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Current Position

Assistant Professor

Sep 2023- Present

Institute for Science and Technology Studies (ISTS)
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Education and academic positions

- **Postdoctoral researcher in science and theology** **Tehran, IR.**
 - Research area: Theology and Cognitive Science July 2021 – Sep 2023
 - Department of Philosophy of Science, Sharif University of Technology
- **Ph.D., Philosophy of Science, Sharif University of Technology** **Tehran, IR.**
 - Concentrations: Cognitive Science and theology Sep 2013-Apr 2020
 - Dissertation: *Divine action in nature; special study of the relationship between God and man, regarding the foundations of cognitive science.*
 - Dissertation Advisors: Seyyed Hassan Hosseini, Professor; Ebrahim Azadegan, Associate Professor.
- **Visiting Graduate student, philosophy, Uppsala University** **Uppsala, Sweden**
 - Concentrations: Science and theology Jan 2018-Sep 2018
 - Supervisor: Mikael Stenmark, Professor.
- **M.A., Philosophy of Science, Sharif University of Technology** **Tehran, IR.**
 - Concentrations: Philosophy of Science. Sep 2009-Apr 2012
 - Thesis: The Role of Conventionals in Philosophy of Science.
 - Dissertation Advisor: Mehdi Golshani, Professor.

- **B.A, Chemical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology**

Tehran, IR.
Sep 2004-Apr 2009

Teaching Experience

- **Teaching** Spring 2022
 - Sharif University of Technology, master course
 - Courses name: Religion and Science, focusing on cognitive science
- **Co-Teaching** Fall 2021
 - Sharif University of Technology
 - Courses name: Science and Theology.
- **Workshops** July 2021
 - Theology and Cognitive Science Workshop
 - Affiliated to the International School of Cognitive Science, Sharif University of Technology
 - Three sessions teaching Cognitive Science of Religion (CSR)

Publications

Book

Translation: Dawes, G. (2021). *Deprovincializing Science and Religion*. (J. Darvish Aghajani, Translator.). Tehran: Soroush.

Papers

1. Darvish Aghajani J. **Muslims' lifeworld during the pandemic and humanistic interpretation of Religions**. Contemporary Islam (2023) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11562-023-00530-z>
2. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **The Metaphysical Necessity in the Neo-Sadraian School and the Assessment of Necessitarian Theories of the Laws of Nature**. *Teorie Vedy/ Theory of Science*, Vol 3, No 1 (2021), Doi: <https://doi.org/10.46938/tv.2021.499>.
3. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Assessing the Explanatory Power of Naturalism in Addressing Ultimate Questions**, *Vestnik of Saint-Petersburg University. Philosophy and Conflict Studies*, Vol 37, No 2 (2021), <https://doi.org/10.21638/spbu17.2021.203>

4. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Insufficient evidence of the Cognitive Science of Religion to argue in favor of the Reformed Epistemology in the belief of God**, Journal of Theological Philosophical Research, (2021)(Persian)Doi:[10.22091/JPTR.2021.7115.2569](https://doi.org/10.22091/JPTR.2021.7115.2569)
5. Darvish Aghajani, Javad, Hosseini S.Hassan. **Ontological Indigence and Divine Action in Nature**, Transcendental Philosophy Journal, Volume 21 – Number 32 – December 2020.
6. Darvish Aghajani, Javad, Gharibzade, S. **Insufficiency of Neuroscientific Data to Determine a Theory of Religious Experience**. Journal of Neurology Forecast, 2020, (published as a letter to the editor).
7. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. Hosseini Seyed Hassan. **Facing the Problem of the Divine Action in Nature: The Superiority of Emergentism over the Thomistic and Quantum Perspectives**, Journal of Philosophy of Religion Research, 2021, (Persian). Doi:[10.30497/PRR.2020.14555.1560](https://doi.org/10.30497/PRR.2020.14555.1560)
8. Darvish Aghajani, Javad, Mousavi Karimi Mirsaeid, **On the Continuity of Divine Grace: An Empirical Argument and a Philosophical Analysis**, Journal of Philosophy of Religion Research, 2017, (Persian). Doi:[10.30497/PRR.2017.1962](https://doi.org/10.30497/PRR.2017.1962)

Presentations

1. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **The Falsifiability and Progress in Theological Arguments**, Winter Seminar Progress in Theology, Abraham Kuyper Center, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands, January 2022 (Online) (English).
2. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Divine Action and Laws of Nature**. The XXIV UNISINOS International Philosophy Colloquium, Brasilia, Brazil. September 2021. (Online) (English).
3. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Changing the view of the new generation of Muslim youth in the Middle East on religion and explain this change: a special study of contemporary Iran**, International Symposium on Religion and Civilization in the Middle East, 22-24 October 2021, Erbakan University, Turkey. (Online). (English).
4. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Does the cognitive science of religion provide evidences in favor of a Reformed Epistemology in belief of God? A Case Study of Barrett's and**

Plantinga perspectives, International Conference on Rationality and Theism, Iranian Research Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran. April 2021. (Persian).

5. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Scientific Perspectives and Theological Issues: A case Study of the Vatican Observatory's Divine Action Project**, 9th International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, Online, 2021. (Persian).
6. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **The theory of Multiple Supervenience and explanation of the relationship between God and Human Being**, Fundamental Studies of science and technology, Shahid Beheshti University, 2021, (online seminar) (Persian)
7. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **The incompleteness of Plantinga's reductionist method in resolving the conflict between theism and modern science**, 2nd Conference on History and Philosophy of Science, Sharif University, Iran, Murch 2019. (Persian)
8. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Naturalism vs. Theism from an Islamic point of view**. Research School in Philosophy of Religion cooperation between Uppsala University and Lund University, Uppsala, Sweden, July 2018. (English).
9. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Divine action in nature and evaluation of Allameh Tabatabai's view**, Philosophy Research School in Kish Island, Sharif University, Iran, 2017. (Persian).
10. Darvish Aghajani, Javad. **Evaluating the explanatory power of theism versus naturalism in addressing Ultimate Questions**. 7th International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, Kharazmi University, Iran, 2016. (Persian).

Grants and fellowships

- **Postdoctoral research grant (800,000,000 IRR)** July 2021 – Present
 - Iran National Science Foundation (INSF)
 - Grant amount:
 - Project title: “Comparison of the approach of Reformed Epistemology in believing the existence of God with the Cognitive Science of Religion”
- **Grant Program for Science and Theology (300,000,000 IRR)** Murch 2021- Present
 - Shahid Beheshti University
 - Grant amount:
 - Project title: "Divine Action and religious experience according to the foundations of cognitive science"
- **Conference Award (\$ 1,000)** October 2021

- Haamee Institute

Employments

- Director of Cultural Affairs and Student Activities
Sharif University of Technology. 2011-2013
- Director of Mohajer Think Tank at Sharif University of Technology. 2013-2016

Honors

- Ranked 10th among more than 10,000 participants entrance exam for the Master of Philosophy of Science in 2009.
- First place in intra-university swimming competitions and member of Sharif University swimming team in Student Sports Olympiad, Kerman, Iran, 2007.

Language

- English: Fluent
- Arabic: Good
- Persian: Native language

References

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