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Educational Background

2011- 2014 **Ph.D.** in Landscape Architecture, *School of Architecture, the University of Sheffield, UK*
Project Title: Historical gardens in transition in 20th century Iran.

This doctoral thesis concentrates on compiling a precise body of knowledge regarding changes in various dimensions of historical gardens in 20th century Iran, in order to inform policy makers and managers to draft appropriate recommendations regarding garden conservation.

2010-2011 **MPhil** in Landscape Architecture, Department of Landscape, *the University of Sheffield, UK*

2007-2009 **Master** of Restoration of Historical Buildings and Cities, Iran. (MA distinction)
Project title: The Architectural Restoration of Ancient Fabric of Khoosf (first-class dissertation)

2003-2007 **Bachelor** of Architecture, Islamic Azad University of Mashhad, Iran. (First class)

Teaching

September 2015-present Assistant Professor, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.

Teaching Responsibilities:

- Architectural Heritage Conservation
- Urban Design Studio IV
- World History of cities
- Ecology and Environmental design
- Landscape History
- Research Methods

Edited book (Conference Proceeding)

- Parnell, R, Rajendran, LP, and **Mahdizadeh, S** (Ed.). (2014). *2nd Annual AAE Conference 2014 Living and Learning Proceeding*, University of Sheffield, UK: ISBN 978-0-9929705-2-9. Retrieved from https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/polopoly_fs/1.441573!/file/aae_proceedings.pdf

Translated Book

-Steg, L., van den Berg, A. E., & De Groot, J. I. (2013). *Environmental psychology: An introduction*. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, Translated in Farsi by **Sara Mahdizadeh** (2020), Editor, Ghasem Motalebi, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad: Mashhad.

Book Reviews

-Mahdizadeh, S. (2016). Book review: Asian Heritage Management: Contexts, Concerns, and Prospects. *Urban Studies*, 53(10), 2215-19. (Q1, IF: 1.94). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098016645312>

-Mahdizadeh, S. (2015). Book review: Persian Gardens and Pavilions: Reflections in History, Poetry and the Arts. *Landscape Research*, 40(4), 515-516. (JCR/ IF:1.19) <https://doi.org/10.1080/01426397.2015.1023513>

Articles

- **Mahdizadeh, S**, Walker, S, and Rajendran L.P. (2021). Royal gardens in Republican Iran: a case study of the Golestan garden. *Landscape History*. (Accept Submission,in press) (Scopus/WOS)

- Rajendran L.P, Molki, F, **Mahdizadeh, S**, and Mehan, A. (2021). (Re)Framing spatiality as a socio-cultural paradigm, Examining the Iranian housing culture and processes. *Journal of Architecture and Urbanism*, 45 (1), 95-105. (Scopus/WOS) <https://doi.org/10.3846/jau.2021.14032>

- **Mahdizadeh, S**. (2021). Shiraz's Heritage Gardens during the Political Turmoil in Twentieth-century Iran, *Journal of Heritage Studies*, (JCR/Q2, IF:1.61) <https://doi.org/10.1080/13527258.2021.1883717>.

-Shokri, Sh and **Mahdizadeh, S.** (2020). Surveying of Visual Qualities of Educational Space based on User's preferences: a case study Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran. *Armanshahr, Architecture and Urban Development* 13 (32), 251-27. doi.org/10.22034/aaud.2020.155400.1730

-**Mahdizadeh, S** and Rajendran, L.P. (2019). A renewed approach to conservation policy of Historical Gardens in Iran. *Landscape Research*, 44 (1), 48-61 (JCR/Q3, IF:1.33). <https://doi.org/10.1080/01426397.2017.1413176>

-**Mahdizadeh, S** and Shojaei R. (2018). The involvement of Western Orientalists in cultural heritage affairs during the Pahlavi Era, Iran (1925-1979). *Journal of Architectural Conservation*, 24(3), 169-184. (Scopus/WOS) <https://doi.org/10.1080/13556207.2018.1537028>

-**Mahdizadeh, S** and Hanchee, P. (2016). The role of western Orientalists in Restoration of historical buildings, *Honarhay-e Ziba Memari va Shahrsazi*, 21 (3), 5-14. (In Farsi)

-**Mahdizadeh, S.** (2013). The role of religion and tradition in garden conservation; A case study of Qadamgah tomb-garden, Neyshabur, Iran. *Exegesis E-Journal*, 3, 14-23.

-**Mahdizadeh, S.** (2012). Historical Fabric of Nehbandan. *Journal of Memar (architect)*, 75, 112-120.(In Farsi)

-**Mahdizadeh, S.** (2010). Acquaintance with Historical Centre of Khoosf. *Journal of Memar (architect)*, 62, 43-6. (In Farsi)

- Shojaei, R, and **Mahdizadeh, S.** Land Acquisition and Site Selection for Housing Development in a Planned Economy and an Unstable Market, *Land Use Policy*.(under revision)

-Rajendran, L.p, and **Mahdizadeh, S.** Urban Nostalgia: A phenomenological study of identity construction through place memories. (under peer-review)

Conference Papers/Poster

-Mahdizadeh, S. 2021. 'The role of religion and religious rituals in landscape conservation; tomb gardens of Iran,' *Engage Network 1st International Conference, Towards A global Agenda for Humanitarian Heritage* ,14-16 Jun 2021,**Nottingham Trent University**, UK, 14-16 June.

-Mahdizadeh, S. 2018. 'Changing of Attitudes towards Conservation of Cultural Landscape from Venice Charter (1964) to present: With reference to Iran', *International Congress on Avant-Garde Contemporary Islamic Architecture and Urban Design*, **Ferdowsi University of Mashhad**, Iran, 9-10 May. (in Farsi)

-Rabani, H and Mahdizadeh, S. 2018. 'Surveying of the factors on satisfactions of villa-garden users in Mashhad, Iran', 3rd International Conference on Civil Engendering, Architecture and Urban Design, **Tabriz Islamic Art University**, Iran, 5-7 September. (in Farsi)

-Mahdizadeh, S. 2017. 'Public participation in historic fabric, conflicts and prospects; Case studies of Sarshoor and Navab neighborhood, Mashhad, Iran', The 4th Congress on the History of Architecture and Urbanism, Khorasan Razavi, **Park Museum**, Mashhad, January18-19. (in Farsi)

- Mahdizadeh, S. 2016. 'Changes of Persian gardens' concept in 20th century, Iran', 2nd National Conference on Landscape Architecture, **Shahid Beheshti University**, Tehran, 9-10 May 2016. (in Farsi)
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2015. 'Royal gardens in Republican Iran', *Symposia Iranica's Second Biennial Graduate Conference on Iranian Studies*, **Downing College Cambridge, University of Cambridge**, UK, 8-9 April .
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2014. 'Private Shiraz's gardens of architectural merit in transition to public space,' **Aspects of Islamic gardens: Multi - meaning of paradise**, Kavala, Greece, 10 - 12 October.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2014. 'The role of people's belief in garden conservation' **18th ICOMOS General Assembly and Symposium: "Heritage and Landscape as Human Values"**, Florence, Italy, 9 - 14 November.
- Shojaie, R and Mahdizadeh, S 2014, 'Transformation of Urban fabric, conflicting individual right and public interest; case study Jamal Aabd, Tehran', **Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) 7th Annual Congress, The University of Utrecht**, Netherland, 9-12 July.
- Shojaie, R and Mahdizadeh, S 2014, Transformation of neighborhoods' structure and impacts of this alteration upon the identity of residents in 21st century Iran ; A case study Jamal Abad Neighborhood, Tehran, **STADTKOLLOQUIUM ANNUAL WORKSHOP, University College London (UCL)**, London, UK, 31 Marc-1st April.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2013, 'Complex changes in the use and boundaries of Shiraz's private introverted gardens in 20th century Iran', *The 10th international conference of the Architectural Humanities Research Association (AHRA)*, **Transgression, University of the West of England**, Bristol, UK, 21-23 November.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2013, 'An ideal place for spiritual and socio-cultural encounters in 21st Century Iran: A case study of Qadamgah tomb-garden, Neyshabur', **Morgan Centre conference: Encounters, University of Manchester**, UK, 3-4 July.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2013, (Re) construction of Iranian identity by means of the historical gardens, *Postgraduate/Early-Career Researcher Conference: 'Assembling Identities'*, **University of Glasgow**, Glasgow, UK, 23-24 May.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2013, 'Conservation of Historical gardens in Iran', at PhD Symposium, Department of Landscape, **University of Sheffield**, January 28-29.
- Mahdizadeh, S 2013, 'Royal and religious rituals of town squares in Republican Iran: A case study of the Royal Citadel-Arg square, Tehran', **39th Annual AAH Conference & Bookfair, University of Reading**, Reading, UK, 11-12 April.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2013, 'The role of religion and tradition in garden conservation: A case study of Qadamgah tomb-garden, Neyshabur, Iran', **40th Annual Conference: The Midwest Art History Society, Islamic Architecture, Ohio State University**, Columbus Ohio, USA, March 21-23.
- Mahdizadeh, S. 2012, 'Impacts of Urbanization on the Historical Village: A case study of Khoosf, Iran', Unpublished poster presentation at: **International Conference Urban Change in Iran, University College London (UCL)**, London, UK, November 8-9.

Honours/Fellowship

- Short-term Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, awarded by **Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees for Harvard University**, Washington DC, USA, October to November, 2013.
- Best Master Thesis Award on a Topic of Regeneration of Historical Village, **The University of Tehran**, Iran, 2009.
- 1st in MA degree, among 30 MA competitors (MA distinction), 2009.
- Winner of the best documentation of the year for the Historical Centre of Nehbandan, **Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization (ICHO)**, Iran, 2007.

Conference/ Workshop Organized

- Holding a workshop on “Writing an article” Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Nov 2020.
- Holding a workshop on “EndNote,” Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, April 2019.
- Holding a workshop on “How to write a Master Dissertation,” Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Nov 2018.
- Holding a workshop on “How to write a PROPOSAL,” Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Nov 2017.
- Holding a workshop on “How to write an article”, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Nov 2016.
- Holding a workshop on “ How to write a thesis” , Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Nov 2015.
- Organising team member, 2nd International Conference of the Association of Architectural Educators, Living and Learning, 3-5 Sept 2014, Sheffield UK.

Thesis supervision

- 2021, Supervisor for MA thesis in Urban Design, Designing the center of Noh-Darreh Mahale with ecotourism approach, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2021, Supervisor for MA thesis in Architecture, Designing a socio-cultural complex for mother and child with a social design approach, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2021, supervisor for MA thesis in Architecture, Designing a Therapeutic –skill Rehabilitation Complex for Physically Disabled People in Mashhad, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2021, co-supervisor for MA thesis in Landscape Architecture, developing the landscape of the Jennat's street, Mashhad, College of Fine Arts, University of Tehran.
- 2020, Supervisor for MA thesis in Architecture, Design of core building of science technology park of khorasan with the emphasis on zero energy building, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2018, Supervisor for MA thesis in Architecture, Design of Addiction Treatment Center, Mashhad, Iran. Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2017, Supervisor for, MA thesis in Architecture, Design of greenhouses using social design method, Mashhad, Iran. Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2016, Supervisor for MA thesis in Architecture, Design of Hospice Centre for children, Mashhad, Iran. Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran.
- 2015, Supervisor for MA thesis in Architecture, Thesis title: *Design of Neighborhood Centre for elders, Mashhad, Iran.* Islamic Azad University of Mashhad, Iran.
- October 2014, External Examiner for Islamic Azad University, UAE branch, Dubai, UAE, MA thesis in Architecture, Thesis title: *Commercial - recreational and Multi-functional complex in suburban and tourism areas of Mashhad with the approach of sustainability.*

Grants

- Grant funded by the Municipality of Feyzabad, Iran (8000 \$)for urban design of Imam Reza Boulevard, 2020.
- Accommodation scholarship for attending in the workshop, *The Caravanserais of Turkey*, awarded by AGU School of Architecture, Kayseri, Turkey. 18-22 October 2014.
- The University of Sheffield, Learned Society Fund (£250) for Conference paper presentation given at the University of the West of England, Bristol, UK, November 2013.
- The University of Sheffield, Financial Support Team, Fieldwork Travel Grant for Iran (£600), October 2013.
- The University of Sheffield, Learned Society Fund (£250) for Conference paper presentation given at the University of Glasgow and the University of Manchester, UK, May and July 2013.
- The University of Sheffield, Learned Society Fund (£500) for Conference paper presentation given at the Ohio State University, USA, March 2013.
- Grad Student Travel Stipend, MAHS (US\$150) for conference paper presentation given at the Ohio State University, USA, March 2013.
- The University of Sheffield, Department of Landscape, Grant for research, (£3,000), September 2012.
- The University of Sheffield, Learned Society Fund (£250) for Conference poster presentation given at the University College London, UK, November 2012.
- The University of Sheffield, Department of Landscape, Fieldwork Travel Grant for Iran (£500), February 2012.
- The Newcastle University, Newcastle University International Postgraduate Scholarships (three years for PhD in Architecture), UK, 2010. (declined)

Peer-reviewers

- Reviewer a paper for Journal of *Landscape Research*, UK, (JCR/Q3, IF: 1.33).
- Providing a referee report for *Royal Geography Society*, UK, February 2017.
- Reviewer 14 papers for: International Congress on Avant-Garde Contemporary Islamic Architecture and Urban Design, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran, 9-10 May.
- Reviewer 20 Papers for Iranian Journals (*Elmi pazhuheshi*).

- Reviewer Ten papers for: 2nd National conference on Landscape Architecture, 9-10 May 2016, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran,
- Reviewer 7 papers for: 2nd International Conference of the Association of Architectural Educators, Living and Learning 3-5 Sept 2014, Sheffield UK.

Workshops and Training Programmes

- Training Workshop: Getting Published in Development Journals, University of Sheffield, UK, 17 Feb 2014.
- Designing and presenting effective academic posters workshop, University of Sheffield, UK, 12 Dec 2013.
- Certificate of Attendance in Sheffield Graduate School (SUGS), University of Sheffield, UK, 13-15 May, 2013.
- Creativity in Research, The University of Sheffield, UK, 6 June 2013.
- Time Management Workshop, The University of Sheffield, UK, 20 Feb 2013.
- Making Heritage Matter's workshops, The University of Sheffield, UK, 14 November 2012, 16 January, 2013.
- Large Group Teaching, The University of Sheffield, UK, 30 July 2012.
- Small Group Teaching (Seminar Facilitation), The University of Sheffield, UK, 7 August, 2012.
- Small Group Teaching (Laboratory Demonstration), The University of Sheffield, UK, 21 August, 2012.
- Supervising Research Projects, The University of Sheffield, UK, 23 August 2012.

Professional Experiences

Co-managing Director and Deputy of Chairman of the Bam Shahr-e-Toos Company, Mashhad, Iran (2003-2009).

- 2005-2006** Designing a Villa for private client, Mashhad, Iran.
- 2006-2007** Documentation of historical fabric of Nehbandan, South Khorasan, Iran.
- 2008-2009** Restoration and Revitalization of historical thermal bath (Anthropology Museum), Bojnord.
- 2008-2009** Renovation of historical Jewish House (*farhangsara behesht*), Mashhad, Iran.
- 2005-2009** Providing a Master plan for regeneration of many historical villages (e.g. Azghad, Pivejan, Mayan, Makhoonik), *Bonyad Maskan Enghelab Islami*.
- 2006-2008** Collaborating on the design of Masjid Jameh (Main Mosque), Birjand, Iran.



Professional Affiliations

- 2019-present** Member, The Scientific Association of Iranian Landscape, Iran.
- 2015-present** Member, the greenspace committee, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran
- 2012-present** Member, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Iran.
- 2012-2013** Member, Association of Art Historians (AAH), London, UK.
- 2013-2014** Member, Midwest Art History Society (MAHS), USA.
- 2010-presnet** Member, Construction Engineering Organisation, Iran.