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Education

University of Tehran, Top National University [[QS Ranking 2025](#)], Tehran, Iran
MS. in Iranian Architectural Studies

September 2019 – February 2023
Overall GPA: 18.37 / 20

Thesis: Architecture and Politics in the Formation of Abbasabad District in Tehran [[Unofficial English Version](#)]

Supervisor: Dr. Khaghani (Department of Architecture), Advisor: Dr. Heydari (Department of Cultural Studies)

University of Tehran, Top National University [[QS Ranking 2025](#)], Tehran, Iran
B.A in Architecture

September 2014 - February 2019
Overall GPA: 17.62 / 20

Research Interests

history of architecture, architectural studies, Iranian contemporary architecture
micro-politics, non-discursive, relational politics, spatial politics, material politics
cultural studies, Foucauldian genealogy, narrative,
non-human, spatial agency, Actor-Network Theory
infrastructure, green infrastructure, highways, temporary installations

Publications

Scientific Journals

2025 **Fragmented: Highways and the Failure of the Abbasabad Project in Tehran** [English]
Mosleh, M. F., *Planning Perspectives* [Q2]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02665433.2024.2436144>

This paper builds upon my master's dissertation and presents an alternative narrative regarding the historical formation of highways as non-discursive actors, rather than focusing on Abbasabad.

The Monarch's Spatial Accessibility: Examining Six Mirrors for Princes in the Medieval Islamic Period [English/Farsi]
Mosleh, M. F., *Bagh-e Nazar* [Q3], https://www.bagh-sj.com/article_229843.html?lang=en

A narrow analysis of the spatial relationship between the monarch and the populace, illustrating a discursive shift over two centuries as space increasingly becomes prominent for the monarch's legitimacy.

Book Chapters

2025 [In Press] **From Secular to Sacred: Spatial Transformations of the Mosque and Mosalla of The University of Tehran From the Pahlavi Regime Until the Period of the Cultural Revolution in Post-Revolution** [Farsi]

Link to National Library: <http://opac.nlai.ir/opac-prod/bibliographic/9831570> [[Official Certificate of Acceptance](#)]

4-month research project funded by [the Rahman Institute](#) from November 2023 until March 2024 [[Official Contract](#)]

Genealogy of two sacred spaces within Iran's leading university during the cultural revolution of the 1970s and 80s, highlighting fundamental shifts in their symbolic, social, and functional dimensions.

[Forthcoming] **The Relationship between the National Dream and Iranian Architecture, Space and Utopia** [Farsi]
3.5-month research project funded by the Research Institute for Strategic Studies in the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology [[Official Contract](#)]. The outcome of the research has been peer-reviewed and accepted [[Certificate of Acceptance](#)]

The national dream has largely ignored the dynamic forces within cities and remains anchored in traditional utopian ideas. This article suggests focusing more on the silent, embodied logic in everyday urban life.

Conference Paper

2025 **Fars rock-cut architecture through the lens of Picon's Concept of Materiality** [Farsi]

In Progress [Major Works]

[In Progress] **Diplomacy of Bricks: A Study on the Relationship between Architecture and Politics for Contemporary Iranian Architecture** [[Table of Contents in English \(non-official Version\)](#)]

A research project collaborated by Dr Abdiardekani and supported by his Professorship Grant and potentially patronized by Shiraz University Press [[Letter from Dr Abdiardekani](#)], Ongoing project since May 2024, Current word count: 76,000 words

Exploring emerging theoretical trends in spatial politics, approximately 60% of the project entails translating and synthesizing key works by Bruno Latour, Alben Yaneva, Lawrence Vale, Michael Minkenberg, Theo Deutinger, Antoine Picon, and Jo Guldi. The remaining 40% is focused on Iran, analyzing prevailing ideas and providing reinterpretations of existing theories within the local context.

[Redrafting] **Negotiating the green: The spatial politics of green areas of Abbasabad of Tehran by examining its formation** [English]

First and Corresponding Author, by Association of Dr. [Khaghani](#) and Dr. [Heydari](#) [[Preprint Version](#)]

Greenery is generally a pleasant urban concept; yet it can be manipulated, mainly in a political site such as Abbasabad. This study employs a genealogical approach to the site, revealing various visions and discourses surrounding greenery - notably, civilizational, preservationist, civil, and pragmatic.

[Submitted] **When Monumental Visions manipulate History and its Historiography: The Challenge of Dating the Rock-Cut Monument of Darab** [English]

Corresponding Author, By Association of Amir Mahdi Basiri, Submitted to [Heritage & Society](#) in [[Preprint Version](#)]

Other Essays [Selected, Farsi]

Having been a journalist, blogger, and urban activist since the early years of my B.A., I have served as a member or co-founder of student-based, independent platforms and as a guest author in nationally published journals. Over 500 texts are available on my [personal website](#) in Farsi, and I have published more than **40 journalistic essays officially**, including the following:

- **Overlooked Subject: Infrastructure** [[Link](#)] (2024)
- **Temporary Ones that Become Permanent**; Examining a Complex Pattern of Space Occupation in Tehran University [[Link](#)] (2023)
- **The Necessity of Returning "Happiness" to the Master Plan of Tehran in the Post-Revolutionary Era** [[Link](#)] (2023)
- **What is Populism?** [Translated, main article by Salomon Frausto and Léa-Catherine Szacka], [[Link](#)] (2023)
- **How to Not Read the Presence of Afghan Migrants in Tehran's Parks as "HORRIBLE"?** [[Link](#)] (2022)
- **A Breathtaking Competition of "Faloude" and Coffee**; Investigating a Cultural Rivalry in Fasa City [[Link](#)] (2022)
- **Imaginations on the Battlefield**: A look at Parallel Rationalities in an institution of Power in Municipality of Tehran [[Link](#)] (2021)
- **Spatial Analysis of Iran's Presidential Election Debates' Main Hall**; From 2009 to 2021 [[Link](#)] (2021)
- **Defensive City** [Translated, main article by Theo Deutinger], [[Link](#)] (2021)
- **Why are Murderers Fascinated by Architecture?** The Politicians' Understanding of Architecture [[Link](#)] (2020)
- **The President Who Supports Beauty**: Criticism of Trump's Executive Order [[Link](#)] (2020)
- **Destruction of Mecca in the Name of Modernity** [[Link](#)] (2020)
- **Tehran: Utopia of the Islamic World?** [[Link](#)] (2018)

Workshops and Invited Lectures

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| 2025 | Lecturer, Fars rock-cut architecture through the lens of Picon's Concept of Materiality
2 nd International Conference on the Iranian Identity, Shiraz University, 7 th May 2025, [Video Available], [ICSD Certificate] |
| 2024 | Lecturer, How Can the Historiography of Space Become Possible?
Club Thought Institute, 2-hour seminar, Other Panel members: Dr. Heydari , [Report Available]

Lecturer, Reading the Relationship between Space and Coup from Symmetric Ontology
2-hour seminar at the Municipality of Tehran, [Certificate] |
| 2018 | Director, The Historical Districts in Shiraz
4-day academic trip by the Association of Rajaei Shiraz University and the Architecture Assembly of the University of Tehran

Lecturer / Director, Workshops on Historic Urban Districts in Tehran
A sequel of Half-day academic workshops, by the Architecture Assembly of the University of Tehran
[Poster Available], [Poster Available], [Certificate] |

Teaching Experiences

Teaching

Another Politics of Space: Revisiting Some New Theories for Contemporary Iranian Architecture

Club Thought Institute, 15 hours, 16 participants, 2025

Entrance Exam for the M.S. of Iranian Architectural Studies [Voluntary], 2020 – 2025

Arts and Crafts, Junior and High schools, 2014 - 2016

Teaching Assistance

Criticizing Architecture in M.S. of Iranian Architectural Studies, University of Tehran | Winter 2022 – Spring 2023

Notable Academic Projects

- 2020 **Typology of Mosques in Fars Province** [\[Link to Report\]](#)
Classifying 61 mosques in the Fars region of Iran, Course Title: "Iranian Architecture Research in Islamic Period - Workshop 2"
- 2019 **Bronze Age of Iran: Examining the Architecture of Godin Tepe Settlement** [\[Link to Report\]](#)
Course Title: "Pre-Islamic Iranian Architecture Research - Workshop 1"

Academic Experience

Editorial Advisor, **Haft Miras Scientific Journal**, in the Student Union of Architecture, Restoration and Urbanism in Iran, 2025

Founder and Director, **School of Spatial Studies**, in Club Thought [\[Website\]](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Youtube](#) | [Telegram](#), 2022-present

Scientific Supervisor, **Daricheh, Journal of Architecture Assembly of University of Tehran** [\[Online\]](#) | [Instagram](#), 2021

Member, **Assembly of Architectural Studies of Iran at the University of Tehran** [\[Instagram\]](#) | [Telegram](#), 2020-2021

Editorial Board Member, **Koubeh Online Platform** [\[Website\]](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Telegram](#), 2020-2023

Co-founder and Writer, **Jostar** [\[Instagram\]](#), 2018 – 2020

Founder and Managing Editor, **Daricheh, Journal of Architecture, Assembly of University of Tehran** [\[Online\]](#) | [Instagram](#), [\[Certificate\]](#) 2017-2018

Secretary of the Association, **Architecture Assembly of University of Tehran** [\[Certificate\]](#), [\[Instagram\]](#) | [Telegram](#), 2016 – 2018

Editorial Board Member, **Memarima** [\[Website\]](#) 2015 – 2019

Courses Attended

- 2025 Spatial Data Science and Applications [\[Certificate\]](#)
- 2024 Japanology: Three sequels of workshops and courses for architectural thought [\[Certificate\]](#)
Narrative Economics [\[Certificate\]](#)
- 2023 Management of Resources using EndNote Software [\[Certificate\]](#)

Professional Work Experience

Overseer, **Tehran City Council, Overseer on the Building Facades Committee of District 17** | August 2025 – present

Senior Content Specialist, **Niksa Co.** | July 2025 – present

Researcher, **Feasibility Study for Baran Residential Complex in Kish Island** | Mar – April 2025

Content Creator, **AW Real Estate Developer** | Feb 2022 – Mar 2022

Content Creator and Researcher, **MIKA Developers** | Nov 2020 – Sep 2021

Member, **Feasibility Study of Nafar Abad District in Tehran** | Sept 2019 – Nov 2019

Project Manager, **Phase 0 & 1 of Recreational Complex in Damavand** | Sep 2018 – Sep 2019

Co-architect, **Niaresh Architects** [\[Certificate\]](#) | Aug 2017 – Apr 2018

Honors and Awards

- 2019 MS. in Iranian Architectural Studies, **Ranked 3rd in The Iranian University Entrance Exam**
- 2016 Executive director of Daricheh Journal, **Worthy of appreciation Journal: Farhang Festival**, University of Tehran
Editorial Board Member of Memarima, **Best National Digital Magazine in Academic Student Magazines**, Titr Festival

Languages

English: TOEFL: 104 (Reading: 27, Listening: 28, Speaking: 25, Writing: 24) [[Certificate](#)]

German: Elementary (Approx. A 1-2)

Arabic: Basic

Persian: Native