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Qualification Summary:

I am an Interdisciplinary political scientist and linguist, with professional proficiency in Chinese Mandarin and Farsi. I held over 10 years of on-the-ground field experience in China, and 3 years of research experience in the U.S.

Research expertise: China affairs, geopolitics, foreign policy, security studies, great powers competition and comparative AI policies

Education:

Ph.D. in Comparative Politics and International Studies, Peking University	09/2016 - 01/2022
M.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language, Peking University	09/2013 - 07/2016
B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature, Kabul University	03/2008 - 12/2011
Exchange Student, <i>Chinese Studies at Taiyuan University of Technology</i>	09/2009 - 01/ 2011
Executive Education Course on the People's Liberation Army, <i>the National Bureau of Asian Research</i>	Sep 9 -11/ 2025

Experience:

Research Scholar	02/2023 - 02/2026
<i>University of Pittsburgh, School of Public & International Affairs, Center for Governance and Markets</i>	

Academic duties:

- Conducted research on China’s foreign policy, great powers rivalry and China’s Afghanistan policy
- Developed historical analysis on Pamir geopolitics in the second half of the 18th century

Management duties:

- Co-Founded and managed of Heart of Asia Project which produced policy briefs on China’s security concerns in Afghanistan under the Taliban, the growing public dissatisfaction in Iran, and the broader strategic turbulence reshaping Eurasia.
- Hosted eight series of the Heart of Asia Speakers Series and explored evolving geopolitical and social dynamics across China, Afghanistan, Central Asia, and the bordering Eurasian region.

Instructor (lecturer)	03/2012 - 09/2013
<i>Kabul University, Chinese Language Department, School of Foreign Languages and Literatures</i>	

- Created the curriculum and course syllabi for *Advance Chinese Comprehension Class, Elementary Speaking and Listening classes*
- Taught Chinese language to 160 students, in junior and senior university levels

Parttime Jobs

- Beijing, China
- Freelance Translator: English/Chinese/Farsi 2015 - 2022
 Interpretation: (Simultaneous, Consecutive) Chinese/Farsi
 Translated policy documents, academic papers, and language learning apps from English and Chinese to Farsi and Pashto

PUBLICATIONS

Mansoori. R, “China’s Accommodation of Taliban 2.0”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. November 17, 2025. <https://carnegieendowment.org/research/2025/11/chinas-accommodation-of-taliban-20?lang=en>

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Glasserman. Aaron, & Mansoori. R. “China’s Great Waiting Game in Afghanistan.” *Mapping China’s Strategic Space, National Bureau of Asian Research*, January 22, 2026. <https://strategicspace.nbr.org/chinas-great-waiting-game-in-afghanistan/>

Media Appearances

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| • PTV <i>Tiger Talk Show</i> : analysis of U.S. strategy to Afghanistan and South Asia | 09/2017 |
| • HEBTV <i>Challenge of Squares Show</i> : analysis of international cultural exchange | 08/2016 |
| • CSTV <i>Silk Road View</i> show: analysis of challenges and opportunities in Afghanistan’s mineral markets: | 08/2014 |

Language Skills

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- **Farsi (Persian/Dari)**: Native
 - **English, Chinese (Mandarin), Pashto**: Professional Working Proficiency
 - **Uyghur, Chagatai, Uzbek**: Basic

Awards and Certificates:

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| • Commendation, Embassy of Afghanistan in China, for Academic Excellence | 2018 |
| • Outstanding Translator Award (Farsi/Dari-Chinese/English vice versa), China Center for Disease Control and Prevention & Beijing Maternal & Child Health Center | 2016 |
| • Full Scholarship for Doctoral Study, Peking University | 2016 |