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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- 09/2011 – 10/2016 Ph.D., Anthropology and Sociology of Development
Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
Dissertation title: “Juggling resources: Social differentiation and the creation of capital among Iranians in Hamburg”
Advisor: Alessandro Monsutti
Viva voce: 18/10/2016
- 09/2008 – 07/2010 M.A., Anthropology of Social Dynamics and Development
Department of Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University
Aix-en-Provence
Thesis title: “Trouver sa place dans un monde changeant: Les interactions au sein de familles d’immigrés entre culture occidentale et société iranienne”
Advisor: Christian Bromberger
- 01/ – 06/2010 Erasmus Exchange
Free University of Brussels (ULB)
- 09/2007 – 07/2008 B.A., Anthropology
Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence
- 10/2005 – 04/2007 Intermediate Examination (Magisterzwischenprüfung)
Department of Anthropology, University of Hamburg

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 09/2018 – date Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Scuola Normale Superiore, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Florence
Advisor: Donatella della Porta
- 02/2017 – 07/2018 Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Department of Socio-Cultural Diversity, Göttingen
Advisor: Steven Vertovec

SPECIALIZATIONS

Migration, Transnationalism and Postcolonial Studies, Diversity and Inclusion, Interculturality, Gender, Social Movements, Kinship, Entrepreneurship, Spirituality and Islam, European, Persianate and Middle Eastern Societies

APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Title: “Engaging inequalities: Positionalities within migrant-pro-migrant activism in a changing Italian society”

Description:

Project Manager: Sonja Moghaddari

Duration: 01/09/2017 – 31/03/2018

Funding: SNSF Postdoc.Mobility

Amount: 68’650 CHF

Title: “Engaging inequalities: Established Iranians’ interactions with new ‘refugees’ within a changing German society”

Project Manager: Sonja Moghaddari

Duration: 01/02/2017 – 31/07/2018

Funding: SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility

Amount: 66’750 CHF

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In press. *Internal Diversity: Iranian Germans between local boundaries and transnational capital*, Global Diversities. Hampshire, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

2015. *Migrations et modernités iraniennes: Les familles transnationales*, Editions du cygne and French Institute for Research in Iran, Paris.

Refereed Journal Article

2016. “Fluid identifications and persistent inequalities: Social boundary making among Iranians in Hamburg.” *Anthropology of the Contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia* 3 (2): 97–119.

Book chapters

2016. “Engaging with social inequalities: The stakes of social relations among Iranian migrants.” In *Identity and Exile: The Iranian Diaspora between Solidarity and Difference*, edited by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung and Transparency for Iran, 105–16. Berlin: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung.

2015. “Zum Problem gesellschaftlicher Ungleichheit: Soziale Beziehungen unter iranischen Migranten.” In *Identität und Exil: Die iranische Diaspora zwischen Gemeinschaft und Differenz*, edited by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung and Transparency for Iran, 101–13. Berlin: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung [translation of “Engaging with Social Inequalities”].

Manuscripts in preparation

“Politics of value across transnational social fields: Practices of distinction in the Iranian diaspora in Germany”.

“(Dis)continuities of Exclusion and Inclusion: Hamburg’s Senate and the local Shia mosque between 1950 and today”.

“Imagining equality: The negotiation of value regimes in feminist pro-refugee activism”.

GRANTS

2018 – 2020 Swiss National Science Foundation
Postdoc.Mobility grant

2017 – 2018 Swiss National Science Foundation
Early Postdoc.Mobility grant

2016	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Dissertation editing grant
2014	Swiss Academy for Humanities and Social Sciences Conference travel and participation grant
2013 – 2015	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Full and partial doctoral scholarships
2012 – 2013	Vahabzadeh Foundation, Geneva Fellowship for Iranian PhD students
2009	French Institute for Research in Iran, Tehran Research grant
2007 – 2010	Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Bonn Undergraduate scholarship

INVITED TALKS

2017

“Aux interstices des incertitudes: Les relations entre professionnels du film iraniens en Allemagne”, Workshop “Iran: Mobilités, circulations et production de savoir”, French Institute for Research in Iran (IFRI) and French Embassy, Tehran. November 14

“Value regimes in migration: Linking local differentiation and transnational capital”, Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Bielefeld University. October 25

“(Dis)continuities of Exclusion and Inclusion: Hamburg’s Senate and the local Shia mosque between 1950 and today”, Seminar “Religions, Refugees and Relocation”, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology, Bielefeld University. June 13

“Relations among ethno-racially othered and the intersection of value regimes”. Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Geneva. March 2

2015

“La mosquée de l’Imam Ali à Hambourg: Enjeux de distinction sociale des personnes d’origine iranienne”. Colloquium, axis Mobilities and Diffusions, Institute of Mediterranean, European and Comparative Ethnology (IDEMEC), Aix-en-Provence. April 7

2012

“Femmes iraniennes: Quelle est leur place dans une société changeante?” Advanced training conference cycle, Department of Arabic Studies, University of Geneva. December 4

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Workshop organized

2018

“Encounters in diversity: Public persons and researchers with multiplex identities meeting newcomers in post-migratory Europe”, with Sara de Jong, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. June 28 – 29

Panels organized

2019

“Anthropologies, Futures and Prediction”, with Scott MacLochlainn, Biennial Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society, University of Helsinki. August 29 – 30

Papers presented

2019

“(Dis)continuities of exclusion and inclusion: Hamburg’s Senate and the Imam Ali Mosque between 1950 and today”, Conference “Racism and Religion”, Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism, Uppsala University. November 6 – 8

“Day X: Futurity, departure, and forced time”, Biennial Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society, University of Helsinki. August 29 – 30

“Collectively challenging state authority? Anti-deportation protest across difference”, Conference “The Contentious Politics of Solidarity”, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, May 16 – 17

“Historicizing European immigration: Conflict and cohesion within Hamburg-based Iranian merchant families”, International Conference on Iranian Diaspora Studies “Forty Years & More”, San Francisco State University. March 28 – 30

2018

“‘When do we stop being refugees?’ A life-course approach to relational dynamics in migrant protest 15th biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), University of Stockholm. August 14 – 17

“‘Vibrationshintergrund’: Intersectional perspectives on migranticized public figures’ positionalities in German debates about immigration”, Workshop “Ask the ‘experts’? Positionalities of re-searchers and public figures with migrant background in European debates about immigration”, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. June 28

2017

“Imagining equality: Negotiating value regimes in feminist migrant-pro-migrant activism”, journées d’étude “Visualizing and Investigating the Imagination of Contemporary Activism”, “Peasant Activism Project” and “Anthropology and Social Movements” network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), University of Perugia. December 8 – 10

“Diversity in pro-refugee activism: Negotiations at the interstices of value regimes and social cohesion in Germany”. German Anthropological Association (GAA) biennial conference, Free University of Berlin. October 4 – 7

2016

“Constructing and deconstructing a ‘common cause’: The historical mobilization of kin in Hamburg-based Iranian transnational merchant businesses”. Swiss Anthropological Association (SEG) annual meeting, University of Lausanne. November 10 – 12

“Juggling resources: Within-group relations and social mobility among Iranian migrants in Hamburg”. Association for Iranian Studies (AIS) 11th biennial conference, University of Vienna. August 2 – 5

2015

“Competing about legitimate Iranian culture: Migrants’ social boundary making and global regimes of inequality”. International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe network (IMISCOE) 12th annual conference, University of Geneva. June 25 – 27

2014

“Iranian merchants’ business strategies between Iran and Hamburg - A historical ethnography”. European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) 13th biennial conference, Tallinn University. July 31 – August 3

2010

“Contesting misrepresentations: How exchanges in transnational families are driving social change in Iran”. International Scientific Symposium on the 70th anniversary of the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana. November 25 – 28

Discussant**2016**

“New perspectives on the Iranian diaspora”. Association for Iranian Studies (AIS) 11th biennial conference, University of Vienna. August 2 – 5

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

2017

“Negotiating value regimes in in-group differentiation: Local-global interconnections”, Team meeting, Department of Socio-Cultural Diversity, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity. May 4

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Spring term 2018, “Exemplarische Studien der Kulturosoziologie”, BA course, Department of Cultural Sociology, Institute of Sociology, University of Göttingen.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Co-Convenor of the EASA Network of Ethnographic Theory (NET). Since 2018

Reviewer for the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies. 2018

INDIVIDUAL SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Writing group, Department of Socio-Cultural Diversity, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. 2017 and 2018

Writing group, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. 10/2014 – 05/2015

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Student-faculty committee member, Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Development (ANSO), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. 2014 – 2015

Co-organizer of the departmental colloquium, ANSO, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. 2014 – 2015

EXTRA TRAINING

Teaching in higher education, Hochschuldidaktik, University of Göttingen, Göttingen. 2017

Grant proposal writing, Max Planck Gesellschaft, Berlin. 2017

Visual ethnography, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. 2017

Holding presentations and academic writing in English, Transversal skills workshops, CUSO, Bern and Geneva. 2013 and 2014

Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology (CUSO). 2012 – 2016

Network analysis, Department of Anthropology, University of Hamburg. 2006

Atlas-ti, self-taught. 2014

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2017

“Die frühe Zuwanderung: Über 100 Jahre Iraner in Hamburg”. Förderverein Iranisch-Islamisches Grabfeld Ohlsdorf, Best Western Hotel, Hamburg. April 21

2014

“Hamkhuni del-ro be del mikeshe: Transnationale Familienbeziehungen iranischer Migranten”. Deutsch-Iranische Gesellschaft (DIG), University of Hamburg. July 7

2013

“Über 100 Jahre Migration: Die Geschichte der aserbaidischen Gemeinschaft in Hamburg”. Association Aserbaycanlilar, Kulturladen St. Georg e.V., Hamburg. October 27

RELATED NONACADEMIC WORK

2011 – 2017 German teacher (part and full time)
Middle and post-compulsory schools, Département de l’instruction publique, de la culture et du sport (DIP), Geneva

2008 Intern at the “Migration & Development” Program
International Organization for Migration, Madrid

LANGUAGES

German: native language

Persian: native language

English: proficiency (CEFR: C2 level)

French: proficiency (C2)

Italian: upper-intermediate (B2)

Spanish: pre-intermediate (A2)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Finnish Anthropological Society (FAS). 2019

‘Penser la différence raciale et postcoloniale’ (PostCit). 2017

‘Swiss Anthropological Association’ (SEG). 2016

‘Association for Iranian Studies’ (AIS). 2015

‘Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe’ network (IMISCOE). 2015

‘European Association of Social Anthropologists’ (EASA). 2014

Networks: ‘Network for Ethnographic Theory’ (NET)

 ‘Anthropology of the Middle East and Central Eurasia’ (AMCE)

 ‘Anthropology and Mobility network’ (ANTHROPOMOB)