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ABOUT ME

I am an Applied Linguist specialising in research methodology (especially mixed methods), now looking for positions in User Research in Europe.

My Ph.D. dissertation was **a user research study of the Iranian university educational system**. It investigated the current experience, needs, and difficulties of Ph.D. candidates and novice researchers when conducting mixed methods research, and made **policy recommendations** for improving their experience.

The study used a **mixed methods design** which combined both **qualitative and quantitative** analysis. It was carried out using techniques including **semi-structured interviews**, **Grounded Theory coding**, and **questionnaire surveys**.

KEY SKILLS:

Mixed Methods Research, TEFL, educational policy analysis, teaching methodology, user research, semi-structured interviews, surveys, Grounded Theory, English for Specific Purpose

WORK EXPERIENCE

22/09/2016 – 19/07/2023 Hamedan, Iran

LINGUIST BU-ALI SINA UNIVERSITY

I completed my doctorate in Applied Linguistics from Bu-Ali Sina University in July 2023. I was the first PhD. candidate at the university's Faculty of Humanities (est. 1986) to be awarded full marks for my studies.

I studied how qualitative, quantitative and mixed-methods research is conducted in the field of Applied Linguistics.

22/09/2022 – 19/04/2024 Karaj, Iran

ENGLISH TEACHER MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (IRAN)

I was permanently employed as a teacher of English for Iranian school pupils aged 12-18.

22/09/2017 – 19/07/2023 Hamedan, Iran

ENGLISH LECTURER BU-ALI SINA UNIVERSITY

During my Ph.D. studies I taught and examined General English and English for Specific Purpose at B.A, M.A. and Ph.D. level. My students used the skills I taught them to search for and read international articles and journals relevant to their majors.

2022 – 2022 United Kingdom

TEACHER TRAINER DAROULQURAN

I gave English-language teacher training courses (TTC) to various groups of international teachers, many of whom were native English speakers.

Website <https://darulquran.co.uk/>

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

22/09/2016 – 19/07/2023 Hamedan, Iran

PH.D. APPLIED LINGUISTICS Bu-Ali Sina University

Final grade 20/20 (Excellent) | **National classification** Doctorate |

Thesis The Challenges of Conducting Mixed-Methods Research Faced by Iranian TEFL Faculty Members and Ph.D. Candidates

22/09/2012 – 26/01/2015 Ahvaz, Iran

MA APPLIED LINGUISTICS Shahid Chamran University

Final grade 19.5/20 (Excellent) | **National classification** Master of Arts |

Thesis The Effect of Video Clips on Iranian Graduate Students' Retention and Recall of English Proverbs

22/09/2008 – 21/06/2012 Shiraz, Iran

BA ENGLISH TRANSLATION Payame Noor University

Final grade 16.5/20 | **National classification** Bachelor of Arts

● PUBLICATIONS

2023

[Research Approach Preferences of Iranian Faculty Members and Ph.D. Candidates of TEFL: What does the MSRT Curriculum of TEFL Ph.D. Program Suggest?](#)

2022

[The Effect of Corrective Feedbacks on Iranian EFL Learners' Interlanguage Pragmatics Development](#)

2021

[A Mixed-Methods Investigation of TEFL Graduate Students' Perspectives of Qualitative Research: Challenges and Solutions in the Spotlight](#)

● RECOMMENDATIONS

Prof. Hassan Soodmand-Afshar Ph.D. Supervisor

Prof. Hassan Soodmand-Afshar is a specialist in research methodology and teacher education. He is now Chancellor of the national Iranian Publishing Centre. He was personally appointed to this role by Iran's Minister of Education.

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Prof. Alireza Jalilifar MA Supervisor

Prof. Alireza Jalilifar is a specialist in discourse analysis, pragmatics, and academic writing. He is editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Research in Applied Linguistics*, a SCOPUS Q1 journal.

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