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Iran

Professional Profile

Hamid Malekzadeh is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Kashan. His research lies at the intersection of political theory and phenomenology, with particular emphasis on Edmund Husserl, the lifeworld, embodiment, intersubjectivity, political subjectivity, social and political ontology, and the phenomenological foundations of the political. His work examines political order, the state, power, freedom, recognition, and collective life from the standpoint of embodied and intersubjective experience rather than treating the state as the primary unit of political analysis. He also works on modern political thought, feminist phenomenology, and the phenomenology of sexual difference.

Research Areas

- Phenomenology; Edmund Husserl; lifeworld; intersubjectivity; embodiment
- Political theory and political philosophy; political phenomenology; social ontology
- Political subjectivity; freedom; recognition; political agency
- The state, the political, political ontology, and critiques of state-centered political theory
- Feminist phenomenology; sexual difference; gendered readings of Husserl
- History of political thought: Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Carl Schmitt, Gramsci
- Governance, everyday political life, and the conditions of sustainable social life

Education

PhD in Political Science (Political Theory) - Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran | 2013-2018

Dissertation: Embodiment and the Transcendental Foundation of Politics. Defended 17 January 2018.

MA in Political Science (Political Thought) - Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran | 2008-2011

BA in Political Science - Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran | 2003-2008

Academic Appointments and Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kashan - current
- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran - 2026-present
- Visiting Lecturer, Imam Khomeini International University, Qazvin - from 2022
- Visiting Lecturer, Foolad Institute of Higher Education - 2020-2021
- Visiting Lecturer, Payame Noor University, Lenjan and Zarrin Shahr - 2019-2020
- Academic Reviewer / Member of the Reviewing Council, Council for Reviewing Texts and Books in the Humanities, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies - 2014-present

Books and Edited Volumes

Embodiment and the Transcendental Foundation of Politics: A Phenomenological Introduction to the Political -

Authored book. Tehran: Gam-e No, 2025. 202 pp.

The Iranian Yearbook of Phenomenology, Vol. 1 - Co-editor with Jahangir Moeini Alamdari. Tehran: Gam-e No, 2024. 328 pp. ISBN 9786227450200

I Am a Non-Other: An Inquiry into Recognition and the Concreteness of the Political Subject - Authored book. Tehran: Pejvak, 2014. ISBN 9786006299129

Toward a Phenomenology of Sexual Difference: Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, Beauvoir - Sara Heinämaa. Persian translation by Hamid Malekzadeh. Tehran: Gam-e No, 2021. 276 pp. ISBN 9789646917774

Feminism - Nancy J. Hirschmann. Persian translation by Hamid Malekzadeh. Ghasideh Sara, 2024. ISBN 9786008054016

Book Chapters and Translations in The Iranian Yearbook of Phenomenology

The State and State-Oriented Political Ontologies: A Phenomenological Approach - Authored chapter. In The Iranian Yearbook of Phenomenology, Vol. 1, Gam-e No, 2024, starting p. 128.

Is Negative Political Ontology Fundamental? Phenomenology on the Limits of Heideggerianism - Jakub Kowalewski. Persian translation by Hamid Malekzadeh. 2024, starting p. 73.

Man kann heute von einem Vulgärnationalismus sprechen: Heidegger's Rejection of Ideologism - Manuela Massa. Persian translation by Hamid Malekzadeh. 2024, starting p. 92.

Life Beyond the Sustainable City: Phenomenology, Post-Urban Politics, and the Environmental Crisis - H. Peter Steeves. Persian translation by Hamid Malekzadeh. 2024, starting p. 187.

MADness, and "Luciferism" - James G. Hart. Persian co-translation by Hamid Malekzadeh and Mahmoudreza Moghadamshad. 2024, starting p. 283.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Scholarly Reviews

The Metaphysics of Peace; On the Metaphysics of State and the Ontological Refusal of Peace - Journal of Peace Studies 1(2), 2025, pp. 1-27.

DOI: [10.22034/ipsan.2026.575741.1006](https://doi.org/10.22034/ipsan.2026.575741.1006)

The Dreaming Realist: A Critical Review of The Redeeming Prince: The Meaning of Machiavelli's Masterpiece - with Mina Zahmatkesh. Critical Studies in Texts and Programs of Human Sciences, 2023, pp. 267-289.

DOI: [10.30465/crtls.2021.33801.2057](https://doi.org/10.30465/crtls.2021.33801.2057)

The Specter of Machiavelli: A Critical Review of The Political Philosophy of Niccolò Machiavelli - Critical Studies in Texts and Programs of Human Sciences, 2022, pp. 255-273.

DOI: [10.30465/crtls.2021.33073.1988](https://doi.org/10.30465/crtls.2021.33073.1988)

On Politics in Islam: A Non-State-Based Study - with Maryam Shamsaei. Islamic-Iranian Politics Studies 1(3), 2022, pp. 111-137.

<https://www.noormags.ir/view/fa/articlepage/2002210>

The Materialist Foundation of the Political: A Critical Review of State and Civil Society - with Ahmad Khaleghi Damghani. Critical Studies in Texts and Programs of Human Sciences, 2021, pp. 299-322.

The Artwork as a Structure of Consciousness: A Phenomenological Introduction to What Art Is - with Shaghayegh Mohammadzadeh. The Journal of Fine Arts: Visual Arts 25(3), 2020, pp. 13-21.

DOI: [10.22059/jfava.2019.269870.666076](https://doi.org/10.22059/jfava.2019.269870.666076)

Against Liberalism: On a Reactionary Critique of Liberalism - with Ahmad Khaleghi Damghani. Critical Studies in Texts and Programs of Human Sciences 20(7), 2020, pp. 313-336.

DOI: [10.30465/crtls.2020.31443.1883](https://doi.org/10.30465/crtls.2020.31443.1883)

Carl Schmitt: A Study of the Political - Critical Studies in Texts and Programs of Human Sciences 19(7), 2019, pp. 273-288.

DOI: [10.30465/crtls.2019.4774](https://doi.org/10.30465/crtls.2019.4774)

Politics, Paideia, and the State: The Political and Its Intersubjective Foundation - with Ahmad Khaleghi Damghani. The State Studies Quarterly 1(2), 2015, pp. 135-166.

DOI: [10.22054/TSSQ.2015.1808](https://doi.org/10.22054/TSSQ.2015.1808)

Egoism and the Concreteness of the Political Subject: Body and Embodiment in Max Stirner's Political Theory - Scientific-Specialized Quarterly of the Political Science Association, University of Tehran, 2014.

Selected Conference Papers and Published Abstracts

The Islamic Republic and the Question of Founding: A Pathology of Founding and the Institutionalization of Constituent Power in the Islamic Republic of Iran - 18th Annual Conference of the Iranian Political Science Association, 2026, abstract p. 43.

Phenomenology and Female-Centered Epistemology - International Conference on Political Science, Women's Studies and the Future, 2021, abstract p. 198.

Returning to Politics: An Introduction to Political Science in Iran Today - 13th Annual Conference of the Iranian Political Science Association, 2019, starting p. 145.

The Islamic Republic of Iran: A New Reading of the Concept of the State Based on the Lifeworld - with Maryam Shamsaei. First International Conference on Political Issues of Iran, 2019, abstract p. 26.

Freedom before Liberalism: On Maurizio Viroli's Republicanism - First National Conference on Critical Review of Humanities Texts and Books, 2017.

Femininity and the Problem of Social Identity Formation: The Meaning and Gendered Foundation of Social Identity - National Conference on Moderation: Women, Moderation and Development, 2015.

Educational Policy and Political Education in the State - International Interdisciplinary Conference, Poland, 2014.

Selected Invited Talks and Workshops

- Embodiment and the Transcendental Foundation of Politics - academic research presentation, 2021
- Luciferism, Peace, and Violence from a Phenomenological Perspective - Iranian Political Science Association / Iranian Peace Studies Scientific Association, 2021
- The Ontological Basis of Politics in Firhi's Thought - Iranian Political Science Association, 2020
- Phenomenology and the Question of Iran - Iranian Political Science Association, 2020
- An Introduction to the Limits of Politics: From Power to Anarchism and Its Lessons for Iran and the Middle East - Center for Middle East Strategic Studies, 2020
- Cinema and Politics: Woody Allen, Life, Love, and Death - Literature and Politics Committee, Iranian Political Science Association, 2020
- Husserl and the Political - Iranian Political Science Association, 2019
- Workshop on Jurisprudence and Governance in Contemporary Iran - Omid-e Iranian Cultural and Social Foundation, Lenjan, 2018

Professional and Scholarly Service

- Member of the founding group and Scientific and Executive Secretary, Iranian Society for Phenomenology, Iranian Political Science Association - 2017-present
- Co-Editor, The Iranian Yearbook of Phenomenology - 2024-present
- Academic Editor and Host, "The Alphabet of Politics" radio series, Iranian Society for Phenomenology / Radio Goftogoo, IRIB - 2024-2025
- Scientific Council Member, International Open Seminar on Semiotics: A Tribute to John Deely on the Fifth Anniversary of His Passing, Instituto de Estudos Filosóficos, University of Coimbra / collaborating institutions - 2022
- Scientific Committee Member, International Conference on Political Science, Women's Studies and the Future - 2021
- Scientific and Executive Secretary, Philosophy, Ethics and Peace Committee, Iranian Peace Studies Scientific Association - 2019-2021
- Academic Reviewer / Member of the Reviewing Council, Council for Reviewing Texts and Books in the Humanities, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies - 2014-present
- Peer reviewer for academic journals, including Open Theology

Selected Teaching

- Political Thought in the Twentieth Century
- Research Methods and Methodology in the Humanities and Law
- History of Political Developments in Iran
- Public and Private International Law
- Criminal Sociology and Social Psychology