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EDUCATION **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**, Blacksburg, Virginia
PhD in Economics, 2009
Thesis Topic: Essays on Applied Microeconomic Theory
Advisor: Hans Haller
Institute for Research in Planning and Development, Tehran, Iran
MS in Socio-economics Systems Engineering, 2000
Tehran Polytechnic University, Tehran, Iran
BS in Electrical Engineering, 1994

ACADEMIC POSITIONS Senior Lecturer in Economics, Vanderbilt University, Since 2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Willams School, Washington and Lee University, 2006-2011.
Marquette University, 2012.

RESEARCH INTERESTS Applied Microeconomics, Energy Markets, Industrial Organization, Mechanisms in Micro and Macro.

RESEARCH PAPERS

- “Improving the Euro Mechanism: A Minimal Approach”
- “Not All Gasoline Taxes Are Created Equal”
- “Is a Perpetual Recession Possible? A New Theoretical Look at Japan’s Lost Decade” with Annie Zhang
- “Price Hysteresis on the Crude Oil Market” with Hans Haller
- “Social Groups and Redistribution in Democracies” with Mark Stegeman, as a part of my dissertation
- “Public Expenditure in the presence of Social Groups in a Democracy”
- “On the Dynamics of Marriage Squeeze”
- “Contract Enforcement and Economic Performance in Iran; An Empirical Study” as my MS thesis, in Farsi.

SELECTED ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS IN FARSI Three interviews on the European Crisis and Iranian Economy with BBC TV Persian Service, September and October of 2011, and July of 2012.
An interviews on the European Crisis with BBC Radio Persian Service, August 2011.
“Economics of Gold” Op-Ed, Donya-e-eqtasad Daily Newspaper, Tehran, August 7, 2011.
“Gas Subsidies and Direct Household Payments in Iran” An interview with Donya-e-eqtasad Daily Newspaper, Tehran, Feb. 28, 2011.

“Why the Central Bank of Iran is not Independent?” Op-Ed, *Donya-e-eqtesad Daily newspaper*, Tehran, January 9, 2011.

Numerous other articles and interviews with Tehran-Emrooz daily newspaper, Shahrvand Emrooz (currently banned in Iran), Mehrnameh, Rastak.com, and other Farsi moderate media.

AWARDS AND
HONORS

“Graduate Student Instructor of the Year”, May 2005, Department of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

“Outstanding Student of the Year”, May 1999, Institute for Research in Planning and Development

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University

- Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Economic Statistics, Microeconomic Seminars, Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics

Department of Economics, Washington and Lee University

- Mathematical Economics, Statistics, Economics of the Middle East, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

Department of Economics, College of Business Administration, Marquette University.

- Managerial Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics

Instructor, Department of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- Principles of Microeconomics, Introduction to Mathematical Economics (Introductory course for incoming graduate students), Microeconomic Theory

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- Graduate Courses: Prices and Markets, Mathematical Economics
- Undergraduate Courses: Microeconomic Theory, Managerial Economics, Honors Principles of Economics, Principles of Microeconomics

COMPUTER
SOFTWARES

MATLAB, STATA, E-views, Scientific Word, FORTRAN, Pascal, Vensim, LaTeX, C++ and HTML

LANGUAGES

Persian, English, Bizovoy, Arabic (Elementary)

REFERENCES

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