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## Education

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- February 2012- Present

### **PhD candidate**

At Lund University, Center for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE).

PhD is part of an on-going project named the challenge of globalization: Technology driven foreign direct investment (TFDI) and its implications for the negotiation of International (bi and multilateral) Investment Agreements.

- August 2008 – June 2011

### **M.Sc. in Society, Science and Technology**

From Lund University; Center for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE).

Part of ESST network which focuses on various areas of study such as systems of innovation, public policies, entrepreneurship in academia and research based ventures.

Throughout the study period, courses were given mostly in the form of seminars and workshops which were directly implemented towards building and improving analytical skills, discourse analysis, qualitative data collection and in depth theoretical knowledge.

### **Master thesis:**

*“Focused and General science parks; a study of New Technology based Firms within Life-Sciences in Sweden.”*

Examined whether or not type of science parks has any impact on economic performance of their tenants.

Through intensive qualitative research, theories and frameworks for the thesis were collected which were closely linked to ESST topics such as Regional Innovation System, resource based view, knowledge spillovers, firm performance and economic growth.

In order to tackle the hypothesis, empirical data were collected from annual reports of Swedish firms working within Life-Sciences who resided in science parks. Econometric methods were then applied in order to analyze the database. Applying a mixture of quantitative and qualitative analysis the aim of the paper was fulfilled.

**Supervisor:** Prof. Jonas Gabrielsson

**Grade:** VG

➤ February 2002 - January 2007

### **B.Sc. in Computer Sciences**

From Troy University/ITS Sharjah Campus, United Arab Emirates.

Studies focused on computer software design, computer programming and networking. Courses included SQL, Java, C++, QBasic and digital circuits.

## Work Experience

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➤ October 2011- to date

### **Research Assistant**

Center for Innovation, research and competence in the learning economy (CIRCLE), Lund University, Sweden

- Working on the project “The challenge of globalization: Technology driven foreign direct investment (TFDI) and its implications for the negotiation of International (bi and multilateral) Investment Agreements”. Under supervision of Professor Cristina Chaminade.

- Database analysis
- Integration of different data sets used in the project
- assisting the formation of the theoretical framework

➤ August 2011 – to date

### **Part-time administrative staff**

Center for Innovation, research and competence in the learning economy (CIRCLE), Lund University, Sweden

- In charge of the institute's library
- Various administrative duties

➤ August 2002- to date

**Member of board of directors**

Fater Research Company (FR.c), Tehran, Iran

- Shareholder and member of the board of directors

## Workshops and Seminars

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➤ 13-14 October 2011, LUND, SWEDEN

**6<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Regional Innovation Policies**

Constructing Sustainable Advantage for European Regions

Hosted by Center for Innovation, research and competence in the learning economy (CIRCLE).

➤ 5-7 September 2011, LUND, SWEDEN

**Kick-off meeting**

“The challenge of globalization: Technology driven foreign direct investment (TFDI) and its implications for the negotiation of International Investment Agreements.”

Held at CIRCLE by Professor Cristina Chaminade.

## Skills and qualifications

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### Languages

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| ➤ Farsi (Persian) | Native                         |
| ➤ English         | Fluent in writing and speaking |
| ➤ Swedish         | Intermediate                   |
| ➤ Arabic          | Intermediate                   |

## Computer skills

- Good knowledge in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and SPSS
- Skilled in Microsoft Windows and Android mobile operating systems

## References

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