

# Curriculum Vitae

ALIREZA TABATABAIE

MD (TUMS), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), PgDip. SRT (Porterbrook), Cert. PST (Relate), Cert. RC (Relate),  
AccCOSRT(Sen), FECSM.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

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- 2011 – 2016      **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Education**  
Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, UK.  
Specialising in sexuality, sexual learning and education.
- 2010 – 2011      **Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Educational Research**  
Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, UK.  
Specialising in research methodology and qualitative research
- 2007 – 2009      **Post-Graduate Diploma (Pg.Dip.) in Sexual & Relationship Psychotherapy**  
Sheffield Hallam University (Porterbrook Clinic), Sheffield, UK
- 1997 – 2007      **Doctorate in Clinical Medicine (M.D.)**  
Tehran University of Medical Sciences and Health Services, Tehran, Iran.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

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- 2020              **Certificate in Relational Counselling**  
Relate, UK.
- 2016              **Certificate of Facilitator Training for Sex Addiction Group Work**  
Paula Hall, UK.
- 2015              **Certificate of Acquired Pervious Experience & Learning in Sex Therapy**  
Relate, UK.
- 2010              **Oxford Sexual Medicine Programme**  
Summer School, provided by the European Society for Sexual Medicine, Oxford, UK.

## ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL INTERESTS

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- Clinical sexology
- Sexual medicine
- Sexual and relationship therapy
- Sexuality, gender, culture and religion
- Masculinities
- Sexuality and gender in education
- Formal and Informal sexual learning
- Qualitative research
- Life stories and life story research

## CURRENT AND PAST ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Dec 2017 – Present	<b>Distinguished Visiting Professor</b> School of Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran.
Jan 2016 – Feb 2018	<b>Co-founder &amp; Course Director</b> Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology (now renamed as Contemporary Institute of Clinical Sexology), providing two-year postgraduate diploma in clinical sexology, Cambridge, UK.
Jan 2015 – Mar 2018	<b>Vice-Chair</b> College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists (COSRT – professional and regulatory body for sexual and relationship therapists in the UK)
Sep 2012 – Mar 2018	<b>Member of the Board of Trustees</b> College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists (COSRT)
2009 – 2013	<b>Member of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board</b> British Association of Sexual Educators (BASE)

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

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May 2020 – Present	<b>Director and Lead Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapist (full time)</b> Cambridge Sex Therapy Clinic, Cambridge, UK.
June 2019 – Aug 2020	<b>Couple Counsellor (part time)</b> Relate Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
Nov 2016 – May 2020	<b>Psychosexual Therapist (part time)</b> Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust, Kent, UK.
Feb 2015 – Aug 2020	<b>Psychosexual Therapist (part time)</b> Relate Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
Sep 2012 – Nov 2016	<b>Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapist (part time)</b> Leger Clinic, Doncaster, UK.
Sep 2009 – May 2020	<b>Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapist (part time)</b> private practice in Sheffield, Cambridge, online.
2005 – 2007	<b>Intern in Clinical Medicine (full time)</b> various hospitals in Tehran, Iran.

## AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

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2020 – Present	<b>Senior Accredited Member</b> College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists (COSRT)
2012 – Present	<b>Fellow of the European Committee on Sexual Medicine (FECSM)</b> Multidisciplinary Committee of Sexual Medicine (MJCSM)

- 2011 – 2019      **Accredited Member**  
College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists (COSRT)
- 2009 – 2011      **General Member**  
College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists (COSRT)

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### TRAININGS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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- 2014 – 2015      **Teaching Associate Programme (TAP), teaching and Learning in Higher Education**  
University of Cambridge, UK.
- 2010 – 2015      **Various courses on teaching, communication and presentation skills**  
University of Cambridge, UK.

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### TEACHING & COURSE DESIGN EXPERIENCES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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- 2016 – 2018      **Co-founder, Course Director and Principal Lecturer**  
Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology (now renamed as Contemporary Institute of Clinical Sexology)  
Responsibilities include course design and curriculum development, facilitation of learning and teaching, student assessment and supervision, and pastoral support.
- 2011 – 2016      **Supervising undergraduate students**  
University of Cambridge, UK.

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### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **Journal Articles:**

- Tabatabaie, A.** (2015). Childhood and adolescent sexuality, Islam, and problematics of sex education: a call for re-examination. *Sex Education: Sexuality, Society and Learning*, 15(3), 276–288. doi: 10.1080/14681811.2015.1005836
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2015). Constructing the ideal Muslim sexual subject: problematics of school-based sex education in Iran. *Sex Education: Sexuality, Society and Learning*, 15(2), 204 – 216. doi: 10.1080/14681811.2014.992066
- McLaughlin, C. & **Tabatabaie, A.** (2015). [Review of the book *Sex Ed for Caring Schools Creating an Ethics-Based Curriculum*, by S. Lamb]. Teachers College Record.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014). ‘Does sex therapy work? How can we know?’: Measuring outcomes in sex therapy. *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*, 29 (3), 269 – 279. doi:10.1080/14681994.2014.915705
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014). Sexotic therapy: embracing the exotic, irrational and paradoxical experience of living and loving. *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*, 29(1), 8 – 20. doi:10.1080/14681994.2013.861595

#### **Chapters in Books:**

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2015). Sexotic therapy: embracing the exotic, irrational and paradoxical experience of living and loving. In G. Ogden (Ed.), *Extraordinary Sex Therapy: Creative Approaches for Clinicians*. London: Routledge.

### **Conference Proceedings:**

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2012). All you need to know about cultural and religious issues in sexual health. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 9(Suppl. s5), 396 – 396.

**Tabatabaie, A.** Mofatteh, Z. (2012). Formal and Informal Sex Education: Young Iranians' Experience. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 9(Suppl. s5), 381-382.

**Tabatabaie, A.** & Mofatteh, Z. (2011). Eroticism: the paradox and sex therapy. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 8(Suppl. s3), 148-148.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2011). Sexuality and Islam. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 8(Suppl. 3), 113-114.

**Tabatabaie, A.** & Mofatteh, Z. (2011). A global perspective on school-based sex education and Muslims: challenges and opportunities. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 8(Suppl. 3), 210-210.

Hallam-Jones, R. & **Tabatabaie, A.** & Mofatteh, Z. (2011). Survey results – what sexual education resources do health educators perceive they need in order to feel confident in delivering this role to patients. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 8(Suppl. 3), 207-207.

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### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

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**Tabatabaie, A.** (2017, October). *Cultural Diversity and Sexual Health and Wellbeing* (one-day workshop), Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2017, April). *Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Dysfunctions* (two-day workshop), Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2017, February). *Exploring Sexuality and Sexual Development: A Bio-Psycho-Social Perspective*. Two-day workshop, Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2017, January). *A brief history of sexology*. Lecture, Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2017, January). *Job of a Clinical Sexologist*, Lecture, Cambridge Institute of Clinical Sexology, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2016, December). *Islam, Sexuality, and the Muslim Client in the Therapy Room*. One-day workshop, NAZ, London, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2016, September). *Muslim Clients and Sexual & Relationship Therapy*. Invited Speaker, Relate Cambridge Annual General Meeting, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2016, April). *Sexual problems in medical settings*, In Male and Female Sexual Function and Dysfunction in Primary Care, Break the Ice, Royal College of General Practitioners, Cambridge, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2015, May). *Human Sexuality: Development, Normal, Abnormal, and Other Things*. In *Sexual Health Course*, Royal College of General Practitioners, Newmarket, UK.

**Tabatabaie, A.** (2015, May). *Sex Therapy?*, In *Sexual Health Course*, Royal College of General Practitioners, Newmarket, UK.

- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, September). *Sexuality and Spirituality*. In The Psychology of Spiritual Development – A Special Symposium. Hitchin Priory, Hitchin, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, September). *Relationships & Sexualities Education*. In P. Alldred (Chair), Sex and relationship education – informing policy for election year? Symposium at the British Educational Research Association conference 2014, 23 - 25 September, Institute of Education, London, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, July). *Sexotic Therapy: embracing the exotic, irrational and paradoxical experience of living and loving*. Invited speaker at the summer conference of the College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists. Regent's University London, London, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, May). *Outcome Measures in what we do: A COSRT's Perspective*. Invited Speaker at the National Outcome Measurement in Sexual Medicine Meeting. London, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, May). *Sexuality and Islam*. Invited Lecture. Porterbrook Clinic, Sheffield, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, May). *Using sexual life stories as an educational and therapeutic tool: A story about a story*. Paper presented at the Wolfson Research Event. Wolfson College, Cambridge, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, March). *Outcome Measures in Psychosexual Therapy: A COSRT's Perspective*. Invited speaker at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine. Leicester, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2014, March). *Sexual Medicine in Cambridgeshire: It's about Time!* Invited speaker. Homerton College, Cambridge, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2013, November). *"Pour out pain for me and don't offer a cure": Revisiting the experience of pain in love*. Poster accepted for presentation at 'This is my Body': disciplinary perspectives on the human body and experiences of embodiment. Addenbrooke's Clinical School, Cambridge, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2013, July). *Constructing the Ideal Sexual Subject: Sex Education in Iran*. Poster presented at 'Classifying Sex: Debating DSM-5 Cambridge', Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), Cambridge, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2013, July). *Muslims and Sex Education in the UK*. In C. McLaughlin (Chair), Sex Education and Faith Communities in the UK: Challenges and Opportunities. Panel Discussion at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2013, May). *Sexuality and Islam*. Invited Lecture. Porterbrook Clinic, Sheffield, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2012, December). *All you need to know about cultural and religious issues in sexual health*. Poster presented at the 15th congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM), Amsterdam RAI Convention Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- Tabatabaie, A.** Mofatteh, Z. (2012, December). *Formal and Informal Sex Education: Young Iranians' Experience*. Poster presented at the 15th congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM), Amsterdam RAI Convention Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2012, March). *Culture, Religion and Sexual Confidence*. Invited speaker at the British Association of Sexual Educators' (BASE) International Spring Conference. University of Warwick, Coventry, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** & Mofatteh, Z. (2011, June). *Eroticism: The Paradox and Sex Therapy*. Paper presented at the 20th world congress of sexual health. Glasgow, UK.

- Tabatabaie, A.** & Mofatteh, Z. (2011, June). A global perspective on school-based sex education and Muslims: challenges and opportunities. Poster presented at the 20th world congress of sexual health. Glasgow, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** (2011, June). Sexuality and Islam. In P. Weerakoon (Chair), Sexuality and Religion. Symposium at the 20th world congress of sexual health. Glasgow, UK.
- Hallam-Jones, R. & **Tabatabaie, A.**, Mofatteh, Z. (2011, June). Survey results – what sexual education resources do health educators perceive they need in order to feel confident in delivering this role to patients. Poster presented at the 20th world congress of sexual health. Glasgow, UK.
- Clegg, M., Hallam-Jones, R., Foux, R., & **Tabatabaie, A.** (2009, September). *A new look at sex and Relationship Education: international perspective from the BASE survey*. Paper presented at the 4th Biennial International Sex and Relationship Education Conference, Birmingham, UK.
- Tabatabaie, A.** & Mofatteh, Z. (2008, November). 'Muslim Patients and Psychosexual Therapy', Workshop conducted at North of England Research Forum & Sheffield Society for the Study of Sexuality and Relationships (SSSSR), Sheffield, UK.