

Mahdi Kavyani Nejad

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EDUCATION

- **Master's Degree, General Psychology** Aug 2024
University of Tabriz . Iran
Thesis title: "Effect of Learned Helplessness task on Anhedonia and Intolerance of Uncertainty in adolescents"
Supervisor: Dr. Rasoul Heshmati
Cumulative GPA: 17.5/20
Methodology: Experimental design with behavioral and physiological assessments (GSR, heart rate, blood pressure) on adolescent participants
- **Bachelors Degree, Fiqh [Islamic Jurisprudence] & its principles** 2021
Qom Islamic Seminary . Iran
Cumulative GPA: 16.2/20

Relevant Coursework: Neuropsychology, Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Psychopathology, Personality Psychology, Research Methods, Psychology of Emotion, Learning and Behavior

PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

- **The Effects of a Learned Helplessness Task on Anhedonia, Intolerance of Uncertainty, and Physiological Stress Markers** (*Based on Master's Thesis*)
Status: Submitted
- **Depression: An Evolutionary Perspective** (*Review Paper*)
Status: under pre-submission review

Translation

- **Human Paleoneurology (2015)** Edited by Emiliano Bruner, translated by Mahdi Kavyani Nejad and Leila Rezaei.
Status: Published in April 2025
- **Universal Minds: Human Nature and the Science of Evolutionary Psychology (2010)** by Leda Cosmides and John Tooby, translated by Mahdi Kavyani Nejad, Alireza Nikakhtar, and Leila Rezaei.
Status: In publishing queue.
- **Morality and Evolutionary Biology (2020)** Entry by William FitzPatrick, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Translated into Persian by Mahdi Kavyani Nejad.
Status: Translation completed; currently under editorial review.

RESEARCH INTEREST

- **Psychopathology and Anhedonia:** Depression, Anxiety, Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions
- **Evolutionary Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience:** Adaptive behavior, social cognition, neural substrates
- **Neuropsychology:** Brain imaging, EEG/QEEG, etiology of mood disorders

RESEARCH & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Scientific Writing | Experimental Design | EEG & QEEG | GSR Sensors | Brain Imaging (MRI, CT) | Psychopathology | Research Methodology | SPSS | PsychoPy | Biochemistry | Neurodevelopment | Brain Mapping | Evolutionary Biology

ONLINE COURSES & CERTIFICATES

- **Psychological Interventions for Opioid Use Disorder, 2025 - Certificate**
- **Medical Neuroscience – Duke University (Coursera), Dec 2022 - Certificate**
- **Introduction to Genetics and Evolution – Duke University (Coursera), Feb 2024 - Certificate**
- **Principles of Biochemistry – HarvardX (EdX), Aug 2023 - Certificate**
- **EEG and QEEG Fundamentals – Iranian Biologists Union, Dec 2023**
- **Power of Imaging in Neurosurgery – Student Scientific Association, Aug 2023**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Freelance Photographer** (2015–Present) Portrait, Industrial, and Advertising photography. Developed strong attention to detail and visual communication.
- **Public Relations Manager and Art Designer** – Taha Publication (2014–2020) Organized academic events and communications; designed book covers and promotional materials.
- **Astronomy Instructor** – Tabikran (2018–2019) Taught classes to children and adults; organized field-based observation activities.
- **News Photographer** – Shahr20 & Hamshahri News Agencies (2015–2019) Covered events and exhibitions; developed fast-paced decision-making and technical reporting skills.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Ranked 201st in the Master's Degree Entrance Exam for Psychology out of 60,000 participants in 2021.
- Official member of Psychology and Counseling Organization of Iran. Number: 73264

LANGUAGES

- English: B1–B2 (ready for IELTS/TOEFL)
- Spanish: A2 (planning for B1 exam)
- Arabic: Functional (reading/writing)
- Persian: Native

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Rasoul Heshmati**, Professor, University of Tabriz, Thesis Supervisor
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- **Dr. Abbas Bakhsheepour**, Professor, University of Tabriz
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