

**Shahin Aavani**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Education:**

Ph.D., Philosophy, Bonn University, 2003  
M.A., Philosophy, University of Tehran, 1985  
B. A., Philosophy, University of Tehran, 1976

**Doctoral Dissertation:** "Human Dignity as a Moral Principle in Formulating Human Rights (According to Kant's views)"

**Master's Thesis:** "*A Translation and Analysis of The Critique of Critiques regarding the Knowledge of Being' (naqd al-nuqid fi ma'rifat al-wujid) by Seyyed Haydar Amuli*"

**Fields of Research:**

Western Philosophy, Ethics, Islamic Philosophy, Islamic Mysticism

**Professional Experience:**

- Beginning of professional activity at the Iranian Society of Philosophy as Editor of the Persian Section of the Journal 'Javidan-Kherad – Sophia Perennis', 1976
- Internal Manager of the Iranian Society of Philosophy, 1982-1988
- Internal Manager and Coordinator of Scholarly Seminars and Meetings of the Iranian Society of Philosophy, 1986-1990
- Member of the Six member Board of Translators of the *Dictionary of Philosophical Terms*, being responsible for entries related to Ethics, Religious Ethics and Social Ethics, 1986-1990
- Manager of "Press & Cultural Products Department" at the Iran Culture Centre in Germany (1990 - 1995)
- Cooperation in organizing the Conference 'The Critique of Modernity from the Point of View of Contemporary Traditionalists', the Institute of Research and Development in the Humanities, Tehran, February 2001
- Member of the Scientific Board of the Conference "Mysticism: a Step between Cultures, in Honor of Professor Anne-Marie Schimmel", at the Institute of Research and Development in the Humanities, Tehran, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October, 2002
- Manager "Iranian-German Inter-university Communications Department" in I. R. Iran Embassy in Germany (1995 - 2003)
- Assistant Director of Graduate Research and Study, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, (2003-Present)
- Member of the 'Permanent Commission' of the Board of Trustees of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, (2004-Present)
- Member of the Scientific Board for the "Kant's Seminar: Critical Studies in Kant's philosophy", held at the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, 18-20 December 2004
- Member of the Scientific Board of the "Ethics in Science" Conference UNESCO National Commission and Bu Ali Sina University, Hamadan, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2004
- Organizer of a series of weekly meetings entitled, "Philosophical Attitudes in Contemporary Sciences"
- Member of the Scientific Board of the First International Congress of Medical Rights, July 1006-July 2007

- Member of the Scientific Board of the International Congress Celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Mawlana Jalal al-Din Rumi, November 2007-March 2008
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Second Iranian International Congress of Medical Ethics, from November 2007
- Member of the Scientific Board of the Philosophy and Mysticism of the School of Shiraz (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Centuries) Conference, July-December 2008
- Member of the Scientific Board of the Second Iranian International Congress of Medical Ethics September 2007-March 2008

### **Publications:**

#### **Book Editing and compilation:**

- 'Āgâhî va gavâhî', a translation and critical commentary of Mulla Sadra's *Conception and Assent*, written by Dr. Mehdi Ha'iri Yazdi, th Islamic Society of Philosophy, 1991
- 'Heram-i Hastî' (*The Pyramid of Being*), an analysis of the principles of comparative ontology, a collection of the lessons of Dr. Mehdi Ha'iri Yazdi, the Iranian Center for the Study of Cultures, 1991
- 'Kâvesh-hâ-yi 'aql-i 'amalî', *Investigations in the Practical Intellect*, about ethics, a collection of the lessons of Dr. Mehdi Ha'iri Yazdi, the Institute of Cultural Studies and Research, Tehran, 1992
- 'Mafâtīe al-ghayb' 'Keys of the Unseen' by Mulla Sadra, and cooperation with Muhammad Khajavi (the editor of the text)

#### **Articles Published in Books:**

- Translation of Chapter One of *Knowledge by Presence* by Dr. Mehdi Ha'iri Yazdi, the Institute of Cultural Studies and Research, Tehran, 1993
- Authorship of 'The Station of Man in Transcendent Philosophy (Kant and Mulla Sadra)' in *Collected Articles of the First International Mulla Sadra Conference*, Volume 15 (on Mulla Sadra and the Issue of the Soul and the Resurrection), Spring 2004
- Authorship of 'The Status of Man in the Philosophy of Suhrawardi', in the book 'Mysticism: a Step between Cultures, in Honor of Professor Anne-Marie Schimmel', at the Institute of Research and Development in the Humanities, Tehran, 2002, Volume 2, pp199-212
- Translation of 'The Idea of Human Dignity: Issues and Contradictions' by Kourt Bairertz, in the book *The Pain of Philosophy, The Lesson of Philosophy*, in honor of Dr. Karim Mojtabaei, Kavir Publications, 2005
- Authorship of 'An Introduction to the Soul in the Writings of Suhrawardi and a Comparison with Plato', published in the book, *Collected Articles of the Mysticism, Islam, Iran and Contemporary Man*, collected and produced by Shahram Pazuki, Haqiqat Publishing, Tehran, 2005 pp119-235

#### **Articles Published in Scholarly Journals:**

- 'Common Features in the Explanations of the Concept of 'Duty' in Kant and Cicero', in *Daneshname* the Journal of Shahid Beheshti University, Year 1, Number 1, pp75-93
- "I and 'Self' According to the Philosophers (until the beginning of 11<sup>th</sup> century)", in *Human Rights (hoqûq-i bashar)*, a biannual specialist journal focusing on theoretical discussions of human rights, Number 1, Spring and Summer, 2006, pp67-71

- 'Shaykh Shabestari's Opposition to the Philosophers and Theologians', in *The Journal of Religious Thought (majalle-ye andishe-ye dînî)*, University of Shiraz, winter 2007
- 'The Relationship between Politics and Ethics in the Philosophy of Plato' in *Jostâr*, a monthly journal of political, cultural and philosophical research, Year 1, Autumn 2008, Number 1, pp46-56
- 'The Alchemy of Ethics in Ghazali', in *Javidan-Kherad – Sophia Perennis*, a specialist journal in Philosophy and Mysticism, Year 6, Number 2 of the new cycle, Spring 2009, pp5-25.
- The Relationship Between Rationality and Human Dignity in Mulla Sadra and Kant's Philosophy, in the Journal of Philosophical Knowledge, Summer 2009 , Volume 6 , Number 4, pp 11-36.
- Shimmel and Islam, in the the Journal of Philosophical Theological Research of University of Qom, Article 7, Volume 10, Issue 39, Spring 2009, Page 101-130.
- "Intelligence, A Look at Rumi's Perspective on the hierarchy of Understanding", Islamic Azad University, Tabriz Branch, *Quarterly Journal of philosophy, mystic, literature*, Volume 3, Issue 6&7, 4<sup>th</sup> chapter, Spring& Summer 2009, Page 137-164.
- Is utilitarianism the same as pleasure? Review of Bentham and Mill's Viewpoint, the Quarterly Journal of Philosophical Reflections of the University of Zanjan, Volume 2, Issue 6, Spring & Summer 2010, Page 7-32.
- The position of ethics in Descartes philosophy, Journal of Ethics, Vol. 4, No. 4, Summer 2014 , pp 5-23.
- Human Happiness in Plato's Viewpoint (Evaluation of Alcibiades and Philebus), *Quarterly Journal of Sofia Perennis (javedan- kherad)*, Volume 12, Issue 28, Winter and Spring 2016, Page 5-26.
- The Cartesian Method: Mathematical or Geometrical? The Quarterly Journal of naqad van azar, Article 6, Volume 22, Issue 87, Winter 2017, Page 128-156.

### **Translations into Persian:**

- 'Conflicting outcomes of Plotinus's views', Egbert Myer, Selected papers on the Second Commemoration of Allameh Tabatabaie, Institute of Cultural Studies and Research, 1984, p373
- 'Death and Immortality in the views of Heidegger and Islamic Gnosticism', Roberts Ivens, *Farhang Quarterly*, Institute of cultural studies and Research (vol. 2 and 3), spring and summer 1988, pp. 209 - 245.
- 'An Interview with Annemarie Schimmel', of which the German text was published in *Spectrum Monthly Magazine*; Persian translation of this interview was published in *Adabestan*, 1993.
- 'The Moral Status of Human Nature', Kourt Bairertz, *Daneshnameh*, Shahid Beheshti University Quarterly, vol.2, No.3, 2004 , PP. 149 - 172

### **Writings in German:**

#### **1. Books:**

- Aawani, Shahin: *Menschenwürde als ethisches Prinzip der Kodifikation von Menschenrechten*, Bonn, 2003

#### **2. Articles:**

- 'Die islamische Frau aus westlicher Sicht' In: Dorothee Palm (Hg.): *Frauengeschichten. Musliminnen in Deutschland*. Köln,

2000.

- 'Musliminnen zwischen Tradition und Moderne', *Spektrum Iran*. 4, 14.Jahrgang, 2001, S. 105-129
- 'Theologische Stimme, Gleichheit und Verschiedenheit in der Islamischen Lehre', *Zeitschrift für Mission*, 3/2002, S. 306-312
- 'Dialog zwischen Religion und Philosophie' *Islam im Dialog*, Jahrgang 1, Nr. 1, 2002, S. 90-103

**Current Books and Research Topics:**

- 'The Situation of Women in Contemporary Iranian Society', and article presented in the conference, 'Religion, Rationality and Public Life', on the invitation of the Norwegian Institute of International Peace and Research, held in Switzerland, 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 (currently being published)
- 'The Boundary between Physical Healing and Excess ' (an article in the field of Medical Ethics)
- *Collected Articles of the Conference Honoring Imam Muhammad al-Ghazali*, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran 2009 (currently being published)
- 'The History of the Philosophy of Ethics in the Modern Period', with Bahman Pazuki (in progress)

**Supervision of Theses:**

- Masters Thesis Director for 'Investigation and Critique of the Concept of 'Duty' in Kant' by Sara Nikkhah Belalami, at Payam-i Nur University, March 2007
- Doctoral Thesis Advisor for 'Study of the Ethics of the *Mathnavi* of Mawlawi' by Mehnaz Qane'i at the Shahid Motahheri Institute for Higher Education, April 2008
- Doctoral Thesis Advisor for 'The Condition for the Possibility of Ethics in the Thought of Levinas', by Mas'ud 'Ulya at the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, July 2008

**Presentation of Articles in Iranian and International Conferences:**

- Presentation of an article entitled 'Man in Transcendent Philosophy' at the First International Mulla Sadra Conference, Tehran, June, 1999
- Presentation of an article in the International Congress of Shaykh Shahab al-Din Suhrawardi, August, 2001
- Presentation of an article entitled 'Aktuelle Tendenzen und Herausforderungen in Wissenschaft und Managementspraxis' at the International 'Managing Diversity' Conference, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July 2001, Potsdam, Germany
- Presentation of an article entitled 'The Anthropology of Mulla Sadra and Kant' in the Second International Mulla Sadra Conference, Tehran, June, 2004
- Presentation of an article at the Conference, 'Art, Tradition and the Traditionalist School' held by the Scholarship and Research Advisory Council of the Iranian Art Academy (Farhangestan-e Honar), together with the Iranian Academy of Philosophy, November, 2004
- Presentation of an article entitled 'Kant's Theory of the Status of Man and Essential Human Rights' at the International Kant Conference, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, December, 2004
- Presence in the Scholarly-Specialist Roundtable entitled 'Civil Society in the Abrahamic Religions' conducting a conversation about the Islamic veil and Western contemporary civil society, Lisbon, Portugal, December, 2007

- Presentation of an article entitled 'Religious Diversity and Human Dignity' in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 'Conversation between the Abrahamic Religions', Norway, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June, 2008
- Presentation of a Lecture entitled 'The Boundary between Healing and Physical Excess" in the Second International Conference of Medical Ethics of Iran, March 2008

**Books and Articles Refereed:**

- Referee for articles for the scholarly research journal 'Mofid', Number 62, November-December, 2007
- Referee for articles for the International Conference in Honor of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Mawlana Rumi, 2007
- Referee for three years for the 'Islamic Republic of Iran Book of the Year', 2007-2009
- Editor-in-Chief and member of the Editorial Board of the publication 'Javidan-Kherad – Sophia Perennis', the specialist journal of philosophy and mysticism of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, together with the Iranian Philosophical Society, New Cycle, starting Winter 2008
- Referee for articles for the journal 'Ethics in the Sciences on Technology'

**Classes Recently Taught:**

- The Philosophy of Kant, Doctoral Program of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, 2004
- Comparative Philosophy, Doctoral Program of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, 2006
- An Overview of Philosophy, Masters Program of the University of Art, Philosophy of Art Department, 2006
- Kant's Prolegomena, the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, 2007
- Kant's Critique of Practical Reason, Doctoral Program of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, 2007
- Kant's Prolegomena, Masters Program of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, first semester, 2008
- Aesthetics (2), the University of Art, second semester 2008
- Critique of the Faculty of Judgment (Kant), Iranian Academy of Philosophy, second semester, 2008
- Religion within the Limits of Reason (Kant), Iranian Academy of Philosophy, second semester, 2009
- Comparative Metaphysics, Doctoral Program of the Iranian Academy of Philosophy, second semester, 2009