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EDUCATION

2005-2009 Ph.D., Art History and Visual Studies, The University of Manchester. Dissertation Title: ***Difference and Architectural Historiography, an Introduction to History of Iranian Mosques (8th -15th Century AD)***. Supervisors: Dr. Emma Loosley, Prof. Timothy Insoll.

Synopsis of Research

The focus of this research was on the narrations of Persian art and architectural history through the case study of mosques. Postcolonial and poststructural literature was used to de-familiarise the common but problematic methods in historiography of Persian art. The general goal of this research was rejecting any essential semantics of this art and achieving a more self-referential awareness in choosing the frames and terminology of interpretation. This research was mainly based on 3 months fieldwork, including visiting 80 sites in Iran.

1995-2002 M.A., Architecture and Urbanism, Yazd University, Iran.
Dissertation Title: ***Architecture as Text, an Introduction to Semiotics of Persian Architecture***. Supervisor: Prof. Ali Ghaffari

Synopsis of Research

This research used semiotic theories – mainly Ferdinand de Saussure, Charles Sanders Peirce, Roland Barthes and Roman Jakobson's communication process – in search of an alternative theoretical framework to study Iranian architecture. Through a comparative study, the main goal of the project was a structural analysis of Persian architecture.

1990-1995 Shohada High School. Diploma in Mathematics.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- 2012 Khaghani, S. *Islamic Architecture of Iran, Post-Structural Theory and the Architectural History of Iranian Mosques*. London: I.B.Tauris. [www.amazon.com/Saeid Khaghani](http://www.amazon.com/Saeid-Khaghani)
- 2013 Khaghani, S. *Subjectivity and Space, Reflections on Iranian Everyday*. London: Sean Kingston Publishing. Part of "The Anthropology of Persianate Societies" series. (Forthcoming)
- 2014 Khaghani, S. and Shirbacheh, M. *Tarikh Nasta'liq 'The History of Nasta'liq Calligraphy'* (in Persian). (Forthcoming)

PAPERS

- 2012 Khaghani, S. 'The Notion of Time and the Image of Place; a view on Islamic gardens' in: Graves, M.(ed.) 2012 *Islamic Art, Architecture and Material Culture; New Perspectives* (BAR International Series 2436). Oxford: Archaeopress. (<http://www.archaeopress.com/ArchaeopressShop/Public/defaultAll.asp?SubjectArea=Islam>)
- 2013 Khaghani, S. 'An Art Ambassador: Inscriptions of 'Ali Reza 'Abbasi. In: Gharipour, M. and Schik, I. C. 2013 *Calligraphy in Islamic Architecture; Space, Form and Function*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. (<http://www.euppublishing.com/book/9780748669226?template=toc&>)

Khaghani, S. *Anjoman-e Khaqan; Reflections on Historiography of Persian Architecture in Fath Ali Shah's Reign*. (Forthcoming)

NEWSPAPERS

Sep. 2002 – July 2003 *Chachab* (Newspaper), writer and member of managing committee.

Dec. 2012 - *Sobh Sedeh* (Newspaper), writer.

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

March 2007 Art Histories and Visual Studies postgraduate Seminar Series,
Title of paper: 'Time-Space Frame in Persian Architecture'.
The University of Manchester, UK.

Aug., 2007. Arab Art, Architecture and Material Culture: New
Perspectives. Title of Paper: 'The Notion of Time and the
Image of Place, reflections on Islamic Gardens'.
University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Oct. 2011 Keynote Speaker for Architectural Symposium,
Shahrood, Iran.

WORK EXPERIENCE

TEACHING & LECTURING EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITY

Fall 2006 GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistant)
Travel as GTA with second level students to Syria.
Course Title: Early Christian Art
The University of Manchester, UK.

Spring 2009

GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistance)
Course Title: Cities
The University of Manchester, UK.

2009 – 2013

- World Architectural History
- History of Persian Architecture
- Architectural Theory
- Research Methodology (MA)
- Philosophy of Islamic Art (MA)
- History of Architectural Theory (MA)

Shahrood University of Technology, Iran.

NON-UNIVERSITY

July 2003 – August 2005

Teaching Drawing and Pottery-making,
Afarinesh Cultural Center, Isfahan, Iran.

ARCHITECTURAL EXPRIENCE

Feb. 2001 – May 2002,

Working as Designer in *Shamsah* architecture and restoration
office; Yazd, Iran.

Sep. 2002 – April 2005

Running a Home-based and
personal architectural office. designing various buildings in
this period.

ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor,
Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering,
Shahrood University of Technology, Iran.

Head of Research Office,
Department of Architecture,
Shahrood University of Technology, Iran.

AWARDS

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| 2002 | Iran ministry of Science Scholarship, 2005-2009.
I was Awarded 1 of 6 national scholarships from
approximately 2000 applicants to pursue a PhD at the
university of my choice. |
| 2002 | PhD Scholarship Nominee (winning the entrance exam)
Shahid Beheshti, Tehran, 2002. |
| 2010 & 2012 | Distinguished Lecturer Award in school of architecture
Shahrood University of Technology, Iran. |

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Persian: Mother Tongue
English: Fluent Speaking, Reading, Writing.
Arabic: Reading
French: Reading