

Prof. Dr. Mahdi Dahmardeh

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Mahdi Dahmardeh is a Professor of Applied Linguistics at the University of Tehran. He is also the Head of the Department of English Language and Literature (The University of Tehran Kish International Campus). Another position that he is currently holding is the Vice-President for Development of Management and Resources of the Institute for Research and Planning in Higher Education, The Islamic Republic of Iran.

Prof Dahmardeh received his BA in English Language Translation. In 2005, the very same year when he received his BA, he went to the UK to pursue his higher education. Prof Dahmardeh received his MA in Teaching English as a Foreign Language within 10 months from the University of Lancaster. He then started doing a PhD at the University of Warwick in 2006. Due to the high efforts that he put into his education, he successfully finished his PhD studies within two years and ten months. Prof Dahmardeh has got a PhD in 3 majors; Applied Linguistics, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, and Education.

Between 2015 and 2018, Mahdi carried out a joint research study with Prof Robin Dunbar at the University of Oxford on the Observational Study of Human Conversations – Conversational Behaviour Among Iranians. In 2017, he was awarded a Fellowship by the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) to undertake a research project on Culture and Teaching Foreign Languages at Korea University.

In 2021 he was appointed as a Visiting Professor to Korea University and later in 2023, he was invited as a Visiting Professor to the University of Vienna. Mahdi's specialty is Cultural Linguistics and his interest particularly lies in curriculum development along with research on coursebooks/textbooks for foreign language teaching. He's also interested in research on the role of culture as well as technology in teaching foreign languages.

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