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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** in Linguistics.
- Sep 2013 📖 **M.A. Bu-Ali Sina University** in Linguistics.
- Jun 2010 📖 **B.A. Sanandaj University** in Teaching English as a foreign language.

## Academic Employment History

### Research Appointments

- 2021 – 📖 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, 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.

## Publications and Presentations

### 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 Opendin, Katherine Hodgson, and Dorota Molin (in prep). *Neo-Aramaic in the context of the languages of Western Asia*.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in review). *A grammar of Hewramî*.
- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in prep). *Hewramî folktales*.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

### Journal Articles

- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Geoffrey Haig (forthcoming). The emergence of subject agreement in Iranian: Evidence from Hewramî. In: *Word Structure*.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Shuan Osman Karim (accepted). The development of imperfective and subjunctive marking in Hewramî. In: *Linguistics*.

- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2024). External possession constructions in Laki. In: *Linguistic Discovery* 18.1, pp. 1–25.
- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2024). Gorani substrate within Kurdish: Evidence from Southern dialects of Central Kurdish. In: *Journal of Historical Linguistics*. DOI: 10.1075/jhl.23001.moh.
- 5 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Ergin Öpengin (2024). Lenition of voiced stops in Kurdish. In: *Folia Linguistica*. DOI: 10.1515/flin-2024-2049.
- 6 **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.
- 7 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.
- 8 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2020). Predicative possession across Western Iranian languages. In: *Folia Linguistica* 54.3, pp. 497–526. DOI: //doi.org/10.1515/flin-2020-20.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.

### Articles (under review)

- 1 Karim, Shuan Osman and **Masoud Mohammadirad** (in review). Demorphologization and Remorphologization: the development of a progressive prefix to a marker of negation in Hewramî. In.
- 2 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (in prep). Alternating subject marking in Hewramî. In.
- 3 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** and Shuan Osman Karim (in review). The typology of verbal person/number syncretism in Western Iranian languages. In.
- 4 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** (contracted). 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). A basic description of 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](https://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

- 1 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (2022). Gorani (Gawraĵū). 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/).
- 2 **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/).
- 3 **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/).
- 4 **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).
- 5 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).
- 6 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).

## Invited Talks

- 1 **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.

- 2 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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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** (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.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2023). Complex predicates in Hawrami, Paper presented at *the 6th international conference on Kurdish linguistics (ICKL6)* at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 5 **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).
- 6 **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.
- 7 **Mohammadirad, Masoud** (Sept. 2021). External possession in Laki. Paper presented at: *the fifth International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL5)*. Graz, Austria.
- 8 **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.
- 9 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.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **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 *the 13th 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT13)* at Pavia University.

## Fellowships and Awards

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- 2016 – 2019 **Laureate of Inspire co-fund program under the Marie Skłodowska- Curie agreement No 66585, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3.**

## Other courses taught

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- Central Kurdish (Sorani.** Instructor - Kurdish Institute of Paris, 2017-2021.

## Skills

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### 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

- QGIS, Praat script, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, FLE<sub>X</sub>, ELAN, ASR, R**

## Additional Experience

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### Ongoing Documentation

- Hewrami 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

- 2023 **Journal of Historical Linguistics.**
- 2021 **The proceedings of the 4th International conference on Kurdish Linguistics.** Reviewer.
- Studia Iranica.** Reviewer.

## Additional Experience (continued)

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📖 *Folia Linguistica*. Reviewer.

### Organising conferences

2025 📖 **Member of the organising committee for the seventh International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL-7), Bamberg, Gemrnay (28-29 August, 2025).**

## References

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