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## EDUCATION

- 2008 – 2014      **Ph.D. International Relations**, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom. Thesis title: '*Saving Muslim Women in the Era of the Axis of Evil?: Pious Women's Movement Advocates in Iran, 2001-2010.*'
- 2007 – 2008      **MA Near and Middle Eastern Studies**, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom.
- 2003 – 2007      **MA Honours International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies**, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015 -            **Assistant Professor**, Department of International Relations, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE.
- 2013 – 2014      **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Department of Political Science and Contemporary History, University of Turku, Turku, Finland.
- 2010 – 2011      **Academic Tutor**, International Relations Program, English Language Teaching Center, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- 2009 – 2010      **Academic Tutor**, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010 – 2013      **Editorial Assistant**, International History Review, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- 2009 – 2011      **Deputy Warden**, Student Services, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- 2011              **Project Leader**, Project Zambia, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- 2009 – 2011      **Editorial Assistant**, Review of International Studies, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- 2008 – 2009      **Assistant Warden**, Student Services, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- 2006              **Regional Analyst**, Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 'The Islamic State and the threat of terrorism in the twenty-first century Finland,' *Security Studies Anthology*, Vol. IX (in Finnish).
- 2013 'Authoritarian Resilience and International Linkages in Iran and Syria' in *Middle Eastern Authoritarianisms: Governance, Contestation and Regime Resilience in Syria and Iran* (co-authored with R. Hinnebusch, A. Ehteshami, H. Huuhtanen, M. Waarnar and T. Zintl).

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2015 'The Islamic State and the threat of terrorism in the twenty-first century Finland'. Invited speaker Security Studies Association, Turku, Finland.
- 2014 'The rise of ISIS in the Middle East's wider political context and the role of the US power politics.' Invited speaker. University of Turku, Turku, Finland.
- 2012 'From Ballots to Bullets: The Iranian Women's Rights Movement after the Presidential Election of 2009.' International Society for Iranian Studies Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 'From Ballots to Bullets: The Iranian Women's Rights Movement after the Presidential Election of 2009.' BRISMES Annual Conference, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom.
- 2011 'A Year after Neda – the objective of killing is to make one invisible.' British Institute of Persian Studies Workshop, University of Exeter, Exeter, United Kingdom.

## MEDIA

- US foreign policy and Middle East analyst for major Finnish news outlets including *Helsingin Sanomat* and *STT*.
- 2014 Op-ed: 'What makes women to join the Islamic state.' *Turun Sanomat*, 4.11.2014 (in Finnish).
- Op-ed: 'Sanctions deepen conflicts and slow down democratisation.' *Turun Sanomat*, 16.10.2014 (co-authored with Dr Mika Suonpää, in Finnish).

## PEER REVIEW

- 2016 *Horizons in Humanities and Social Sciences* (UAE)

## TEACHING

- 2015 – Course instructor, Department of International Relations, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
- Political Theory
  - The Middle East in International Relations
  - International Human Rights
  - Refugees and Displacement
  - Homeland Security

- Africa in International Relations
  - Governance in the UAE
  - Introduction to International Relations
  - Introduction to Political Science
  - Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 2015                      Guest lecture, Department of Political Science and Contemporary History, University of Turku, Turku Finland
- Europe and the Other
- 2010 – 2011            Academic Tutor (lecturing), International Relations Program, English Language Teaching Center, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom
- Introduction to International Relations
- 2009 – 2010            Academic Tutor (tutoring), School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom.
- Theoretical Approaches to International Relations

#### ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

- 2015                      MA thesis writing, Department of Political Science and Contemporary History, University of Turku, Turku, Finland.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2008 – 2011            Wardennial Scholarship, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, United Kingdom (Scholarship for PhD students living expenses).
- 2009                      The British Institute for Persian Studies Research Grant, the British Institute for Persian Studies, London, United Kingdom.
- The Honeyman Foundation Research Grant, the Honeyman Foundation, Cupar, United Kingdom.
- 2007 – 2008            Abu-Hakima Scholarship, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom.

#### LANGUAGES

Finnish (native); English (fluent); Swedish (advanced); Spanish (basic); Farsi (elementary)