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**Expertise:**

- Political Economy of Middle East and North Africa
- Institutional Economics
- Iranian Political Economy
- Political Economy of Natural Resources
- Public Finance: Shadow Economy and Decentralization
- Development Economics, Conflict and Demographic Transition

**Education:**

- **2010-2012: Postdoctoral Research Fellow** of Alexander von Humboldt at **TU Dresden & ZEW Mannheim**
- **2006-2009: Dr. rer. pol.** in Economics, **TU Dresden**, Germany, (*summa cum laude*)
- **1999-2002: Master of Science** in Energy Economics and Marketing, **University of Tehran**, Iran
- **1995-1999: Bachelor** in Theoretical Economics, **Allameh Tabatabaee University**, Tehran, Iran

**Honors, Awards & Third Party Funding:**

- 2013 Pre-proposal (accepted) for the **Volkswagen Foundation** call on State, Society, and Economy in Change – Multilateral-Cooperative Research Projects on the Arab World.
- May 2010-May 2012 (24 months): **Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship** for Post-Doc Research for the project of “Pollution, economic development and democracy: Evidence from the MENA countries”.
- 2011. **E.ON Ruhrgas scholarship grant** for a Visiting Research in Norway.
- 2011: European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Half Grant for **EAERE 2011** conference.
- November 2009: **Dr. Feldbausch Preis** “Best Dissertation” at TU Dresden (VWL).
- February 2009: **Economic Research Forum (ERF)** financial grant for “Illegal trade in the Iranian economy” paper

- April 2006-September 2009: **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** full scholarship for PhD project of “Political Economy of Natural Resources and Governance in Iran: an Empirical Investigation”
- October 2005- April 2006: **DAAD scholarship** for German intensive training course, Leipzig
- November 2006: Travel Grant for **IIES** international Oil and Gas conference (Tehran, Iran) from *IIES*
- June 2008: **Special OFID/IAEE Support Fund** for 31st IAEE International Conference in Istanbul, Turkey
- July 2008: **CESifo** Travel Grant for "Venice Summer Institute 2008 - Workshop on Illicit Trade and Globalization"

*Experience:*

- **April 2012-present: Assistant Professor (tenure-track) of Economics of the Middle East and Head of Middle East Economics Department**
  - **Center for the Near and the Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), Philipps-University of Marburg** (<http://www.uni-marburg.de/cnms/wirtschaft>) & (<https://www.facebook.com/menaecon>)
  - Teaching economics of the Middle East for BA and MS programs
  - Supervising BA, MS and PhD candidates’ theses
  - Research in the fields of public economics, political economics, energy economics and public finance
  - Member of Advisory Board of peer-reviewed online journal “Middle East – Topics & Arguments” (CNMS, University of Marburg)
- **May 2010-May 2012: Post-Doctoral Researcher, (TU Dresden & ZEW Mannheim)**
- **November 2009 –May 2010: Researcher (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter),**
  - Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Management, ZEW Mannheim
- **September 2009-November 2009: Researcher (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**
  - **Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden**
  - **Main tasks:** cooperation in DFG project “Decentralization and corruption: A theoretical and empirical investigation”.
- **April 2006-September 2009: PhD Researcher (DAAD scholarship holder)**
  - **Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden**
  - **Main research fields:** Political Economy, Shadow Economy, Smuggling, Energy Economics
  - **Main tasks:** Publishing outcomes of researches in refereed journals, presentations of ongoing projects in faculty seminars; international conferences and workshops, cooperation with other departments’ researchers to define and implement research projects
  - **Main Achievements:** 2 publications in refereed journals before finishing PhD dissertation and annual extensions of DAAD scholarship
- **2004-2005: Economic Expert and Researcher,**
  - **Research & Capital Market Development Dep. of Tehran Stock Exchange(TSE)**
  - **Main research fields:** Corporate governance, Macroeconomic of Iran, Investment
  - **Main tasks:** Cooperation with other colleagues to write the first corporate governance regulation draft for listed companies in TSE, writing reports about the key political economy events which affected TSE development, cooperation in preparation of training materials for investments in TSE, training presentations about investments process in TSE for NGOs and national factories’ employees

- **2003-2004: Researcher**
  - Project member of “Designing Evaluation Indicators for Employment Policies in the Third Economic Development of Iran”, Expediency Council of Iran
- **2003-2003: Researcher**
  - Project of “Evaluating the Legal Frameworks of Build-Operating-Transfer (BOT) projects in Iran”, **Research Center of Ministry of Energy (MATN)**, Tehran, Iran
- **2001-2003: Economic Expert**
  - Transit & Special Economic Zones Dep. of **Ports & Shipping Organization**, Tehran, Iran
  - **Main tasks:** Analysis of oil transit via Iran, identifying transit problems in the Iranian ports, writing economic reports regarding opportunities and challenges in transit of products via Iran, coordination with other port authorities in region, cooperation in organizing the first international transit conference (Iran-Transit 2002)
- **1999-2000: Economic Expert**
  - Project of “Evaluation of Budget System of Iran over the First & Second Economic Development Plans”, **Sadr Amin Auditing Company**, Tehran, Iran

**Consultancy Service:**

- **2012-2013 : The United States Institute of Peace’s** Iran Security Sector Project
- **2010-2011: Revenue Watch Institute**, Project: Natural Resource Revenues Management for the Case of Iran

**Articles in Refereed Journals:**

- Buehn, A., Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Impact of education on the shadow economy: Institutions matter. *Economics Bulletin* 33, 2052-2063.
- Farzanegan, M.R., Gholipour Fereidouni, H., 2013. Does real estate transparency matter for foreign real estate investments? *International Journal of Strategic Property Management*. *Forthcoming*.
- Bjorvatn, K., Farzanegan, M.R., Schneider, F., 2013. Resource curse and power balance: evidence from Iran. *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* 9, 133–158.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Effects of International Financial and Energy Sanctions on Iran’s Informal Economy. *The SAIS Review of International Affairs* 33, 13-36.
- Bjorvatn, K., Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Demographic transition in resource rich countries: a bonus or a curse? *World Development* 45, 337–351.
- Buehn, A., Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Hold your breath: a new index of air quality. *Energy Economics* 37, 104-113.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2012. Military spending and economic growth: The case of Iran. *Defence and Peace Economics* (*forthcoming*: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10242694.2012.723160>).
- Nasrollahi, Z., Farzanegan, M.R., Talei, S., 2012. Shadow economy trends in Iran: A Comparative Study Using Amos and Lisrel (in Farsi). *Quarterly Journal of the Economic Research* 12, 61-92.
- Bjorvatn, K., Farzanegan, M.R., Schneider, F. 2012. Resource curse and power balance: evidence from oil rich countries. *World Development* 40, 1308–1316.
- Biswas, A., Farzanegan, M.R., Thum, M., 2012. Pollution, shadow economy and corruption: theory and evidence. *Ecological Economics* 75, 114–125.
- Buehn, A., Farzanegan, M.R., 2012. Smuggling around the World: Evidence from Structural Equation Modeling. *Applied Economics* 44 (23), 3047-3064.

- Farzanegan, M.R., 2011. Oil revenues shocks and government spending behavior in Iran. *Energy Economics* 33 (6), 1055-1069.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2009. Illegal Trade in the Iranian Economy: Evidence from Structural Equation Model. *European Journal of Political Economy* 25(4), 489-507.
- Farzanegan, M.R., Markwardt, G., 2009. The Effects of Oil Price Shocks on the Iranian Economy. *Energy Economics* 31(1), 134-151.

#### **Articles in Journals:**

- Farzanegan, M.R., 2005. Cement industry in Iran (in Persian). *Bourse Financial & Economical Monthly Magazin (Mahname Bours)*, No. 49, 23-29.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2004. Economic evaluation of the Caspian Oil transit to International markets (in Persian). *Quarterly Energy Economics Review (Faslnameh Motaleate Eghtesad Energy)*, First year, 3-24
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2003. Opportunities for Iran commodity transit routes after the Iraqi war (in Persian). *Political & Economical Ettelat Journal*. No.9-10, 224-229
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2003. Economics of oil pipelines in the Caspian Sea region (in English), *Energy Economics (Eghtessad-e-Energy)* 2 (47), April 2003. ISSN: 1563-1133
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2003. Iranian options most economically viable for exporting Caspian Sea Oil. *Oil & Gas Journal* 101 (11), 22-26. ISSN (printed): 0030-1388

#### **Monographs**

- Farzanegan, M.R. 2009. Political Economy of Natural Resources and Governance in Iran: An Empirical Investigation, Qucosa, Dresden.

#### **Chapter in Edited Volume:**

- Farzanegan, M.R. 2012. Dark side of trade in Iran. In: Storti, C.C., de Grauwe, P. (Eds), *Illicit Trade and Globalisation*, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA.
- Farzanegan, M.R. 2013 (in preparation). Shadow Economy and Political Stability: A Blessing or a Curse? In: Bouasria, A., Rabi, U. (Eds.), *Lost in Translation: Forgotten Approaches of the Arab Spring*.

#### **Working Papers and Work in Progress:**

- Dizaji, S., Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Political Institutions and Government Spending Behavior in Iran. Mimeo.
- Buehn, A., Farzanegan, M.R., in progress. Obesity, pollution and income.
- Farzanegan, M.R., Laufer, H., in progress. Shadow economy and demographic transition: corruption matters. Mimeo.
- Badreldin, A., Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Shadow Economy and Political Stability: A Blessing or a Curse?
- Farzanegan, M.R., Lessman, C., Markwardt, G., 2013. Natural-Resource Rents and Internal Conflicts - Can Decentralization Lift the Curse? CESifo Working Paper Series No. 4180
- Bjorvatn, K., Farzanegan, M.R., 2013. Oil may buy peace: role of balance of political power.
- Farzanegan, M.R., Al Dakak, H., 2013. Can education save democracy from oil rents?
- Farzanegan, M.R., Najdi, Y., 2012. Foreign direct investment and political institutions in Iran.
- Farzanegan, M.R., Raeisian, M. 2012. Does Iranian oil supply matter for oil prices?
- Farzanegan, M.R., Markwardt, G., 2012. Pollution, economic development and democracy: evidence from the MENA countries. (MAGKS Paper No. 27-2012, Marburg)

- Buehn, A., Farzanegan, M.R., 2011. Hold your breath: a new index of air quality. Utrecht School of Economics, Working Papers 11-24, Utrecht.
- Farzanegan, M.R., Mennel, T., 2012. Fiscal decentralization and Pollution: Institutions Matter. MAGKS Paper No. 22-2012, Marburg.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2011. Education spending and productivity in Iran: where have all the education expenditures gone? *ERF conference paper* .No. ERF17AC\_055.
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2009. Macroeconomic of populism in Iran. *MPRA Paper No. 15546*, Munich
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2008. Illegal trade in Iran: evidence from MIMIC modeling. *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Working Paper No. 409*, Cairo
- Farzanegan, M.R., 2008. Illegal trade in the Iranian economy: evidence from a structural model, *CESifo Working Paper No. 2397*. Munich
- Farzanegan, M. R., Markwardt, G., 2008. The effects of oil price shocks on the Iranian economy: applying a VAR model. Faculty of Business Management and Economy, *Dresden University of Technology Discussion Paper* (No. 15/08)

### **Teaching Engagements**

- Since April 2012:
  - 2 courses / seminars per semester (4 SWS) for BA and MS students of CNMS and faculty of economics, University of Marburg
  - WS 2013/14: Integrationsmodul for New VWL BA students at Uni Marburg
- Co-lecturer in *Interdisziplinäres Kolloquium* (M.A. program "Politics and Economics of the Middle East"), CNMS.
- B.A. Oriental Studies / B.A. Oriental Studies International, Specialization in Middle East Economics/ M.A. program "Politics and Economics of the Middle East"/ MS program of Economics of Middle East lecture: *Introduction to Middle East Economics*
- M.A. program "Politics and Economics of the Middle East"/MSc 'Economics of the Middle East' (EMEA, a joint degree program between Marburg University and Lebanese American University)/ M.A. International Development Studies/ M.Sc. Economics and Institutions seminars: *Political economy of natural resources with reference to the MENA region* and *Political economy of demographic transition*.
- Lecturer, 2004-2005 (2 semesters), University of Applied Science & Technology (Daneshgah Elmi Karbordi), Tehran, Iran. Main tasks: Teaching macro & micro economics for undergraduate students, evaluation of students' performance, teaching practical basic research methodology and presentations.
- Supervisor of 4 BA and 4 MS theses in Marburg University/CNMS and Yazd University (Iran), Chairman for a PhD dissertation at University of Marburg (2013)
- Supervisor of PhD students since WS 2013
- Advisor of Seminar work Entwicklungspolitik „Natural Resources: Curse or Blessing?“ (WS 2010/2011).

### **International Conferences and Presentations:**

- 2013: “The Evolution of Gulf Global Cities” Working Group, Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (nvited)
- 2013: Future of Iran’s Economy, Legatum Institute, London (invited)

- 2013: Second International Iranian Economic Association Conference, Istanbul.
- 2013: Autónoma University of Madrid, lecture for MS students of Master on Contemporary Islamic and Arabic Studies (invited)
- 2013: 12th International Conference of MEEA: "The Arab Spring and MENA Economies: Quo Vadis? " Speyer, Germany.
- 2012: 2. Stiftungstages, Doris und Dr. Michael Hagemann-Stiftung, Der „Arabische Frühling“ – Herausforderungen und Perspektiven, Marburg (*invited*)
- 2012: das iranische Wirtschaftssystem, Weltladen Marburg (*invited*)
- 2012: Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany.
- 2012: 68th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Public Finance, TU Dresden, Germany.
- 2012: UNICEF-DRESDEN Diskussionsforum "Arabische Frühling-eine Revolution der Jugend" (*invited*).
- 2011: Inaugural Conference on Iran's Economy, SOAS, University of London, UK.
- 2011: Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2011: 26th Meeting of the European Economic Association, Oslo, Norway.
- 2011: 18th Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Rome, Italy
- 2011: The Gulf Research Unit Annual Conference, University of Oslo (*invited*).
- 2011: The 34<sup>th</sup> IAEE International Conference, Stockholm, Sweden (*special session*).
- 2011: The 17th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Antalya, Turkey.
- 2011: The 16th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Groningen, the Netherlands.
- 2011: The European Public Choice Society Conference, Rennes, France.
- 2011: The Gulf Research Unit Pre-Annual Conference, Oslo, Norway (*invited*).
- 2010: IAEE European Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2010: Fourth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Montreal, Canada.
- 2010: The Annual Meetings of the European Public Choice Society, Izmir, Turkey (2 papers).
- 2009: Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Magdeburg, Germany.
- 2009: The 8th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA).
- 2008: The Annual Public Choice Society Meeting, Jena, Germany.
- 2008: The 31st IAEE International Conference, Bridging Energy Supply and Demand: Logistics, Competition and Environment, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2008: The International Conference on Policy Modeling, EcoMod, Berlin, Germany.
- 2008: Venice Summer Institute -Workshop on Illicit Trade and Globalization, 14-15 July, Venice, Italy.
- 2008: Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Graz, Austria.
- 2007: ERF 14th Annual Conference - Institutions and Economics Development, Cairo, Egypt (Presented by Dr. Hadi Esfehani).
- 2007: Labsi International Conference on Political Economy and Public Choice: Theory and Experiments, Siena, Italy.

- 2007: International workshop on the Economics of Corruption, 7-14 October 2007, Passau, Germany.
- 2006: 11th IIES International Oil and Gas Forum, Tehran, Iran.
- 2006: 13th International DAVO Congresses, Hamburg, Germany.

#### *Faculty Seminars:*

- 2013: CNMS- PhD Research Colloquium (17 April).
- 2012: CNMS- PhD Research Colloquium (29 October).
- 2011: Brown Bag seminar, Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Management, ZEW Mannheim (12 September)
- 2011: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (27 June with Lessman & Markwardt)
- 2011: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (9 May)
- 2011: Friday's Lunch seminar, NHH, Bergen, Norway (11 March)
- 2011: GEP (Global Economic Perspectives) seminar, NHH, Bergen, Norway (9 March)
- 2010: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (25 October)
- 2010: Brown Bag seminar, Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Management, ZEW Mannheim (14 June)
- 2010: Brown Bag seminar, Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Management, ZEW Mannheim (7 June)
- 2009: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (12 January)
- 2009: Colloquium/PhD graduate seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (20 January)
- 2009: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (2 February)
- 2008: Colloquium/PhD graduate seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (22 January)
- 2007: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (4 June)
- 2006: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (4 June)
- 2006: Brown Bag seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden (4 June)

#### *International Symposium Organization*

- 22 November 2013 (in cooperation with Iranian Studies Department): Sanctions and the Iranian Political Economy: Lessons and the Way Forward (CNMS, Marburg: [http://www.uni-marburg.de/cnms/wirtschaft/konferenzen\\_workshops](http://www.uni-marburg.de/cnms/wirtschaft/konferenzen_workshops))

#### *Selected Short Training Courses:*

- 2007: “Economics of Corruption and Good Governance”, 7th International Workshop, **Passau University**, Germany (Principal lecturer: Professor Lambsdorff)
  - Presented poster: Estimation of smuggling in Iran
- 2006: “Economics of Corruption and Good Governance”, 6<sup>th</sup> International Workshop, **Passau University**, Germany (Principal lecturer: Professor Lambsdorff)
  - Presented poster: Oil rent, interest groups and the underground economy in Iran

### ***Languages Skills:***

English (IELTS Academic 7, fluent), German (DSH 2, fluent), Persian (native), Arabic (basic).

### ***Software Skills:***

Econometrics: EViews, Stata, LISREL, SPSS, winRATS

General: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Corel Draw

### ***Service to the Profession:***

- Referee reports for: DAAD, Volkswagenstiftung, Economía Mexicana. Nueva Época, Journal of Peace Research, Energy Economics (2), Economics Bulletin, South-Eastern Europe Journal of Economics, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade (2), World Applied Science Journal (3), Defence and Peace Economics, Economic Modeling (2), World Development, Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy, Economics of Governance
- Member of Advisory Board of peer-reviewed online journal “*Middle East – Topics & Arguments*” (CNMS, University of Marburg)
- Since 2012: Cooperation in application for a Graduate School (doctoral students) under the title of *Demokratie im Gefüge konkurrierender Ordnungen* in Marburg University.

### ***Memberships:***

- Economic Research Forum (ERF)
- International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)
- International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA)
- Vereins für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association)
- European Public Choice Society
- European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)

### ***Affiliation:***

- 2013: CESifo Research Network Affiliate
- 2012: Center of Public Economics (CEPE) at TU Dresden
- 2012: MACIE - Marburg Center for Institutional Economics
- 2012: Research Fellow of the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo

### ***Media:***

- Interview with Monocle 24 radio in London ([www.monocle.com/24](http://www.monocle.com/24)) on the effects of sanction on smuggling in Iran (9 August 2012)
- Interview with Bloomberg (26 July 2012) on the smuggling in Iran: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-07-25/iranian-smugglers-feel-the-pressure-as-western-sanctions.html>
- Interview with the BBC Persian (60 Minutes Program, 11 Feb. 2012) on the effects of oil sanctions on the Iranian economy
- Interview with the Voice of America on the effects of energy sanctions on the Iranian economy (7th December 2011): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cj4-29-Ii3I&feature=share>
- Interview with the BBC Persian (60 Minutes Program, 8 Jan. 2012) on the effects of Iran oil sanctions and conflict on the Hormuoz Strait

**References:**

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