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EDUCATION

- 2017- **Doctor of Design**
Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
Doctorate focusing on politics of urban intelligence, production of space, and spatial justice
- 2016 **Post- Master of Urban Studies**
École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette – ENSAPLV, Paris, France
Graduate thesis on politics of historical conservation and gentrification. Research Degree. Distinction.
- 2011 **Master of Landscape Architecture**
Tehran University, Tehran, Iran
Graduate thesis on cultural and historical urban landscape and urban revitalization. Distinction.
- 2008 **Bachelor of Architecture**
Tehran University, Tehran, Iran
Undergraduate thesis on urban recreational spaces for youth

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Summer 2019 **Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative**
Research fellow and smart city consultant. Syracuse, NY.
- 2018- **Urban Theory Lab. Harvard University. Graduate School of design**
Research Associate
- 2016- **Tehran Urban Innovation Center. TUIC**
Research Assistant. Smart Solution for inclusive Cities
Research focusing on combining online and off-line methods for community empowerment and civic engagement
- 2011-2014 **Nazar Research Center of Art, Architecture and Urbanism**
Tehran piecemeal urban regeneration
Finding alternative ways for grassroots urban regeneration to replace the top-down and state-led programs

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 **P.E.O International Scholarship.** International Peace and Sisterhood.
- 2019 **Dean Merit's Award.** Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2019 **Graduate Scholarship.** Iranian Scholarship Foundation
- 2018 **Graduate Scholarship.** Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2018 **Dean Merit's Award.** Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2017 **Graduate Scholarship.** Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2016 **Thesis Prize.** ENSAPLV
- 2015 **Design Excellence Prize.** *With* Zoj Architects. Open call competition. Tehran. Iran
Masterplan Design of left-over lands above Resalat tunnel

TEACHING

- 2019.Spr. **Teaching Fellow.** Harvard University, GSD
The Nature of Difference: Theories and Practices of Landscape Architecture
- 2018.Fall **Teaching Fellow.** Harvard University, GSD
Mapping: Geographic Representation and Speculation
- 2018.Fall **Teaching Assistant.** Harvard University, GSD
Spatial Analysis and the Built Environment
- 2017.Spr. **Instructor.** Shiraz University
Pavilion: Design, construction and demolition

PUBLICATION

- 2019 **Editor.** New Geographies 12: Commons. Forthcoming, Fall 2020
- 2018 Mahdavi Mojdeh, "Streets of future: A Redecorated Scene for People or Autonomous Vehicles?." *Planning and Technology Today*, no.117, Spring 2018.
- 2014 Mahdavi Mojdeh, and shahrazad Khademi, "the Concept of Cultural Landscape, a dysfunctional Term in oriental culture." *Manzar Magazine*, no.28, 2014, pp.30-35.
- 2012 Mahdavi Mojdeh, "Parks for People." *Tehran University Year Book*, no.1, 2012.
- 2011 Mahdavi Mojdeh, "The Style Begins, A Critical Review on Citroen Park as a Modern Urban Space." *Manzar Magazine*, vol.3, no. 14, Spring 2011, 38-47.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

- 2015-16 **Urban Designer.** TerriDev/ Territoire et Développement.
Paris. France
- 2014-15 **Urban Designer.** Zoj Architect.
Tehran. Iran
- 2013-14 **Architect.** TG architects.
Almaty. Kazakhstan
- 2008-11 **Urban Designer.** Negin-Shahr Ayande Consultants
Tehran. Iran
- 2007-08 **Junior Architect.** HeramPey Consulting Engineers
Tehran. Iran

CONFERENCES

- 2019 **Speaker.** The Limit to the growth. School of Architecture, Cities and Territories, Marne-la-Vallée Éavt, Paris-Est University.
Title: Production of space and the right to the smart city
- 2018 **Organizer.** Doctor of Design Conference 2018. Harvard University GSD. Cambridge, U.S.
Title: [Re]Form: New Investigations in Urban Form
- 2017 **Speaker.** International Federation of Landscape Architecture. Montreal, Canada.

2011 Title: The possible contributions of digital technology in piece-meal regeneration of Tehran
Presenter. International Federation of Landscape Architecture. Zurich, Switzerland.
Title: Renovating a Deteriorated Urban Area Based On Culture & Heritage

INVITED GUEST CRITIC

2019. Fall Wentworth Institute of Technology. Boston, MA
2018 . Spr. Northeastern University. Boston, MA
2017. Spr. Tehran University. Tehran. Iran
2016. Fall Shiraz University. Shiraz, Iran

LANGUAGES

English (Advanced)
French (Advanced)
Spanish (Basic)
Russian (Basic)
Farsi (Native)

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite
Microsoft Office Suite
AutoCAD
ArcGIS
Project Management

AFFILIATION

American Planning Association
Women in Design (Harvard University)
Medina (Harvard University)