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Research Interests : My research interests are semantics, pragmatics and experimental studies, where theories can meet the real data. I mostly worked on polar questions and answers, bias, speech acts, and attitude predicates. I am also interested in programming to implement and develop algorithms from natural language to artificial languages.

🏛 EMPLOYMENT

2024-	Post-doc at Bielefeld University, SFB 1646

🎓 EDUCATION

2019-2024	Ph.D. Linguistics, Konstanz University (Germany) Dissertation : *Bias Conditions in Polar Questions and Answers : A study of Bias Effects in Farsi*
2013-2015	MA. Linguistics, Allame University (Iran) Thesis : *"var" Prefix in Farsi, a Cognitive Study in Word Formation*
2010-2013	BA. English Translation, Qazvin University (Iran)
2004-2006	Associate Degree, Computer Science, Azad University (Iran)

➕ OTHER CERTIFICATES

2025	**ISAO : Interdisciplinary School on Applied Ontology** ❯ Foundational Ontologies, Conceptual Modeling, Knowledge Graphs and their Interfaces to Applied Ontology
2024	**DGfS Göttingen Summer School** ❯ Modules : Binding, Features in Grammar, Distributed Morphology, The Semantics of Emojis, Formal Pragmatics.
2021	**ESSLLI Summer School** ❯ Modules : Commitment-based pragmatics, Dynamic inquisitive semantics, Intensionalism and Propositionalism in Linguistic Semantics
2020	**Project Management Workshop** ❯ Modules : Classic and Agile project planning, Team works, Self-management, Software Trello.
2019	**DGfS Berlin Summer School** ❯ Modules : Questions, Speech Acts, Statistics with R, Alternative Sets, Viewing Experimental Pragmatics from a Cognitive Science perspective.

PUBLICATIONS

to appear	Mohammadi, M., *Non-Canonical Questions in Farsi*, to appear in The Oxford Handbook of Non-Canonical Questions, Oxford University Press.
pre-print	Mohammadi, M., Politt, K., and Jorschick, A.,*Assessing Data Management and Compliance in Large Research Collaborations via Knowledge Bases : A Semi-Standardized Interview Approach.*
2025	Mohammadi, M., Koev, T., *Speaker Attitudes Predict Epistemic Biases in Polar Questions : Evidence from Farsi*, In the proceedings of West Cost Conference of Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 42, Berkeley University.
2024	Mohammadi, M., *Bias Conditions in Polar Questions and Answers : A study of Bias Effects in Farsi*, PhD Dissertation, Konstanz University.
2024	Mohammadi, M., Romero, M., *Polar Particles in Farsi : Sensitivity to the Scoreboard Model of Discourse*, In the proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutun (SuB) 28.
2023	Mohammadi, M., *Bias effect on response preference*, In the proceedings of Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 59.
2023	Mohammadi, M., *mage as a bias particle in interrogatives*, In the proceedings of Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB) 4 workshop, IWCS Conference.
2023	Mohammadi, M., *Which stress is on response particles ? An empirical study*, In the proceedings of Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 8.
2022	Mohammadi, M., *A unified account of polar particles in Farsi*, In the proceedings of Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 7.
2020	Koev, T., Bill, C., & Mohammadi, M. *Believe is strong but subjective : Experimental evidence from hedging*. In the proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 25.
2019	Mohammadi, M., *A Contrastive Analysis of Speech Act Conditionals as Indirect Answers in English and Farsi*, Cambridge scholars publication.
2018	Hesse, Ch., Mohammadi, M., Langner, M., Fischer, J., Benz, A. & Klabunde, R., *Communicating an understanding of intention : Speech act conditionals and modified numerals in a Q/A system*. In the proceedings of SemDial 22.
in progress	*Polar response particles in Farsi : Lexical ambiguity*.
in progress	*Mismatch Patterns in Polite Plural : A Study on Farsi*.

PRESENTATIONS

2025	*Association with Contrastive Topic : Farsi ke and Topic Shift* Triple A, University of Tokyo.
2025	*Are alternative questions exhaustive or not ?* NACIL 4, University of Toronto Mississauga.
2025	*Aren't Conditionals Quantifiers ?* ICIL 10, University of Tuscia (Viterbo).
2024	with Katja Politt, *User-oriented research infrastructure assisting linguistic data collection and (re-)use*, SFB-INF Workshop, Köln University (poster presentation).
2024	*Polar Response Particles in Farsi : Lexical Ambiguity*, Linguistics Seminar Series, Lunds University.
2024	*Speaker Attitudes Predict Epistemic Biases in Polar Questions : Evidence from Farsi*, WCCFL 42, Barkley University.
2023	*Polar Particles in Farsi : Sensitivity to the Scoreboard Model of Discourse*, Semantics Workshop at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst).
2023	*Polar Particles in Farsi : Sensitivity to the Scoreboard Model of Discourse*, SuB 28, Bochum, Germany.
2023	*'mage' as a bias particle in interrogatives*, IWCS, InqBnB workshop, Nancy, France.
2023	*Bias effect of response preference*, CLS 59, Chicago University (poster presentation).
2023	*mage : a Bias Sensitive Discourse Particle*, NACIL 3, University of California, Los Angeles.
2023	*Which Stress is on Response Particles ? An empirical study*, LSA Conference, Denver, Colorado.
2022	*Which stress is on PRPs ?* SemDial 26, Technological University of Dublin, Ireland (poster presentation).
2022	*A unified account* of polar particles in Farsi, LSA Conference, Washington DC.
2020	*Believe is strong but subjective : Experimental evidence from hedging*, SuB 25 (with Koev and Bill).
2018	*A Contrastive Analysis of Speech Act Conditionals as Indirect Answers in English and Farsi*, CoCoLaC conference, Helsinki University, Finland.
2018	*From learning user types to generating biscuit conditionals*, ComPrag Workshop, Bochum University.
2018	*Communicating an understanding of intention : Speech act conditionals and modified numerals in a Q/A system*, SemDial 22, Aix-en-Provence, France (with Judith Fischer).
2018	*Communicating an understanding of intention : Speech act conditionals and modified numerals in a Q/A system*, DGfS Conference, Stuttgart University, Germany.

✏ TEACHING

Bielefeld Uni. 2025	**Teaching** › Syntax of Farsi
Bielefeld Uni. 2025	**Teaching (WITH ARNDT RIESTER)** › Semantics of Polar Questions and Responses
Bielefeld Uni. 2024	**Teaching (WITH HENDRIK BUSCHMEIER)** › From Speech Act Theory to Dialogue Act Modeling **Workshop** › How to prepare consent forms for experimental studies? › Introduction to Gitlab as a project management framework
Konstanz Uni. 2020-2021	**Tutor** › Core Components of Language (B), including syntax, semantics, pragmatics › Pragmatics I

📈 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UMass (Amherst) 2023	**Visiting Scholar** › Visiting the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) during the fall semester.
Ruhr University 2017-2019	**Research assistant** › Running a python application to generate indirect answers with speech act (/biscuit) conditionals. › Designing a decision-making model, using Bayesian probability. › Running a series of experiments in Amazon Mechanical Turk to find out English speakers' attitude towards the structure. › Data analysis with R. › Presenting the result in different conferences and workshops.
Chargoon Co. 2015-2017	**Software developer** › Developing a web-based software in HR system. › Team work for designing new features based on customers' requirements
Part time jobs 2010-2017	**Programmer and Teacher** › During my student years, I engaged in programming for various software companies. › I served as an English language teacher in several language institutes.

📦 FURTHER ACTIVITIES

Reviewer	NACIL, ConSOLE, SuB, SemDial, Language Science Press
Organizer	CRC Colloquium at Bielefeld University, SemDial 2025, CRC Summer School

▤ SKILLS

R&D	I like to work on new topics and develop them with experimental studies. I conducted several experiments in different frameworks e.g. Amazon MTurk, Testable, SurveyMonkey, as well as working on audio recording.
Data analysis	I have experience in different statistical data analysis (e.g. lmer, GAMMs).
Programming	R, Praat, LaTeX, Python, C#, ASP.NET, Delphi, WordPress, HTML, XML, CSS, SQL, Access

Languages

- Farsi : Native
- English : Fluent
- German : B2

References

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