



Sepideh (Sarah) Bazrafkan, Ph.D

Academic Lecturer, Researcher, and Lawyer

PROFILE

Experienced academic lecturer and legal advisor with a strong commitment to advancing human rights and global justice through the study of law in its societal context. Extensive expertise in teaching and researching the intersection of politics, law, and society, including legal sociology, legal systems, and the impact of legislation and enforcement on social issues. Skilled in analysing legal obedience within social realities, examining the evolution of specific laws in response to social trends. Familiar with the Thai law and Judicial process. Experienced in course development and lesson planning.

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EDUCATION

Mahidol University, Bangkok

Thailand (2017- 2024)

- *PhD in Human Rights and Peace Studies*
- GPA: 3.5 / 4.0

Assumption University, Bangkok

Thailand (2012- 2015)

- *Master of Laws (LLM) (International Business Law)*
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Payam-E-Noor University, Tehran, Iran

Iran (2006-2011)

- *Bachelor of Law (LLB)*
- GPA: 3.3 / 4.0

SKILLS

- Curriculum design, course development & lesson planning
- Pedagogy and student-centered methods
- Expertise in legal theory and interdisciplinary teaching
- Analytical and critical thinking
- Clear academic communication
- Collaborative teamwork and mentoring
- Assessment and feedback proficiency

WORK EXPERIENCE

College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Thammasat University

Lecturer and Researcher

2025 - Present
Bangkok, Thailand

- Lecturer in the BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).
- Support students' development through lectures and assessments.
- Supervising undergraduate research projects.
- Design and deliver courses and syllabi aligned with the program's objectives.
- Advise students on academic planning, research topics and internship opportunities.

Freelancer

Legal Advisor

2015 - 2025
Remote

- Providing expert legal advice to refugees and asylum seekers.
- Assisting clients in preparing asylum applications, appeals, and supporting documentation for national authorities.
- Conducting survivor-centred interviews and gathering evidence to support claims of human rights violations.
- Delivering legal training and counselling on asylum law, procedural rights, and available support services.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Rescue Committee, Centre for Asylum Protection, Bangkok Refugee Centre & IOM

Interpreter (English to Farsi and Dari and vice versa

2016/2017 - Present
Bangkok, Thailand

- Providing multilingual legal translation and interpretation for international organisations, NGOs, embassies and refugees.
- Interpreting during various protection interviews with victims of human rights violations.
- Delivering counselling to immigration officials with interpretation and country of origin research.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand (2017)

- *Power and knowledge: Researching Human Rights, Democratisation and Peace*

Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand (2017)

- *Development Frameworks for the Analysis of Conflict, Violence & Peace*

Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand (2018)

- *Ethical Research for Human Rights Seminar/ Workshop*

Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand (2023)

- *Strategies for Successfully Completing Doctoral Research*

University of Hong Kong (2025)

- *University Teaching*

IT SKILLS

- Using various search engines
- Advanced skills in various software Working knowledge of two major OS (Mac and Microsoft)
- Advanced proficiency Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Using various AI tools

LANGUAGES

- Farsi (Native Proficiency)
- Dari (Bilingual Proficiency)
- English (Full Professional Proficiency)
- Tajik (Full Professional Proficiency)
- Arabic (Minimum Professional Proficiency)
- Thai (Elementary Proficiency)

Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University

Human Rights Researcher

2017 - 2024

Bangkok, Thailand

- Analysed the implementation of international human rights law and humanitarian law.
- Assessed states' criminal laws and their intersection with international law and international criminal law.
- Conducted interdisciplinary research examining the impact of politics on law, the influence of law on society, and their reciprocal relationships.

Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University

Teaching Fellow

2018 - 2021

Bangkok, Thailand

- Taught human rights law, international criminal law, and international humanitarian law courses.
- Taught master's students through United Nations role-play exercises, simulating real-world drafting of submissions to national, regional, and international human rights and accountability bodies.
- Guided students on their research papers in a variety of topics, including law and society.
- Taught legal theories and concepts for analysing case studies in law.
- Offered counselling sessions to human rights advocates and students on research projects, data collection, and ethical considerations

Asylum Access Thailand (AAT)

Legal Advocate

January 2016- July 2016

Bangkok, Thailand

- Provided legal representation for asylum seekers and refugees from different countries during asylum, appeal, and resettlement proceedings within the UNHCR framework.
- Conducted legal training sessions to train asylum seekers and refugees on their rights, legal procedures, and protection concerns.
- Coordinated protection initiatives with AAT, international entities, private sectors, local administrations, religious institutions, and NGOs.
- Advocated for individuals forced to flee their countries and survivors of all forms of human rights violations.

Private Legal Firm

Legal Advisor

2010- 2016

Tehran, Iran

- Advocated for the rights of Afghan refugees in Iran with a focus on unaccompanied children and women.
- Organised and facilitated workshops on gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Advocated for the survivors of torture and other forms of human rights violations and abuses.

REFERENCES

Dr. Bencharat Sae Chua
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