparency matter for foreign real estate investments? (with H. Gholipour). ***International Journal of Strategic Property Management*** 18, 317-331.

84. 2014: Iranian-Oil-Free Zone and international oil prices (with M. Raeisian Parvari). ***Energy Economics*** 45, 364–372. [MAGKS Working Paper]

85. 2014: Military spending and economic growth: The case of Iran. ***Defence and Peace Economics*** 25, 247-269. [MAGKS Working Paper]

86. 2013: Impact of education on the shadow economy: Institutions matter (with A. Buehn). ***Economics Bulletin*** 33, 2052-2063.

87. 2013: Resource curse and power balance: evidence from Iran (with K. Bjorvatn, F. Schneider). ***Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*** 9, 133–158.

88. 2013: Effects of International Financial and Energy Sanctions on Iran's Informal Economy. ***The SAIS Review of International Affair*** 33, 13-36.

89. 2013: Demographic transition in resource rich countries: a bonus or a curse? (with K. Bjorvatn). ***World Development*** 45, 337–351.

90. 2013: Hold your breath: a new index of air quality (with A. Buehn). ***Energy Economics*** 37, 104-113. [MAGKS Working Paper]

91. 2012: Shadow economy trends in Iran: A Comparative Study Using Amos and Lisrel (in Farsi) (with Z. Nasrollahi, S. Talei). ***Quarterly Journal of the Economic Research*** 12, 61-92.

92. 2012: Resource curse and power balance: evidence from oil rich countries (with K. Bjorvatn, F. Schneider). ***World Development*** 40, 1308–1316.

93. 2012: Pollution, shadow economy and corruption: theory and evidence (with A. Biswas, M. Thum). ***Ecological Economics*** 75, 114–125. [CESifo Working Paper]

94. 2012: Smuggling around the World: Evidence from Structural Equation Modeling (with A. Buehn) ***Applied Economics*** 44 (23), 3047-3064.

95. 2011: Oil revenues s. hocks and government spending behavior in Iran. ***Energy Economics*** 33 (6), 1055-1069.

96. 2009: Illegal Trade in the Iranian Economy: Evidence from Structural Equation Model. ***European Journal of Political Economy*** 25(4), 489-507. [CESifo Working Paper]

97. 2009: The Effects of Oil Price Shocks on the Iranian Economy (with G. Markwardt). ***Energy Economics*** 31(1), 134-151. [Dresden Discussion Papers]

Articles in Journals and Policy Notes

1. 2026: Sanctions and conflict: why corruption changes the equation (with M. Alkurdi Albarawi). the forum (ERF policy portal).

2. 2026: Silent Victims of War and Sanctions (with S.R.Majdzadeh). Donya-e-Eghtesad (in Persian).

3. 2026: Overlapping Crises are Eroding Childhood in Iran (with R. Majdzadeh). Global Policy.

4. 2026: Iran's grip on trade is a potent weapon, but it has an expiry date. Al Jazeera.

5. 2026: How Sanctions Can Lower the Threshold for War. Global Policy.

6. 2026: Sanctions and Socio-Economic Change in Iran: Evidence, Mechanisms, and Policy Trade-offs, *ORIENT – German Journal for Politics, Economics and Culture of the Middle East,* 67(3), 18–25.

7. 2026: When Volatility Is Good Politics. Project Syndicate.

8. 2026: Helium, Semiconductors, and the Strategic Risk of Hormuz (with O. Zamani). Global Policy.

9. 2026: Why the war on Iran matters for the global AI energy race. Middle East Eye.

10. 2026: Iran after Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Al Jazeera.

11. 2026: Connectivity and conflict: understanding the risks of inequality in the Middle East. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

12. 2025: Inequality alone doesn't cause civil unrest – but internet access adds the crucial spark. The Conversation.

13. 2025: Why political connections are driving business confidence in MENA. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

14. 2025: Guess who the Western sanctions on Iran have crippled? The middle class. Al Jazeera.

15. 2025: How sanctions eroded Iran's middle class. VoxDev.

16. 2025: Sanctions and the shrinking size of Iran's middle class. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

17. 2025: Losing the key to joy: how oil rents undermine patience and economic growth. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

18. 2025: Economic consequences of the 2003 Bam earthquake in Iran. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

19. 2024: Sanctions and energy efficiency in Iran's industries. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

20. 2024: Corruption in Iran: the role of oil rents. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

21. 2024: Economic roots of early marriage in Iran. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

22. 2024: Natural disaster literacy in Iran: survey evidence from Tehran. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

23. 2024: Sanctions and carbon emissions in Iran. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

24. 2024: Iran's globalisation and Saudi Arabia's defence budget. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

25. 2024: Egypt and Iraq: amenities, environmental quality and taste for revolution. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

26. 2023: The human toll: Assessing the damage caused by revolution and war in Iran. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

27. 2023: Economic Sanctions and Military Expenditure in Iran: A Brief Survey. EconPol Forum 24, 31-35.

28. 2023: How has the pandemic affected civil conflict around the world? Economics Observatory.

29. 2023: What are the big economic challenges facing the government in Iran? Economics Observatory.

30. 2023: The impact of revolution and war on income inequality in Iran (with A. Kadivar). The ERF Forum.

31. 2023: How business survives under sanctions: the experience of Iranian firms. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

32. 2022: Corruption and internal conflict in Iran. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

33. 2022: Air pollution and internal migration in Iran (with H. Gholipour, M. Javadian), The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

34. 2022: Die Auswirkungen der Islamischen Revolution und des Iran-Irak-Krieges auf die Einkommensungleichheit im Iran (with A. Kadivar). *Ökonomenstimme*.

35. 2022: The effects of oil shocks on unemployment: evidences from the MENA region. (with I. Cheratian, S. Goltabar). *Ayandeh-negar* Nr. 166, pp.40-41 (in Persian). (Based on this study).

36. 2021: Oil price shocks, protest and the shadow economy (with P.W. Ishak). The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

37. 2021: Experiencing the Iran-Iraq war: effects on later life views on defence. The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

38. 2021: Oil rents and Iran's middle class (with P. Alaedini). The forum, ERF Policy Portal.

39. 2020: What were the economic costs of the Islamic revolution and the Iran-Iraq war? *Bourse & Bazaar* (in English).

40. 2020: Oil rents, tax revenues and the shadow economy: new insights (with P. W. Ishak) ERF Policy Brief No. 54 | November 2020.

41. 2020: Irans Außenhandel: über Handelspartner, die Bedeutung von Erdöl und internationale Sanktionen Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, Bonn.

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43. 2018: Do sanctions really constrain Iran's military spending? *Bourse & Bazaar* (in English).

44. 2018: Social effects of increasing gold coin prices in Iran. *Tejarat-Farda Weekly Magazine* (1 Sep, 2018)

45. 2017: Can we predict political uprisings? The Conversation. (16 June, 2017)

46. 2016: Higher property prices linked to income inequality: study (with H. Gholipour, J., Nguyen). *The Conversation***.** (21 Nov. 2016).

47. 2015: Natural-Resource Rents and Political Stability in the Middle East and North Africa (with K. Bjorvatn). *CESifo DICE Report* 13 (3), 33-37.

48. 2005: Cement industry in Iran (in Persian). *Bourse Financial & Economical Monthly Magazin* (*Mahname Bours*), No. 49, 23-29.

49. 2004: Economic evaluation of the Caspian Oil transit to International markets (in Persian). *Quarterly Energy Economics Review* (*Faslnameh Motaleate Eghtesad Energy*), First year, 3-24.

50. 2003: Opportunities for Iran commodity transit routes after the Iraqi war (in Persian). *Political & Economical Ettelat Journal***.** No.9-10, 224-229.

51. 2003: Economics of oil pipelines in the Caspian Sea region (in English), *Eghtessad-e-Energy* 2 (47), April 2003. ISSN: 1563-1133.

52. 2003: Iranian options most economically viable for exporting Caspian Sea Oil. *Oil & Gas Journal* 101 (11), 22-26. ISSN (printed): 0030-1388.

Monographs

1. 2016: Economic Welfare and Inequality in Iran: Developments since the Revolution. Mohammad Reza Farzanegan and Pooya Alaedini (Eds.), Palgrave Macmillan / Springer Nature, New York, NY.

2. 2009: Political Economy of Natural Resources and Governance in Iran: An Empirical Investigation. Mohammad Reza Farzanegan, Qucosa, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany.

Publications in Collected Volumes

1. 2026 (*forthcoming*): Oil rents and educational inequality: New cross-country evidence (with S. Mohtadi). Chapter in ***Handbook on Inequality and Natural Resources*** Edited by Graham A. Davis. Edward Elgar Publishing (peer reviewed).

2. 2025: The scale efficiency of US bilateral exports and the COVID-19 pandemic (with F. Rahimadeh, H. Pirpour). In: Nikolaos Apergis (Ed.), ***Encyclopedia of Monetary Policy, Financial Markets and Banking***, Volume 2, 768-778.

3. 2025: Islam and entrepreneurship: The role of Islamic banking (with. A. Badreldin). In: Nikolaos Apergis (Ed.), ***Encyclopedia of Monetary Policy, Financial Markets and Banking***, Volume 4, 656-669.

4. 2025: Nighttime light development after the 2001 flood in Iran: A synthetic control analysis (with. S. Fischer). In: Nikolaos Apergis (Ed.), ***Encyclopedia of Monetary Policy, Financial Markets and Banking***, Volume 2, 586-602.

5. 2021: Youth unemployment and quality of education in the MENA: an empirical investigation (joint with H. Gholipour). In: Ben Ali, M.S. (Ed.), ***Economic Development in the MENA region - New Perspectives***/Springer.

6. 2019: The impact of oil rents on military spending in the GCC region: does corruption matter? In: Kamrava, M. (Ed.), ***The "Resource Curse" in the Persian Gulf*****,** London: Routledge.

7. 2017: Shadow economy and political stability: a blessing or a curse? In: A. Bouasria, U. Rabi (Eds.), ***Lost in Translation: New Paradigms for the Arab Spring*****.** Sussex Academic Press.

8. 2016: Housing costs and inequality in post-revolutionary Iran. (with H. Gholipour, J., Nguyen) In: M.R. Farzanegan, P. Alaedini (Eds). ***Economic Welfare and Inequality in Iran: Developments since the Revolution*****.** Palgrave Macmillan / Springer Nature

9. 2016: Effects of oil sanctions on Iran's economy and household welfare: new evidence from a CGE model (with M. Khabbazan, H. Sadeghi). In: M.R. Farzanegan, P. Alaedini (Eds). ***Economic Welfare and Inequality in Iran: Developments since the Revolution***. Palgrave Macmillan / Springer Nature.

10. 2016: Household welfare in Iran under banking sanctions: from open economy toward autarchy (with M. Khabbazan). In: M.R. Farzanegan, P. Alaedini (Eds). ***Economic Welfare and Inequality in Iran: Developments since the Revolution*****.** Palgrave Macmillan / Springer Nature.

11. 2016: Demographic transition, oil and institutions: lessons from the global experience for Iran**.** In: M. Erdogdu, B. Christiansen (Eds). ***Comparative Economic Perspectives on Europe and the MENA Region*****.** IGI Global, Hershey, PA.

12. 2015 & 2014: Iran Economy (with M. Habibpour)**.** In: ***The annual regional survey, The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 61 and 62 Editions***, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

13. 2012: Dark side of trade in Iran**.** In: Storti, C.C., de Grauwe, P. (Eds), ***Illicit Trade and Globalisation***, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA.

Works in Progress & Working Papers

1. 2026: Economic Sanctions and Nationalist Solidarity: An Empirical Test of the Rally-Around the-Flag Effect in Iran (2005-2020) (with H. Gholipour). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 02-2026.

2. 2025: Economic Insecurity and Women's Preference for State Ownership in Iran (with H. Gholipour, B. Saboori, R. Ekhtiari Amiri). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 27-2025.

3. 2025: Housing Affordability and Public Attitudes Toward Migrants: International Evidence (with H. Gholipour, Y. Nademi). Mimeo.

4. 2025: Does Public Confidence in Universities Shape Higher Education Participation? (with H. Gholipour, H. Song). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 26-2025.

5. 2025: The Relationship between Political Connections, Association Membership and Innovation in Construction Firms (with H. Gholipour, S. Yam).

6. 2025: Destabilizing the Corrupt: US Sanctions and Their Conflict-Inducing Consequences (with M. Alkurdi Albarawi). CESifo Working Paper No. 11754.

7. 2025: Public Perception of Science and Technology, Government Support for the AI Sector, and AI Startups (with H. Gholipour, R. Tajaddini, F. Chege). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 11-25.

8. 2025: The Effect of the "Woman Life Freedom" Protests on Life Satisfaction in Iran: Evidence from Survey Data. MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 01-2025.

9. 2025: Oil Rents and Education Inequality: New Cross-Country Evidence (with S. Mohtadi). Draft for Handbook of Inequality and Natural Resources.

10. 2025: Geography, Institutions, and Entrepreneurship (with R. Goel, J. Saunoris). CESifo Working Paper No. 11831.

11. 2025: Political Connections, Association Membership, and Innovation in Construction Firms in the MENA region (with H. Gholipour, S. Yam). Mimeo.

12. 2024: Optimizing Social Assistance Strategies in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis (with A. Daneshmand, A. Mazyaki, M. Gheidari). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 22-2024.

13. 2024: International Sanctions and Internal Conflict: The Case of Iran (with J. Gutmann). CESifo Working Paper No. 11578 & MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 20-2024.

14. 2024: Politicians on the Boards of Firm Directors in the MENA Countries: Do Connections Affect Confidence in Business Sales? (with H. Gholipour). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 14-2024.

15. 2024: The effects of international sanctions on the size of middle class in Iran (with. N. Habibi). CESifo Working Paper Nr. 11175. (Eco-Iran; Donya-e-Eghtesad, Radio Zamaneh, Tehran Chamber of Commerce.

16. 2024: Attitudes Toward Women's Education in Afghanistan: Empirical Evidence from a Nationwide Survey (with M.H. Asadi). CESifo Working Paper No. 11244.

17. 2023: Income and Happiness in Afghanistan: Do Insecurity and Violence Matter? (with M.H. Asadi). MAGKS Discussion Paper No. 202325.

18. 2023: The Effect of the "Woman Life Freedom" Protests on Life Satisfaction in Iran: Evidence from Survey Data (with S. Fischer). CESifo Working Paper No. 10643. (Under Review).

19. 2021: The Effect of public corruption on Covid-19 fatality rate: a cross-country examination. CESifo Working Paper No. 8938, Munich.

20. 2020: Google it up! a google trends-based analysis of covid-19 outbreak in Iran (with M. Feizi, S. Malek Sadati), MAGKS - Joint Discussion Paper Series No. 17-2020, Marburg.

21. 2020: Covid-19 outbreak and air pollution in Iran: a panel VAR analysis (with M. Asna-ashary, M. Feizi, S. Malek Sadati), MAGKS - Joint Discussion Paper Series No 16-2020, Marburg.

22. 2017: Causes and impacts of remittances: household survey evidence from Egypt, (with S.M. Hassan and R. Abi Raad), MAGKS Papers on Economics 201737, Marburg.

3. TEACHING, PHD SUPERVISION & Hosting International Researchers

Bachelor	Political Economy of Middle East (Lecture + Exercise; Seminar since WS 2021) & Quantitative Methods for Political Economy of the Middle East (since WS 2021)
Master	Empirical Development Economics (Lecture)
	Political Economy of Islam (Lecture)
	Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy (Lecture + Exercise)
	Political Economy of Oil Rents (Seminar)
	Economic Sanctions (Seminar)
	Demographic Transition, Economic Growth and Political Stability in the MENA Region (Seminar)

PhD Supervision (first supervisor)

Since October 2025	Political Economy of Crisis in Lebanon. PhD candidate (external): Gaelle Abi Chedid
October 2022- June 2026	Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Afghanistan (Mohammad H. Asadi), DAAD Scholarship holder
2018-2023 (Postdoctoral from April 2023)	Political Economy of Natural Disasters (Sven Fischer)
2015-2019	Essays on Environment and Resource Economics (Dalia Fadly)
2014-2017	Essays on the Shadow Economy in Egypt (Mai Hassan, Jameel Scholarship holder)
2014-2017	The Political Economy of Demographic Transition and Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa (Sherif Hassan, Jameel Scholarship holder)

Member of PhD commission

2026	External (second) examiner of PhD dissertation of Pascal P. Langer, Trier University.
2025	External examiner of PhD dissertation of Shaikha Nasser Ali Al Akhzami, Sultan Qaboos University
	Second examiner of PhD dissertation of Trang Dung Bui, FB02

	Second examiner of PhD dissertation of Donia Mahabadi, FB02
2024	Central Bank Empirical Macroeconomic Modelling (Özer Karagedikli), Chairman of commission, FB02
2022	Essays on Tax Policy and Economic Activity (Sascha Mierzwa), Second Examiner, FB02
2021	Sustainable Water Use in Arid Agricultural Areas Based on System Dynamics and Water Footprint: a Case Study of Zhangjiakou City, China (Weijing Ma), FB Geography
2020	Lake Catchment Interaction Analysis by Using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques – the case study of Kolleru Lake, South India (M. K. Kolli), FB Geography
	Aeolian Dust Deposition Rates in south-Western Iran (M. Ahmadi Foroushani), FB Geography
2019	Sand Dune Systems in Iran – Distribution and Activity. Wind Regimes, Spatial and Temporal Variation of the Aeolian Sediment Transport in Sistan Plain (East Iran) (H. Abbasi), FB Geography

Hosting International Researchers

April- June 2022	Dr. Fuzuli Aliyev (Baku Engineering University). Supported by DAAD
2018 & 2021	Dr. Sajjad Dizaji (Associate Professor of Economics, Tarbiat Modares University, Supported by Gerda Henkel Stiftung
2021-2022	Dr. Reza Zamani (Assistant Professor of Economics, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran)
2016	Khayam Azizimehr (PhD candidate, University of Tehran)
2015	Prof. Pooya Alaedini (University of Tehran), Project: Middle Class of Iran. Funded by Re-configuration Project
2014	Dr. Sarvar Gurbanov, senior lecturer from Qafqaz University, World Economy (Baku, Azerbaijan). Project: Dutch Disease in the Azerbaijan Economy. Supported by DAAD Grant

2014	Neda Seiban. PhD Exchange Student from Siegen University. Project: Natural Resources Wealth and Question of Gender Equity in Iran
2013	Mohammad Mohammadi Khabbazan, Visiting PhD Researcher from Tarbiat Modares University (Tehran, Iran). Project: Effect of oil sanctions on the macroeconomic and household welfare in Iran: New evidence from CGE model. Funded by Ministry of Science Research and Technology of Iran

4. SCIENCE MANAGEMENT

Referee for Scientific Journals & Books Proposals

Applied Economics • African Development Review • Asian Journal of Comparative Politics • Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression • Borsa Istanbul Review • British Journal of Political Science • Business and Politics • Cambridge Journal of Economics • Cogent Economics & Finance • Cogent Social Sciences • Communications Earth & Environment (Nature) • Constitutional Political Economy • Defence and Peace Economics • Democratization • Developing Economies • Digest of Middle East Studies • Eastern European Economics • Economics Bulletin • Ecological Economics • Economic Analysis and Policy • Economía Mexicana. Nueva Época • Economic Modeling • Economies- Open Access • Economics of Governance • Economic Systems • Economists' Voice • Emerging Markets Finance and Trade • Empirical Economics • Energy Economics • Energy Policy • Energy Sources, Part B: Economics, Planning, and Policy • Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy • European Journal of Political Economy • Eurasian Geography and Economics • Forum for Development Studies • Journal of Development Economics and Macroeconomics • Governance • Government Information Quarterly • Humanities and Social Sciences Communications • International Area Studies Review • International Business Review • International Economics and Economic Policy • International Economic Journal • International Journal of Emerging Markets • International Journal of Energy and Economic Development • International Journal of Financial Studies, Economies • International Peacekeeping • International Political Science Review • International Review of Economics • Journal of Applied Econometrics •Journal of Applied Economics • Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization • Journal of Economics and Development • Journal of International Relations & Development • Journal of Peace Research • Journal of Population Ageing • Managerial and Decision Economics • Middle East Development Journal • Mineral Economics • Nature Food • Oxford University Press • Papers in Regional Science • Poverty & Public Policy • Resources, Conservation & Recycling • Review of Development Economics • Review of Middle East Economics and Finance • Review of Policy Research • Social Science Research • South-Eastern Europe Journal of Economics • Southern Economic Journal • The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development • The International Trade Journal • The World Economy • World Development• World Scientific • Zed Books

Referee for Foundations / Centers/Conferences

ACQUIN (The Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute) • Alexander von Humboldt Foundation • Brookings Doha Center • DFG, German Research Foundation • German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) • Qatar University • Ruhr University Research School PLUS • Volkswagen Foundation • member of DAAD Selection Committee for "New Perspectives for Young Syrians and Jordanians" (Amman, Jordan) • member of scientific committee of 5th national conference on wind erosion and sand storms (Yazd, Iran).

Co-Organizer of Panels, Workshops and Conferences

2023-2024	Some of IIEA Webinars

2022	Natural Disaster Management: Lessons from Iran
2020-2022	NaDiMa Dialogue Series (Online) with partners in Iran & Germany
2019	International Symposium on "Political Economy of Sanctions", Marburg.
	Symposium on the "Political Economy of Climate Change and Natural Disasters with Reference to Iran and the Arab World", Marburg.
	"Applications of Geodata in Economics", CNMS, Marburg.
2018	"Water and Sustainable Development" Winter School in Mashhad, Iran
	"Nature, Wealth & Power" Summer School 2018, CNMS, Marburg.
2017	Social Policies in Oil-Based Economies Autumn School, University of Tehran, Iran
	International Iran Forum, CNMS, Marburg, Germany
	Renewable Energy and Development Summer School 2017, CNMS, Marburg, Germany
2016	Natural Resource Management and Life Satisfaction Winter School 2016 in Marburg, Germany
	Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development Summer School 2016 in Tehran, Iran
	4th International Iranian Economic Association's (IIEA) international conference on the Iran's Economy at CNMS, Marburg
2015	International Workshop "Networks of Dependency", Marburg, Germany
2013	International Symposium on Sanctions and the Iranian Political Economy: Lessons and the Way Forward , CNMS, Marburg, Germany

Invited Presentations & Contributions

	Political Economy Replication Workshop, Marburg
	Diplomatische Akademie Wien, Guest lecture-Econ Diplo
	Berkeley Economic Review speakers panel on the Economics of International Conflict
2026	Opening the Black Box: Researching Russia Through Data and Digital Methods Conference (Online)

	Kolloquiums at HIAS (Hamburg)
	Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics
	12th edition of the Diploma Course in Asian Studies, The National Autonomous University of Mexico (Online)
2024	Panelist in “Technical Workshop on "The Case Study of Tunisia" - The Role of MSMEs in Fostering Inclusive and Equitable Sustainable Economic Growth in the Context of the Clean Energy Transition in MENA”, ERF
	Panelist in “The role of MSMEs in fostering inclusive and equitable sustainable economic growth in the context of the clean energy transition in MENA” (case of Egypt), ERF
	International Iranian Economic Association Panel session on “Counting the Costs – Revolution & the Iran-Iraq War (1979-88)”
2023	Talk at MECAM Spectrum, MECAM’s Event Week « Disparities? »Tunis
	Politics365.com Podcast on Iran
	The Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics, University of Hamburg
	International Iranian Economic Association Panel session Political Economy of Revolutions
2022	Drought and Property Prices: Empirical evidences from Iranian provinces, Soil Conservation and Watershed Management Research Institute, Tehran.
	Oil price shocks, protests, and the shadow economy, Andisheh Varzan House, Tehran.
	Drought and Property Prices: Empirical evidences from Iranian provinces, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
	Oil booms and income inequality in Iran, Tarbiat Modarres University, Faculty of Management & Econoics, Tehran.
	The effect of revolution and war on income inequality of Iran, University of Tehran, Faculty of Social Sciences.
	Sanctions, Incentives, and Human Security: Economic Statecraft and Humanitarian Crises, UK.
	Global Development in the Corona and Post-Corona Era (Keynote speaker), University of Tehran (Online)
	Discussant in online conference on Shadow Activities in International Trade & Capital Flows,

	University of Bonn, and Visva-Bharati University
2021	Winter School of Political Economy, Allameh Tabatabaei University, Tehran.
	The Hamid and Christina Moghadam Program in Iranian Studies at Stanford University | Online
2020	Lions Club Wiesbaden "Sanctions & Iranian Economy"
2019	Global Economics Conference (GEC) (Kassel, keynote)
	German Science Day 2019 (DAAD, Cairo)
	Scenario expert workshop "How today's uncertainties shape tomorrow's world: Exploring future Yemens" (DIW, Berlin)
2018	3. Iranistik Forum, Iran-Haus (Berlin)
2017	"Oil rents, public spending, and resource curse in the Middle East", Research Seminar on Environment, Resource and Climate Economics, DIW Berlin
	"Öl und Irans Politische Ökonomie: Flucht oder Segen", University of Hamburg, Asien-Afrika-Institut
	Round table on Iran's Economics at French Foundation for Strategic Research (Fondation pour la recherche stratégique), Paris.
	"Social Policy in Oil-Based Economies" Autumn School, Tehran, Iran.
	Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
	World Economic Forum on Middle East and North Africa 2017, Amman, Jordan (member of German delegation chaired by Defense Minister Dr. Ursula von der Leyen & Iran After Election panel at WEF)
2016	Forschungskolloquiums des Institutes für Wirtschaftswissenschaften, University of Freiburg
	Jahreskolloquium 2016 - Der Beitrag der Europäischen Union zur Stabilisierung des Nahen Ostens und Nordafrikas, Mannheim
	Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
	Iranian-German Joint Research Workshop
	"German Science Days" at the German Science Centre in Cairo

	Koordinierungsgespräch „Stand und Perspektiven der Hochschulzusammenarbeit mit dem Iran“, Hochschulrektorenkonferenz, Bonn
2015	Creating New Momentum for Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Middle East/Gulf after the Failed 2015 Review Conference, HSFK/PRIF, Frankfurt
	Re-Thinking Energy: Scientific Input – Social Output Conference, German Science Centre in Cairo (DWZ)
	Wirtschaft und Weltpolitik: Neue Perspektiven auf das Spannungsfeld Nahost, Landau, Germany
2014	Tag der deutschen Wissenschaft, Deutschen Wissenschaftszentrum (DWZ), Cairo, Egypt
	Civil Society and Natural Resource Management – NUPI-MSCE, Oslo, Norway
	Natural Resources and Governance International Workshop, Siegen University
	1st International Conference and Project Meeting on Advanced Science and Technologies for Sustainable Development in Iran (STSD 2014), FU Berlin
	“Implications of Iran’s Deteriorating Economy”, Washington DC, USA
	Department of Economics Seminar, University of Bologna, Italy
2013	“The Evolution of Gulf Global Cities” Working Group, Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
	Future of Iran’s Economy, Legatum Institute, London
	Autónoma University of Madrid
2012	2. Stiftungstages, Doris und Dr. Michael Hagemann-Stiftung, Der „Arabische Frühling“ – Herausforderungen und Perspektiven, Marburg
	das iranische Wirtschaftssystem, Weltladen Marburg
	UNICEF-DRESDEN Diskussionsforum "Arabische Frühling-eine Revolution der Jugend"
2011	The Gulf Research Unit Annual Conference, University of Oslo
	The Gulf Research Unit Pre-Annual Conference, Oslo, Norway

Presentations at International Conferences/Workshops

2026	ERF 32st Annual Conference (online)
	53rd Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (Madrid)
	9th international conference on the political economy of democracy and dictatorship (Münster)
2025	Philipps-Universität Marburg / Université de Strasbourg / Toyo University Workshop (Tokyo)
	15th Annual Conference in Political Economy (Ankara)
	52nd Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS, Riga)
	ERF 31st Annual Conference (Cairo)
	8th international conference on the political economy of democracy and dictatorship (Münster)
2024	ERF 30th Annual Conference, Rabat, Morocco
	European Public Choice Society, Vienna University of Economics, Austria
	7th International Conference on the "Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship" (PEDD), Münster, Germany
	International Workshop Philipps-Universität – Université de Strasbourg – Toyo University (Strasbourg, France)
	20th international conference of Middle East economic association (MEEA) (Istanbul, Turkey).
	30. Internationaler DAVO-Kongress (Göttingen, Germany).
	1st Workshop on Economic Diplomacy, Diplomatic Academy Vienna
2023	European Public Choice Society, University of Hannover, Germany
	6th International Conference on the "Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship" (PEDD), Münster, Germany
2022	European Public Choice Society, Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal
	2022 Annual Congress of the IIPF, University of Linz in Austria
2021	15th Workshop on Political Economy (Dresden)
	2021 Meeting of the EPCS | Online, Université de Lille (France)

2020	76th Annual Congress of the IIPF | Online
	VfS Annual Conference 2020: Gender Economics | Online
2019	International Symposium “Political Economy of Sanctions” (Marburg)
	Workshop on “Research & Study Opportunities in Germany”, Kharazmi University (Tehran).
	“The resource curse”, University of Tehran, Faculty of Social Sciences.
	26th International DAVO/DMG Congress (Hamburg)
	18th International Conference of MEEA (Beirut)
	6th International Conference on the Iranian Economy, University of Naples 'L'Orientale'; Italy (co-presenter & discussant).
	75th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF 2019), Glasgow, Scotland.
2018	74th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF 2018), University of Tampere, Finland.
	Economic Research Forum’s (ERF) 24th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt.
	European Public Choice Society Conference, Catholic University, Rome, Italy.
	5th International Conference on Iran’s Economy, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
2017	11th Workshop on Political Economy, Dresden, Germany
	33th German Oriental Studies Conference "Asia, Africa and Europe", Jena, Germany
	European Public Choice Society Conference, the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
	VfS Annual Conference 2017: "Alternative Structures for Money and Banking", University of Vienna, Austria
	German-Arab Summer School in Law and Economics, University of Hamburg, Germany
2016	DAVO 2016 International DAVO Congress of Contemporary Research on the Middle East, Tübingen, Germany
	Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development Summer School
	European Public Choice Society, Freiburg, Germany

2015	71st Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Dublin, Ireland
	Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Pontresina, Switzerland
	Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Groningen, Netherland
2014	8th Workshop on Political Economy, Dresden, Germany
	Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Cambridge, UK
	"Doing Business: Past, Present, and Future of Business Regulation", McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, USA.
2013	Second International Iranian Economic Association Conference, Istanbul
	12th International Conference of MEEA: "The Arab Spring and MENA Economies: Quo Vadis? " Speyer, Germany
2012	Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany
	68th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Public Finance, TU Dresden, Germany
2011	Inaugural Conference on Iran's Economy, SOAS, University of London, UK.
	Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Frankfurt, Germany
	18th Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Rome, Italy
	The 34th IAEE International Conference, Stockholm, Sweden (special session)
	The 17th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Antalya, Turkey
	The 16th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Groningen, the Netherlands
	The European Public Choice Society Conference, Rennes, France
2010	IAEE European Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania
	Fourth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Montreal, Canada
	The Annual Meetings of the European Public Choice Society, Izmir, Turkey
2009	Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Magdeburg, Germany

	The 8th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), Nice, France
2008	The Annual Public Choice Society Meeting, Jena, Germany
	The 31st IAEE International Conference, Bridging Energy Supply and Demand: Logistics, Competition and Environment, Istanbul, Turkey
	The International Conference on Policy Modeling, EcoMod, Berlin, Germany
	Venice Summer Institute -Workshop on Illicit Trade and Globalization, 14-15 July, Venice, Italy
	Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Graz, Austria
2007	Labsi International Conference on Political Economy and Public Choice: Theory and Experiments, Siena, Italy
	International workshop on the Economics of Corruption, 7-14 October 2007, Passau, Germany
2006	11th IIES International Oil and Gas Forum, Tehran, Iran
	13th International DAVO Congresses, Hamburg, Germany

Academic Administration

Responsible Professor for International M.Sc. Program "Economics of the Middle East" (WS 2017/18 onwards) at School of Business and Economics /CNMS, University of Marburg • Member of CNMS Direktorium • Member of School of Business & Economics' Professorium (since 2012) • Member of Demokratische Initiative (University of Marburg, 2016-2026).

Media

- Interview with Tejarat-e-Farda on "Forgone Growth: The costs of sanctions for Iran"
- Comments for the Associated Press News
- Comments for El Mundo
- Commentary on "If sanctions are accompanied by corruption", Donya-e-Eghtesad
- Editorial on "Silent Victims of War and Sanctions" (with R. Majdzadeh), Donya-e-Eghetsad
- Comments for EcoIran about possible scenarios for subsidy reform of gasoline in Iran (in Persian).
- Comments for the Associate Press report on "United Arab Emirates suspends trade with Iran after coming under renewed missile fire"
- Comments for Al Jazeera report on "Iran prepares to keep economy alive as US threatens further sanctions"
- Comments for Berliner Morgenpost "Putin als Freund der Mullahs? So hilft er dem Regime im Kampf gegen die USA"
- Comments for Mongabay report on "War reveals the isolation of Iran's scientists"
- Comments for Al Jazeera Explainer on "US says Iran will buy its goods: What could US-Iran trade look like?"

- Interview with Telepolis "Iran: "Krieg und Isolation stärken nicht die demokratischen Kräfte"
- Comments for Al Jazeera Explainer "With Hormuz reopened, has the oil shortage turned into a glut?"
- Comments for Al Jazeera Explainer on "Maths behind Hormuz toll: Is paying Iran for transit cheaper than blockade?"
- Quoted in the Wall Street Journal on economics of internet blackout in Iran
- Global Policy: Helium, Semiconductors, and the Strategic Risk of Hormuz
- Project Syndicate: When Volatility Is Good Politics
- Interview with Al Jazeera News on Iran's Stock Market Reopening and Iran's Economic Outlook
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