

## Shahrzad Mojab



Shahrzad Mojab is a prominent Iranian professor at the University of Toronto. She teaches at the Department of Adult Education and Counselling Psychology and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in 1977 in Iran in the English language; her Master of Arts in Comparative Education and Administration, Higher and Continuing Education in 1979 and her Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies and Women's Studies in 1991 both at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

She then returned to Iran after the Iranian revolution and spent four years from 1979 to 1983 in the country. She became active in the women's movement and the social movements of Kurdistan. She escaped from Iran in 1983 with her lifelong partner Amir Hassanpour and her son, and sought refuge in Canada as a political refugee. Since 1986 she has been living in Canada with her partner and her son. Before joining the University of Toronto in 1996, she taught and worked at the University of Windsor, Ryerson University and at Concordia University.

### Awards and positions

Mojab was the former director of the Women and Gender Institute at the University of Toronto (2003-2008), and the past-president of the Canadian Association for the Studies of Adult Education. In 2008 she won the Distinguished Contribution to Graduate Teaching Award at the University of Toronto; in 2006 she was named Noted Scholar in the Faculty of Education from the University of British Columbia; and in 2003 she was recognized as Distinguished Visitor at the University of Alberta. Mojab was the first prize winner in the 2003 Women's World writing contest for her work, "Women's Voices in War Zones", organized by The Women's World Organization for Rights, Literature and Development, a global network of feminist writers

### Books

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- (2004). *Violence in the Name of Honour: Theoretical and Political Challenges*. Istanbul: Bilgi University Press.
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- (2001). *Of Property and Propriety: The Role of Gender and Class in Imperialism and Nationalism*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
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### **Research**

Mojab's areas of research and teaching include educational policy studies; gender, state, diaspora and transnationality; women, war, militarization and violence; women, war and learning; women political prisoners in the Middle East; transnational women's organizations; feminism, anti-racism, colonialism and imperialism; Marxist-feminism and learning; adult education in comparative and global perspectives. Mojab's research has been published on Islamic feminism, minority women in academe, diversity and academic freedom in Canadian and Iranian universities, adult education and civil society in the Middle East, feminism and nationalism, state-university relation, and women's access to higher education.