



Pouya Lotfi Yazdi



A- Short Description

- First Name: Pouya (In ID: Mohammad Reza)
- Last Name: Lotfi Yazdi
- Nationality: Iranian
- Profession: Philosophical Writer 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 Writer, 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Invited / Withdrawn Programs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- M.A. Admission (Enrollment Withdrawn), 2017, Analytic Philosophy (Logos), University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)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 Publication

Book

- "*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

Article

- "*Impossibility of Thinking or Conditions of Impossibility: A Few Points*", Journal of Applied Studies in Social Sciences and Sociology, 2026, 9 (), 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)

In Progress

- "*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*", 2024, Unpublished Manuscript.
- "*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, Feb 2008

Professional & Scholarly Memberships

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

Philosophical Outreach

Non-Academic Philosophical Writing

- *On My Border: Non-Academic Essays and Open Letters*, [Available Online](#), Winter 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 Oct 2021

Philosophy through Internet

- Indexing & Archiving, Iranian Philosophy's Books and Articles, Approx. Jan 2019 – Dec 2024
- Manager, *The Analytic Philosophy Group in Social Media*, July 2015 – Sep 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),
Time: Nov 2020 – Dec 2025
- A Semester Ban from the Ph.D. Degree at IHCS
Cause: Whistleblowing on Plagiarism and Criticizing Professional Misconduct and "*Eradicating Theocracy Philosophically*" (As the Ph.D. Dissertation),
Time: Spring 2022

C- Voluntary Services

Type of Volunteer in the Past

Humanitarian, Human Rights Activist, Student Activist, Intellectual Activist

Memberships

- Independent, Humanitarian Services, Approx. 2003 – 22 Sep 2009
- Member, The Amnesty International Organization, 2009 – 22 Sep 2009
- Member, The Human Rights Activists in Iran Organization (HRAI), 2007 – 22 Sep 2009
- Member, The 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
- Member, The Nonprofit Campaign of Daarvag, May 2009 – June 2009
- Founder, The Liberal Intellectual Circle at Mashhad and the East of the Country, May 2009 – June 2009

Arrests and Other Problems

- Arrested by the Intelligence Organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
Time: 1 March 2010
Place: Mashhad Detention Center & Doe Alef Detention Center of Tehran
Duration: 42 Days
Sentence: Prohibition from Leaving the Country 2011 – 2015
Dismissal: 2015
- Arrested by the Ministry of Intelligence of the Islamic Republic (VAJA)
Time: 22 Sep 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)
Time: Jun 2010
Place: Kooye Police Detention Center of Mashhad
Duration: 4 Days
Dismissal: Released after Detention
- Arrested by the Security Police of the Islamic Republic (NAJA)
Time: 15 Jun 2009
Place: Kooye Police Detention Center of Mashhad
Duration: 1 Night
Dismissal: Released after Detention
- Summoned to the Ministry of Intelligence of the Islamic Republic (VAJA)
Time: July 2019
- Gave a Pledge to the Security of Payame Noor University of Tehran

Time: 1 March 2014.

(Update on 25 June 2026)