

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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### Biography

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I am an assistant professor at the faculty of architecture and urban planning in Eqbal Lahooori Institute for Higher Education and an adjunct member of department of architecture in Azad University of South Tehran Branch, in Iran. My researches focus on a substantial amount of **investigation in vernacular architecture, housing and tourism studies and their application in scientific and business problems**. I demonstrate the feasibility of my ideas by implementing the knowledge of vernacular architecture and integrating it into the architectural design of residential and recreational complexes, mostly in tourism destinations of the country. At the moment, as a first class registered architect with more than 20 years of professional experiences in Iran, I am a member of the board and the principal architect at SABAT Kish Consultant Engineers Company. Moreover, I am a member of founding committee and advisory board of Euro-Asia Tourism Studies Association (Portugal) and a member of ERASTI (Experimental Research in Architecture, Societies and Innovative Territories) International Group (France).

### Education

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| <b>2013</b> | <b>PhD in Architectural Studies</b> , Faculty of Design and Architecture, University Putra Malaysia, MALAYSIA |
| <b>1996</b> | <b>B. A. and M.A. in Architecture</b> , Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Tehran, IRAN                      |

## Teaching

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- **Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, Mashhad, Iran (2011 - Present)**  
Architectural Design 1 for M. A. in Architecture (Architectural Planning and Design), (Subject: Affordable Housing Design for 400 families of Low Incomes)  
Architectural Design 2 for M. A. in Architecture (Conceptual Architectural Design), (Subject: Designing of A Museum for a Metropolitan city)
- **Azad University of South Tehran Branch, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tehran, Iran (2014 - Present)**  
Advanced Professional English Language Program & The History of Contemporary Architecture for PhD in Architecture and Urban Design, Architectural Design 1 for M. A. in Architecture (Architectural Planning and Design), (Subject: Affordable Housing Design for 400 families of Low Incomes)
- **Ferdowsi University, Faculty of Architecture, Urban Planning and Islamic Arts, Mashhad, Iran (2010-2011)**  
Architectural Design 3 for Bachelor of Architecture, (Subject: Design of a Four Star Hotel)
- **University Putra Malaysia, Faculty of Design and Architecture, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2008-2010)**  
Comprehensive Architectural Studio for 5<sup>th</sup> year students, (Subject: The design of a piece of furniture to a city and in approach from a comprehensive and complex building program to a critically-driven speculation)
- **Azad University of South Tehran Branch, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tehran, Iran (1998-1999)**  
Technical Drawing and Design & Construction Elements and Materials for Bachelors Students of Architecture

## Research

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- **Research Fellowship for Post Graduates on the Title of “The Application of Vernacular Knowledge in Contemporary Housing Design”, (2007-2009)**  
P: Research Assistant / C: School of Graduate Studies, University Putra Malaysia

## Journal Publications

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- Afshar A., Salleh E., Lucas J. A., **“Application of Vernacular Architectural Ideas in New Saffein Village of Kish Island”**, published in *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities (JSSH)*, Malaysia, 2010.
- Afshar A., Salleh E., Lucas J. A., **“Vernacular Architecture of Old Saffein Village: The Last Chance for Saving the Architectural Values of Historical Kish Island-Iran”**, Presented at *ISVS 5*, (published in *FARU Research Journal*), Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 2010

- Afshar A., **“The Role of People in Renovation and Regeneration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Old Fabric of Surrounding the Holy Shrine of Imam Reza in Mashhad”**, published in *Researches and Educational Journal of Tashakkol*, Tehran, Iran, 2010 (in Persian)
- Afshar A., Alaghbari W., Salleh E., Salim A., **“Affordable Housing Design with Application of Vernacular Architecture: The Case of Kish Island, Iran”**, published in *International Journal of Housing Markets and Analysis*, United Kingdom, 2011.
- Erfanian Salim M., Afshar A., **“Tourism Motivation and Tourists’ Needs in Public Open Space (Case Study: Kish Island, Iran)”**, accepted for presentation in *ITC’14 – International Tourism Congress, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman*, 2014. (As an Awarded Paper, Accepted for Publishing in *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND RECREATION* in 2015)
- Pilevaran S., Afshar A., **“Important Indicators for Enhancing Quality of Life in Architectural Design of Community School of Hemat Abad Low-income District”**, Submitted to *Haft-Shahr: The Journal of Urban Development and Organization*, Tehran, Iran, 2015. (in Persian)
- Ahmadi F., Afshar A., **“The Role of Place Attachment in Regeneration Process of Noghan District”**, Published in *Haft-Shahr: The Journal of Urban Development and Organization*, Tehran, Iran, 2017. (in Persian)
- Ahmadi F., Afshar A., Aghalatifi A., **“The explanation of the Transformation of the Realm into the Settlement System in Urban Fabric surrounding the shrine of Imam Reza: Case Study of Mashhad Noghan Neighborhood”**, Published in *Journal of Researches in Islamic Architecture*, Tehran, Iran, 2017. (in Persian)

## Refereed Conferences

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- Safaee M. M., Afshar A., Derambakhsh A., **“Construction of Tohid Intercity Tunnel and Huge Changes in its Surrounding in Old Part of Tehran, Iran”**, published in *conference proceedings of 13th World Conference of ACUUS (Advances in Underground Space Development)*, Singapore, Nov. 2012.
- Afshar A., **“Different Strategies in Second Home Development and Destruction of local Architectural Values in Kish Island”**, published in *conference proceedings of 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of Contemporary Trends in Tourism and Hospitality*, Novi Sad, Serbia, 2012.
- Afshar A., Salleh E., **“A dialogue with vernacular architecture in Kamran Diba’s projects in Iran”**, accepted for presentation in *ISVS 6, Famagusta, North Cyprus*, 2013.
- Afshar A., **“Inappropriate Building Regulations and the Loss of Vernacular Architectural Capitals in Kish Island”**, published in *Conference proceeding of Conference on Roots & Bonds in Art & Architecture in the East*, Isfahan, Iran, 2014.
- Arezoo H., Afshar A., **“New Vernacular Housing in Kish Island: Two Strategies, One Mistake”**, published in *seminar proceeding of 7<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014
- Afshar A., Arezoo H., **“Vernacular Approach in Low-income Houses in Kish Island”**, *National Conference of Geography, Tourism and Sustainable Development*, Tehran, Iran, 2015. (in Persian)

- Pilevaran S., Afshar A., Aghalatifi A., **“Important Factors in Architectural Design of a Community School in low-income Districts”**, *International Conference on Human, Architecture, Civil Engineering and City, Tabriz, Iran*, 2015. (in Persian)
- Ahmadi F., Afshar A., Aghalatifi A., **“Order of Human Territories in Residential Fabric Surrounding Shrine on Imam Reza, Noghhan District”**, *International Conference on Human, Architecture, Civil Engineering and City, Tabriz, Iran*, 2015. (in Persian)
- Afshar A., Pandi S., **“Increasing the Level of Social Interaction in Physical Public Spaces of Mashhad City”**, *1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Urban Planning, Urban Management and Sustainable Development, Tehran, Iran*, 2015. (in Persian)
- Arezoo H., Afshar A., **“Architectural Solutions for Design of Affordable Housing Development in Kish Island”**, *1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Urban Planning, Urban Management and Sustainable Development, Tehran, Iran*, 2015. (in Persian)
- Afshar A., Taghizadeh Alamdari E., **“Shushtar New Town: Success or Failure?”**, *accepted for presentation in ARCHDESIGN '15: Architectural Design Conference, Istanbul, Turkey*, 2015.
- Afshar A., Erfanian Salim M., **“Vernacular Architecture Can Answer to Contemporary Second Homes Owners’ Requirements”**, *Presented in Euro-Asian Tourism Studies Association Inaugural Conference, Taipei & Hualien, Taiwan*, 2015.
- Afshar A., Erfanian Salim M., **“Applying the Principles of Small Island Development State in Tourism Development Guidelines of Kish Island”**, *accepted for presentation in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Tourism Congress, Peniche, Portugal*, 2015.
- Yousefizadeh Z., Afshar A., **“An Investigation of the Influence of Architectural Environmental Design on Enhancing Human Force”**, *6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Engineering and Art, Falun, Sweden*, June 2016.
- Afshar A., Erfanian Salim M., **“Urban Design as a Practical Vehicle for a Sustainable Tourism Development”**, *Conference Proceeding, The 2nd Euro-Asian Tourism Studies Association Inaugural Conference, Lisbon, Portugal*, 2016.
- Erfanian Salim M., Afshar A., **“Socio-cultural Factors Affecting Tourists’ Needs for a Public Open Space: The Case of Kish Island, Iran”**, *accepted for presentation in International Seminars on Vernacular Settlements, Makassar, Indonesia*, 2016.
- Afshar A., Rahimi Z., **“A Study on the Role of Symbiotic in Architectural Design of Tourism”**, *Conference Proceeding, The 3rd Euro-Asian Tourism Studies Association Inaugural Conference, Nara, Japan*, 2017.

## MSc Supervisor

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- **Sanaz Pilevaran**; *The Role of Community School in Enhancing Quality of Life in Hematabad Low-Incomes District*, Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education.
- **Hassan Arezoo**; *Vernacularism in Affordable Housing Design on Kish Island*, Islamic Azad University Neyshabur Branch.
- **Amir Esmaili**; *A Center for Architectural Researches: Explanation of Environmental Characteristics in Sustainable Architecture*, Islamic Azad University Neyshabur Branch.

- **Farzaneh Ahmadi**; *A Study of Urban Realm and Its Effects on Physical Aspect of the Houses in Old Fabric of Mashhad*, Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education.
- **Salmaan Pandi**; *Reconsidering City Theater: Social Interaction and Architectural Design*, Heris Islamic Azad University.
- **Ahmad Nemati**; *Investigation into a Destination Hotel in Chabahar: Architecture, Culture and Nature*, Islamic Azad University Neyshabur Branch.
- **Ali Vafaei**; *A System for Mosque Architectural Design to Improve Social Interaction in New Neighborhoods of Mashhad*, Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education.
- **Hassan Chezgi**; *Regenerating by Architecture: Redesign of a Bazaar in Noghan District*, Islamic Azad University Neyshabur Branch.
- **Meysam Safaei**; *The Role of Regional Architecture in Design of a Commercial Building in Tehran*, Sirjan Science and Research Branch of Islamic Azad University.
- **Reihaneh Jafarian Moghadam**; *Social Aspect in Sustainable Housing Design in Tabas*, Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education.
- **Homa Samyaad**; *A Health Village in Tehran: Investigation into Health through Green Architectural Design*, Sirjan Science and Research Branch of Islamic Azad University.
- **Behnaz Pouya**; *Design for a Cultural Center from Mirmiran's Architectural Viewpoint*, Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education.
- **Mohammadreza Parhizkar**; *Re-Establishing of Identical Characteristics in Residential Apartments of Amiriyeh in Mashhad*, Eqbal Lahoori Institute for Higher Education.
- **Zartosht Khalili Taari**; *A Design System for City Hotels in Tehran with Critical Regionalism Approach*, Islamic Azad University Neyshabur Branch.
- **Zohreh Rahimi**; *Symbiotic Approach in Architecture of a Vacation Village in Shahrood*, Islamic Azad University Tehran South Branch.
- **Sina Aliasgari**; *A Centre for Eco-tourism as a Tourism Destination: Study on the Role of Architectural Design*, Islamic Azad University Tehran South Branch.
- **Farzad Fazeli**; *Application of Abr-khesht Method in Design of a Tourism Complex on the Edge of Kavir National Park*, Islamic Azad University Tehran South Branch.
- **Nafiseh Rahmati**; *The Role of Halal Tourism in Architectural Design of A Health Village: The Case of Baraghan*, Islamic Azad University Tehran South Branch.
- **Elnaz Thaghizadeh Alamdari**, *Analyzing the Architectural Characteristics of Bornova's Levantine's Mansions*, Yasar University, Izmir, Turkey

## Professional Registration

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- **Licensed Architect (First-Class)** for Design, Supervision and Execution, Iranian Ministry of Roads & Urban Development (date of issue: 1998)
- **Registered Architect**, Iranian Construction Engineers Organization (date of issue: 1997)
- **Construction Engineers Association**, Kish Island, Iran (Vice-President, 2005-2006)

## Professional Experiences (Selected Projects)

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### **2012-Present SABAT Kish Consultant Engineers Company**

*Principal Architect and Member of the Board*

- In Kish Island: **NOSA Residential and Recreational Complex** (47 hectares), **Mahan Kish Residential Complex\*** (21000 sqm), **Maryam Residential Towers** (30000 sqm), **Hafez Residential Apartments** (9000 sqm), **Lillium 4 Star Hotel** (13000 sqm), **Kish Cars Exhibition Complex** (10000 sqm), **Karaneh Behest 4 Star Hotel** (15000 sqm), **Kish Health Town** (25 hectares)  
*[\\* Selected Project, Venice Biennale 2015 \(Iran Pavilion\)](#)*
- In Mashhad: **Fajr Iranian Residential and commercial Complex** (45000 sqm), **Mahd Boragh 5 Star Hotel and Shopping Center** (35000 sqm), **Bargh Commercial, offices and 5 Star Hotel** (80000 sqm).
- In Shiraz: **Shiraz Zandieh International competition, Urban Regeneration of the Historical Center in the City of Shiraz (15 Hectares) \***, *By Urban Development and Revitalization Organization Of Iran*, The Team include of Sabat Kish (Iran), RIO Architects (France), Erasti (France), A Mixed Use Project: Housing, Hotels, Activities, Shops, Public Spaces, Urban Development and Revitalization Organization Of Iran Iran, 2017,  
*[\\* Selected as Top Four](#)*

### **2016-2017 Khanehsazi Iran Holding Company**

*Member of the Board, Khanehsazi Iran Design and Construction Management Company*

- **Head of Department of International Project** (Lavasani Hospital, Shiraz Hospital, Yazd Cancer Center), **Senior Advisor of Khanehsazi Iran Consultant Engineers Company** (Hospitals and Healthcare Projects)

### **2010-2011 MAHAN (Mohagheghan Hamrah Andisheh) Holding Company**

*Senior Executive Manager*

- **The Project of Regeneration and Rehabilitation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Urban Fabric Surrounding the Holy Shrine of Imam Reza in Mashhad** (101 Hectares)

### **2002-2006 Palar Kish Consultant Engineering Company**

*Principal Architect and Managing Director*

- In Kish Island:  
**Oil Companies Official Complex** (10500 sqm), **Aznavehzadeh Trade-Official Complex** (5500 sqm), **Industries Cooperative Residential Complex Planning Contest** (33000 sqm), **Kish-Air Residential Complex** (10000 sqm), **Dr. Hesabi Research Institute** (1800 sqm), **Fourteen-class schools (4 units)**(total area of 14000 sqm), **Residential Apartments (more than 50 units)** (total area of 50000 sqm), **Kish Sharif Technical University** (1600 sqm), **Renovation of Pardis Hotel** (1800 sqm), **Kish Jetty** (8500 sqm), **Eih Bank (Kish branch)** (300 sqm), **Chance Cupboard Exhibition in Isfahan** (350 sqm), **Shaghayegh Shopping Centre** (2400 sqm)

## **1999-2002 Tehran Setavandsaz Consultants Engineering Company**

*Senior Architect and Member of the Board*

- **Revitalization & Development Plan of Djamaran neighborhood** in Tehran (3 hectares), **Official Shipping Department Building of Port and Shipping Co.** in Tehran (17000 sqm), **Residential Apartments in Keshvari Town** in Isfahan (50000 sqm), **Tahdid Shopping Complex** in Hamadan (700 sqm), **Iranmanesh Mosque** in Kerman (750 sqm), **Ghoba Mosque** in Yasouj (1000 sqm), **Sadr Abad Mosque** in Delijan (450 sqm), **197 Hectares Mosque** in Borojerd (600 sqm), **87 Hectares Mosque** in Azna (400 sqm), **Baku Restaurant** in Azerbaijan (350 sqm), **Residential Apartments (More than 15 units)** in Tehran (total area of 12000 sqm), **Sarbaz Residential Complex** in Tehran (520 sqm), **Sadaf Trading Complex** in Chabahar (2000 sqm), **Parsa Residential Complex** in Tehran (850 sqm).

## **1996-1998 Engineering Department of I.R. Police (Compulsory National Service)**

*Project and Design Architect*

- **800 Units Residential Complex** in Ziba dasht-Tehran (30000 sqm), **Police Science University** in Tehran (10000 sqm), **90 Units Residential Complex** in Ahwaz (8000 sqm)

## **1993-1996 Tarh Consultant Engineering Company**

*Junior Architect*

- **College of Natural Resources** in Yasouj (10000 sqm), **College of National Resources** in Semnan (8500 sqm), **Golman Complex for Tourists** in Oroumiyeh (25000 sqm)

## **International Activities**

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- **Guest Lecturer**, For Courses: *New Directions in Urban Housing, Sustainable Transformation and Architecture, Housing in Developing Countries*; Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul Technical University, 2015
- **Iran Responsible Participate Person**, *A Grand Global Survey on Family Vacation Decision Making*, Fu-Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, 2015
- **A Member of Scientific Committee (Iran Chair)**, *The 1st International Conference on Digital Economy*, The impact of emerging technologies of the digital economy, Carthage (Tunisia), April 2016.
- **A Member of Scientific Committee**, *The 2nd Annual Conference of EATSA – Euro-Asia Tourism Studies Association in Portugal*, June 2016
- **Lecturer**, *The 1st International Workshop on Architecture and Cinema*, A Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (The National School of Architecture of Paris-La Villette and Eqbal Lahoori Institute of Higher Education), Architecture and The City in The Camera Frame, Yazd, Iran, March 2016

- **A Member of Scientific Committee (Iran Chair),** *The 1st International Conference on Digital Economy*, the impact of emerging technologies of the digital economy, Sidi Bou Said (Tunisia), April 2017.
- **Jury Member,** The 9th Art & Tour International Film Festival, Gaia, Portugal, November 2016
- **Lecturer,** *The 2nd International Workshop on Architecture and Cinema*, A Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (The National School of Architecture of Paris-La Villette and Eqbal Lahooori Institute of Higher Education), Architecture and The Nature in The Camera Frame, Mashhad, Iran, May 2017
- **A Member of Scientific Committee,** *The 3rd Annual Conference of EATSA – Euro-Asia Tourism Studies Association*, Designing for Co-Creation in Euro-Asian Tourism, Japan, August 2017
- **Jury Member,** The 10th Art & Tour International Film Festival, Gaia, Portugal, November 2017
- **A Member of Scientific Committee (Iran Chair),** *The 3rd International Conference on Digital Economy*, The Impact of Emerging Technologies of The Digital Economy, Brest Business School (France), April 2018.
- **Jury Member,** The 11th Tourfilm Riga, International Tourism Film Festival, Riga, Latvia, April 2018
- **Lecturer,** *The 3rd International Workshop on Architecture and Cinema*, A Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (The National School of Architecture of Paris-La Villette and Eqbal Lahooori Institute of Higher Education), Architecture and The Nature in The Camera Frame, Tabas, Iran, May 2018
- **A Member of Scientific Committee,** *The 4th Annual Conference of EATSA – Euro-Asia Tourism Studies Association*, Designing for Co-Creation in Euro-Asian Tourism, Dijon, France, June 2018

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