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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

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

Books

- Khan, Geoffrey, Paul Noorlander, **Masoud Mohammadirad**, Shuan Karim, Ergin Opengin, 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.
- 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. O DOI: 10.1515/9783111209180.
- Khan, Geoffrey, **Masoud Mohammadirad**, Dorota Molin, and Paul M. Noorlander (2022).

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Journal Articles

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- 2 Mohammadirad, Masoud (2024). External possession constructions in Laki. In: *Linguistic Discovery* 18.1, pp. 1–25.

- **Mohammadirad**, **Masoud** (2024). Gorani substrate within Kurdish: Evidence from Southern dialects of Central Kurdish. In: *Journal of Historical Linguistics*. ODI: 10.1075/jhl.23001.moh.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud and Ergin Öpengin (2024). Lenition of voiced stops in Kurdish. In: Folia Linguistica. O DOI: 10.1515/flin-2024-2049.
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- 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. O DOI: //doi.org/10.1515/stuf-2018-0021.
- 9 **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.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud (in prep). Alternating subject marking in Hewramî. In.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud (in review). The category of copula in Goranî dialects: grammaticalisation, variation, and change. In.
- **Mohammadirad**, **Masoud** (in review). The grammaticalization of subject indexing in Iranian: Evidence from Hewramî. In.
- **Mohammadirad**, **Masoud** and Shuan Osman Karim (in review). The typology of verbal person/number syncretism in Western Iranian languages. In.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Mohammadirad, Masoud (in press). Bound argument ordering across Central Kurdish and the Gorani substrate. In: Oxford hanbook of Kurdish Linguistics. Ed. by Jaffer Sheyholislami, Geoffrey Haig, Haidar Khezri, Salih Akin, and Ergin Öpengin. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud (in press). Zagros region: The Kurdish-Gorani continuum. In: Post-predicate elements in the Western Asian Transition Zone: a corpus-based approach to areal typology (working title). Ed. by Geoffrey Haig, Mohammad Rasekh-Mahand, Donald Stilo, Laurentia Schreiber, and Nils N. Schiborr. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud and Gholāmhossein Karimi-Doostan (in press). A basic description of Southern Kurdish. In: *Oxford hanbook of Kurdish Linguistics*. Ed. by Jaffer Sheyholislami, Geoffrey Haig, Haidar Khezri, Salih Akin, and Ergin Öpengin. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 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. OURL: https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111168852-005.

- 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/10.11647/0BP.0306.03.
- 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. ODI: 10.1007/978-3-030-78837-7_5.
- 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 issuesin Kurdish linguistics*. Ed. by Songül Gündoğdu, Ergin Öpengin, Geoffrey Haig, and Erik Anonby. Bamberg: Bamberg University Press, pp. 9–38.

Archival Entries

- 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, Mahîr C. Doğan, and Nils N. Schiborr. Bamberg: Bamberg University Press. ❷ URL: https://multicast.aspra.uni-bamberg.de/resources/wowa/.
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Invited Talks

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- **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 Fankfurt.

Conference Talks

- **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.
- 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.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud (Nov. 2024). Ergavtive 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.
- **Mohammadirad**, **Masoud** (Sept. 2023). Complex predicates in Hawrami, Paper presented at *the 6th international conference on Kurdish linguistics (ICKL6)* at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 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).
- 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.
- Mohammadirad, Masoud (Sept. 2021). External possession in Laki. Paper presented at: the fifth International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL5). Graz, Austria.
- **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.
- **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.
- 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.
- 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

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

2016 - 2019

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

Courses Taught

- Central Kurdish (Soranî. Instructor Kurdish Institue of Paris, 2017-2021.
- Li1 Sounds and words. University of Cambridge, 2022-2023.
- **Li11 Historical Linguistics.** University of Cambridge, 2022-2023.

Skills

Languages

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

Software

QGIS, Praat script, LTEX., FLEx, ELAN, ASR.

Additional Experience

Ongoing Documentation

Hewramî Documentation Project.

Miscellaneous Training

- The emergence and cognitive status of language universals, Summer school, Paris, Sep 9-11, 2024.
- Fieldling, International School in Linguistic Fieldwork, Training by Labex, Paris, Sep 2020.
- 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.

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Additional Experience (continued)

■ The proceedings of the 4th International conference on Kurdish Linguistics. Reviewer. 2021

Studia Iranica. Reviewer.

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