



**Pouya Lotfi Yazdi**



### A- Short Description

- First Name: Pouya (In ID: Mohammad Reza; But Professionally and Commonly: Pouya)
- Last Name: Lotfi Yazdi
- Nationality: Iranian
- Profession: Philosophy Researcher and Philosophical Consultant

### B- Professional Details

#### **Employment**

##### **Academic Appointments**

- Visiting Instructor, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (Iran),
  - Summer 2022: 1. *Evolutionary Ethics*, In-Service Course Training for the Lecturers and Members of the Faculty of Theology (Including the Philosophy Department), 2. Advising a Postgraduate Student

##### **Non-Academic Appointments**

- Individual Philosophical Consultant, July 2020 – Present
- Independent Philosophical Researcher, Spring 2017 – Present
- Private Philosophical Tutor, 2021 – May 2024

#### **Areas of Specialization**

Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

#### **Areas of Interest**

Value Theory (Incl. Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Sex and Love, Aesthetics)

#### **Education**

##### **Finished Degrees**

- M.A., 2015, Ethics (Moral Philosophy), Payame Noor University, Tehran (Iran), Thesis: *Survey of Meta-Ethical Foundation of Golden Rule*

##### **Incomplete Degrees**

- PhD Researcher, 2020-2025, Philosophy of Religion, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS), Tehran, Dissertation: *Aramesh Dustdar and Philosophizing about Theocracy*

Note: Dissertation Officially Defended but Degree Not Conferred Due to Governmental Refusal Subsequent to Related Publication (*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*), and the Evaluation Process Included Imposed Interventions by Staff Outside the Philosophy Discipline and Other Improper Misconduct.

### **Invited / Withdrawn Programs**

- PhD Invitation to Apply (via Emails), 2023, Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia (United States)
- PhD Invitation to Apply (via Emails), 2021, Philosophy, The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (IFIS PAN), Warsaw (Poland)
- Dropout PhD Student, 2019, Philosophy, University of Hradec Králové, Hradec Králové (Czech Republic)
- M.A. Admission (Enrollment Withdrawn), 2017, Analytic Philosophy (Logos), University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

## **Academic Publications**

### **Books**

- "*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*," Chisinau: Eliva Press, 2026, In English, ISBN: 978-99993-5-849-1
- "*Philosophy of Animal-Made Art*," Tehran: Negah-e Moaser Publishing, 2023, In Persian, ISBN: 978-622-290-229-2
- "*Metaethics of Golden Rule*," Tehran: Negah-e Moaser Publishing, 2017, In Persian, ISBN: 978-964-9940-72-4

### **Articles**

- "*Impossibility of Thinking or Conditions of Impossibility: A Few Points*," Journal of Applied Studies in Social Sciences and Sociology, 2026, 9(3): 1–8, In Persian, ISSN 2645-4457
- "*Aramesh Dustdar and Theocracy*," Journal of Sociological Cultural Studies, 2025, 15(4): 231–266, In Persian, DOI: 10.30465/SCS.2024.50416.2940
- "*'He Is My Wife', Dissent, Veto Adoption*," Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics, 2024, 34(3): 91–95, In English, Invited Article, ISSN 1173-2571 (Print), ISSN 2350-3106 (Online)

### **Works In Progress**

- "*The Way of Value: A Defence of Moral Nonnaturalism through Thought Experiments*," Since 2016, In English

## **Awards**

- N.I.O.D.P.C. Award, Mashhad, February 2008

### **Professional & Scholarly Memberships**

- *Iranian Association for Logic*, March 2024 – March 2025
- *The European Society for Aesthetics*, November 2023 - May 2024
- *The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society*, September 2023 - May 2024
- *Society for Philosophy & Technology*, September 2023 - May 2024

### **Outreach**

#### **Non-Academic Philosophical Writing**

- *On My Border: Non-Academic Essays and Open Letters*, [Available Online](#), September 2026

#### **Philosophical Consultancy**

- Individual Philosophical Consultant, Free of Charge for People in Need, Approx. 2015 – June 2024
- Group Philosophical Consultant – Socratic Dialogue, "*Philosophy of Visual Arts*," Bon-Bast Art House, Mashhad, 23 June 2023

#### **Public Philosophical Lecture**

- "*Philosophy of Installation Art*," Derakht Art House, Mashhad, 12 June 2022
- "*Philosophy of Sculpture*," Asemaan Gallery, Mashhad, 31 October 2021

#### **Philosophy through the Internet**

- Indexing & Archiving, Iranian Philosophy's Books and Articles, Approx. January 2019 – December 2024
- Manager, *The Analytic Philosophy Group in Social Media*, July 2015 – September 2015

### **Professional Problems**

- Subjected to Systemic Governmental Threats, Insults, Ridicule, Purging, Inquisitions, Objectification, Defamation, Bullying, and Ultimately, Obstruction at IHCS  
Cause: "*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*" (As the Ph.D. Dissertation and an Independent Work)  
Date: November 2020 – December 2025
- Banned from the Ph.D. Degree at IHCS for One Semester  
Cause: Whistleblowing on Plagiarism and Criticizing Professional Misconduct and "*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*" (As the Ph.D. Dissertation)  
Date: Spring 2022

## **C- Voluntary Services**

### **Type of Volunteer in the Past**

### **Humanitarian**

- Independent, Humanitarian Services, Approx. 2003 – 22 September 2009

### **Human Rights Activist**

- Member, Amnesty International Organization, 2009 – 22 September 2009
- Member, Human Rights Activists in Iran Organization (HRAI), 2007 – 22 September 2009
- Member, Nonprofit Campaign of Daarvag, May 2009 – June 2009

### **Student Activist**

- Member, Student Association of Azad University of Mashhad, 2007 – March 2009
- Member, A Group of the Student Associations of the East of the Country, 2007 – March 2009

### **Intellectual Activist**

- Founder, The Liberal Intellectual Circle in Mashhad and the East of the Country, May 2009 – June 2009
- Blog Writer, Az Daroon Blog, 2008 – 22 September 2009

### **Arrests and Other Problems**

- Arrested by the Intelligence Organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)  
Date: 1 March 2010  
Place: Mashhad Detention Center and Tehran Doe Alef Detention Center  
Duration: 42 Days  
Sentence: Prohibition from Leaving the Country, 2011 – 2015  
Dismissal: 2015
- Arrested by the Ministry of Intelligence of the Islamic Republic (VAJA)  
Date: 22 September 2009  
Place: Mashhad Detention Center  
Duration: 20 Days  
Sentence: One-Year Suspended Imprisonment, 2010 – 2013  
Dismissal: 2013
- Arrested by the Security Police of the Islamic Republic (NAJA)  
Date: June 2010  
Place: Mashhad Kooye Police Detention  
Duration: 4 Days  
Dismissal: Released after Detention
- Arrested by the Security Police of the Islamic Republic (NAJA)  
Date: 15 June 2009  
Place: Mashhad Kooye Police Detention  
Duration: 1 Night  
Dismissal: Released after Detention

- Involved in Another Court Case within the Judicial System of the Islamic Republic  
Dismissal: August 2015
- Summoned to the Ministry of Intelligence of the Islamic Republic (VAJA)  
Date: July 2019
- Pledged to the Security Authorities of Payame Noor University of Tehran  
Date: 1 March 2014.

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