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Education:

- **2006-2009 (expected): *PhD candidate*** in Public Economics, Dresden University of Technology, [Faculty of Business and Economics](#), Dresden, Germany.
 - **PhD Dissertation:** “Political Economy of Natural Resources and Governance in Iran: an Empirical Investigation”. (Approx. defence date: July 2009).
 - **Main Seminars (with certificate):** Panel Data, Empirical Research Methods, Causal Models and Statistical Data, Corruption and Trade in General Equilibrium.
 - **Research Fields:** *Public Economics*, esp. Shadow Economy and Tax Evasion; *International Economics*, esp. Illegal Trade, Smuggling and the Role of Institutions, *Energy Economics*, esp. Natural Resource Curse, Macroeconometrics of Oil Shocks; *Structural Equation Modelling with Latent Variables*; *VAR Modelling*; *Applied Econometrics*.
- **1999-2002: *Master of Science*** in Energy Economics and Marketing, [University of Tehran](#), Tehran, Iran.
 - **MS Thesis:** The Role of Iran in the Caspian Sea Energy Resources. (Grade: 19.50 of 20)
 - **Research Fields:** Political Economy of Energy, Caspian Sea Oil Transit, Cost-Benefit Analysis of Oil Pipelines.
- **1995-1999: *Bachelor*** in Theoretical Economics, [Allameh-tabatabae University](#), Tehran, Iran.

Selected short training courses:

- **2007: “Economics of Corruption and Good Governance“**[7th international workshop](#), Passau University, Germany. (Principal lecturer: [Professor Lambsdorff](#))
 - **Presented poster:** Estimation of smuggling in Iran.
- **2006: “Economics of Corruption and Good Governance“**[6th international workshop](#), Passau University, Germany. (Principal lecturer: [Professor Lambsdorff](#))
 - **Presented poster:** Oil rent, interest groups and the underground economy in Iran.
- **2000: “Commercial correspondence, International contracts, and Negotiations (40 hours course)** “Institute for Commercial Studies and Research (Business Training Center, Tehran)
<http://www.btcedu.ir/>
- **2000: “Purchase and foreign order management (32 hours course)** “Institute for Commercial Studies and Research (Business Training Center, Tehran)
<http://www.btcedu.ir/>

Experience:

- **PhD candidate (DAAD scholarship holder), 2006-2009**
 - Faculty of Economics and Business Management, [Dresden University of Technology](#)
 - **Main research fields:** Political Economy, Shadow Economy, Smuggling, Energy Economics
 - **Main tasks:** Publishing outcomes of researches in refereed journals, Presentations of ongoing projects in faculty seminars; international conferences and workshops, Cooperation with other departments' researchers to define and implement research projects.
 - **Main Achievements:** 2 publications in refereed journals before finishing PhD dissertation and annual extensions of DAAD scholarship.

- **Economic Expert and Researcher, 2004-2005 (full time)**
 - Research & Capital Market Development Dep. Of [Tehran Stock Exchange\(TSE\)](#)
 - **Main research fields:** Corporate governance, Macroeconomic of Iran, Investment
 - **Main tasks:** Cooperation with other colleagues to write the first corporate governance regulation draft for listed companies in TSE, Writing reports about the key political economy events which affected TSE development, Cooperation in preparation of training materials for investments in TSE, Training presentations about investments process in TSE for NGOs and national factories employees.

- **Lecturer, 2004-2005 (2 semesters)**
 - [University of Applied Science & Technology](#) (Daneshgah Elmi Karbordi), Tehran, Iran.
 - **Main tasks:** Teaching macro & micro economics for undergraduate students, evaluation of students' performance, Teaching practical basic research methodology and presentations.

- **Researcher, 2003-2004**
 - Project member of "Designing Evaluation Indicators for Employment Policies in the Third Economic Development of Iran", [Expediency Council of Iran](#).

- **Researcher, 2003-2003**
 - Project of "Evaluating the Legal Frameworks of Build-Operating-Transfer (BOT) projects in Iran", [Research Center of Ministry of Energy \(MATN\)](#), Tehran, Iran.

- **Economic Expert, 2001-2003**
 - Transit & Special Economic Zones Dep. of [Ports & Shipping Organization](#), Tehran, Iran.
 - **Main tasks:** Analysis of oil transit via Iran, Identifying transit problems in the Iranian ports, Writing economic reports regarding opportunities and challenges in transit of products via Iran, Coordination with other port authorities in region, Cooperation in organizing the first international transit conference ([Iran-Transit 2002](#)).

- **Economic Expert, 1999-2000**
 - Project of "Evaluation of Budget System of Iran over the First & Second Economic Development Plans", Sadr Amin Auditing Company, Tehran, Iran.

Journal Articles:

- Farzanegan, M.R., 2009. Illegal trade in the Iranian economy: evidence from structural equation model. **European Journal of Political Economy**. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2009.02.008>
- Farzanegan, M.R., Markwardt, G., 2009. The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian economy. **Energy Economics** 31(1), 134-151.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2005. [Cement industry in Iran](#) (in Persian). **Bourse Financial & Economical Monthly Magazin** (*Mahname Bours*), No. 49, 23-29.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2004. [Economic evaluation of the Caspian Oil transit to International markets"](#) (in Persian). **Quarterly Energy Economics Review** (*Fasnameh Motaleate Eghtesad Energy*), First year, 3-24.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2003. [Opportunities for Iran commodity transit routs after the Iraqi war](#) (in Persian). **Political & Economical Ettelat Journal**. No.9-10, 224-229
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2003. Economics of oil pipelines in the Caspian Sea region (in English), **Energy Economics** (*Eghtessad-e-Energy*) 2 (47), April 2003. (<http://www.iraee.org/eng/>). ISSN: 1563-1133
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2003. [Iranian options most economically viable for exporting Caspian Sea Oil](#). **Oil & Gas Journal** 101 (11), 22-26. ISSN (printed): 0030-1388.

Papers under Review at Journals:

- Farzanegan, M.R., Schneider, F., 2009. Factionalism, oil, and economic growth in Iran: Where is the curse? (Submitted).
- Farzanegan, M.R., Herrea, R., Karmann, A., 2009. Contagion from Russia to Brazil? Evidence from extreme value theory (Submitted).
- Farzanegan, M.R., Buehn, A., 2008. Smuggling around the world: Evidence from structural equation modelling (Submitted).
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2009. Macroeconomic populism in Iran (at the stage of submission).

Working Papers:

- Farzanegan, M.R., 2009. Macroeconomic of populism in Iran. **MPRA Paper No. 15546**, Munich.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2008. Illegal trade in Iran: evidence from MIMIC modeling. **Economic Research Forum (ERF) Working Paper No. 409**, Cairo.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2008. Illegal trade in the Iranian Economy: Evidence from a structural model, **CESifo Working Paper No. 2397**. Munich.
- Farzanegan, M. R., Markwardt, G., 2008. The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian economy: applying a VAR model. Faculty of Business Management and Economy, **Dresden University of Technology Discussion Paper (No. 15/08)**.

Works in Progress:

- Trade Openness and Institutions in the Middle East (joint with Daniel Meierrieks).
- CO2 Emission , Economic Growth and Institutions in MENA Region (joint with Gunther Markwardt).
- Where Has All the Education Gone in Iran?
- Determinants of Financial Development: Evidence from Structural Model
- Shadow Economy in Iran (joint with Professor Friedrich Schneider)

Conferences and Presentations:

2009

- “Factionalism, oil, and economic growth in Iran: where is the curse?”, accepted for the [Annual Vereins für Socialpolitik](#) Conference, Magdeburg, Germany.
- “Democracy, oil and economic growth in Iran: where is the curse?” accepted for the 2009 [Annual Meetings of the European Public Choice Society](#), Athens, Greece.
- “Illegal trade in Iran: evidence of structural equation modelling”, presented at [8th International Conference](#) of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA).
- “Contagion from Russia to Brazil: Evidence from Extreme Value Theory”, [Brown Bag seminar](#), 12 Jan., Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.
- “Illicit trade in Iran: how smugglers respond to economic carrots-and-sticks?”, “[Colloquium/PhD graduate seminar](#)”, 20 Jan., Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.
- “Democracy, Oil and economic growth in Iran: where is the natural resource curse?” [Brown Bag seminar](#), 2 Feb., Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.

2008

- “The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian economy”, “Colloquium/PhD graduate seminar”, 22 Jan., Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.
- Illegal Trade in the Iranian Economy: Evidence from structural modelling, “[The Annual Public Choice Society Meeting](#)”, 27th-30th March, Jena, Germany.
- “The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian economy”, “[The 31st IAEE International Conference Bridging Energy Supply and Demand: Logistics, Competition and Environment](#)”, 18- 20 June, Istanbul, Turkey.
- “The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian economy”, “[The International Conference on Policy Modelling](#), EcoMod2008”, 2-4 July, Berlin, Germany.
- “Illegal Trade in Iran: Evidence from structural modelling”, "[Venice Summer Institute 2008 -Workshop on Illicit Trade and Globalization](#)", 14-15 July, Venice, Italy.
- “Smuggling around the world: evidence from structural modelling”, “[Annual Meeting of Social Politics Union](#)”, 23-26 Sep., Graz, Australia.

2007

- "Illegal Trade in the Iranian Economy: A MIMIC Approach", [ERF 14th Annual Conference](#) - Institutions and Economics Development, 28-30 Dec., Cairo, Egypt.
- "The Illegal Trade in Iran: A MIMIC Approach", [Labsi International Conference on Political Economy and Public Choice](#): Theory and Experiments, 27-29 September 2007, Siena, Italy
- "The Illegal Trade in Iran: A MIMIC Approach", [International workshop on the Economics of Corruption](#), 7-14 October 2007, Passau, Germany.
- The Illegal Trade in Iran: a Model Approach, Brown Bag seminar, 4th June 2007, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.

2006

- "The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian Economy", [11th IIES International Oil and Gas Forum](#), Tehran, Iran.
- "The effects of Ahmadinejad Populist Policy on the Political Economy of Iran", [13th International DAVO Congress](#), Hamburg, Germany.
- "Causality and Dependence in a Multivariate Regular Variation Framework", Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.
- "Oil Rents, Underground Economy and Natural Resources in Iran", [International workshop on the Economics of Corruption](#), 7-14 October 2006, Passau, Germany.
- "Oil Rents, Interest Groups and Underground Economy in Iran", Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden.

2005

- "Role & Functions of Stock Exchange" presented at Investment, Economic Technical Assistance Org. of Iran, Tehran, Iran.
- "Investment Strategies for Stock Market Trading" presented at Golha Cultural House affiliated by Tehran Municipal Org., Tehran, Iran.
- "Trends of Tehran Stock Exchange Development" presented at Folade Mobarake Factory (one of the largest national steel producers), Isfahan, Iran.

2004

- "Legal Frameworks of BOT contracts in Iran Power Industry", International Conference on Electric Supply Industry in Transitions: Issues & Prospects for Asia, Regulations, Policies and Experiences I, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand.
- "Corruption, Causes, Consequences and Control" Third Conference of Effective Monitoring held by Monitoring & Control Org., Tehran, Iran.
- "The Role of NGOs in Managing Oil Wealth in Iran and Combating Corruption", 27th Annual IAEE International Conference on Energy & Security in the Changing World, Tehran, Iran. (Poster).

2002

- "The Role of Iran in the Caspian Energy Resources" The Ninth International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- "Economics of Oil Pipelines in the Caspian Region", Iranian Institute for Energy Studies (IIES), Tehran, Iran.

Memberships:

- since 2009: Middle East Economic Association
- since 2008: European Economic Association
- since 2008: Verein für Socialpolitik (association of German speaking economists)
- since 2008: European Public Choice Society
- since 2007 :European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
- since 2006 :German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO)
- Since 2003 : Iranian Economists Association
- since 2001: Oil & International Energy Committee of Iran Association Energy Economics (IRAEE)

Languages:

- Persian: Native
- English: Fluent (IELTS certificate issued by British Council: 7 of 9)
- German: Fluent (DSH certificate issued by interDaF e. V. am Herder-Institut der Universität Leipzig: 2 of 3)
- Arabic: Reading & Writing (fluent)

Software:

- Econometrics: EViews (advanced), RATS (good), STATA (good)
- Statistics: Excel (advanced), R (good), SPSS (good), LISREL (advanced)
- General: Word (advanced), PowerPoint (advanced)

Awards/ Scholarship:

- February 2009: Economic Research Forum (ERF) financial grant for "Illegal trade in the Iranian economy" paper.
- October 2005- April 2006: DAAD scholarship for German intensive training course, Leipzig.
- April 2006-September 2009: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship for PhD studies.
- November 2006: Travel Grant for IIES international Oil and Gas conference (Tehran, Iran) from IIES
- June 2008: Special OFID/IAEE Support Fund for 31st IAEE International Conference in Istanbul, Turkey.
- July 2008: CESifo Travel Grant for "Venice Summer Institute 2008 - Workshop on Illicit Trade and Globalisation".

References:

Professor Marcel Thum (my PhD supervisor)

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