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EDUCATION

M.A. in International Relations — Imam Khomeini International University (IKIU), Qazvin, Iran — June 2026
GPA: 18.9/20 (Excellent)

Thesis: "The Influence of Iraqi Political Elites on Foreign Policy-Making after 2003"

Supervisor: Dr. Mohammad Javad Mousavinezhad

B.A. in Hebrew Language — College of Languages, University of Baghdad, Iraq — October 2021
Overall Average: 68.64% | Class Rank: 24 of 48

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Digital Diplomacy & Digital Sovereignty — the redefinition of state sovereignty and diplomatic practice under digital globalization, cybersecurity governance, and comparative data-governance models (EU, Chinese, and American frameworks)
- Middle East Politics & Foreign Policy Analysis — comparative analysis of Arab nationalism, state foreign policy behavior, and regional order
- Political Psychology of Leadership — the influence of leaders' psychological profiles on authoritarian governance and foreign policy decision-making
- Cybersecurity & Global Governance — the evolving relationship between non-state digital actors, international institutions, and national security

PUBLICATIONS

Moosanezhad, M. J., Pirhashemi, S., & Alkaabi, Z. (in press). Redefining national sovereignty in the age of globalization and looking to the future. *Journal of Iran Futures Studies*.

Moosanezhad, M. J., & Alkaabi, Z. (2026). Arab nationalism and contemporary Arab political thought: Comparative perspectives from Nasserism and Gaddafism. *Islamic Political Thought*, 13(1), 115–144.
<https://doi.org/10.30497/ipt.2026.250348.1070>

Mousanezhad, M. J., & Alkaabi, Z. (2025). Examining and explaining the psychological consequences of Saddam Hussein's personality on Iraq's domestic and foreign policy [in Persian]. *Quarterly Journal of International Relations Studies*, 18(3), 175–198.

Note: Publications appear under name variants (Zahra Alkaabi, Zahraa Al-Kaabi) registered as alternative published names on the author's ORCID profile.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Master's Thesis Research — Imam Khomeini International University — 2024–2026
Supervisor: Dr. Mohammad Javad Mousavinezhad

Independent qualitative research on the influence of Iraqi political elites on post-2003 foreign policy-making, employing a descriptive-analytical approach grounded in elite theory and foreign policy analysis.

Collaborative Research Projects — under the supervision of Dr. Mohammad Javad Mousavinezhad

- Political-psychology study examining the influence of authoritarian leadership traits on Iraq's domestic and foreign policy (2025)
- Comparative study of twentieth-century Arab nationalist thought: Gamal Abdel Nasser and Muammar Gaddafi (2026)
- Theoretical study redefining national sovereignty under digital globalization, comparing EU (GDPR), Chinese, and American digital governance models (in press)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Iraqi Translators Association, Baghdad — Trainee Translator, Hebrew Language (2026–2028)
Member, International Federation of Translators (FIT)

LANGUAGES

Arabic — Native **Persian** — Advanced **Hebrew** — Advanced
English — Advanced (IELTS scheduled Dec. 2026) **Chinese (Mandarin)** — Beginner