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Education

- Sep. 2020 📖 **Ph.D. Université Sorbonne Nouvelle- Paris 3** in Linguistics.
- Jun 2016 📖 **Pre-Ph.D. Bu-Ali Sina University, Hamadan, Iran** in Linguistics.
- Sep 2013 📖 **M.A. Bu-Ali Sina University, Hamadan, Iran** in Linguistics.
- Jun 2010 📖 **B.A. Sanandaj University, Sanandaj, Iran** in Teaching English as a foreign language.

Academic Employment History

Research Appointments

- 1 Nov 2025–31 Oct 2026 📖 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, funded by British Academy (Grant Agreement No. GP2300049, PI: Professor Saloumeh Gholami): “Persisting Through Change: A Study of Oral Literature and Cultural Interaction in the Zoroastrian Community”
- 1 Sep 2021–31 Oct 2025 📖 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, funded by ERC (Grant Agreement No. 101021183 - ALHOME. PI: Professor Geoffrey Khan): “Echoes of Vanishing Voices in the Mountains: A Linguistic History of Minorities in the Near East”, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK.

Undergraduate Teaching Appointments

- 2022 – 2023 📖 **Sounds and Words (Li 1)**, University of Cambridge.
- 📖 **Historical Linguistics (Li 11)**, University of Cambridge.

Other teaching experiences

- 2009 – 2016 📖 **English as a foreign language**, high schools in Iran.
- 2017 – 2021 📖 **Sorani Kurdish**, Kurdish institute of Paris.

Shortlist

- 2026 📖 **Classé 8^e (admissible)** — Concours chercheurs CNRS, Section 36

Fellowships and Awards

- 2016 – 2019 📖 **Laureate of Inspire co-fund program under the Marie Skłodowska- Curie agreement No 66585**, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3.
- 2026 📖 **Research Excellence Fund**, University of Cambridge

Publications

Thesis





- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2020). Pronominal clitics in Western Iranian languages: Description, mapping, and typological implications. Université Sorbonne Nouvelle- Paris 3 Ph.D. dissertation.

Books

- 1 Khan, Geoffrey, Paul Noorlander, **Masoud Mohammadirad**, Shuan Karim, Ergin Öpengin, Katherine Hodgson, and Dorota Molin (in review). *Neo-Aramaic in the context of the languages of Western Asia*.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in prep). *Hewramî folktales*.
- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2026). *A grammar of Hewramî*. Comprehensive Grammar Library 11. Berlin: Language Science Press. [DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17140766](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17140766).
- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2025). *Echoes of the past: Hewramî narratives*. Open Text Collections 4. Berlin: Language Science Press. [DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17140764](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17140764).
- 5 Khan, Geoffrey and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (2024). *Language contact in Sanandaj: A study of the impact of Iranian on Neo-Aramaic*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton. [DOI: 10.1515/9783111209180](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111209180).
- 6 Khan, Geoffrey, **Masoud Mohammadirad**, Dorota Molin, and Paul M. Noorlander (2022). *Neo-Aramaic and Kurdish Folklore from Northern Iraq: A Comparative Anthology with a Sample of Glossed Texts, 2 Volumes*. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers. [DOI: 10.11647/obp.0307](https://doi.org/10.11647/obp.0307).

Journal Articles

- 1 Haig, Geoffrey and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (to appear). Mapping variation in syntax: A case study of word order in OV languages within, and beyond, Western Asia. In: *Iranian Studies*. Special issue "Mapping Iranian Languages", ed. by Erik Anonby and Habib Borjian.
- 2 Karim, Shuan Osman and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (accepted). Demorphologization and Remorphologization: the development of a progressive prefix to a marker of negation in Hewramî. In: *Journal of Historical Linguistics*.
- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Geoffrey Haig (2026). Subject agreement emerges from topic continuity, not topic shift. Corpus-based evidence from Hewramî, a West Iranian language. In: *Word Structure* 19 (1), pp. 55–91. [DOI: 10.3366/word.2026.0261](https://doi.org/10.3366/word.2026.0261).
- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2025). A corpus-based analysis of object indexing in Hewramî. In: *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*. [DOI: 10.1515/cllt-2025-0018](https://doi.org/10.1515/cllt-2025-0018).
- 5 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2025). Gorani substrate within Kurdish: Evidence from southern dialects of Central Kurdish. In: *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 15.3. Published online 21 May 2024, pp. 426–462. ISSN: 2210-2116. [DOI: 10.1075/jhl.23001.moh](https://doi.org/10.1075/jhl.23001.moh).
- 6 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Shuan Osman Karim (2025). The development of imperfective and subjunctive marking in Hewramî. In: *Linguistics*. [DOI: 10.1515/ling-2023-0247](https://doi.org/10.1515/ling-2023-0247).
- 7 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Shuan Osman Karim (2025). The typology of verbal person/number syncretism in Western Iranian languages. In: *Language dynamics and change* 15.1, pp. 1–87. [DOI: 10.1163/22105832-bja10038](https://doi.org/10.1163/22105832-bja10038).
- 8 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2024). External possession constructions in Laki. In: *Linguistic Discovery* 18.1, pp. 1–25.
- 9 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Ergin Öpengin (2024). Lenition of voiced stops in Kurdish. In: *Folia Linguistica*. [DOI: 10.1515/flin-2024-2049](https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2024-2049).
- 10 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Pollet Samvelian (2021). Procliticization as a residual of second positioning: the case of Western Iranian languages. In: *Folia Linguistica Historica* 55. s42–s2, pp. 291–338. [DOI: //doi.org/10.1515/flin-2021-2024](https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2021-2024).

- 11 Anonby Erik, et al. (2020). Turkic languages in the Atlas of the Languages of Iran (ALI). In: *Turkic Languages* 24, pp. 290–308.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.13173/TL/2020/2/290>.
- 12 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2020). Predicative possession across Western Iranian languages. In: *Folia Linguistica* 54.3, pp. 497–526.  DOI: [10.1515/flin-2020-2038](https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2020-2038).
- 13 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Mohammad Rasekh-Mahand (2018). Functions of the dative: An Iranian perspective. In: *STUF - Language Typology and Universals* 71.4, pp. 539–575.  DOI: [//doi.org/10.1515/stuf-2018-0021](https://doi.org/10.1515/stuf-2018-0021).
- 14 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Mohammad Rasekh-Mahand (2017). Instrumental semantic map in western Iranian languages. In: *STUF - Language Typology and Universals* 70.4, pp. 579–610.  DOI: [10.1515/stuf-2017-0025](https://doi.org/10.1515/stuf-2017-0025).

Articles (under review)

- 1 Karim, Shuan Osman and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (in review). The category of copula in Gorani dialects: grammaticalisation, variation, and contact. In.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in review). Differential case marking on non-core arguments in Hewramî: a gradient corpus-based approach. In.
- 3 Noorlander, Paul, **Masoud Mohammadirad**, and Geoffrey Khan (in review). Lexical borrowing across Neo-Aramaic dialects: An areal and quantitative approach. In.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in press). Bound argument ordering across Central Kurdish and the Gorani substrate. In: *Oxford handbook of Kurdish Linguistics*. Ed. by Jaffer Sheyholislami, Geoffrey Haig, Haidar Khezri, Salih Akin, and Ergin Öpengin. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in review). Clitic pronouns in Iranian languages. In: *Oxford handbook of Clitics*. Ed. by Diego Pescarini and Eulàlia Bonet. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Gholāmhossein Karimi-Doostan (in press). Southern Kurdish. In: *Oxford handbook of Kurdish Linguistics*. Ed. by Jaffer Sheyholislami, Geoffrey Haig, Haidar Khezri, Salih Akin, and Ergin Öpengin. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 4 Khan, Geoffrey and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (2024). Gorani influence on NENA. In: *Gorani in its historical and linguistic context*. Ed. by Shuan Osman Karim and Saloumeh Gholami. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton, pp. 171–198.  URL: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111168852-005>.
- 5 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2024). Zagros region: The Kurdish-Gorani continuum. In: *Post-predicate elements in the Western Asian Transition Zone: a corpus-based approach to areal typology*. Ed. by Geoffrey Haig, Mohammad Rasekh-Mahand, Donald Stilo, Laurentia Schreiber, and Nils N. Schiborr. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- 6 Noorlander, Paul M. and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (2022). 3. Narrative Style and Discourse in Kurdish and Neo-Aramaic Oral Literature. In: *Neo-Aramaic and Kurdish Folklore from Northern Iraq: A Comparative Anthology with a Sample of Glossed Texts*. Vol. 1. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, pp. 85–156.  URL: doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0306.03.
- 7 Öpengin, Ergin and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (2022). Pronominal Clitics Across Kurdish: Areal Distribution, Structural Variation, and Diachrony. In: *Structural and Typological Variation in the Dialects of Kurdish*. Ed. by Yaron Matras, Geoffrey Haig, and Ergin Öpengin. Cham: Springer International Publishing, pp. 181–237.  DOI: [10.1007/978-3-030-78837-7_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-78837-7_5).
- 8 Anonby, Erik, **Masoud Mohammadirad**, and Jaffer Sheyholislami (2019). Kordestan Province in the Atlas of the Languages of Iran: Research process, language distribution, and language classification. In: *Current issues in Kurdish linguistics*. Ed. by Songül Gündoğdu, Ergin Öpengin, Geoffrey Haig, and Erik Anonby. Bamberg: Bamberg University Press, pp. 9–38.

Archival entries

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- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Oct. 2025). *A dataset of object agreement in Hewramî*. Zenodo. [DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17372963](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17372963). [URL: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17372963](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17372963).
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Geoffrey Haig (Aug. 2025). *Subject agreement in Hewramî*. Zenodo. [DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.16936551](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16936551). [URL: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16936551](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16936551).
- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (May 2025). *A corpus of Hewramî recordings, time-aligned with transcription and translation*. Version 1. [DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.15419952](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15419952). [URL: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15419952](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15419952).
- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2022). Gorani (Gawrajū). In: *WOWA — Word Order in Western Asia: A spoken-language-based corpus for investigating areal effects in word order variation*. Ed. by Geoffrey Haig, Donald Stilo, Mahir C. Doğan, and Nils N. Schiborr. Bamberg: Bamberg University Press. [URL: https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/](https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/).
- 5 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2022). Kurdish (Central, Sanandaj). In: *WOWA — Word Order in Western Asia: A spoken-language-based corpus for investigating areal effects in word order variation*. Ed. by Geoffrey Haig, Donald Stilo, Mahir C. Doğan, and Nils N. Schiborr. Bamberg: Bamberg University Press. [URL: https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/](https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/).
- 6 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2022). Kurdish (Southern, Bijar). In: *WOWA — Word Order in Western Asia: A spoken-language-based corpus for investigating areal effects in word order variation*. Ed. by Geoffrey Haig, Donald Stilo, Mahir C. Doğan, and Nils N. Schiborr. Bamberg: Bamberg University Press. [URL: https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/](https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/).
- 7 **Mohammadirad, Masoud**, Erik Anonby, and et al. (2022). Language distribution in Kordestan Province, Iran. In: *Atlas of the languages of Iran (ALI)*. Ed. by Erik Anonby and et al. Mortaza Taheri-Ardali. Ottawa: GCRC (Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre), Carleton University. [URL: http://iranatlas.net/index.html?module=module.language-distribution.kordestan](http://iranatlas.net/index.html?module=module.language-distribution.kordestan).
- 8 Haig, Geoffrey and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (2021). Kurdish: introduction and selected issues. In: *Glottothèque: Languages of the Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia online (electronic resource)*. Ed. by Christiane Bulut, Anaïd Donabédian-Demopoulos, Geoffrey Haig, Geoffrey Khan, Pollet Samvelian, Stavros Skopeteas, and Nina Sumbatova (2020). Bamberg/Cambridge/Göttingen/Moskow/Nicosia/Paris: LACIM network. [URL: https://spw.uni-goettingen.de/projects/lacim/lng-kur.html](https://spw.uni-goettingen.de/projects/lacim/lng-kur.html).
- 9 Öpengin, Ergin and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (2021). Clitic/affix interactions in Central Kurdish. In: *Glottothèque: Languages of the Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia online (electronic resource)*. Ed. by Christiane Bulut, Anaïd Donabédian-Demopoulos, Geoffrey Haig, Geoffrey Khan, Pollet Samvelian, Stavros Skopeteas, and Nina Sumbatova (2020). Bamberg/Cambridge/Göttingen/Moskow/Nicosia/Paris: LACIM network. [URL: https://spw.uni-goettingen.de/projects/lacim/lng-kur.html](https://spw.uni-goettingen.de/projects/lacim/lng-kur.html).

Presentations

Invited Talks

- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Feb. 2026). The documentation of Hewramî, Talk at the *Ancient India and Iran Trust*, Cambridge, UK.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2022). The Gorani substrate in Southern Central Kurdish dialects., Paper presented at the *“Minorities in the Zagros - Language Identity” workshop* at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 3 Haig, Geoffrey, Maryam Nourzaei, and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (June 2022). Definiteness marking in Kurdish and Balochi: parallels and divergences, Paper presented at the *workshop on definiteness in Iranian languages* at Uppsala university.

- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Geoffrey Khan (June 2022). The definite marker –ake in the Trans-Zab North-Eastern Neo-Aramaic; its origin and convergence with Iranian, Paper presented at *the workshop on definiteness in Iranian languages* at Uppsala university.
- 5 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Mar. 2017). Pronominal clitics in Southern Central Kurdish varieties, Paper presented at *the workshop on definiteness in Iranian languages* at the Goethe University Frankfurt.

Conference Talks

- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Aug. 2025). Differential case marking on oblique arguments in Hewramî, Paper presented at *Seventh International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL 7)*, Bamberg University, 28-29 August 2025.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Shuan Osman Karim (May 2025). The typology of verbal person/number syncretism in Western Iranian languages, Paper presented at *Fourth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL 4)*, University of Toronto, 23-25 May 2025.
- 3 Samvelian, Pollet and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (May 2025). The syntactic status of the preverbal element in Hewramî complex predicates, Paper presented at *Fourth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL 4)*, University of Toronto, 23-25 May 2025.
- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Jan. 2025). Object indexing in Hewramî: a corpus study, Paper presented at *Tenth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL 10)*, University of Tuscia, 13-15 January 2025.
- 5 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Dec. 2024). Differential A indexing in Hewramî: a corpus study, Paper presented at *LACIM 2024 international conference (European research network on linguistics and languages of the Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia area)*, Paris, France.
- 6 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Nov. 2024). Ergative case marking in Hewramî: a corpus study, Paper presented at *Workshop on ergativity and information structure*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 21st to 22nd November 2024.
- 7 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2023). Complex predicates in Hawrami, Paper presented at *the 6th international conference on Kurdish linguistics (ICKL6)* at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 8 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2023). Remarks on the category of copula in Gorani dialects, Paper presented at *the 26th Meeting of the International Conference on Historical Linguistics* (University of Heidelberg, 4 to 8 September 2023).
- 9 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Nov. 2022). The borrowing of Boddy-part terms in North-eastern Neo-Aramaic dialects, Paper presented at *tLACIM 2024 international conference (European research network on linguistics and languages of the Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia area)*, Paris, France.
- 10 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2021). External possession in Laki. Paper presented at: *the fifth International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL5)*. Graz, Austria.
- 11 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2019). Existential predicative possession: a subtype of non-canonical constructions in Western Iranian languages, Paper presented *Societas Linguistica Europaea- 52nd annual meeting (SLE52)* at the University of Leipzig.
- 12 Haig, Geoffrey and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (Aug. 2019). Definiteness in Central Kurdish: sources and outcomes, Paper presented at *Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL4)* at the University of Rouen.
- 13 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Aug. 2019). Post-predicate bound oblique arguments across Kurdish, Paper presented at *Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL4)* at the University of Rouen.
- 14 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Apr. 2019). Procliticization mechanism in Western Iranian languages: its extent and development, Paper presented at *The second North American Conference on Iranian Linguistic (NACIL 2)* at University of Arizona.

- 15 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (June 2015). Instrumental semantic map in some Iranian languages, Paper presented at *Sixth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL6)*, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Poster Presentations

- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2019). The development of person indexing in western Iranian languages, Poster presented at *the 13th 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT13)* at Pavia University.

Skills

Languages

- Native proficiency: Southern Kurdish, Central Kurdish (Sorani), Persian.
- Fluent: English, French, Northern Kurdish (Kurmanji), Hawrami.
- Research languages: Hawrami, Northern Kurdish (Kurmanji), Southern Kurdish, Central Kurdish (Sorani), Laki, and other west Iranian languages (including Central Plateau dialects, languages of south Iran, Tatic group), Neo-Aramaic, Turkic.

Software

Documentation and annotation	ASR, FLEx, ELAN, Praat script
Statistical analysis	R
Mapping	QGIS
Typesetting	LaTeX

Additional Experience

Ongoing Documentation

- Hewramî Documentation Project.**

Miscellaneous Training

- 2024 **The emergence and cognitive status of language universals**, Summer school, Paris, Sep 9-11, 2024.
- 2020 **Fieldling, International School in Linguistic Fieldwork**, Training by Labex, Paris, Sep 2020.
- 2019 **Language universals and language diversity in an evolutionary perspective**, Lake Como school of advanced studies, September 2019, Italy.
- 2017 **Kurdish Autumn school (KLAS 2017)**, Universität Bamberg, September 2017.
- 2013 **Summer School in Iranian Linguistics**, Universität Hamburg, August 2013.



Reviewer

- 2026 **Journal of Iranian Linguistics.**
- 2023 **Journal of Historical Linguistics.**
- 2021 **The proceedings of the 4th International conference on Kurdish Linguistics.**
- 2025 **Oxford Handbook of Kurdish Linguistics.**

Additional Experience (continued)

- 2021  **Studia Iranica.**
-  **Folia Linguistica.**

Organising conferences

- 2017  **Member of the organising committee for *Rencontres Jeunes Chercheurs en Sciences du Langage*, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (8-9 June, 2017).**
- 2025  **Member of the organising committee for the seventh International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL-7), Bamberg, Gemrnay (28-29 August, 2025).**