

## CURRICULUM VITAE

of

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### **Personal Data:**

**Name :** Abdolrahim Gavahi  
**Date of birth :** 25<sup>th</sup> March 1944, Tehran (Islamic Republic of Iran)  
**Marital Status:** Married

### **Education:**

**1966 :** BSc from Petroleum Engineering from Abadan Institute of Technology, Abadan, Iran.  
**1973 :** MBA from Iran Center for Management Studies (An affiliate of Harvard Business School), Tehran, Ira  
**1987 :** PhD from Theological Faculty, Uppsala University, Sweden.

### **Work Experience:**

**1966 - 1969 :** National Petrochemical Company of Iran  
**1969 - 1978 :** IBM Co. Systems Engineering Manager and Marketing Manager  
**June 1979 :** Deputy Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office  
**August 1979 :** Chief of Staff, Prime Minister's Office  
**Nov. 1979 :** Deputy Minister of Oil  
**March 1980:** Ambassador of the Islamic republic of Iran to Scandinavian Countries (stationed in Sweden and also accredited to Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway)  
**July 1982 :** Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Japan  
**June 1987 :** Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs  
**January 1989 :** Vice-Minister for Economic and International Affairs, Ministry of Heavy Industries  
**June 1994 :** Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Norway  
**May 1995 :** Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs - Faculty Member of College of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**February 1996 :** Vice-President, Academy of Sciences of Iran  
**February 1998 :** Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director of Economic Affairs - Office of the Chairman of OIC  
**June 1998 :** Secretary General, Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines  
**June 1999 :** Economic and Industrial Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Head of the Department of International Studies, Institute of Political and International Studies  
**August 2000 - July 2002 :** Secretary General, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

### **Social Activities:**

Founder and first Chairman of the Islamic Students Association of the Abadan Institute of Technology (1962-1966)  
Secretary of the Islamic Engineers Association of Iran (1966-1979)  
Delivering social/religious speeches in many cities and colleges in Iran before and after revolution

Teaching History of Far-East Religions, Religions and Comparative Religious Studies in Theological School, Shahid Motahari Seminary and College of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Publications:**

Translation and compilation of more than twenty books and a large number of Social, Economic and Cultural Papers

### **Academic Career:**

Teaching more than sixty course units in the field of Foreign Religions, and Comparative Religious Studies at such reputable faculties as Theological School of Tehran University, College of International Relations of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Shahid Motahari (Sepahsalar) Seminary.

### **Philosophical Essays and Analyses:**

Extensively studied, written and delivered speeches on philosophical thinkings and works of prominent oriental poets philosophers, particularly, Hafez of Shiraz and Mowlana Jallaluddin Rumi (Mowlawi) and Omar Khayyam. Such essays are largely based on poetical interpretations of metaphysics and the use of celestial and mundane metaphors by the aforementioned thinkers in their efforts to depict mysticism behind the cycle of creation and challenges of human being.

### **Foreign Languages:**

Fluent in English  
Good in French & Arabic