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Educational Background:

- Ph.D. in Watershed Science, University of Tehran, Iran, 2008.
- MSc in Watershed Science, University of Tehran, Iran, 2002.
- BSc in Natural Resources Management, University of Gorgan, Iran 1998.

Work Experience:

- 2016-Continued, Member of Academy of Sciences of Iran;
- 2008-Continued, Professor, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Tehran, Iran;
- 2011-2013, Director of Technology Extension and Development, Science and Technology Park, University of Tehran, Iran;
- 2013-2016, Head of Department, University of Tehran, Iran;
- 2008-2010, Director of International, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Tehran, Iran.

Academic Appointments:

- Member, International Center on Integrated Watershed Management in Arid Regions (UNESCO Center).
- Project collaborator, Northwest Institute of Eco-Natural Resources, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China;
- Visiting Professor, Southern University of Science and Technology, China;
- Visiting Professor, University of Gottingen, Germany;
- Visiting Researcher, University of Wurzburg, Germany;
- Visiting Researcher, University of Idaho, USA;
- Lecturer at the UNESCO and United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs International Workshop;
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Hydrological Basins and River Sediment Transport Modelling, Turkey;
- Member of Scientific and Organizing Committees, International Conference on Dryland Ecology, Iran.

Honors and Awards:

- Top five scientist** in the field of "Watershed Science" of Google Scholar;
- Top ten scientist** in the field of "Water Resources Systems" of Google Scholar;
- Top cited article** in Wiley International Publisher journal "Land Degradation and Development".

Professional Affiliations& Memberships:

- American Water Resources Association (AWRA);
- European Water Resources Association (EWRA);
- International Association for Hydrological Sciences (IAHS).

Academic Exchange and Appointment:

- 2024, Keynote Speaker in International Symposium on Sustainable Agriculture for Subtropical Regions (ISSASR-4), Changsha, China;

- 2024, Academic Lecture, Lanzhou University, China;
- 2019, Keynote Speaker in International Conference on Sustainable Development, Qatar University, Qatar;
- 2016, Member of scientific and organizing committees: Water and Environment in the New Millennium, Iran;
- 2012, Member of Scientific Committee, International Conference on Sediment Transport Modeling in Hydrological Watersheds and Rivers, Turkey;
- 2011, Member of Scientific and Organizing Committees, International Conference on Dryland Ecology, Iran.

Language Skills:

- Native fluency in Persian;
- English (fluent in writing, speaking and listening);
- German (Intermediate);
- Arabic (Basic).

International Journal Publication:

1. Wang X., Liu B., Chen J., **Malekian A.**, Zhang B., Chang Q., Liu J., You W. (2025): *Assessing the impact of land use change on habitat quality in Zhongwei through multi-scenario simulation using the PLUS and InVEST models*, **Scientific Reports, Nature**, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-90965-6>.
2. Sun W., He, Z. Liu B., Ma D., Li R., Wang S., **Malekian A.** (2025): *Impact of long-term drip irrigation on soil organic carbon and nutrient stocks in arid oasis farmlands*, **Catena, Elsevier**, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.catena.2025.108895>.
3. Sun W., He Z., Ma D., Liu B., Li R., Wang Sh., **Malekian A.** (2025): *Response of soil carbon and nitrogen stocks to irrigation - A global meta-analysis (2025)*. **Science of The Total Environment, Elsevier**, [https://doi.org/10.1016/ j.scitotenv.2024.177641](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2024.177641).

4. Sun W., He Z., Liu B., Ma D., Si R., Li R., Wang Sh., **Malekian A.** (2025): *Changes in Photosynthetic Efficiency, Biomass, and Sugar Content of Sweet Sorghum under Different Water and Salt Conditions in Arid Region of Northwest China*, **Agriculture**, <https://doi.org/10.3390/agriculture14122321>.
5. Shirmohammadi B., **Malekian A.**, Varamesh S., Jafari A., Abdolahi J., Shahbazikia S., Mohsenzadeh M. (2024): *How can biomechanical measures incorporate climate change adaptation into disaster risk reduction and ecosystem sustainability?* **Natural Hazards**, Springer, 17:1-392-407.
6. Dehghan Rahimabadi P., Liu B., Azarnivand H., **Malekian A.**, Eskandari Damaneh H. (2024): *The Nexus between Land Use/Cover changes and Land Surface Temperature: Remote sensing based Two-Decadal Analysis*, **Journal of Arid Environments**, Elsevier, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaridenv.2024.105269>.
7. Dehghan Rahimabadi P., Azarnivand H., Faghihi V., Yadollahzadeh B., **Malekian A.**, (2024): *Analyses of water dependency of Haloxylon ammodendron in arid regions of Iran using stable isotope technique*, **Environmental Monitoring and Assessment**, Springer, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10661-024-13093-0>.
8. de Bourgoing Ph., **Malekian A.** (Corresponding author) (2023): *Comparison of data-driven techniques for daily streamflow forecasting*, **International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology**, Springer, 20: 10:11093-11106.
9. Kazemzadeh M., **Malekian A.**, Noori Z. (2022): *Variability and normality analysis of streamflow over a 51-year period (case study: western and northwestern Iran)*, **Sustainable Water Resources Management**, Springer, 8(6), 1-16.
10. Azimi SME, Sadatinejad SJ., **Malekian A.** Jahangir MH.(2022), *Application of artificial intelligence hybrid models for meteorological drought prediction*, **Natural Hazards**, Springer, 139:17:1-25:
11. Karakani E.G., **Malekian A.** (Corresponding author), Gholami S., Liu J. (2021): *Spatiotemporal monitoring and change detection of vegetation cover for drought management in the Middle East*, **Theoretical and Applied Climatology**, Springer, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00704-021-03543-x>.
12. Shirmohammadi B., **Malekian A.**(Corresponding author), Salajegheh A., Taheri B., Azarnivand H., Malek Z., Verburg P.H. (2020): *Scenario analysis for integrated*

- water resources management under future land use change in the Urmia Lake region, Iran, **Land Use Policy, Elsevier**, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2019.104299>.*
13. Mirdashtvan M., **Malekian A.** (Corresponding author) (2020): A regional assessment of wet/dry spells characteristics using RCPs scenarios in a semiarid region, **Arabian Journal of Geosciences, Springer**, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12517-020-05778-w>.
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 15. Rahimi Balkanlou Kh. , Müller B., Cord A. F. , Panahi F., **Malekian A.**, Jafari M., Egli L. (2020) :*Spatiotemporal dynamics of ecosystem services provision in a degraded ecosystem: A systematic assessment in the Lake Urmia basin, Iran*, **Science of The Total Environment, Elsevier**, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2020.137100>.
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 17. Mirdashtvan M., Najafinejad A., **Malekian A.**, Sa'doddin A.(2020): *Regional analysis of trend and non-stationarity of hydro-climatic time series in the Southern Alborz Region, Iran*, **International Journal of Climatology, Wiley**, <https://doi.org/10.1002/joc.6313>.
 18. **Malekian A.**, Choubin B., Liu J., Sajedi-Hosseini F.(2019): *Development of a New Integrated Framework for Improved Rainfall-Runoff Modeling under Climate Variability and Human Activities*, **Water Resources Management, Springer**, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11269-019-02281-0>.
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39. Choubin B., Khalighi-Sigaroodi Sh., **Malekian A.**, Ahmad S., Attarod P., (2014): *Drought forecasting in a semi-arid watershed using climate signals: a neuro-fuzzy modeling approach*, **Journal of Mountain Science**, Springer, 11:6:1593-1605.
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2. EbrahimiAzarkharan F., Ghorbani M., **Malekian A.**, Bressers H. (2020): *Analyzing Stakeholders' Network to Water Resources Co-management at a Watershed Scale: A Case Study from the Taleghan Watershed in Iran* (Chapter 9), In: *Networks in Water Governance* (Edited by Manuel Fischer, Karin Ingold), Palgrave MacMillan.
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2. **Malekian A.** (2019): *Sustainable Water Resources Management and Virtual Water Flow*, Science for Sustainable Development Conference, Qatar University, Qatar.

3. **Malekian A.** (2018): Water Accounting as an Efficient Tool for Sustainable Water Governance (Case study: Urmia Lake Basin), Water Security and Climate Change Conference, Kenya.
4. **Malekian A.** (2017): Scenario-based Integrated Water Resources Management Under Changing Climate, Water Security and Climate Change Conference, Germany.
5. **Malekian A.**, Salajegheh A., (2016): A risk-based conflict resolution for optimum water resources management in arid regions, International Water Conference 2016 Water Resource in Arid areas: The Way Forward, Oman.
6. Saravi M.M., Shahbazi R., **Malekian A.**, (2015): Drought and water scarcity in Iran: How to cope with and prepare for it?, International Conference on Drought: Research and Science-Policy Interfacing, Spain.
7. **Malekian A.** (2014): Stochastic modeling of spatio-temporal characteristics of droughts in southern Iran, 6th Leonardo Conference 2014 on Hyper Droughts, The Czech Republic.
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9. Soleimani H., Rashidfar M., **Malekian A.** (2011): Effect of Salinity and Drought by Using NaCl 99.99 and PEG 6000 on Some Growth Factors on *Anabasis aphylla*, 2nd International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Applications, Singapore.
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12. **Malekian A.**, Mahdavi M., Gharachelo S. (2010): The Role of Hydro-Chemical Condition of Groundwater in Degradation of Arid Lands, The 2nd International Geography Symposium, Turkey.
13. **Malekian A.** (2009): Analysis of stream flow using non-linear approaches, 6th International Symposium on Digital Earth, China.

14. **Malekian A.**, Mahdavi M., Zehtabian Gh.R., Mohseni Saravi M. (2008): A Risk-based Management Model for Optimal Allocation of Water Resources in Arid Regions, 3rd International Conference on Water Resources and Arid Environments, Saudi Arabia.
15. Ahmadi H., Asgari H.M., **Malekian A.**, Link T.E., Tahmouras M, Biniyaz M.(2007): Estimation of Daily Suspended Sediment Yield Based on Neural Networks and Neuro-Fuzzy Techniques, Annual Meeting& International Conference on Integrated Watershed Management, American Institute of Hydrology, Reno, USA.
16. **Malekian A.**, Mahdavi M., Mohseni Saravi M. (2006): Evaluation of the effects of land management and morphometric factors on peak discharges. International Symposium for Water and Land Management for Sustainable Agriculture, Turkey.
17. Abasizadeh, M., **Malekian A.**, Mohseni Saravi M. (2006): Comparison of Regional Flood Frequency Analyses, Eighth International Conference on Development of Drylands, China.
18. Mohseni Saravi M., Safdari, A., **Malekian A.** (2005): Analysis of droughts using the standardized precipitation index (SPI) in Karoon river basin, Iran, International Conference of European Water Resources Association, France.
19. **Malekian A.**, M. Mohseni Saravi, (2005): Relationship between peak flow and basin characteristics, International Conference on the fluvial systems-past and present dynamics and controls, Germany.
20. **Malekian A.**, Mohseni Saravi M., M. Mahdavi (2004): Modified soil antecedent conditions for curve number, International Conference "Eurosoil 2004", Germany.
21. Chaichi, M.R., M.M. Saravi, **Malekian A.** (2003), Trampling effects of livestock on soil physical properties and range vegetation cover, Proceedings of the VII International Rangeland Congress, South Africa.
22. Saravi, M.M., **A. Malekian** (2003): Hydro-geochemical conditions of groundwater in Tehran Plain, Proceedings of International Conference on Soil and Groundwater Contamination & Clean-up in Arid Countries (ICSGCC 2003), Sultanate of Oman.
23. **Malekian A.**, M.M. Saravi, H. Rouhani (2003): Economics of groundwater pollution (Preliminary results of studies in Tehran plain), Proceedings of International Conference on Soil and Groundwater Contamination & Clean-up in Arid Countries (ICSGCC 2003), Sultanate of Oman.