

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: The Dissertation Officially Defended, but the Degree Not Conferred Due to Governmental Refusal Following Related Publication (*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*), and the Evaluation Process Included Imposed Non-Academic 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Invited / Withdrawn Programs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- M.A. Admission (Enrollment Withdrawn), 2017, Analytic Philosophy (Logos), University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)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.

(Update on 2 November 2026)