



IRAN ACADEMIA

The institute for Social Sciences and Humanities

First Persian online university for Social Sciences and Humanities

Introduction

Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities – also known as [Iran Academia](#) - started in 2012 due to violations of Right to Education, academic freedom and lack of University autonomy in Social Sciences in Iran. The institution is based in The Netherlands and connects its faculty and staff across an extensive global network with a mission to encourage critical thinking and build capacity for Iran's youth by increasing access to uncensored knowledge.

QUALIFICATION

The [NLQF](#), the Dutch coordinating body responsible for The European Qualifications Framework ([EQF](#)) implementation in the Netherlands, has validated Iran Academia as a higher education institute and awarded a qualification for the Social Studies Masters level program. EQF, is an initiative of the European Commission as an effort to streamline (higher) education levels across Europe.

AWARDS

*The **EU Active Citizens of Europe-Awards** in 2015 for contributions to sustainable development and global justice.*

*Nominated by **Scholars at Risk** for 2018 **UNESCO ICT in Education Prize**.*

Our Services

We aim to surpass censorship and offer educational services to those who have been deprived of impartial and quality education. We do this by providing excellent learning opportunities, free of charge, through four different platforms; [Academia](#) (graduate school), [AcademiX](#) (Massive Open Online Courses), [Agora](#) (educational multimedia platform) and [Publications](#) (publishing house for academic journals and books). Through these platforms, we offer educational programs and courses to the public as well as private organizations or individuals (journalists, trainers, activists, etc.).

Our Students

Our target audience consists of the general public, civil society and members of disadvantaged groups. 70% are from Iran - from 21 out of 31 provinces – with 40% being female, 30% ethnic and 15% religious minorities.

Unique Points

*Uncensored education
Interdisciplinary approach
Interactive learning space
Free of charge education*

Our Boards



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