

## Mohammad Ali Movahhedi Resume

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### 1. Personal Profile

- **Nationality:** Iranian
  - **Current Position:** Assistant Professor of Shi'a Studies
  - **Department:** Shi'a Studies
  - **Faculty:** Shi'a Studies
  - **University:** University of Religions and Denominations (Qom, Iran)
  - **Research Interests:** Hadith Sciences, Quranic Readings (Qira'at) and Codices, Islamic Theology (Kalam), Shi'a Studies, Mahdism, Imamate, Reconstruction of Lost Hadith Texts.
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### 2. Educational Background

- **Ph.D. in Islamic Theology (Kalam) (2021)**
    - **University:** Qom University, Iran
    - **GPA:** 19.19 out of 20 (1<sup>st</sup> Rank in the Department)
    - **Dissertation Title:** "Reconstructing Mahdavi Monographs from the Presence Era to Analyze Narrations on Occultation (Ghaybah)."
    - **Dissertation Evaluated:** 19.50 out of 20.
  - **M.Sc. in Hadith Sciences, Theology & Doctrines (2016)**
    - **University:** University of Quran and Hadith, Tehran, Iran.
    - **GPA:** 19.94 out of 20 (1<sup>st</sup> Rank in the Department)
    - **Thesis Title:** "A Comparative Study of the Theological Views of Al-Shaykh al-Saduq and Ibn Taymiyyah on Monotheism (Tawhid)."
    - **Thesis Evaluated:** 20 out of 20.
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### 3. Research & Publications

#### A. Books

1. **Reconstructing Lost Shiite Hadith Books; Stages, Considerations, Challenges, and Examples** (2025). Qom, Iran: Maaref Ahl al-Bait (Under Publication).
2. **The Book of Ghadir; Chains of Transmission (Asaneed) and Indications (Dalalat)** (2020). Qom, Iran: Atre Attar. ISBN: 978-600-243-240-7.
3. **Untold Narrations from the Chains of Transmission of the Ghadir Sermon** (2014). Qom, Iran: Nashre Maaref. ISBN: 978-964-531-694-3.

#### B. Peer Reviewed Papers (Selected, 2013-2025)

- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2025). The model for reconstructing lost Shiite hadith works: Stages and considerations. *Hadith-e Ahl-e Bayt*, 2(1), (Under Publication).
- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2025). A timeline of the stages of the human journey based on Imamite transmitted sources. *Ma'arif-e Ahl-e Bayt*, 2 (1), (Under Publication).
- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2025). Two Challenges in the Process of Reconstructing Hadith Texts; A Case Study of the Reconstruction of the Book "Al-Ghaybah" Authored by Ibn Sama'ah (d. 263 AH). *Ulum-i Hadith*. <https://doi.org/10.22034/uh.2025.51782.3572>
- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2024). The transmission of Mahdavi narrations from Ibn Abi 'Umayr to various hadith schools and regions. *Mashreq-e Mow'ood*, 18(4), 58–93.
- **Movahhedi, M. A.,** Heidari, A., & Mohammad-Beigi, M. (2024). Evidence of semantic deviation in the narration of Ghadir: For or against 'O Ali? *Emamat dar Partow-e Quran, Sunnat va Aql*, 1(1), 99–129. <https://doi.org/10.22034/emamah.2024.203673>
- Khoroush, A., & **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2023). Re-examining the accusation of exaggeration (*Ghuluww*) against Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Sayyari: A look at his narrative heritage. *Hadith-e Ahl-e Bayt (AS)*, 1(1), 51–84.
- Kalachahi Sabat, M., & **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2023). The foundational role of Jabir al-Ju'fi in promoting the doctrine of Raj'ah (Return): A critique of Nasir al-Qafari's claims. *Mashreq-e Mow'ood*, 17(67), 51–68.
- **Movahhedi, M. A.,** Hashematpour, M. H., & Rahman Setayesh, M. K. (2022). The reconstruction of Book of al-Malahim al-Kabir and an analysis of its occultation narrations. *Ulum-i Hadith*, 27(3), 141–166. doi: 10.22034/hs.2021.49900.3051
- **Movahhedi, M. A.,** Hashematpour, M. H., & Rahman Setayesh, M. K. (2021). The Ancient Zaydi's Belief of Imamate and Mahdism on the Basis of Abū Sa'id Rawajinī's "Akhhār al-Mahdī". *Imamat Pazhuhi*, 10(1), 119–155. doi: 10.22034/jep.2021.249830.1232
- **Movahhedi, M. A.,** & Hashematpour, M. H. (2020). The biographical status (*Rijali*) of al-Fazari. *Ulum-i Hadith*, 25 (2), 147–171. doi: 10.22034/hs.2020.13064
- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2019). Typology and assessment of the solidity of eschatological arguments. *Hadith va Andisheh*, 14 (28), 143–178.
- **Movahhedi, M. A.,** & Hashematpour, M. H. (2019). The role of theological beliefs in the evaluation and understanding of hadith: A case study of al-Qurtubi's approach to the Hadith al-Manzilah. *Ulum-i Hadith*, 24 (4), 28–57.
- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2015). *Al-Qatraḥ min Bihar Manāqib al-Nabī wa al-ʿItrah*. *Imamat Pazhuhi*, 5(17), 225–242.

- **Movahhedi, M. A.** (2013). The chain of transmission (*Sanad*) of the lengthy Sermon of Ghadir in *Al-Tahsin. Imam Pazhuhi*, 3(10), 87–115.

### C. Conference Papers

- Movahhedi, M. A. (2023). Reconstruction of the oldest occultation treatise by the Waqifiyya and its theological analysis of narrations [**Best Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Place)**]. *Paper presented at the National Conference on Hadith of Thought, Quran and Hadith Research Institute, Qom, Iran.*
- Movahhedi, M. A. (2023). The venues for declaring the Imamate and Wilayah of Amir al-Mu'minin (AS) and the distinguishing aspects of the Ghadir narration [Selected Paper]. *Paper presented at the National Conference on Hadith and Thought, Quran and Hadith Research Institute, Qom, Iran.*
- Mehmannaavaz, A., Shahgoli, M., & Movahhedi, M. A. (2023). Typology and evolution of the concept of *Hujjah* (Divine Proof) in Islamic texts and sciences [Selected Paper]. *Paper presented at the National Conference on Hadith and Thought, Quran and Hadith Research Institute, Qom, Iran.*

### D. Under Review Papers

- Nahjolbalagha in its Historical Context. (*JSIS - Islamic College*)
- Imam al-Hadi's Specific Mention of the Hadith al-Manzilah in the Ziyarat al-Ghadiriyyah. (*Imamat Pazhuhi*)
- Muslim al-Naysaburi's Engagement with the Hadith of Ghadir; A Re-reading and Analysis. (*Pazuhesname- ye Alavi*)

### E. Encyclopedia Entries

- Entries for **Imam al-Baqir, Imam al-Sadiq, Yahya ibn Zayd, Prophethood (Nubuwwah), Companions of the Prophet** in the Encyclopedia of Sahifa al-Sajjadiyya, Ministry of Education, Tehran (2016).
- Entry for **Waqifiyya** in the Balkan Islam Encyclopedia, (2025, Under Publication).

## 4. Conferences & Scientific Meetings

### A. As Presenter

- (2025, June). *Imam al-Hadi's Specific Mention of the Hadith al-Manzilah in the Ziyarat al-Ghadiriyyah*; Paper presented at the **18th Annual Ghadir Conference**, Mashhad, Iran.
- (2024, July). *Kohlberg and the Doctrine of Occultation*. Lecture presented at the **Imam Hadi Institute**, Qom, Iran.
- (2023, December). *The Oldest Waqifite Text on Occultation; Reconstruction and Analysis*. Paper presented at the **University of Religions and Denominations**, Qom, Iran.
- (2023, August). *The Relationship between the Ahl al-Bait's Quranic Readings and the Famous/Uncanonical Readings*. Lecture presented at the **University of Quranic Sciences of Isfahan**, Isfahan, Iran.

- (2019, January). *Examining the Conflict between Free Will and A Priori Causal Necessity*. Lecture presented at the **Philosophy and Foundational Sciences Think Tank**, Tehran, Iran.
- (2018, December). *The Relationship between Science and Theology; Theological Challenges of Foundational Sciences*. Lecture presented at the **Philosophy and Foundational Sciences Think Tank**, Tehran, Iran.

### **B. As Discussant**

- (2024, February). *Written Sources; Methods of Hadith Transmission and the Multifaceted Role of Narrators in Evaluating Imami Hadiths*. Invited Discussant at the **Ahl al-Bayt Research Institute**, Qom, Iran.
- (2024, October). *An Introduction to an Analytical Model for Reconstructing Historical Geography for Accurate Understanding of the Imams' Utterances*. Invited Discussant at the **University of Religions and Denominations**, Qom, Iran.
- (2023, December). *Narrations on Pilgrimage to Imam Hussain by Foot; Typology and Analysis*. Invited Discussant at the **Ahl al-Bayt Research Institute**, Qom, Iran.
- (2023, December). *Authenticity Assessment of Early Imami Texts; The Authenticity of al-Kafi*. Invited Discussant at the **Ahl al-Bayt Research Institute**, Qom, Iran.
- (2022, January). *An Exposition of Bibliographical Analysis*. Invited Discussant at the **Imam Kazim Seminary**, Qom, Iran.

## **5. Teaching Experience**

### **University of Religions and Denominations (URD)**

- **Faculty of Denominations:**
  - Comparative Theology (PhD Course)
  - Comparative Eschatology (PhD Course)
  - Specific Doctrines of Wahhabism (PhD Course)
  - Critique of Salafi Rijal and Hadith Principles (PhD Course)
  - Ahl al-Hadith and Salafism (MSc Course)
  - Maturidiyya and Tahawiyya (MSc Course)
  - Theology 3: Divine Justice & Eschatology (BSc Course)
  - Theology 1: Topics in Monotheism (BSc Course)
- **Faculty of Shi'a Studies:**
  - Ghadir Studies (PhD in Shi'a Theology, Imamate)
  - Mahdism (PhD in Shi'a Theology, Imamate)
  - Virtues of the Ahl al-Bait in Sunni Sources (Ph.D. in Shi'a Theology, Imamate)
  - Specific Imamate (PhD in Shi'a Theology, Imamate)
  - Theology 1: Monotheism & Prophethood (MSc in Shi'a Studies)
  - Theology 2: Imamate (MSc in Shi'a Studies)
  - Monotheism and Prophethood (MSc in Shi'a Studies)

- Introduction to Nahj al-Balagha (MSc in Shi'a Studies)
- Research Methodology (PhD in Shi'a Studies)

- **Faculty of History:**

- Mahdism in Shiite Sects (PhD in Shiite Sects)
- Views of Islamic Denominations on Twelver Shiism (PhD in History of Shiism)

- **Faculty of Religions:**

- Teachings of the Quran and Ahl al-Bait (MSc in Eastern Religions)

### **Visiting Professor:**

- **University of Tehran:** Fundamentals of Ilm al-Rijal (M.A. in Imami Theology, Semesters 1 & 2, 2024-2025).
- **Specialized Qur'anic Exegesis Centre:** (From 2024) Differences in Quranic Readings (Qira'at); Verses of Imamate.
- **Specialized Centre for Ahl al-Bait Studies, Hadith Department:** (From 2022) Sunni Hadith Collections; Comparative Rijal Resources; Frequently Cited Narrators and Chains; Sunni Hadith Collections; History of Sunni Hadith; Sanad Studies.
- **Specialized Centre for Ahl al-Bait Studies, Theology Department:** (From 2023) Purgatory & Resurrection (Theology Level 3); General Imamate (Theology Level 3).
- **Imam Hadi Institute:** The Issue of Qira'at and its Relation to Early Codices; Analysis of Occultation Narrations in al-Kafi.
- **Imam Sadiq University:** Imamate (2013-2014).
- **Al-Taha University:** Islamic Thought 1; Analytical History of Islam; Quran Promotion Skills (2019).
- **Faculty of Media:** Islamic Thought 1 & 2; History of Imamate (2015-2018).

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## **6. Languages**

- **Persian:** Native
- **Arabic:** Advanced (Reading, Writing, Speaking)
- **English:** Academic (Reading, Writing, Speaking)