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Education:

PhD, Sociology, University of Kansas, USA, 1979 (two specialties)

M Phil, Sociology, University of Kansas, USA, 1978

MA, Social Psychology, Morehead State University, USA, 1975

BA, Sociology, National U. of Iran (Shahid Beheshti U) Tehran, 1994

AA, Statistics, Tehran, INTO, Training College, 1972

Employment:

**Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Research, Allameh Tabatabaee .
University, 1979- Present.**

**Official Scientific Board Member, Swiss Academy for Development,
2002- Present.**

**Senior Advisor, National Survey on Social Capital, an ongoing research
Iran's Management and Planning Organization and University for
Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences.**

**Project Manager, International Conference for Reconstruction of Bam,
UNDP, 2004.**

**Senior Social Scientist, (Consultant), UNDP, UNODC, UNFPA, 1998
Present, World Bank, 2001- present.**

Member, World City Experts' Committee, UNESCO, Paris, 1998-2000.

**Chair: Local Development Study Group, Center for Studies and
Research on Management & Planning, MPO, Iran, 2002-2003.**

**Founder & Chair: Department of Urbanology, Cultural Research
Bureau, 1996-2001.**

Chair: Department of Sociology, Cultural Research Bureau, 2004-2005.

Senior advisor, Tehran City Council, 1999-2001.

Visiting Professor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Shahid Beheshti University, 1990-Present.

Visiting Professor, School of Earth Sciences, Shahid Beheshti University, 1998-2004.

Visiting Professor, School of Fine Arts, Tehran University, 1992-2001.

Chair: National Most Committee, UNESCO, 1998-2002.

Scientific Board Member, Children, Youth, & Environment Quarterly University of Colorado USA, 2005-Present.

Scientific Board Member, Journal of Political Economy, 1988-Present.

Scientific Board Member, Journal of Architecture and Culture, 1999-Present.

Scientific Board Member, Quarterly of Urban Management, 2000-2005.

Scientific Board Member, Quarterly of Environmental Sciences, 2004-Present.

Scientific Board Member, Quarterly of Social Welfare, 2000, Present.

Senior Advisor to Mayor of Tehran, 2001-2002.

Member of Reviewing Commission, New Town Planning, Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning, 1992-1994.

Ad Hoc member of graduate faculty, University of Kansas, USA, 1978-1979.

Assistant Instructor, Morehead State University, USA. 1975.

Member of Research Team, AOA Study, American Institutes for Research in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Summer, 1997.

Areas of Interest:

Urban Sociology & Planning, Research Methodology, Local Development, Participation and Voluntary Organizations, Poverty Alleviation, Development, Governance and Local Government.

Awards:

UNDP Award for Community Development and Poverty Alleviation, 2003.

Carrol D. Clark Award for Outstanding PhD, Student, University of Kansas, USA, 1978.

Designing Participatory Projects:

- 1. Youth Innovations Fund Network, Swiss Academy for Development, Switzerland, 2007. (This project is approved for implementation in four countries of the MENA region and two countries in south east Asia. Implementation is scheduled for December, 2007.**
- 2. Shoorayari Project (Neighborhood Councils in Iran), executed in Tehran's Neighborhoods by Tehran Islamic City Council and 8 other cities during first term of city Councils and expanded to include all neighborhoods in Tehran during the third term of the council.**
- 3. Neighborhood Sustainable Development Councils, Shirabad, Zahedan, 2003. This project received UN Award for Poverty Alleviation and Community Development.**
- 4. School Mayors of Iran: World Youngest Mayor. First implemented by Tehran Municipality, 1993. Selected as best practice by Second International Congress of Educating Cities, Bologna, Italy, 1994. Selected as International Model Project, Third Congress of Educating Cities, Chicago, 1996. Reviewed as best practice by UNESCO, Paris, 2000.**
- 5. Citizens Centered Cities, a project that includes 12 participatory urban neighborhood sub-projects, Cultural Research Bureau, 1994.**
- 6. Youth and Women Participatory Projects, a supplement to Bam Area Based Development Project, UNDP, 2004.**
- 7. Tehran City Charter, first ever charter for Tehran, Toward Citizenship and Sustainability
Tehran 1st Islamic City Council, 2002.**
- 8- Chair, National Conference, Sustainability and
Citizenship, Tehran Municipality, 2004.**

Publications:

A: Books (English):

- 1. Poverty Alleviation In Sistan & Baluchestan, the Case of Shirabad, UNDP, 2002**
- 2. Moving the ICPD Program of Action Forward in I.R. of Iran...Chapter 2, Culture Matters, UNFPA, New York, 2004.**

3. **Socio-cultural Factors& Reproductive Health: The Case of Rural Communities, UNFPA&CWP, 2005.**
4. **Vulnerable Children in Tehran: Status, Problems, Needs & Services Offered, Riyadh, AUDI, 2007.**
5. **Poverty Mapping and Social Assessment in Iran, World Bank, 2002.**

B: Articles (English)

1. **“School Mayors of Iran: Learning Social Participation in Unfavorable Environment”, Children, Youth& Environment, Vol. 2 No. 15, 2005.**
2. **“Effects of Social Interaction Between Afghan Refugees and Iranians on Reproductive Health Attitudes”, Disasters, The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policies and Management, Vol. 28, No.3, Sept. 2004, London, Blackwell Publisher.**
3. **“School Mayors of Iran: Citizenship and the Children” Children and the City, Amman, December,2002.**
4. **“Citizenship & Urban Form ”In Transformations of Urban Form, Alinea, Publisher, Firenze, Italy, 1999.**
5. **“Marcuse and the Problem of Instrumental Rationality” Mid-American Review of Sociology, Vol. 2, No.2,winter, 1977.**
6. **“Historicity and the Poverty of Empiricism: the Case of Sociology” with Robert J. Antonio, Red Feather Institute for Advanced Studies in Sociology, Colorado, USA, 1979.**
7. **“The Loss of Man and History in Baconian Sociology: the Relevance of the Annales Critique” with Robert J. Antonio, Red Feather Institute for Advanced Studies in Sociology, Colorado, USA, 1979.**

C: Book Review:

- “Labor Economics: A Guide to Information Sources” Written by Ross E. Azevedo, Mid-American Review of Sociology, Vol. 3, No. 2 winter, 1978.**

D: Papers at Professional Meetings:

- “ Youth Innovation Funds Network, World Thematic Conference, Harvard University and Leiden, University, the Hague, Netherlands, 2007.**
- “ Mental-Health Need Assessment of the people of Bam” Workshop, Poverty and Urban Health, American University in Beirut, May, 2007.**
- “Challenges Concerning Decentralization and Local Government in**

Iran” Seminar on Urban Issues in Iran, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Shahid Beheshti University, February 26, 2006.

“The Quest of Time: Pre-requisites of Knowledge City in the Middle East Knowledge City Symposium, Madina, Saudi Arabia, December 2005.

“Youth Movement in Iran: Redefining and Recapturing Public Spaces” SSRC Conference on Public Sphere, Beirut, 2004.

“Building Scale & Urban Scale: Distorted Public Space”, University of Lyon, Conference on Semiotic of Space, Lyon, France, 2004.

“Reproductive Health & Afghan Refugees in Iran” International Conference, On Reproductive Health and Disasters, Brussels, 2003.

“Street Children of Tehran: A New Face of Poverty in Iran”, MAward, Workshop, Rabat, Morocco, 2003.

“Poverty in Iran: A Different Approach”, MAward Workshop on Poverty, Khartoum, Sudan, 2002.
World Bank Workshop on **Social Development**, Washington, USA, 2002.
Coordinator, SSRC Workshop on **Civil Society in Iran**, Istanbul, 2002.

“Informal Social Support System in Iran” MAward Conference, Beirut, 2002.

“Neighborhood Councils in Iran” Toward Citizenship CERMOC Workshop on Governance, Beirut, 2002.

“Citizenship & Urban Form” Sixth International on Urban Form, Florence, Italy, 1999.

“Shanty Towns of Iran” & International Conference of Asian Sociology, Beijing, China, 1996.

“School Mayors of Iran: the World Youngest Mayors” selected as International Model Project at 4th International Congress of Educating Cities, Chicago, 1996.

“School Mayors of Iran: Learning Social Participation” 3rd International Congress of Educating Cities, Bologna, Italy. 1994.

“Disasters as Total Social Phenomena” First International Conference on Disaster Prevention in Urban Areas, Tehran, 1992.

“Cooptation, Conflict generation and Coercion: Methods of Ruling in Iran & Awaiting a Disaster: Air Raids on Cities”, XII World Congress of Sociology, Madrid, 1990.

“Trends in Post Revolutionary Iranian Education” with Robert E. Rucker, 84th Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, San Francisco

August 1989.

“Over-urbanization in Iran”, Mid West Sociological Society Meeting, Chicago, 1988.

“Poverty and Poverty Eradication in Iran”, Second National Conference on Poverty, Tehran, 1987.

“Poverty and Social Problems in Iran” First National Conference on Poverty, Tehran, 1986.

“Sub-Standard Housing in Iran” Second International Conference on New Towns, Tehran, 1985.

“Social Planning in New Town Planning”, First International Conference On New Towns, Tehran, 1984.

“International Dominance & Structural Transformation of Third World”, 2nd Annual Third World Conference, Omaha, USA, 1978.

“Marcuse and the Problem of Instrumental Rationality”, Southwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Houston, USA, 1978.

“Historicity and the poverty of Empiricism: the Case of Sociology” with Robert J. Antonio, **9th World Congress of Sociology, Uppsala, Sweden, 1978.**

“The Loss of Man and History in Baconian Sociology: the Relevance of the Annal Critique” with Robert j. Antonio 9th World Congress of Sociology, Uppsala, Sweden, 1978.

“Historical Development and Underdevelopment” 4th Annual Third World Workshop, Chicago, 1978.

“Elites and Development in the Third World”, Mid West Sociological Society Meeting, Minneapolis, USA, 1977.

E: Principal Investigator at Field Researches:

- **Local Democracy in Iran, Case Studies of village and city Councils, UNDP, Bangkok, 2006.**
- **Mental Health Need Assessment of the People of Bam, A Joint Project by WHO, SAD, and Kerman University for Medical Sciences, 2006-7.**
- **The Domains of Iranian Women Decision Making, A National Survey, Joint project with Swiss Academy for Development, 2006.**
- **Assessment of Iranian Youth NGOs, Swiss Academy for Development, 2005-2006.**
- **Assessment of Youth NGOs in Iran, Swiss Academy for Development, 2005.**

- **Drug, Crime and Terrorism, 2005 Country Profile, UNODC, 2005.**
- **Children of Tehran, Child Protection Initiatives & NGOs Capacity Building Plan, AUI, UNESCO and World Bank, 2005.**
- **Anomie and Youth: A Comparative Study, Swiss Academy for Development, 2004-2005.**
- **Social Assessment and Poverty Mapping in Iran, World Bank, LDF Project in Iran, 2002.**
- **Local Government in Iran, Decentralization and City and Village Councils: Future Challenges, (A National Survey), 2002.**
- **Crisis of the Third Generation of Land Reform in Iran: A Study in Agrarian Sociology, Tehran, Rooyan Consulting Firm, Field study in Nine villages of Hamadan Province, 2000.**

Publications in Farsi

A- Books

- **Pathology of Local Councils in Iran**, Tehran City Council, 2000 (collection of 10 volumes of books, two written by Piran and other
- **Urbanization in the Middle East** By V.F. Costello, translated into Farsi by Parviz Piran and Abdol Ali Resaie, Tehran, Nei Publishers 1995 (third edition, 2004).
- **“Housing Patterns in Iran: the Case of Informal Settlements”** in Social Problems of Iran, Tehran, Payam-e-Noor University, 2003.
- **Poverty in Iran**, with Rees Dana & Shadi Talab, Tehran, University For Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2000.

B- Articles

- **“Conceptual Framework and Conceptualization of Social Capital”** Quarterly of Social Welfare, Vol. 6, No. 23, Winter 2006.
- **“ Geo-strategic and Geopolitical Theory of Iranian Society”** Quarterly of Andisheh Iranshahr, No. 6, 2006.
- **“ Theory of Built Environment in Place of the Impossible Theory of City in Iran”**, Quarterly Andisheh Iranshahr, No. 6, Tehran, 2006.
- **“ Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities”**, Nameheh, 2005.
- **“Poverty and Social Movements in Iran”** , Quarterly of Social Welfare, Vol. 5, No. 18, Tehran, University for Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, 2005.
- **“Consequences and Visible Outcomes of Social Crisis”** Quarterly of Social Welfare, Vol. 4, No. 16, Tehran, University for Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2005.
- **“Male Domination and Reproductive Health: Introducing a Research”** Quarterly of Social Welfare, Vol. 3, No. 13, Tehran, University for Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2004.

- **“Globalization: Historical Trends and Dimensions”**, Parliament & Research, Vol.11, No. 43, Tehran, Parliament’s Publication, 2004.
- **“Sociology of Disaster and its Role in Crisis Management”** Quarterly of Social Welfare, Vol. 3, No. 11, Tehran, University for Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2003.
- **“Local Councils and Participation: The Only Way Ahead”**, Shahrivandi Monthly, Tehran Municipality, No.10, Feb.5, 2002.
- **“Urban Good Governance in Iran”** Quarterly of Architecture and Culture, Vol. 4, No. 9, Tehran, Cultural Research Bureau,2002.
- **“Social Development: Review of the Copenhagen Declaration”** Quarterly of Social Welfare, Vol. 3, No. 10, Tehran, University for Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2002.
- **“Urban Social Movements in Iran”** Collection of 14 articles, Tehran Aftab Monthly, 2001-2003.
- **“Globalization and Civil Society: Misunderstandings at the Conceptual Level” (Collection of 8 Articles) Vaghaie Etefaghieh Daily, April & June, 2003.**
- **“Assessment of Local Councils in Iran”**, Norooz Daily, April 29, 2002.
- **“Local Councils: Transition from Tribalism to Civil Society” Iran Daily, Feb. 16, 2002.**
- **“Citizens Centered Cities” Five Articles, Political & Economy Journal, 1990-1.**
- **“Lack of Social Participation in Iran and its Vital Role in Iran’s Future” (Collection of 5 Articles) Aban Weekly, Vol.3, No. 103-107, November & December, 1999.**
- **“City and Neighborhood Councils: National Needs and International Challenges” (collection of 2 Articles) Hamshahri Daily, March 8&9,2000.**
- **“ Without Local Government Social Crisis will be inevitable in Iran” Iran Daily, Jan. 16, 2002.**

Also more than 100 articles published in Farsi, the Iranian language, translating two books from English into Farsi, publishing 5 chapters in 5 books in Farsi and more than 50 interviews published in various Farsi journals and news papers.

