

Leila Asadi, Arizona State University

PhD candidate in Justice Studies, School of Social Transformation

Arizona State University (2013-present) GPA 3.85

Master of International Law, School of Law

University of Mofid, Iran (Sept 2002- Jan 2005) GPA A (18.02 of 20), Top 5% of 120

BA in Persian Literature, Tabriz University (Sept 1998-Jan 2002)

Place of Birth: Iran

Research Interests

Feminist philosophy, Anthropology, Human Rights, International law, Refugee Protection regime and Post-Colonial feminism.

Research project

Leila Asadi is interested in feminist critiques of legal system and justice. Her research focuses on the very ethical and material existence of international regime of refugee protection in which she incorporates feminist ethics to critique the formal human rights language and its effects on refugee women's lives.

Publication and Presentation

- Under review paper "*Love Politics in Syrian Revolution*", in the Bulletin of the Syrian Studies Association, Fall 2018
- Under review paper "*Dwelling in Possibility: Loss and Dream World*", in *Emerging Possibilities* Volume, Freie Universität Berlin
- Presenting a thematic conversation "*Gender, Capitalism, and the Global Middle East*" at MESA 2018 conference
- Presenting "Just Imagine: Imagining Justice" at the National Women's Association Conference, Fall 2018
- Presenting a poster on *Domestic Violence in Syrian Refugee Families and Resettlement Programs* in the 8th Arab Health Summit Fall 2018
- Working paper on *spatial analysis of Syrian refugee community in Dearborn* with Tuft University, Refugee in Town Project – Fall 2018
- Working with University of Michigan, School of Social Work on refugee run organizations

project in Grand Rapids, Michigan

- Presented “Syrian Refugee Women and Emerging Identities in Displacement” at the Map, Territory, and Boundary Conference held by Duke-UNC Graduate Middle East and Islamic Studies conference, Spring 2018
- Presented “Necropolitics, Gendered Subjectivity and Online War on Terror” at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual conference, Nov 2016
- Presented “Fighting the Tyranny, a Feminist Epistemological Approach” at the SST Graduate Conference in April 2015
- Presented “Veiling Policy and Online Social Media in Iran” at the University of New Mexico Cultural Studies Conference on Mirrored Subjectivities: Technology and Visual Representation in Film and Other Media (April 18-20, 2014)
- Research assistance of the Collective Actions and Online Social Media project conducted by Professor Merlyna Lim School of Social Transformation (September 2013- May 2014)
- Co-authored the paper, “Islam and Human Rights in Post-Revolutionary Iran” with Professor Shadi Mokhtari, American University 2012
- Presented at the 55th UN commission on Status of Women – “Violence against Children in Iran”, 2012
- Published “Freedom of Expression in the European Human Rights Court’s cases” - Law Research Magazine (Vol.4, No.2- 2006-2)
- Comparative study on children rights in U.S, Turkey and Iran, supported by expediency assembly (2009-2010)
- Assisting the comparative study, “Iran’s women’s movement and the international law frame work” supported by Cambridge University (Feb. 2007)
- Member of National Report Committee on Women Status in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Beijing+10 (Feb 2005)
- Member of National Report Committee to UN Racial Discrimination Committee (JULY 2005)
- Reported on trafficking of women and children in Iran and legal Challenges (May 2004). The final report of the project delivered to the Sixth Islamic Parliament to pass a bill on combatting human trafficking (September 2004)

Fellowships & Awards

- School of Social Transformation summer Dissertation Award, summer 2018 – Arizona State University
- The Center for Studies of Religion and Conflict’s grant, spring 2018- Arizona State University
- Fellow at Radcliff Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University (Sept 2012-May 2013)
<https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/people/tayebeh-leila-asadi>
- Norton Grant For Women’s Studies in Justice and Social Inquiry (Summer 2016)
- Emma Goldman Travel Grants in Memory of Christiane Harzig (Summer 2017)
- Fellow at IIE Scholar Rescue Fund (2011-2012)

Professional Membership

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2016 and 2017
- Member of Planning Committee of Twenty Seventh Iranian Women’s Studies Foundation (IWSF) Summer 2016 <http://www.iwsf2016.com>
- Member of Planning Committee of Human Rights Film Festival- Spring 2015
<https://humanrights.asu.edu/content/2015-human-rights-film-festival>
- Member of editorial group of the fairfamilylaw.name website, advocating gender equality in Iran (2010-2014) <http://bidarzani.com>
- The Association for Protection of Women’s Rights – Board Member (May 2004- 2011)
- Member of a non-governmental group on reporting refugee situation in Iran – A report for US committee for refugee and immigrants Website: www.Refugee.org (May – Sept 2007)
- Member of One million Signature Campaign to change discriminatory law (2008- present) <http://we-change.org>
- Assistant project in Mehr Aid facilitators Institute- working on development and community based organizations (2008-2009)
- Women’s Rights Magazine (member of editorial board, July 2006)
- The Society for Protection of Women’s Human Rights – Board Member, Nov. 2004)

Working and Teaching Experiences

- Teaching *Global Politics of Human Rights* (online), Arizona State University, Fall 2017
- Teaching *Immigration and Justice* (online), Arizona State, Summer 2017
- Teaching *Research Methodology in Justice Studies* (online), Spring 2017
- Organizing a panel discussion, *Bahai Community Resistance: from Underground University to Forming Alliances with Iranian Feminists in Local to Global Justice*, Annual conference at Arizona State University (February 2017)
- Teaching *Global Politics of Human Rights* (online), Arizona State University, summer and fall 2016
- Teaching *Justice Theories* (online) in Arizona State University (Spring 2016)
- Co-organizing the 27th Annual International Conference of the Iranian Women's Studies Foundation (August 2016) www.iwsf.org
- Teaching assistance for *Introduction to Justice, Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, Genocide, Homicide and Serial Killers, and Environmental Justice* (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015)
- Organizing a one day seminar, *Slavery and Race Construction, and African Diaspora in Iran* (Feb 20, 2015) <https://www.facebook.com/leila.asadi.98/posts/10205632871436585>
- Teaching a seminar on human rights and Islam in the University of Mary Washington –U.S (Spring 2012)
- Organizing a seminar, *Is Arab Spring a Winter for Women*, at the University of Mary Washington (Spring 2012)
- Organizing an educational trip for a group of students in the University of Mary Washington to attend in 56th UN commission on Status of Women (U.S, 2012)
- Teaching a course on *Human Rights and Islam* in the University of Payam –e- Nour in (2010-2011)
- The Project Manager in Association for Protection of Refugee Women and Children-HAMI <http://hamiorg.org> (2006-2011)
- Executive director of a UNICEF and UNHCR supported project on basic education Afghan children and women in 3 schools (2008- May 2011)
- Facilitating training workshops on Violence against Women for Afghan and Iraqi refugee women (2008-2009)
- Facilitating a Project on Establishing a Cooperative Fund for Afghan Women household in

Iran (2008- 2009)

- Executive Manager of Legal Informational Magazine in Presidential Research Center (Aug-Dec 2006)
- Worked at the International Department in the Center for Women's Participation of Presidential Office (July2003-Dec2005)
- Director of Human Rights Committee in House of Culture and Sustainable Development Institute (Feb-June 2003)

Certificates

- Youth, Conflicts and Peace building - Institute in Peace Building and Development Institute's Summer Professional Training Program – at the American University, Washington D.C. USA (June 2- 6 2008)
- Interactive Training on Facilitation in the Framework on Establishing of Cooperative Fund for Women, Iran (Jan 2008)
- Approaches to Peace and Conflict Resolution- Institute of International Education in American University, Washington D.C. (May 17-7 June 2008)
- Protecting Refugees in the International Community and in the Islamic Republic of Iran"- Organized by UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and International Studies Journal, Iran (Feb2007)
- Lobbying Skills for Women workshop, Institute for Women's Studies and Research – Iran (March 2004)
- Women's Studies workshop, Institute for Women's Studies and Research- Iran (May 2004)
- Human Rights and Islam workshop - Non-Governmental Organizations Training Center, Iran NGOTC (July 2004)
- Human Rights Education for the Youth & Right to Development workshop – United Nations Development program (UNDP) and the University of Tehran Iran (2003)

Seminars/ Conferences (attended)

- The 58th United Nations Commission of Status for Women (2014)
- The 55th United Nations Commission of status for Women Attended in the Muslim Leaders

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of Tomorrow Conference (Doha, 2009)

- Women's Initiative in Spirituality and Equality Conference (Malaysia 2009)
- The 47th human rights session in Geneva (Switzerland, 2003)

Skills

- Farsi (native), English (fluent), Arabic (intermediate)
- Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Excel and Photoshop), and basic knowledge to work with SPSS

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