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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Distinguished scholar and academic leader with over 30 years of study, research and teaching experience specializing in political philosophy, Islamic studies, Iranian studies, and civilizational thought. Currently serves as a Faculty Member at the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS) in Tehran and President of the Iranian Wisdom House in Vienna. Dr. Gholami previously held the position of President of the Iranian Institute for Cultural, Social and Civilizational Studies (2022–2023) and Director of the Farabi International Award Secretariat. Author and editor of over 25 books and numerous peer-reviewed articles bridging classical Islamic thought with contemporary topics, including cyberspace governance, AI ethics, and intercultural philosophy.

EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D. in Political Science (Political Thought)** — Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS), Tehran, Iran (2018)
Dissertation: Political Rationality of Islam and Its Position in Forming a New Islamic Civilization
 - **Advanced Islamic Seminary Studies** (Howzeh) — Level 3 Certificate; Advanced Studies at

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Islamic Philosophy
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Science
- Political Philosophy
- Cultural and Civilizational Studies
- Contemporary Iranian Studies

ACADEMIC & EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

CURRENT POSITIONS

- Faculty Member, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS) — 2021–Present
- Vice-President, Scientific Association for New Islamic Civilization — 2022–Present
- President, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria — 2023–Present

PAST ACADEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Founder and Director, Sadra Islamic Humanities Research Center — 1999–2025
- President, Iranian Institute for Cultural, Social and Civilizational Studies — 2022–2023
- Head, Secretariat of the Farabi International Award — 2022–2023
- Head, Research Centre for Islamic Studies of Social Issues, Shahed University — 2020–2021

ADMINISTRATIVE & RESEARCH ROLES

- Secretary, Board for Support of Theorization, Critique and Debate, Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution — 2005–2006
- Research Team Member, National Project “Iran and Globalization,” Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies (IHCS) — 2004–2006
- Deputy for Research and Scientific Cooperation, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought — 2002–2005
- Head, Centre for Cultural and Social Studies, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought — 2001–2002
- Head, Education Centre, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought — 2001
- Scientific Secretariat, Department of Western Studies, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought — 1999–2002

- Managing Director, Institute for Knowledge and Contemporary Thought — 1997–2001
- Deputy for Research Support, Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought — 1997–2001

BOARD AND TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Board of Trustees, Research Institute for Hawzeh and University — 2021–2024
- Member of the Board of Directors, Soore University — 2020–Present
- Member of the Board of Directors, Iran Broadcasting University — 2020–2023

PUBLICATIONS

Books & Edited Volumes

1. Gholami, R. (2026). *The Splendor of Philosophy in Islamic-Iranian Civilization: A Brief Overview of the Heritage of Islamic Philosophy (Glanz der Philosophie in der Islamisch-Iranischen Zivilisation)* (2nd ed.). UNIDIALOGUE Publications. (Authored and scientifically supervised in German for academic audiences in Austria and the German-speaking world).
2. Gholami, R. (2026). *Iranian Studies: Foundations, Coordinates, Approaches, and Challenges*. Unidialogue Publications. (Published in English; rethinking the theoretical foundations of Iranian Studies beyond descriptive approaches).
3. Gholami, R. (Ed.). (2025). *The Great Iranian Poets*. UNIDIALOGUE Publications. (130 pp., ISBN: 978-3-9505638-4-9).
4. Gholami, R. (Ed.). (2025). *Great Scientists of Persian Civilization*. UNIDIALOGUE Publications. (156 pp.).
5. Gholami, R. (2025). *An Overview of Key Theoretical Problems in Justice*. UNIDIALOGUE Publications. (218 pp.).
6. Gholami, R. (2025). *Philosophical Notes*. Sadra Center for Islamic Knowledges and Humanities.
7. Gholami, R. (2024). *Who is Hussein? And Why Did He Become a Martyr?* (D. Ellamy & M. Ellamy, Trans.). Unidialogue Publications.
8. Gholami, R. (2023). *An Introduction to Cyberspace Philosophy with Emphasis on Islamic New Civilization*. Institute for Cultural, Social and Civilizational Studies.
9. Gholami, R. (2023). *New Attitude to the System of Political Rationality of Islam*. Sadra Islamic Humanities Research Center.
10. Gholami, R. (2021). *Analysis of the Theory of Justice in Islamic Thought*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.
11. Gholami, R. (2019). *The System of Political Rationality of Islam and Its Position in the Formation of New Islamic Civilization*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.
12. Gholami, R. (2018). *Islam and Social Harms*. Shahed University Press.

13. Gholami, R. (2018). *The Meaning and Basis of Humanities*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.
14. Gholami, R. (2017). *Philosophy of Modern Islamic Civilization*. Soore-ye Mehr Publication.
15. Gholami, R. (2016). *Fundamental Contemplation on Islam and Progress*. Sadid Publication.
16. Gholami, R. (2014). *Forty Characteristics of Muslim and Revolutionary Youth*. Daftar-e Nashr-e Ma'aref.
17. Gholami, R. (2012). *Islam and Globalization: The Possibility of Islamic Globalization in the 21st Century*. Danesh Cultural Institution & National Research Institute for Science Policy.
18. Gholami, R. (2005). *Science Production Movement and Theorization*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.
19. Gholami, R. (2005). *The Manifest of Theologians*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.
20. Gholami, R., & Golestani, M. (2005). *Iran and Globalization*. Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies.
21. Gholami, R. (2004). *Religion and Modern World*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.
22. Gholami, R. (2000). *An Overview of the Life of Imam Ali and an Introduction to Nahj al-Balagha*. Aftab-e Towse'e Publication.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- **Gholami, R.** (2026). "Iranian Studies as 'Technography': A Critique of the Austrian Academy of Sciences Publications." *Civilisational Iranian Studies e-Journal*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna.
- **Gholami, R.** (2026). "Conceptual and Methodological Frameworks of Civilisational Iranian Studies." *Civilisational Iranian Studies e-Journal*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna.
- **Gholami, R.** (2023). "A New Approach to Iran's Political Rationality System." *Scientific and Research Quarterly of Political Science*.
- **Gholami, R.** (2022). "Criticism of the Book 'Architecture of Science in the Absence of National Status' by Reza Mansouri." *University Studies Quarterly*, 1(1).
- **Gholami, R.** (2021). "A Framework for the Revolutionary Reconstruction of the Country's Cultural Structure." *Scientific Quarterly of Intercultural Studies*, No. 46, 133–151.
- **Gholami, R.** (2018). "Examining Five Approaches to Science." *Quarterly Journal of Basic Humanities Research*, 4(2), 7–32.
- **Gholami, R.** (2016). "The Meaning, Foundations, and Background of the Classification of Sciences in Islamic Civilization and a Proposal for a New Classification of Political Sciences." *Quarterly Journal of Basic Humanities Research*, 2(2), 53–85.
- **Gholami, R., & Davari, R.** (2024). "Civil Rationality from the Perspective of the Holy Qur'an." *Political Studies of New Islamic Civilization*, 3(6), 31–59.
- **Gholami, R., & Esmaili, S.** (2023). "Foundations of Scientometrics in the Humanities and the Need for Establishing a School of Scientometrics." *Science and Religion Studies*, 14(1), 97–109.

FORTHCOMING / IN-PRESS ARTICLES

- **Gholami, R.** "Capacities and Shortcomings of Transcendent Philosophy in Reconstructing

the System of Practical Wisdom and the Possibility of the Emergence of a New Civil Rationality.” *Practical and Research Quarterly of Strategic Studies*. Forthcoming.

- **Gholami, R., & Mostofi, M.** “Principles of Intercultural Communication from the Perspective of Islam: Examining Qur’anic Verses and the Prophet’s Encounters with Jews, Christians, and Zoroastrians.” *Intercultural Studies Quarterly*, No. 60. Forthcoming.

BOOK CHAPTERS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

- **Gholami, R.** (2026). “A New Approach to Interfaith Dialogue: Education as a Path to Peace.” In E. Kuhn (Ed.), *A New Approach to Interfaith Dialogue: Education as a Path to Peace* (Vol. 13, *Religion & Bildung*). LIT Verlag. ISBN 978-3-643-91886-4. Peer-reviewed edited volume. ([Lit Verlag](#))
- **Gholami, R.** (2024, May 14). “Allameh Tabataba’i and Philosophical Realism: Considerations and Critiques.” Paper presented at the National Conference on Epistemic Realism in Islamic Philosophy and Its Challenges, Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2024, January 16). “Capacities and Shortcomings of Transcendent Philosophy (Hikmat-e Muta’aliya) for Reconstructing the System of Practical Wisdom.” Paper presented at the National Conference on Practical Wisdom, Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2023). “A New Approach to the Islamic Political Rationality System.” *Theory Book*, No. 6, Sadra Center.
- **Gholami, R.** (2023). “The Methodology of Criticizing a Theory Based on Popper’s Theory of Critique.” Paper presented at the Critical Studies in Humanities Conference, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2023). “Characteristics of Western Studies by Professor Karim Mojtahedi.” Paper presented at the Conference on Karim Mojtahedi: Iranian Philosopher, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2023). “The Vital Chain of the Religious Democracy System.” Paper presented at the Meeting on Religious Democracy, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2023). “A Look at the Conceptual and Theoretical Foundations of Social Capital: An Approach to Indigenous and Islamic Social Capital.” In *Meaning and Basis of Social Capital*, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2022). “Focal Points in Farabi’s Political Philosophy.” Paper presented at the Farabi World Congress on Islamic Culture and Civilization, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2021). “Marginalization: The Cause of Lack of Justice; Sixteen Suggestions for Confronting Marginalization.” *Strategic Policy for Social Injuries*, Shahed University, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2021). “Comprehensive Overview of the ‘Control and Reduction of Social Injuries’ Project.” Paper presented at the National Meeting on Islamic Approaches to Social Injuries, Shahed University, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2017). “Possibility of Forming a New Islamic Civilization with a Pivotal Role for Iran.” *Modern Islamic Civilization Scientific Week*, Vol. 3, Tehran.
- **Gholami, R.** (2016). “An Overview of the Duality of Development and Progress Thought in the Qajar Era.” *National Conference on Resistance Economy*, Vol. 1, Tehran.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

- August 10, 2026. "Wittgenstein's Linguistic Analysis and Political Philosophy." *47th International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria. Paper Presentation.
- July 31, 2026. "Arbaeen and the Camino de Santiago: Two Paths of Spirituality and Pilgrimage." Opening of the *Paths of the Soul* Exhibition, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria. Invited Presentation.
- April 17, 2026. "Cultural Epistemicide: When Missiles Murder Time and Erase Humanity's Shared Memory." *Iranian Cultural Heritage Night*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria. Keynote Address.
- July 11, 2025. "Islamic Moderation: Promoting Tolerance and Coexistence in a Multicultural World." *Eighth Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion (EuARe 2025): Religion and Socio-Cultural Transformation: European Perspectives and Beyond*, University of Vienna, Austria. Paper Presentation; abstract published in the official Conference Abstract Book.
- May 28, 2025. "Twenty Critical Issues for Interfaith Dialogue." Academic Meeting on Global Transformations, Vienna, Austria.
- May 17, 2025. "Intercultural Philosophy for Embracing Cultural Diversity in Family Policies." Conference on Family-Centered Policy for Sustainable Development, Vienna, Austria.
- April 3, 2025. "The Relationship of Iranians with Their History: A Phenomenological Approach." *Second Symposium on Iranian Studies*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria. Keynote Address.
- March 13, 2025. "The World-City Theory, Global Governance, and Its Opportunities and Challenges for Peace." Seminar *Global Theories of Peace: Towards Critique and Completion*, organized by the Austrian International Institute for Peace (IIP) and Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- May 21, 2024. "The Merits of Mulla Sadra's Philosophy." Scientific Meeting *The Pleasure of Philosophy*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- October 2023. "Farabi's Moral Principles on the Way to Happiness." *First Conference on Benevolent Man, Benevolent Society, and Ethics Today in Farabi's Legacy*, Al-Farabi University, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- June 2022. "The Role of the Islamic Revolution in Forming a New Islamic Civilization." *Fifth Conference on Innovation and Intellectual Ijtihad*, Beirut, Lebanon.

INVITED LECTURES, KEYNOTE ADDRESSES & PUBLIC ACADEMIC TALKS

- October 11, 2025. "Philosophy Meets Science: Humanity and the Question of Eternity." Vienna, Austria.

- September 24, 2025. "Water, a Bridge Between Civilizations." *The Tao of Water Exhibition*, Vienna, Austria.
- September 11, 2025. "Moderate Islam in the Mirror of the Prophet." Academic Meeting and Cinematic Reading of *Muhammad: The Messenger of God*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- August 14, 2025. "From Duality to Convergence: Exploring the Boundaries of Science and Religion." Academic Seminar *Science and Religion in the Horizon of a Monotheistic Worldview*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- August 6, 2025. "The Relationship Between Iran and Islam: A Critical Reconsideration." Academic Meeting *Islam and Iran: A Mutual Relationship*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- April 7, 2025. "An Expository-Critical Examination of Islamic Philosophy." Islamic Philosophy Workshop, University of Vienna, Austria.
- February 20, 2025. "God in Spinoza's Thought." Written Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
- January 27, 2025. "Foucault, the Worker's Body, and Art." Written Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
- January 14, 2025. "Reassessing Nietzsche." Written Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
- January 10, 2025. "A Study of Hobbes's View of the Social Contract in *Leviathan*." Written Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
- December 12, 2024. "Philosophy for Children in the Age of AI." Academic Seminar, Vienna, Austria.
- December 3, 2024. "Hannah Arendt's Thought and Our Times." Written Lecture, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- November 26, 2024. "Power and Progress." Academic Meeting, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria.
- November 18, 2024. "Karl Popper and the Pursuit of Truth." Academic Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
- November 14, 2024. "The Future of the World and Interfaith Cooperation." Academic Lecture, Qom, Iran.
- November 5, 2024. "A Brief Introduction to the Relationship Between Music and Spirituality." Academic Lecture, Vienna, Austria.
- July 25, 2024. "The Development of AI and Humans: From Partnership to Competition." Academic Lecture, Vienna, Austria.

HONORS, CHAIRS & ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Innovation Chairs (Theorization Awards)

- **Main Meeting (2022):** "New Attitude to the System of Islamic Political Rationality" — *Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy* (Aug 28, 2022).
- **Pre-meeting (2022):** "New Attitude to the System of Islamic Political Rationality" — *Iranian*

Research Institute of Philosophy (Jun 18, 2022).

Scientific-Promotional Chairs

- **2023:** “Islamic Humanities: From Illusion to Reality” — *Research Institute of Cultural, Social and Civilizational Studies*.
- **2023:** “The Vital Chain of Religious Democracy” — *Supreme Assembly of Islamic Humanities*.
- **2023:** “Philosophical Attitude Toward the Nature and Components of Culture in the Absolute and Islamic Sense” — *Supreme National Defense University*.
- **2022:** “Post-COVID and the Future of Globalization” — *Supreme Council of Islamic Humanities*.
- **2021:** “A Framework for the Revolutionary Reconstruction of the Country’s Cultural Structure” — *Academic-Cultural Center of Imam Khomeini & Islamic Azad University*.
- **2021:** “Overall Image of the Theory of Justice in Islamic Thought” — *Institute for Islamic Culture and Thought*.
- **2021:** “A New Approach to Political Rationality in Islam” — *Supreme Council of Islamic Humanities*.
- **2020:** “Theory of Humanities Categorization and the Position of Sociology of Knowledge” — *Supreme National Defense University*.

EDITORIAL & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Editorships

- **Editor-in-Chief / Director-in-Charge**, *Civilisational Iranian Studies e-Journal*, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna (<https://wisdomhouse.at/journal/>)
- **Director-in-Charge**, *Biquarterly Journal of Islamic Studies of Social Injuries* (2021–Present)
- **Director-in-Charge**, *Sadra Islamic Humanities Research Journal* (2012–Present)
- **Director-in-Charge**, *Journal of University Studies (JOUS)* (2022–2023)
- **Director-in-Charge**, *Journal of Arghavan-Name* (2022–2023)
- **Director-in-Charge**, *Journal of Iranian Cultural Studies* (2021–2023)
- **Director-in-Charge**, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies on Humanities* (2021–2023)
- **Director-in-Charge & Editor-in-Chief**, *Zmaneh Monthly Journal* (2002–2005)

Conference Committees & Policy Councils

- **Scientific Chair**, First Conference on Iranian-Islamic Civilization, Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria **(2026)**.

- **Executive Secretary**, Conference on New Philosophical Problems, organized jointly by the University of Tabriz and Iranian Wisdom House, Vienna, Austria **(2025)**.
- **Scientific Council Member**, National Conference on Practical Wisdom, Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy, Tehran **(2022–2023)**.
- **Scientific Council Member**, National Conference on Philosophical Foundations of Humanities and Social Sciences, Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy, Tehran **(2022–2023)**.
- **Head**, 2nd National Conference on Confronting Social Injuries from the Islamic Viewpoint **(2021–2023)**.
- **Scientific Board Member**, International Conference on Islamic Unity, World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought **(2021–2023)**.
- **Head of the Policy-Making Council**, International Congress on Islamic Humanities **(2019–2023)**.
The Congress reached its seventh edition in 2023.
- **President of the Policy-Making Council**, International Congress of Farabi and Islamic Culture and Civilization **(2022–2023)**.
- **Head of the Policy-Making Council**, New Islamic Civilization Scientific Week **(2015–2020)**.
- **Head of the Policy-Making Council**, National Conference on the Islamic-Iranian Model of Progress **(2010–2011)**.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Courses

- *Political Law* — Allameh Tabataba'i University (2022–2023)
- *Philosophy, Fiqh, and Philosophy of Culture* — Imam Sadiq University (2019–2023)
- *Strategic Management and Cultural Organizations* — Supreme National Defense University (2016–2023)

Undergraduate & Graduate Courses

- *Political Science (BA, MA, Ph.D.)* — Shahed University (2020–2021)
- *Non-Distortionary Nature of the Quran (MA)* — University of Science and Technology of Tehran (2019)
- *Fundamentals of Politics, Culture, and Islamic Civilization (BA, MA)* — Soore University (2014–2018)
- *Islamic Revolution (BA)* — University of Tehran (2013–2017)

SELECTED PUBLIC WRITING & ESSAYS

Analytical Articles

- “Rethinking Contemporary Political Philosophy: Toward Justice and Plurality in a Challenging World”, *International*, Vol. III/2025.
- “Theology of War in Islamic Political Thought”, *Naghd-e Andisheh Journal*, Tehran, 2025.

Philosophical & Intercultural Essays

(Published via <http://en.r-gholami.ir/>)

- “Key Questions in Intercultural Philosophy” (Oct 2025)
- “Freedom Without Freedom: The Unfinished Project of Modernity” (Aug 2025)
- “The Conscious Self in Muslim and Western Philosophy” (Oct 2025)
- “The Urgent Rebirth of Human Dignity” (Sep 2025)
- “The Betrayal of Human Rights by Philosophers and Intellectuals” (Aug 2025)
- “Return to Human Responsibility” (Jul 2025)
- “Bertrand Russell’s Rejection of War and Domination” (Jun 2025)
- “In Honor of MacIntyre” (May 2025)
- “The Atomized Global Society” (May 2025)
- “West-Centric Critique, Not West-Hostility” (Apr 2025)
- “The Test of Freedom of Expression” (Apr 2025)
- “The Frankfurt School and the Culture Industry” (Mar 2025)
- “Persian: The Language of Literature, Ethics, and Spirituality” (Feb 2025)
- “Causes and Consequences of Harassment and Profanity in Cyberspace” (Dec 2024)
- “Historical Islam and Contemporary Islam” (Nov 2024)
- “Critique and Review of Power and Progress” (Nov 2024)
- “Analysis of the New Wave of Immigration in the World” (Sep 2024)
- “Factors Contributing to the Spread of Nationalism in Europe” (2024)

LANGUAGES

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- **Persian:** Native
- **English:** Fluent
- **Arabic:** Advanced / Professional Reading Knowledge (Seminary Level)

Sept. 2026