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EDUCATION

Istanbul University — PhD, Philosophy of Religion, September 2021–August 2026, Türkiye
Dissertation: “Suffering and the Problem of Evil from the Perspectives of Rūmī and John Hick”

Boğaziçi University — M.A., Philosophy, September 2017–July 2021, Istanbul, Türkiye
Thesis: “The Doctrine of the Unity of Existence in Ibn ‘Arabī’s *Seals of Wisdom* and Plotinus’ *Enneads*”

Islamic Azad University (IAU) — B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering, September 2011–March 2014, Tabriz, Iran

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Founder and Lecturer (September 2024–present, Online)

Academy of Mystic Poetics and Philosophy ([link](#))

Research Fellow (September 2023–present, Remote)

Department of Mysticism, University of Religions and Denominations, Qum, Iran ([profile](#))

ACADEMIC PUBLISHING AND EDITORIAL ROLES

Founder and Editor-in-Chief (2026–present)

Immortal Echoes Press ([link](#)). An independent scholarly press and imprint of the Academy of Mystic Poetics and Philosophy, devoted to the publication of peer-reviewed books in philosophy, mysticism, literature, and related fields. Responsible for editorial oversight, coordination of academic peer review, series development, and publication standards.

Editor of the series *Persian Mystical Poetry: Selected Translations and Studies*.

LANGUAGES

Azari (Native), Persian (Native), English (Fluent), Turkish (Proficient), French (Reading knowledge), Arabic (Reading knowledge)

RESEARCH FOCUS

Philosophy and literature; hermeneutic and phenomenological approaches to Persian poetry (Rumi, Shams Tabrizi, Fayz Kashani, Shabistari); moral philosophy through literature; poetry as philosophical expression; mystical philosophy and philosophical mysticism; Ibn ‘Arabī’s metaphysics; philosophy of religion (suffering, problem of evil, mystical epistemology); philosophy as a way of life.

¹ My family name appears in previous publications as “Rahbari Ghazani” (without hyphen). From mid-2025 onward, I adopt the hyphenated form “Rahbari-Ghazani” for consistency and clarity.

TEACHING AND COURSES

Academy of Mystic Poetics and Philosophy (Online, 2024–present)²

Founder and Lecturer

- Rumi's *Masnavī* and *Dīvān Shams Tabrīzī* (September 2024–November 2025)
- Ibn 'Arabi's *Fuṣūṣ al-Ḥikam* (January 2025–present)
- Shams Tabrizi's *Discourses (Maqālāt)* (June 2025–August 2025)
- Persian Mystical Poetry (November 2025–present)
- Mystical Philosophy in Persian Poetry (November 2025–January 2026)
- Philosophy and Literature: Islamic and Western Perspectives (November 2025–January 2026)
- Philosophical Mysticism and Mystical Philosophy (May 2026–July 2026)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul. *Sarayān: The Real's Permeation: Ibn 'Arabi on the Divine Presence in the Cosmos with Neoplatonic Insights*. Edited by Reyhaneh Davoodi-Kahaki. Yorkshire: Immortal Echoes Press, 2026.

Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul. *The Soul-Conquering Love in Fayz Kashani's Poetry: Translations and Annotations (Persian and English)*. Translated and annotated by Rasoul Rahbari-Ghazani. Persian Mystical Poetry: Selected Translations and Studies, vol. 1. Yorkshire: Immortal Echoes Press, 2026.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Davoodi-Kahaki, Reyhaneh, and Rasoul Rahbari-Ghazani. "Beauty and the Meaning of Life in Farabi's Philosophy: A Reinterpretation for Contemporary Humanity." *Philosophy of Religion Research* 23, no. 1 (2025): 181–99. <https://doi.org/10.30497/pr.2025.247897.1986>.

———. "Mystic Intoxication (*Mastī*) and the Meaning of Life: Fayḍ Kāshānī's Mystic Poetry through the Lens of John Cottingham's Philosophy." *Journal of Philosophical Investigations* 18, no. 48 (2024): 361–80. <https://doi.org/10.22034/jpiut.2024.61028.3731>.

Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul, and Reyhaneh Davoodi-Kahaki. "Immortal Echoes in Mortal Words: Love, Attraction, and Selflessness in Fayḍ Kāshānī's Mystico-Philosophical Poetry." *Journal of Philosophical Theological Research* 26, no. 3 (2024): 193–221. <https://doi.org/10.22091/jptr.2024.10015.2966>.

———. "Rūmī's Mystical Epistemology through Sayyid Ḥaydar Āmulī's Framework." *Islam and the Contemporary World* 2, no. 1 (2024): 1–30. <https://doi.org/10.22034/icwj.2025.502634.1024>.

Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul. "Transcending Otherness: Overcoming Obstacles in the Mystical Journey in Shabistārī's *Rose Garden of Mystery*." *Journal of Philosophical Investigations* 17, no. 45 (2023): 267–82. <https://doi.org/10.22034/JPIUT.2023.57232.3565>.

Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul, and Aydın Topaloğlu. "Mystical Contemplation or Rational Reflection? The Double Meaning of *Tafakkur* in Shabistārī's *Rose Garden of Mystery*." *Islam and the Contemporary World* 1, no. 1 (2023): 9–30. <https://doi.org/10.22034/icwj.2023.397182.1001>.

Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul, and Saliha Uysal. "A Journey in Search of 'I': The Self in Shabistārī's *Rose Garden of Mystery (Gulshan-i Rāz)*." *Journal of Ilahiyat Researches* 59, no. 1 (2023): 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.5152/ilted.2023.22270>.

———. "Rūmī's Asceticism Explored: A Comparative Glimpse into Meister Eckhart's Thought." *Religions* 14, no. 10 (2023): 1254. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14101254>.

² Online courses: live online courses and video courses ([link](#)).

Conference Presentations:

- Rahbari-Ghazani, Rasoul. "Ibn 'Arabī's Hidden Foundations in Faṣṣ One of the *Fuṣūṣ al-Ḥikam*: Establishing the Necessity of Revelation and Prophethood." Paper presented at the 13th International Conference of Contemporary Philosophy of Religion: Revelation and Prophethood, Semnan, 21–22 October 2025.
- . "Interfaith Resonance: Jesus Christ in Rūmī's Teachings." Paper presented at the Second International Conference on Imam Reza (PBUH) and Interreligious Dialogue, Mashhad, 17–18 January 2024.
- . "John Hick's Soul-Making Theodicy." Paper presented at the 12th International Conference of Contemporary Philosophy of Religion (CPR2024): The Problem of Evil in Modern and Islamic Thought, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, 14–15 May 2024.
- . "The Metaphor of Pilgrimage in the Mystical Poetry of Ḥāfīz, Shabistārī, and Ṣā'ib Tabrīzī: Interpretation, Implications, and Criticism." Paper presented at the International Conference on Theology of Pilgrimage, 14–16 November 2023.
- . "Mystical Contemplation or Rational Reflection? A Mystico-Philosophical Examination of Shabistārī's *Rose Garden of Mystery*." Paper presented at the 11th International Conference of Contemporary Philosophy of Religion: Religious and Spiritual Experiences, Sari, 9–10 May 2023.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editor and Translator (Persian–English)

The Quarterly International Journal of Islam and the Contemporary World (2023–present)

Publisher: Dar al-Hikma, Qum, Iran ([link](#))

The Quarterly International Journal of Razavi Heritage (Turath Razavi) (2025)

Publisher: Razavi University of Islamic Sciences, Mashhad, Iran ([link](#))

Academic Writing Instructor

Turkish American Association, Istanbul, Türkiye (2015–2021)

Your Academic Voice, Istanbul, Türkiye (2021–2025)

Taught courses in academic writing, focusing on clarity, cohesion, and concision in research papers, theses, and scholarly books.

Workshop Instructor

Pars University of Arts and Architecture, Tehran, Iran (9 September 2023)

Conducted a workshop titled "Writing Papers in English," addressing academic argumentation, research methodology, citation practices, and effective scholarly prose, with particular emphasis on Joseph Williams's *Style: Toward Clarity and Grace* (1990).