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Research Interests

Computational Social Science Social Network Analysis, Scientific Networks, Social Simulation, Text Analysis
Sociology and Demography Sociology of Science, Bibliometrics, Cyber Social Capital, Migration of Scholars

Education

Ph.D. of Economic Sociology

University of Milan

Milan, Italy

Awarded: Apr. 2019

• Thesis: A quantitative sociology of academic work in an era of hypercompetition and rankings (1, 2), Supervisor: Flaminio Squazzoni

Ph.D. of Sociology, Social Welfare

Allameh Tabataba'i University

Tehran, Iran

Awarded: Jun. 2017

• Thesis: Iranian's Cyber Social Capital: Background Factors and Outcome (1), Supervisor: Jafar Hezarjaribi

M.A. of Sociology

Tarbiat Modares University

Tehran, Iran

Awarded: Jun. 2011

• Thesis: A Social Network Analysis Study on Online Social Networks: Case study of Doreh and U24, Supervisor: Ali Saei

B.A. of Sociology, Social Research

Shiraz University

Shiraz, Iran

Awarded: Jun. 2008

• Thesis: Factors related with students commitment to university, Supervisor: Abdolali Lahsaeizadeh

Academic Positions

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Deputy Head for Training - Department of Digital and Computational Demography (DiCoDe)

Rostock, Germany

Sep. 2022 - present

Faculty Member - PhD program "International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science" (IMPRS-PHDS)

May 2021 - present

Research Area Chair - Migration and Mobility - DiCoDe

Nov. 2021 - Aug. 2022

Executive Committee Member - DiCoDe

Nov. 2021 - present

Seminar Series Chair - DiCoDe, Organized and chaired 18 weekly seminars, 14 with external invited speakers

Feb. 2022 - Aug. 2022

Responsible for local friend system - DiCoDe, supporting newcomers' settlement

Jan. 2022 - Jun. 2023

Research Scientist ([link](#))

Jan. 2021 - present

Robert K. Merton Center for Science Studies, Humboldt-Universität

Affiliated Researcher ([link](#))

Berlin, Germany

Jan. 2024 - present

German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW)

Postdoctoral Researcher

Berlin, Germany

Sep. 2018 - Jan. 2021

University of Brescia

Researcher - Research Group on Experimental and Computational Sociology

Brescia, Italy

Sep. 2016 - Aug. 2018

University of Yazd

Adjunct Professor

Yazd, Iran

Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2014

University of Applied Science and Technology

Adjunct Professor

Tehran, Iran

Sep. 2012 - Jun. 2013

Research Stays

University College Dublin

Visiting Researcher - Geary Institute

Dublin, Ireland

Apr. 2018 - Jun. 2018

Leiden University

Visiting Researcher - Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS)

Leiden, the Netherlands

Feb. 2018 - Apr. 2018

École Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Bretagne

Visiting Researcher

Brest, France

Feb. 2015 - Aug. 2015

Third-Party Grants, Placements, and Scholarships

2023	W1 (assistant professorship) , University of Koblenz Outcome: 3rd place on the final hiring list i.e., evaluated as qualified for the position	Koblenz, Germany
2023	PI , Co-applicant with 5 international PIs; The well-being of migrants in Europe Outcome: under review	CHANSE-Norface
2023	Supervisor , Cooperation Visits Programme, a proposal by Alone Isabirye PhD at the Kyambogo University, Kampala, Uganda; Brain drain from Africa Outcome: under review	TWAS - DFG
2023	PI , lead applicant with 3 international co-applicants; Considering migrant scientists in research evaluation Outcome: not selected	Volkswagen Foundation
2022	PI , ERC Starting Grant; Migration of scholars worldwide Outcome: Grade A, "fully meets the ERC's excellence criterion and is recommended for funding if sufficient funds are available"	European Research Council (ERC)
2022	Co-I , Lead applicant D. Susie Lee; Ego-network's effect on the diffusion of family planning behavior Outcome: not selected in the second round of review	Templeton grant
2015	PhD Scholarship (40,916€) , University of Milan, Funded by University of Brescia	Milan, Italy
2015	Research Stay Scholarship (6,570€) , Ministry of Science, Research and Technology	Tehran, Iran
2015	Tuition Waiver (490€) , Summer course on Personal Network Analysis at Autonomous University of Barcelona	Barcelona, Spain
2015	Tuition Discount (500€, declined) , Summer course on Big Data and Society at University of Amsterdam	Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Academic Supervision Experience and Responsibilities

2024 -	Co-organizer and Mentor , the Population and Social Data Science Summer Incubator Program (co-supervising with D. Perrotta and J. Kim), weekly mentorship meeting and organizing tutorials; Project: Gender and network dynamics in mobility and Migration (link)	MPIDR
2023 -	Co-organizer and Mentor , Shortlisted and interviewed 14 students out of 217 applications and selected 6 PhD students to participate in the Population and Social Data Science Summer Incubator Program (co-supervised with U. Basellini and E. Zagheni), weekly mentorship meeting and organizing 15 tutorials; Project: Gender inequality in the scientific workforce worldwide (link)	MPIDR
2023 -	Co-organizer and Facilitator , 12 soft skills seminars for PhD students, 1-hour seminars with invited speakers, 1 as the speaker on Biases in Science (slides)	MPIDR
2023 -	Course Coordinator , International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science (IMPRS-PHDS) course on Topics in Digital and Computational Demography (link)	MPIDR
2023 -	Supervisor , 1 visiting Master graduate (upcoming PhD student), Faeze Ghorbanpour, Computer Science at the Sharif University of Technology; Project: Identifying the nationality of Scopus-published scholars using machine learning and authors' names	MPIDR
2022 -	Training Advisor , 9 PhD students, as the Deputy Head for Training, monthly progressive meetings to provide feedback on their progress in addition to providing yearly feedback to students and their postdoc mentors	MPIDR
2021 -	Advisor , 1 visiting PhD student, Maria Vignau Loria, PhD student of Sociology at the University of Washington, United States; Working paper (https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-027)	MPIDR
2021 -	Advisor , 1 PhD student, Xinyi Zhao, PhD student of Sociology at MPIDR and University of Oxford, the UK; Published paper (https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2214664120)	MPIDR

2021-2022	Supervisor, 1 Master Student (as a research assistant)	MPIDR
2019-2021	Supervisor, 2 Master Students (as research assistants)	DZHW, Berlin

Teaching Experience

2023	Using digital trace data to study the migration of scholars, IMPRS-PHDS, IDEM187, MPIDR (outline)	Rostock - Virtual
2022	Using digital trace data to study the migration of scholars, IMPRS-PHDS, IDEM187, MPIDR (materials)	Rostock - Virtual
2022	Parallelized analysis of bibliometric and text data using Python and SQL, University of Toronto (materials)	Toronto - Virtual
2022	Using bibliometric data in demographic research, European Population Conference, with Xinyi Zhao (materials)	Groningen, the Netherlands
2022	Introduction to text analysis and bibliometric data, Population and Social Data Science Summer Incubator Program (materials)	Rostock - Virtual
2022	Parallelized analysis of bibliometric and text data using Python and SQL, University of Michigan (materials)	Michigan- Virtual
2019	Introduction to network analysis, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (materials)	Berlin, Germany
	Adjunct Professor, Yazd University, courses taught: - Basic Sociology (2 semesters) - Sociology of Third World countries - Sociology of Delinquent Behaviour - Sociology of Social Stratification and Inequalities (2 semesters)	Yazd, Iran
	Adjunct Professor, University of Applied Science and Technology, courses taught: - Basic Sociology - Basics of Iranian Social History	Tehran, Iran
2011-2015	Workshop Instructor, Social network analysis, invited by various institutions (visual history)	Iran

Organization of Scientific Events

2023	Workshop (Member Initiated Meeting) Organizer, with 8 invited speakers at 88th Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America on inauguration of the Scholarly Migration Database (link)	New Orleans, USA
2023	Suessmilch Lecture Host and Organizer, Invited and hosted Cassidy R. Sugimoto for her lecture on “Equity for Women in Science” (link)	Rostock, Germany
2022	Workshop Organizer, with 6 invited speakers at European Population Conference on using bibliometric data for demographic research (link)	Groningen, the Netherlands
2020	Conference Session Organizer, with Vacca, Raffaele; McCarty, Christopher; Squazzoni, Flaminio on Network Analysis for the Science of Science, 40th INSNA Sunbelt conference	Virtual
2020	Co-organizer of the second satRday conference in Berlin, A conference for R users, cancelled due to covid-19 (link)	Berlin, Germany
2019	Co-organizer of the first satRday conference in Berlin, A conference for R users (link)	Berlin, Germany

Reviewing Activities

Journals	American Sociological Review, Quantitative Science Studies, Social Networks, Journal of Informetrics, Nature - Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Scientometrics, Journal of Open Source Software, Global Networks, Applied Network Science, Science and Public Policy, European Journal of Education, PLOS ONE EPJ Data Science, Migration Studies
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Verified Reviews	Web of Science reviewer profile (www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/193186)
Grants	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
Conferences	STI2022, ISSI2021, Sunbelt 2020, ISSI & STI2019, STI2018
Award Committee	IMPRS-PHDS Annual Academy poster award, 2021 INSNA-Sunbelt Richard's Software Award
Topic Co-Editor	Frontiers in Research Metrics and Analytics
Panel Member	2021 INSNA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel

Research Output and Publications

(publications led by post-graduate students that I mentor are marked with “**”)

Peer-reviewed journals

- Akbaritabar, A.** “Thinking Spatially in Computational Social Science. Commentary on Yong-Yeol Ahn (2021): “Representation Learning for Computational Imagination””. In: *EPJ Data Science* (forthcoming).
- Torres, A. F. C., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “The use of linear models in quantitative research”. In: *Quantitative Science Studies* (forthcoming).
- ** Zhao, X., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Kashyap, R., Zagheni, E., “A Gender Perspective on the Global Migration of Scholars”. In: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 120.10 (Mar. 2023), e2214664120. doi: [10.1073/pnas.2214664120](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2214664120).
- Sanliturk, E., Zagheni, E., Daňko, M. J., Theile, T., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Global Patterns of Migration of Scholars with Economic Development”. In: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 120.4 (Jan. 2023). (Equal contribution of all authors), e2217937120. doi: [10.1073/pnas.2217937120](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2217937120).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Stephen, D., Squazzoni, F., “A Study of Referencing Changes in Preprint-Publication Pairs across Multiple Fields”. In: *Journal of Informetrics* 16.2 (May 2022), p. 101258. doi: [10.1016/j.joi.2022.101258](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joi.2022.101258).
- Piolatto, M., Bianchi, F., Rota, M., Marengoni, A., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Squazzoni, F., “The Effect of Social Relationships on Cognitive Decline in Older Adults: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Longitudinal Cohort Studies”. In: *BMC Public Health* 22.1 (Feb. 2022), p. 278. doi: [10.1186/s12889-022-12567-5](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-022-12567-5).
- Akbaritabar, A.** “A Quantitative View of the Structure of Institutional Scientific Collaborations Using the Example of Berlin”. In: *Quantitative Science Studies* 2.2 (July 2021), pp. 753–777. doi: [10.1162/qss_a_00131](https://doi.org/10.1162/qss_a_00131).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Barbato, G., “An Internationalised Europe and Regionally Focused Americas: A Network Analysis of Higher Education Studies”. In: *European Journal of Education* 56.2 (2021), pp. 219–234. doi: [10.1111/ejed.12446](https://doi.org/10.1111/ejed.12446).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Bravo, G., Squazzoni, F., “The Impact of a National Research Assessment on the Publications of Sociologists in Italy”. In: *Science and Public Policy* scab013 (July 2021). doi: [10.1093/scipol/scab013](https://doi.org/10.1093/scipol/scab013).
- Gao, D., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Using Agent-Based Modeling in Routine Dynamics Research: A Quantitative and Content Analysis of Literature”. In: *Review of Managerial Science* (Mar. 2021). doi: [10.1007/s11846-021-00446-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11846-021-00446-z).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Squazzoni, F., “Gender Patterns of Publication in Top Sociological Journals”. In: *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (July 2020). doi: [10.1177/0162243920941588](https://doi.org/10.1177/0162243920941588).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Traag, V. A., Caimo, A., Squazzoni, F., “Italian Sociologists: A Community of Disconnected Groups”. In: *Scientometrics* (June 2020). doi: [10.1007/s11192-020-03555-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-020-03555-w).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Casnici, N., Squazzoni, F., “The Conundrum of Research Productivity: A Study on Sociologists in Italy”. In: *Scientometrics* 114.3 (Mar. 2018), pp. 859–882. doi: [10.1007/s11192-017-2606-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-017-2606-5).
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Hezarjaribi, J., “A comparative study on Cyber Social Capital in Persian, English and French speaking users of Facebook and Google plus”. In: *Quarterly Journal of Socio - Cultural Development Studies* 5.1 (Aug. 2016), pp. 175–204. URL: <http://journals.sabz.ac.ir/scds/article-1-314-en.html>.
- Morteza, N., Hamidreza, M., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Omid, K. H., Amid, R., “Psychometric Properties of the Persian Translation of Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index”. In: *Health Scope* 3.2 (Jan. 2014). doi: [10.17795/jhealthscope-15547](https://doi.org/10.17795/jhealthscope-15547).
- Nazifi, M., Mokarami, H. R., **Akbaritabar, A.**, FarajiKujerdi, M., Tabrizi, R., Rahi, A., “Reliability, Validity and Factor Structure of the Persian Translation of General Health Questionnaire (GHQ-28) in Hospitals of Kerman University of Medical Sciences”. In: *Journal of Fasa University of Medical Sciences* 3.4 (2014), pp. 336–342. URL: <http://jabs.fums.ac.ir/article-1-528-en.html>.
- Akbaritabar, A.**, Mokarami, H., Nazifi, M., Rahi, A., Mirkamandar, E., Hosseinpouri, M., “Psychometric properties of Spector’s job satisfaction survey in the Iranian population.” In: *Koomesh* 14.3 (2013). URL: <http://koomeshjournal.semums.ac.ir/article-1-1787-en.html>.
- Eskandaripour, E., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Scientific Study of Radio & TV Webpages in Social Websites”. In: *Quarterly Journal of Communication Research* 20.76 (2013), p. 113. doi: [10.22082/cr.2013.23567](https://doi.org/10.22082/cr.2013.23567).
- Shaverdi, M., Heshmati, M. R., Eskandaripour, E., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Developing Sustainable SCM Evaluation Model Using Fuzzy AHP in Publishing Industry”. In: *Procedia computer science* 17 (2013), pp. 340–349. doi: [10.1016/j.procs.2013.05.044](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.procs.2013.05.044).

Peer-reviewed conference proceedings

- Akbaritabar, A.** “Scientific Collaboration Networks in the Interdisciplinary Field of Biodiversity in Central Germany”. In: *Proceedings of International Society of Scientometrics and Informetrics Conference*. Bloomington, Indiana, 2023. doi: [10.5281/zenodo.8253500](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8253500).

Akbaritabar, A., Stahlschmidt, S., “Merits and Limits: Applying open data to monitor open access publications in bibliometric databases”. In: *Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics, ISSI 2019, Rome, Italy, September 2-5, 2019*. Ed. by Giuseppe Catalano, Cinzia Daraio, Martina Gregori, Henk F. Moed, and Giancarlo Ruocco. ISSI Society, 2019, pp. 1455–1461. URL: <https://www.issi-society.org/publications/issi-conference-proceedings/proceedings-of-issi-2019/>.

Book chapters

Kashyap, R., Rinderknecht, R. G., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Alburez-Gutierrez, D., Gil-Clavel, S., Grow, A., Kim, J., Leasure, D. R., Lohmann, S., Negraia, D. V., Perrotta, D., Rampazzo, F., Tsai, C.-J., Verhagen, M. D., Zagheni, E., Zhao, X., “Digital and Computational Demography”. In: *Research Handbook on Digital Sociology*. Edward Elgar Publishing, Mar. 2023. Chap. Research Handbook on Digital Sociology, pp. 48–86. DOI: [10.4337/9781789906769.00010](https://doi.org/10.4337/9781789906769.00010).

Preprints and working papers

** Abdi Nur, A., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Vignau Loria, M., Coolman, N., Fan, X., Curran, S., *Bibliometric Analysis of Published Literature on the Determinants of Family Planning*. Tech. rep. WP-2023-027. Rostock: Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, May 2023, WP-2023-027. DOI: [10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-027](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-027).

** Kim, J., Vishnoi, S., Carrasco, I., Cortés, J., Liang, Y., Lauber, M., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Basellini, U., Zagheni, E., “Global Gender Gap in the Scientific Workforce: Analyzing and Forecasting Bibliometric Data”. 2023.

** Walk, E., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Scholarly Migration and Collaboration Worldwide: A Word Embedding Representation”. 2023.

** Zhao, X., **Akbaritabar, A.**, Kashyap, R., Zagheni, E., “Gender Differences in Online Visibility of Early-Career Researchers: Are Men More Likely to Gain Mentions on Twitter and Benefit More”. 2023.

Akbaritabar, A., Bornmann, L., Haunschild, R., “A Bibliometric Perspective on Global Mobility of Academic Talents”. 2023.

Akbaritabar, A., Castro Torres, A. F., Larivière, V., *A Global Perspective on the Social Structure of Science*. Tech. rep. WP-2023-029. Rostock: Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, May 2023, WP-2023-029. DOI: [10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-029](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-029).

Akbaritabar, A., Daňko, M. J., Zhao, X., Zagheni, E., *Sub-National Disparities in the Global Mobility of Academic Talent*. Rostock, Sept. 2023. DOI: [10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-038](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-038). (Visited on 09/15/2023).

Akbaritabar, A., Rubin, B. P., “Plasticity and the Development of the Neurosciences from 1965 to 2020”. 2023.

Akbaritabar, A., Theile, T., Zagheni, E., *Global Flows and Rates of International Migration of Scholars*. Tech. rep. WP-2023-018. Rostock: Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Apr. 2023, WP-2023-018. DOI: [10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-018](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2023-018).

Gao, D., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Motivations Behind Scholarly Collaboration and Migration: An Agent-Based Model”. 2023.

Akbaritabar, A. *Dichotomy of Offline Versus Online Social Capital*. SSRN Scholarly Paper. Rochester, NY, Dec. 2022. DOI: [10.2139/ssrn.4311832](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4311832).

Akbaritabar, A., Stahlschmidt, S., *Applying Crossref and Unpaywall Information to Identify Gold, Hidden Gold, Hybrid and Delayed Open Access Publications in the KB Publication Corpus*. Preprint. SocArXiv, May 2019. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/sdzft](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/sdzft).

Akbaritabar, A., Hezarjaribi, J., Jullien, N., “A Tool for Dynamic Measurement of Social Capital Embedded in Online Social Networks.” In: *Grafo Working Papers 4.0* (Sept. 2015), pp. 1–30. DOI: [10.5565/rev/grafowp.14](https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/grafowp.14).

Dissertations, other journals, and database

Akbaritabar, A., Theile, T., Zagheni, E., *Scholarly Migration Database*. 2023. URL: <https://scholarlymigration.org/>.

Akbaritabar, A. “Quantitative Sociology of Academic Work in an Era of Hypercompetition and Rankings”. PhD thesis. Università degli Studi di Milano, Apr. 2019. DOI: [10.13130/AKBARITABAR-ALIAKBAR_PHD2019-04-16](https://doi.org/10.13130/AKBARITABAR-ALIAKBAR_PHD2019-04-16).

– *Interactive Dashboard on Key Actors in Higher Education Research and Science Studies (HERSS)*. German Center for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW). Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), 2018. URL: https://akbaritabar.github.io/CV_MD/herss_world_map_flexdashboard.html.

– “Iranian’s Cyber Social Capital; Background Factors and Outcome”. PhD thesis. Tehran, Iran: Allameh Tabataba’i University, 2017.

Squazzoni, F., **Akbaritabar, A.**, “Internationalizing Sociology in Italy, 1970s-2010s”. In: 7 (Sept. 2017), pp. 10–11. URL: <https://globaldialogue.isa-sociology.org/articles/internationalizing-sociology-in-italy-1970s-2010s>.

Akbaritabar, A. “A study on online social networks: case study of Doreh and U24”. Master of Sociology. Tehran, Iran: Tarbiat Modares University, 2011.

Invited Talks

2023	Using digital trace data to study migration, social and collaboration networks, Central European University (job talk)	Vienna, Austria
2023	Tie formation mechanisms in social networks, Central European University (job talk)	Vienna, Austria
2023	Quantifying the mobility and migration of scholars worldwide, Scientific Mobility Conference, University of Granada	Granada - Virtual
2023	Computational Approaches to Migration Research, University of Rostock (job talk)	Rostock, Germany

2022	Internal and international migration of scholars worldwide, RISIS research seminars (link)	<i>Lucano - Virtual</i>
2022	Methodological monotheism across fields of science in contemporary quantitative research, Canada Research Chair on the Transformations of Scholarly Communication (with Andres Castro)	<i>Montreal - Virtual</i>
2022	Internal and international migration of scholars worldwide, University of Koblenz (job talk)	<i>Koblenz, Germany</i>
2022	Plasticity: the anchor concept of the neurosciences, Robert Merton Centre for Science Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (with Beatrix Rubin)	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
2022	Cyber Social Capital, Scientific Collaboration, and Scholarly Migration; Three studies through the lens of social network analysis, University of Utrecht (job talk)	<i>Utrecht - Virtual</i>
2022	Cyber Social Capital, Scientific Collaboration, and Scholarly Migration; Three studies through the lens of social network analysis, University of Oxford (job talk)	<i>Oxford - Virtual</i>
2022	Internal and international migration of scholars worldwide, Canada Research Chair on the Transformations of Scholarly Communication	<i>Montreal - Virtual</i>
2021	Internal and international migration of scholars worldwide, 3rd Thematic workshop "Migration and Big Data", French Collaborative Institute on Migration, CNRS	<i>Paris - Virtual</i>
2020	Italian sociologists: a community of disconnected groups, The Mitchell Centre for Social Network Analysis seminars (video)	<i>Manchester - Virtual</i>
2020	A Network Analysis Study on the Internationalization of Higher Education Research, University College London (UCL) Virtual workshop for the special issue of European Journal of Education (with Giovanni Barbato)	<i>London - Virtual</i>
2019	Merits and Limits: Applying open data to monitor open access publications in bibliometric databases, Workshop on Matching procedures for Unpaywall and Web of Science, Bielefeld University	<i>Bielefeld, Germany</i>
2019	A spatial scientometric and network analysis of Higher Education Research and Science Studies (HERSS), International symposium on Academia in the Age of Comparison, Leibniz Center for Science and Society (LCSS) of Hanover University	<i>Hanover, Germany</i>
2019	Dashboards for academic reports? Introducing Key Actors in Higher Education Research and Science Studies (HERSS Dashboard), Research Colloquium, German Center for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW)	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
2018	A quantitative sociology of academic work in an era of hypercompetition and rankings, Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) seminars	<i>Leiden, the Netherlands</i>
2018	Gender and ethnic patterns of publication in top sociology journals, Research Group in Experimental and Computational Sociology, University of Brescia	<i>Brescia, Italy</i>
2017	Cyber Social Capital: A comparative SNA study on a sample of English, French and Persian speaking users of Facebook and Google plus, Iranian Sociological Association	<i>Tehran, Iran</i>
2017	Contexts that matter the most: Institutional embeddedness of research productivity of sociologists in Italy, Research Group in Experimental and Computational Sociology, University of Brescia	<i>Brescia, Italy</i>
2013	Organizational Network Analysis: How Social Media will change the way Information is shared in Organizations, Second National Conference on Social Media day	<i>Tehran, Iran</i>
2013	How Online Social Networks shape youth's Lifestyle and Leisure time, National Congress on Lifestyle and Leisure Time	<i>Shiraz, Iran</i>
2011	Book-based Group Activities in Social Networking Sites, Case study of U24.ir, Conference on Book and Social Media	<i>Tehran, Iran</i>
2011	How to use SNA in study of online social networks, Conference on Online Social Networks and Everyday Life	<i>Tehran, Iran</i>
2011	Youth Responsibility In Online Social Networks: Case Study of U24.ir, National Conference on Youth Responsibility	<i>Shiraz, Iran</i>

Conference Presentations

International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC²S²)

2015, Northwestern University; 2019, Amsterdam; 2021, ETH Zurich; 2022, Chicago - Virtual (1 talk, 1 poster); 2023, Copenhagen (3 talks, 1 poster)

Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA - Sunbelt)

2015, Brighton; 2018, Utrecht; 2020, Virtual (1 organized track); 2021, Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference; 2022, Carins - Virtual (2 talks); 2023, Portland - Virtual (2 talks)

International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci) & European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN)

2016, EUSN Paris; 2021, Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, Virtual; 2023, NetSci Vienna (1 talk, 1 session as chair)

Biannual Conference of the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics (ISSI)

2019, Rome; 2023, Indiana - Virtual

Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA)

2022, Atlanta - Virtual (2 talks); 2023, New Orleans (1 workshop with 8 invited speakers)

European Population Conference (EPC) & International Population Conference (IPC)

2021, IPC Virtual (2 talks); 2022, EPC Groningen (1 talk, 1 workshop with 6 invited speakers)

Other Conferences

2010, Integrated Conference of Metallurgy Engineers, Tehran; 2011, National Conference on Medical Education, Mashhad

Other Sociology or Demography Conferences

2011, International Technology, Education and Development (INTED) Conference, Valencia - Virtual; 2019, Conferenza Nazionale delle Dottorande e dei Dottorandi in Scienze Sociali, Sapienza University, Rome; 2018, Rome and 2020, Valencia - Virtual, New Frontiers of Peer Review (PEERE); 2021, Methodological Innovations in Research on Spatial Mobility: Potentials and Pitfalls, Hanover - Virtual; 2022, IMISCOE annual conference, Oslo - Virtual; 2023, AISP-SIS, PopDays, Rome; 2023, German Federal Institute for Population Research 50th anniversary, Wiesbaden; 2023, British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference (BSPS), Keele

Membership in Scientific Societies

2023-2024: Population Association of America (PAA); 2022-2024: European Association for Population Studies (EAPS); 2022-2023: International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE); 2015-2016 and 2020-2021: The International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA); 2011-2015: The Iranian National Association of Social Welfare

Public Outreach and Other Services

Podcast Guest,

2023 PNAS Science Sessions Podcast with X. Zhao, R. Kashyap and E. Zagheni on “Gender gap among migrant scientists” ([link](#))

Contributor,

2023 Awesome Computational Social Science GitHub Repository ([link](#))

Written post,

2023 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), description of the workshop on the inauguration of the Scholarly Migration Database at PAA2023 ([link](#))

Written post,

2022 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), description of the workshop on using bibliometric data for demographic research ([link](#))

Contributor,

2022 Published social network surveys and software GitHub repository ([link](#))

Interview,

2022 MPIDR's press department on “How to Use Bibliometric Data for Demographic Research” ([link](#))

Public talk,

2022 African Science Day titled “Development and Global Migration of Scholars: Trends and Patterns revealed by Bibliometric Data”, African Development Initiative e.V. (ADI e.V.) *Rostock, Germany*

Translator,

2022 Contributed to Persian translation of the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) ([link](#))

Interview,

2021 MPIDR's press department on “New Researcher at the Digital and Computational Demography Lab” ([link](#))

Maintainer,

2020- Calendar of Computational Social Science Events Worldwide ([link](#))

2015 **Interview,**
M@rsouin institute about Social Village ([link](#))

2011-2015 **Blogger,**
Accessible scientific contents about Social Network Analysis. (104 posts in Persian) ([link](#))

Additional Training

Introduction to Machine Learning and Predictive Modeling Instructor: Samin Aref from University of Toronto hosted at MPIDR (link)	<i>Rostock, Germany</i> May 2023
Media Training Workshop Instructors from Econnect Communication (link)	<i>Virtual</i> 15-16/05/2023
Inspirational Leadership and Supervision Instructor: Daniel Mertens (link)	<i>Rostock, Germany</i> 21-22/02/2023
Science of Science Summer School (S4) School of Information Studies at Syracuse University Instructors: Daniel Acuña, Stephen David, et al. (link)	<i>Virtual</i> 26-30/07/2021 - 02-06/08/2021
Topics in Digital and Computational Demography International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science (IMPRS-PHDS, IDEM187) Instructors: Diego Albrez-Gutierrez, Samin Aref, André Grow, Emilio Zagheni (link)	<i>Virtual</i> 9-13/11/2020
Academic English Writing BIEN Soft Skill Workshops, The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) Instructor: Tim Korver (link)	<i>Berlin, Germany</i> 9/04/2019
Analyzing network dynamics and peer influence processes with RSiena XXXVIII Sunbelt Conference on Social Network Analysis Instructors: Christian Steglich, Robert Krause	<i>Utrecht, the Netherlands</i> 26/06/2018, 6 hours: 9:00-16:00
Visualizing Social Networks. How to Create Meaningful and Compelling Network Drawings XXXVIII Sunbelt Conference on Social Network Analysis Instructors: Juergen Pfeffer, Mirco Schonfeld	<i>Utrecht, the Netherlands</i> 27/06/2018, 3 hours: 9:00-12:00
Bibliometric Network Analysis and Science Mapping Using VOSviewer The Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden University Instructors: Ludo Waltman, Nees Van Eck (link)	<i>Leiden, the Netherlands</i> 12-13/04/2018
Agent-based modelling for social scientists Summer school at the University of Brescia Instructors: Flaminio Squazzoni, Simone Gabbriellini, Nicolas Payette, Federico Bianchi	<i>Brescia, Italy</i> 4-8/09/2017
Python for social scientists Spring school at the University of Trento Instructor: Jonathan Bright (Oxford Internet Institute)	<i>Trento, Italy</i> 12-13/04/2017
Agent-based modelling for social scientists Summer school at the University of Brescia Instructors: Flaminio Squazzoni, Simone Gabbriellini, Federico Bianchi	<i>Brescia, Italy</i> 20-24/06/2016
Analysis of Longitudinal Social Network Data using RSIENA 2nd European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN) Instructors: Tom Snijders, Christian Steglich	<i>Paris, France</i> 14/06/2016, 3 hours: 9:00-12:00
Temporal Exponential Random Graph Model (TERGM) 2nd European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN) Instructors: Lorien Jasny, Michal Bojanowski	<i>Paris, France</i> 14/06/2016, 3 hours: 16:30-19:30
Social Networks and Organizations Doctoral course as seminar series at the Italian University of Switzerland (USI) Instructors: Alessandro Lomi, Christoph Stadtfeld, Per Block, Viviana Amati, Paola Zappa	<i>Lugano, Switzerland</i> Apr. 2016 - Jun. 2016
Exponential Random Graph Models (ERGMs) for statistical analysis of Network data 2nd edition Spring school at the Italian University of Switzerland (USI) Instructors: Garry Robins, Alessandro Lomi, Paola Zappa	<i>Lugano, Switzerland</i> 18-20/04/2016
Personal Network Analysis (PNA) 8th edition of Summer school at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) Instructors: Jose Luis Molina, Miranda Jessica Lubbers, Jürgen Lerner, Raffaele Vacca, Alejandro García Macías	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i> 6-10/07/2015

Skills

Language	Persian (Farsi) and Qashqai language as mother tongues; English : TOEFL IBT 2015, 96/120 (R: 23, L: 24, S: 22, W: 27); TOEFL IBT 2013, 82/120 (R: 16, L: 22, S: 22, W: 22); TOEFL PBT 2010, 550/677 (W: 4/6); Arabic , Basic level in reading and writing; Italian , B1, University of Bergamo certificate; German , B1, TELC certificate
Programming	R and Python : Parallelized extract, transform, and load (ETL), network analysis, text analysis, web scrapping, dynamic reports, Shiny, R-Markdown; SQL : Tabular databases: Oracle, PostgreSQL; In-memory databases: DuckDB; Graph Databases: ArangoDB
SNA	iGraph, Pajek, Ucinet, NodeXL, Gephi, Cytoscape
Version control	Git, GitHub, GitLab
Statistical	SPSS, Stata, R, Python
Office	Microsoft Office Programs, LibreOffice
Typesetting	LaTeX, Markdown
Qualitative	RQDA
IDE	VS-Code, Jupyter, RStudio, DBeaver, Command-line terminal
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01/06/2023 - present, Certified fire protection helper (Brandschutzhelfer) at MPIDR, training at AFZ Rostock• Running and cycling (Strava)