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### AREAS OF INTEREST

Kant, 19<sup>th</sup> Century German Philosophy (esp. Hegel), Social and Political Philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Critical Theory, Decolonial Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Philosophy of Culture

### Education:

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| Fall 2025—Ongoing      | <b>Ph.D. in Philosophy</b> , Boston College   |
| Spring 2025            | <b>M.A. in Philosophy</b> , Louisiana State University<br>(transferred to Boston College)   |
| Fall 2023- Spring 2024 | <b>M.A. in Philosophy</b> , KU Leuven, Leuven – <i>Magna Cum Laude</i><br>Thesis: The Role of Religion in Hegel’s <i>Philosophy of Right</i><br>Supervisor: Karin de Boer<br>Internal Readers: Pierre-Etienne Vandamme, Gerd Van Riel                   |
| Fall 2022—Spring 2024  | <b>M.A. in Philosophy</b> , University of Tehran, Tehran<br>(transferred to KU Leuven)  |
| Fall 2018—Spring 2022  | <b>LL.B in Law</b> , University of Tehran, Tehran – <i>Summa Cum Laude</i><br>Research Paper: “The Concept of Private Property in Fichte’s<br><i>Foundation of Natural Right</i> and Hegel’s <i>Philosophy of Right</i> ”<br>Supervisor: Mohsen Sadeghi |

### Fellowships, Honors, and Awards:

**Clough's Doctoral Fellowship**, Boston College (\$6,000)

**Full Fund and Assistantship**, Boston College

**Full Fund and Assistantship**, Louisiana State University

**MA with great distinction** (Magna Cum Laude), KU Leuven

**Ranked 6<sup>th</sup>** on the Master of Philosophy National Entrance Examination

**Ranked 12<sup>th</sup>** on the Master of Philosophy of Science National Entrance Examination

**Ranked 38<sup>th</sup> among 204,936 participants** on the Bachelor of Humanities National Entrance Exam

### Professional Experience

**Research Assistant to Prof. Daniel McKaughan**, Boston College, Spring 2026

**Research Assistant to Prof. Dermont Moran**, Boston College, Fall 2025

**Research Assistant to Prof. Deborah Goldgaber**, LSU Ethics Institute, Spring 2025

**Philosophy and Logic Teacher**, Sharafodin High School, 2022-2023

**History and Social Science Teacher**, Allameh Helli High School, 2019-2022

### Conference Presentations:

2026 "The Role of Religion in Hegel's Philosophy of Right", **Boston-Area Consortium for Kant and 19th Century German Philosophy**, Boston College, April 11<sup>th</sup>

2026 "Violence and Decolonization: Fanon's Engagement with Hegel's Master-Slave Dialectic", **Post-Hegelian Horizons: Ruptures, Returns, Echoes**, DePaul University, February 27<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>

2025 "The Moral Grounds of Private Property: Locke's Colonial Vision vs. Kant's Indigenous Protections", **North American Kant Society – Midwest Study Group**, University of Notre Dame, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

2024 "Avicenna and Leibniz on the Best of All Possible Worlds", **Second Philosophy in the Ozarks Graduate Conference**, University of Arkansas, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

### Publications:

2024 "What Can We Actually Learn from Hegel about Democratic Resilience?", **Clough Center Journal, Volume 4**

### Languages:

- Farsi (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- Arabic (Advanced Reading Knowledge of Classical Arabic Text)

- German (Advanced Reading Knowledge)

## Graduate Courses:

### **Boston College**

- Philosophy of Natural Right
- Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*
- Kant's Post-Critical Writings
- The Crisis of the Twentieth Century

Prof. Topete  
Prof. Bartlett  
Prof. Basile  
Prof. Behnegar

### **Boston University**

- **Philosophy of Culture**

Prof. Speight

### **Louisiana State University**

- Philosophy of Violence
- Philosophy of Punishment
- Modern Political Theory (Machiavelli to Nietzsche)

Prof. Bacon  
Prof. Goldgaber  
Prof. Davis

### **KU Leuven**

- Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*
- Civil Disobedience
- Leibniz's *Theodicy*
- German for Reading Philosophy
- Early Stoicism
- Habermas

Prof. de Boer  
Prof. Vandamme  
Prof. Tegtmeyer  
Prof. Van Aken  
Prof. Opsomer  
Prof. Rummens

### **University of Tehran**

- Kant's *Doctrine of Right*
- Spinoza's *Ethics*
- Kant and German Idealism
- Heidegger's *The Metaphysical Foundation of Logic*
- Suhrawardi
- Aristotle's *Metaphysics*

Prof. Zali  
Prof. Tabatabaei  
Prof. Talebzadeh  
Prof. Rajabi  
Prof. Talebzadeh  
Prof. Ghavam Safari

## References:

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- Dr. Karin de Boer, Full Professor, KU Leuven  
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