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Current Positions

- 2014 – present Assistant professor, Graduate School of Management and Economics, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran
- 2017 – present Head of Economics Department, Graduate School of Management and Economics
- 2019 Member of Economic Committee, National Flood Task Force
- 2015 – present Member of Economic Committee, Urmia Lake Restoration Program
- 2017 – present FAO National Consultant, Urmia Lake Restoration Program
- 2015 – present ERF Research Associate

Past Positions

- 2015 – 2017 Consultant, Insurance Research Center
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Education

- 2010 – 2014 Ph.D. Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK.
 Advisors: Tim Besley, Henrik Kleven, Johannes Spinnewijn
- 2008 – 2010 M.Res. Economics (with Distinction), LSE, London, UK.
- 2005 – 2008 M.Sc. Economics, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.
- 2000 – 2005 B.Sc. Electrical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.
- 2003 – 2005 B.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering (2nd degree), Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.
- 2011 – 2013 Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCERT HE), LSE, London, UK.
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Fields of Interest

Public Economics, Development Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Taxation

Teaching

Lecturing at Sharif University of Technology:

- Public Economics (MSc): 2019.
Development Economics (MSc): 2015, 2016, 2018.
Energy Economics (MSc): 2020.
Microeconomics I (MSc) and Econometrics I (MSc): 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.
Microeconomics II (PhD): 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
Microeconomics II (MSc): 2015, 2020.
Research Method (MSc): 2015, 2016.

“Subject Guide for Development Economics”, University of London International Program, 2013.

Teaching Assistant at LSE:

- Development Economics: UG 2011-12, Summer School 2012, MPA 2012-13 & 2013-14.

Public Economics (UG): 2010-11.
Economics B (UG Principles): 2009-10 & 2011-12.
Pre-sessional Math for MSc Economics: 2010.

Published papers

- “The Impact of Short-term Exposure to Ambient Air Pollution on Test Scores”, joint with N. Amanzadeh, S.F. Fatemi Aredestan, *Population and Environment*, accepted.
- “Import tax evasion and avoidance: Evidence from Iran”, joint with K. Yousefi and H. Pilvar, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, forthcoming.
- “The externality from communal metering of residential water: The case of Tehran.”, joint with M.H. Rahmati and N. Taheri Hosseinabadi, *Water Resources and Economics*, 23, 2018, pp. 53-58.
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Working papers

- “What Do One Hundred Million Transactions Tell Us about Demand Elasticity of Gasoline?”, joint with M. H. Rahmati and Amirhossein Tavakoli, *Submitted*.
- “Get Ready, Natural Gas Is Coming: Household Consumption and Access to Natural Gas”, joint with M. H. Rahmati and S. Seyedi. November 2019.
- “The Health Consequences of Subsidized Health Insurance: Evidence from Iran”, joint with M. Habibi and , S.F. Fatemi Aredestan, November 2019.
- “The Effect of Single-sex Schools on Educational Attainment: Evidence from Iran”, joint with D. Salehi-Isfahani, July 2018. Presented at IAAE 2019, IIEA 2019, IESR 2018, Sharif University and Allameh Tabataba'i University.
- “Stimulus effect of the UK 2008 VAT rate cut”, August 2017.
- “The Long Run Educational Impact of Iran-Iraq War”, July 2017. Presented in The First International Labor Market Workshop, Tehran.
- “Optimization Frictions in Choice of the UK Flat Rate Scheme of VAT”, January 2014. Also presented in Royal Economic Society Annual Conference 2014, Public Economics UK Conference 2014, Oxford Center for Business Taxation, Doctoral Meeting 2013.
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Published Farsi papers

- “Tax Incidence: A Case Study of Value-Added Tax in Iran”, joint with N. Sabouri, *Journal of Economic Research*, 52(4): 997-1023.
- “Price Limits and Stock Characteristics: Evidence from Tehran Stock Exchange (TSE)”, joint with M.H. Rahmati and S.M. Mousavi, *Journal of Economic Research*, 53(2), 2018: 345-366.
- “Economic Impact of Dams in Iran”, joint with M.S. Tajrishy, *Iran Water Resources Research*, 2019, 15(1): 247-256.
- “The link between number of children in the family and children’s educational outcomes”, joint with M.H. Rahmati and A. Fareghbal, *Iranian Journal of Population Studies*, 3(2), 2018: 91-116.
- “Testing for Asymmetric Information in Automobile Insurance Market an Iranian Insurance Company”, joint with M.H. Rahmati and N. Sedaghatkish, *Journal of Planning and Budgeting*, 23(1), 2018: 3-27.
- “Can Regulation Reduce Adverse Selection in Health Insurance in Small Firms?”, joint with M.R. Chaghomi, G. Keshavarz Haddad, and E. Kardgar, *Journal of Insurance Research*, 34(1), 2019: 23-41.
- “Between Group Asymmetric Information: Evidence from Group-based Supplementary Health

Insurance”, joint with M.R. Chaghomi and G. Keshavarz Haddad, *Journal of Economic Research*, accepted.

“The Effects of Short-Term Exposure to Air Pollution on Mortality: The Case of Six Metropolitan Areas in Iran”, joint with M.H. Rahmati and V. Moghani, *Economic Research Journal*, forthcoming.

“The Impact of Blackout on Manufacturing: Evidences from Iran’s Industrial Plants”, joint with K. Yousefi, *Quarterly Journal of Economic Research and Policies*, accepted.

Policy projects

“The role of Iran’s education system in human capital formation” (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani), policy paper presented in The First International Labor Market Workshop, Tehran, September 2017.

“Tax preferences for small and medium size enterprises”, Iran Chamber of Commerce, policy paper, 2017.

“An assessment of the success of ICT regulation in Iran”, Iran Competition Center, policy report. 2016.

“Tax policies to support long run sustainable growth”, Institute for Management and Planning Studies, policy report, 2016.

“Feasibility study of establishing a business park in Tehran’s Bazaar”, Tehran Municipality, 2015.