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Dr. Bagher Talebi Darabi

Current Position:

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Religions and Denominations (URD) (Qom, Iran) since 2004

Other Academic Appointments:

1. Deputy Head Department of Research on Religions and Denominations, 2000-2002
2. Head of the Department of Interreligious Dialogue, 2010-2011
3. Head of the Department of Religious Studies, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2016-2018.
4. Vice of Deputy of Research, University of Religions and Denominations, 2109-
5. Vice Editor in chief of Religious Inquiries, one of publications of URD 2019

Education:

- Ph.D in sociology of Culture, University of Allameh Tabatabaei, Iran, Tehran(Iran) 2008-2012
- MA in Criminal Law and \criminology, University of tehran, Tehran (Iran) 1996-1999
- BA in Law, University of Tehran, Tehran (Iran) 1992-1996
- Islamic Theology(Kalam) and Jurisprudence, Qom Howzeh (Shi'ite seminary), Qom (Iran) since 1983

Publications:

Books:

1. “New Spirituality as a Discourse in Iran”, Journal of Social Sciences, Allameh Tabatabai University, No. 62, Tehran, 2013. (Farsi)
2. “Typology of Religious Organizations”, Journal of Spiritual Studies, Bagher al-Oloom Research Center, 2011. (farsi)
3. “Social Approaches to the Study of New Religious movements” , Journal of Mashreghe Mowoud, No 35, 2015.(farsi)
4. “The Examination of Critical understanding of Interreligious Dialogue in Iranian thinking and experience”, Journal Of Social Theology, 2017.(farsi)
5. “The Role of social context on the Study of Religions: a case study of University of Religions and Denominations, Journal of Religious Researches, 2019.(Farsi).
6. “*The consequences of Modernity for Spirituality: A critical Examination of Charles Taylor*”, Journal of Sociological Studies, No.23, 2016.(Farsi)
7. “*Causes and Contexts of Inclining to New Spiritualities: A case Study of Tehran*”, journal of Social Sciences, 2018. (Farsi).
8. “A sociological View on Interpretation of Bible”, Journal of Comparative study of Quran and Bible, 2019(Fars).
9. “ A Comparative Analysis of Channeling in New Age And Intuition in Islamic Mysticism”, Journal of Pajouheshaye Adabe Erfani, 2019.(forthcoming, in farsi)

Speeches

1. What is New Spirituality, Department of Theology, Shahid Beheshti University of Iran, 2013

2. New religious Movements: Challenges And Opportunities, Islamic Propagation Office, Isfahan, 2013
3. Typology of Researches on New Spirituality in the West, Research Center on Islamic Sciences and Culture, Qum, 2013
4. New Religious Movements and its Challenges in Iran, Islamic Azad University, Neka, 2011.
5. Sociology and New Spirituality, Research Department of Culture and Ethics, Qom. 2019.
6. Methods and Context in Hustion Smith Works, University of Religions and Denominations, 2018.

Major Translations:

Books:

The Essential Talmud, by Adin Steinsaltz (The first Farsi translation of the book.) (Qom: Center for Religious Studies, 2008).

Articles edited in Volumes:

The Role of Hebrew Bible in Judaism, University of Religions Press, 2011

Some of other Articles:

1. “New Religious Movements” by Barker, Eileen, Haft Aseman, Vol. 4, No. 15, 2002
2. “Studies on Religious Movements” by Melton, Gardon, Haft Aseman, Vol. 4, No. 15, 2002
3. “Definition of New Spirituality” by Chrissides, George, Haft Aseman, Vol. 5, No. 19, 2003

4. “The Future of Religion and New Religions” by Introvigne, Massimo, Haft Aseman, Vol. 7, No. 27, 2005
5. “A Reflection of Sociology of Religion Today” by Berger, Peter, Haft Aseman, No. 47, 2013
6. “Channeling” by Haneggraff, Wuter, Haft Aseman, No. 38, 2010
7. “New Age Theodicy for New Age” by Luckman, Thomas, Haft Aseman, No. 30, 2009

Current Research Projects:

- Contract with Taha Publication (Qom) to Translate into Persian the book “Christianity without Absolutes” written By Reinhold Bernhardt. (forthcoming, 2020)
- Deputy of Editor in Chief of the *Journal Religious Inquiries*, University of Religions, since July 2019.
- Chief Editor of a research project on interreligious Dialogue, Research department, University of Religions and Denominations (forthcoming 2020)
- Translating World Religions by Huston Smith into Persian Language (forthcoming 2021)
- Translating New Age Religion and Western Culture by Wouter Hanegraaff into Persian language(forthcoming 2022)
- Research Project on “Christian Reply to New Spiritualities” (forthcoming 2021)

Invited Examinations:

1. Invited examiner for theses and dissertations at: the University of Allameh Tabatabaei , faculty of Sociology.
2. Invited Supervisor and advisor at the International University of Almostafa and Alhuda.

3. Invited reviewer for: Journals , *Religious Inquiries*, *Religious Studies*, *Women's Studies*, Hawza Annual Book in Religion,

Invited Talks and Presentations abroad:

1. Parliamnet of World Religions, (PWR), Barcelona, Spain, 2004,
2. Parliament of world Religion CPWR Presentation Melbourne, Australia 2009
3. Dialogue and study of religion WCF presentation London 2004
4. Africa and Globalization: the role of Interfaith Dialogue GCG Presentation Kricho, Kenya 2005
5. Regional conference on Interfaith Dialogue Iran Cultural center presentation Zimbabwe, Harare 2014
6. Jashen-e- Khoustro Sufi Festival Academic Seminar Sufi Order Presentation India, Hyderabad 2017
7. Symposium on Interfaith Dialogue (Islam-Christianity) Dela Sal University of Manila and Iran Cultural Center Presentation Philippines, Manila 2010
8. Symposium on Interfaith Dialogue " Muslim- Christian view on Religious Violence Saint Thomas University and Iran Cultural Center presentation Philippines, Manila 2015
9. First International Interfaith Conference Najaf Howzeh and Iraqi Governmental institutions Presentation Iraq, Najaf 2011
10. First Academic Conference on Interfaith Dialogue Accra University and Iran Cultural Center Presentation Ghana , Accra 2016
11. Academic Workshop on Religion and Secularism Potsdam University and University of religions and denomination Presentation Two workshops Iran and Germany 2014-2015
12. First conference of International intercultural relations in Asia Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States Presentation Iran 1396
13. Bilateral Islamic –Greek Christian Orthodox Dialogue International Center for Interreligious Dialogue presentation Iran 1396

14. Bilateral Islamic –Roman Catholic Interreligious Dialogue International Center for Interreligious Dialogue Presentation Iran
15. Short time Research of New Religious and Spiritual Movements at LSE in London Prof Eileen Barker at LSE Library research London 2003
16. English Short Course on Shi'ism University of Religions and Denominations Teaching Professor Iran (Several semesters)
17. Islam and Environmental Crisis, Symposium on Interfaith Dialogue, De La Sale University, Manila, 15&16 Sep. 2010
18. The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Development, Harare , 2014
19. Study of Religions Promotes Interfaith Accommodation: Case Study of Iran, The 4th Annual International Conference Africa and Globalization for Common Good, The Quest for Justice and Peace, Kreicho, Kenya, 21-24 April 2005
20. A Hundred Year of Dialogue: The Role of East on Interfaith Movements, Dialogue, Tehran, 2012

Teaching Experience:

- Visiting Lecturer, Sociology Department, University of Tehran 2008-2019
 - Visiting Lecturer, Department of sociology, University of Allameh Tabatabaei 2015
 - Visiting Lecturer, Department of Islamic Studies in English, Almustafa International University. 2016
 - Visiting lecturer, Faculty of Theology, University of Basel (Switzerland).2018
 - A six week Co- Teaching at the College of Theology on Intercultural Sociology of Religion in Dialogue with Shia Islam.
 - Summer school Program with Potsdam University, Germany, Based on DAAD Founds, 2014.
- Lectures as Faculty member and assistant professor at the University of religions and Denominations. Some courses are as following:
 1. Sociology of Religion at M.A. level

2. Research Methodology in Religious Studies at M.A. level
3. History of Religions at M.A. level
4. Secularism and the Western Culture;
5. Types of Religiosity at Ph. D. Level
6. History of Theological Debates between Islam and Christianity at Ph. D. level
7. New Religious Movements (New Mysticism) at M. A. level
8. New Spirituality in Modern World at Ph. D. level
9. Professional English texts on Religious Studies at M.A. level
10. History of Christian- Muslim encounters Ph.D Level

Membership in Associations:

- Iranian Association for Religious Studies 2019
- Editorial Board member of Journal of INSIGHT, Publishing in US and UK. 4004 -2019.

Languages:

Farsi (Native),

English (Reading, Speaking, and Writing),

Standard Arabic (Reading and writing),

Awards:

Top Researcher Award in academic study of Religions, The Iran High Talents Foundations with collaboration of Surak city administration 2011