

In the Name of God

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Geography and urban planning

Educational Background

Degree Level	Field of Study	University	GPA
Ph.D	Geography and Urban Planning	University of Tehran	18.94
Master's Degree	Geography and Urban Planning	University of Isfahan	18.08
Bachelor's Degree	Geography and Urban Planning	University of Isfahan	17.69

Academic position

Faculty member of the University of Kashan

Professional Experience

- Director of Community Relations, University of Kashan (February 2022 – Present)
- Member, Technology and Social Research Policy Council, University of Kashan (January 2022 – Present)
- Member, University Council, University of Kashan
- Head, Kashan Studies Research Center (November 2021 – January 2025)
- Managing Editor, Kashan Studies Journal (August 2022 – February 2025)
- Member, Theory Development Council, University of Kashan (February 2022 – February 2024)

Research Interests

- Strategic planning and sustainable development
- Renewal and revitalization of historic urban areas
- Urban transportation and urban tourism
- Strategic management and the formulation of organizational vision documents

Foreign language skills and specialized software proficiency

- Holds an English language certificate (MCHE)
- Proficiency in specialized software such as ArcGIS and SPSS.



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Academic Honors:

1. Ranked **first among graduates** at the undergraduate level.
2. Ranked **first among graduates** at the master's level.
3. Recognized as an **Outstanding Student** at the doctoral level.

Research Background

PhD Dissertation

Elucidating the Strategic Planning Model for the Sustainable Development of Kashan City

Books

- 1 -Taghvaei, Masoud, & Vafaei, Abuzar, "Planning and Management of Urban Bus Systems", 2008, Kankash Publications.
- 2 -Karami, Afshin, & Vafaei, Abuzar, "Cultural Geography", 2026, University of Kashan Press.
- 3- Vafaei, Abuzar, & Karami, Afshin, "Environmental Changes", 2026, University of Kashan Press.

Scientific-Research Articles

Published Scientific-Research Article:

1. **Taghvaei, M., & Vafaei, A.** (2008). Planning and Management of the Intra-Urban Bus Transit System with Emphasis on Bus Stops in the City of Kashan. *Journal of Research in Humanities*, University of Isfahan, 32(4).
2. **Zangiabadi, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2009). An Analysis of Land Use in the Historic Fabric of Kashan. *Journal of Urban and Regional Studies*, 1(3).
3. **Varesi, H. R., Zangiabadi, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2013). An Analysis of the Processes of Morphological Transformation in the Historic Fabric of Kashan. *Geographical Space*, 13(41).
4. **Varesi, H. R., Zangiabadi, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2013). An Analysis of the Economic and Social Structure of the Historic Fabric of Kashan. *Environmental Planning*, 6(23).
5. **Pourahmad, A., Hataminejad, H., Ziari, K., Faraji Sabkbar, H., & Vafaei, A.** (2014). Assessment and Evaluation of Urban Land Use from the Perspective of Social Justice: The Case of Kashan. *Territorial Planning*, 6(2).
6. **Pourahmad, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2014). A Comparative Analysis of the Structure of the Islamic City and the Western City with Emphasis on Max Weber's Theory of the City. *Quarterly Journal of Iranian-Islamic City Studies*, No. 18.
7. **Pourahmad, A., Hataminejad, H., Ziari, K., Faraji Sabkbar, H., & Vafaei, A.** (2016). Analysis of the Pattern of Urban Physical-Spatial Development from the Perspective of Sustainable Development: The Case of Kashan. *Journal of Geographical Studies of Arid Regions*, 7(26).
8. **Pourahmad, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2017). The Impact of Modernism on the Physical Structure of the Iranian-Islamic City: The Case of Kashan. *Iranian-Islamic City Studies*, 7(28).
9. **Hataminejad, H., Vafaei, A., & Shekari Badi, A.** (2019). Assessment and Evaluation of Urban Planning Components in the Sustainable Development of Urban Tourism in Kashan. *Journal of Urban Geography Research and Planning*, 7(3).

10. **Vafaei, A.** (2020). Explaining the Conditions for Achieving Sustainability in Historic and Deteriorated Urban Fabrics through an Integrated Urban Regeneration Approach: The Case of the Historic Fabric of Kashan. *Iranian-Islamic City Studies*, 11(41).
11. **Vafaei, A.** (2022). Environmental Sustainable Development through a Strategic Planning Approach: The Case of Kashan. *Journal of Human Settlement Planning Studies*, 17(3), No. 60.
12. **Vafaei, A.** (2021). A Novel Approach to Analyzing Urban Sustainability Levels Using Hybrid Multi-Criteria Decision-Making Models: ANP, DEMATEL, and TOPSIS—The Case of Kashan. *Journal of Geographical Studies of Arid Regions*, 11(43).
13. **Vafaei, A., & Heidari, R.** (2021). Explaining the Sustainability of the Urban Spatial System through the Formulation, Determination, and Prioritization of Urban Development Strategies: The Case of Kashan. *Iranian-Islamic City Studies*, 11(44).
14. **Heidari Soreshjani, R., Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2022). Assessment and Evaluation of Cultural-Social Regeneration Projects in Public Spaces with an Approach to Enhancing Environmental Quality and Neighborhood Identity: The Case of the Historic Pedestrian Areas of Kashan. *Journal of Urban Geography Research and Planning*, 10(3).
15. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2022). Assessment and Evaluation of Urban Land-Use Compatibility Indicators Using Geographic Information Systems: The Case of Kashan. *Scientific-Research Quarterly of Geographical Information (Sepehr)*, 31(123).
16. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2024). Assessment of Sustainability Levels in Urban Districts and Areas with Emphasis on Urban Security: The Case of Kashan. *Regional Planning Quarterly*, 14(54).
17. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2024). Pathology of the Processes of Unsustainability in the Spatial System of Medium-Sized Cities: The Case of Kashan. *Journal of Human Geography Research*, 56(2).
18. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2024). Citizens' Satisfaction with the Quality of Urban Parks: The Case of Laleh Women's Park in Nurabad. *Women in Development and Politics Quarterly*, 22(1).
19. **Mousaei, F., & Vafaei, A.** (2024). Assessment of the Spatial Effects of Development-Stimulating Projects on Vitality and Liveliness in Deteriorated Urban Fabrics: The Symbolic Square Project in the Historic Bazaar Area of Mobarakeh. *Spatial Planning and Geomatics Quarterly*, 28(2).
20. **Karami, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2024). The Impact of Shaded Spaces on Citizens' Quality of Life in the Metropolis of Ahvaz. *Spatial Planning and Geomatics Quarterly*, 28(4).
21. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2025). The Relationship between Urban Space, Crime, and Social Vulnerabilities with Emphasis on Risky Suicidal Behavior: The Case of Nurabad. *Urban Environment Planning and Development Quarterly*, 5(19).
22. **Pourbafrani, F., Vafaei, A., & Mazrouei, E.** (2025). Developing a Model of Key Success Factors for Creative Tourism: The Case of Na'in. *Journal of Human Geography Research*, 57(133).
23. **Mirza-Mohammadi, M., Vafaei, A., & Seyed Ahmad Hosseini.** (2025). Assessment of the Spatial Distribution of Public Parking Facilities in Kashan and Development of an Optimal Model for Improving Citizen Accessibility. *Scientific-Research Quarterly of Geographical Information (Sepehr)*, 34(133).
24. **Pourbafrani, F., Vafaei, A., & Mazrouei, E.** (2025). Identification and Modeling of the Challenges of Creative Tourism in Na'in. *Journal of Geographical Studies of Desert Regions*, 57(3).
25. **Kazemi, M., Vafaei, A., & Heidari, R.** (2025). Analysis of the Spatial Effects of Urban Tourism on the Sustainability of the Urban Spatial System: The Case of District 3 of Isfahan. *Spatial Planning Quarterly*, 15(57).

26. **Razavi Deligani, A., Shatryan, M., & Vafaei, A.** (2025). Investigating the Role of Social Capital Development and Public Motivation in Urban Regeneration Projects: The Case of District 6 of Isfahan Municipality. *Geographical Engineering of Land*, online publication.
27. **Ghajari, Z., & Vafaei, A.** (2026). An Analysis of the Dimensions of Urban Vitality and Liveliness in Semirom. *Environmental Planning Quarterly*, 19(72).
28. **Farahani Asl, Z., & Vafaei, A.** (2026). Analysis of Urban Spatial Sustainability in Behbahan from the Perspective of Creative City Indicators. *Geography and Planning*, 30(97).
29. **Karami, A., Vafaei, A., & Seyed Ahmad Hosseini.** (2026). Semiotics of Power in Urban Space: A Study of Name Changes and Transformations in Place Attachment in Ahvaz. *Journal of New Research in Geographical Politics*, 3(5).
30. **Jozari, Z., & Vafaei, A.** (2025). Examining the Role of Public Participation in Shaping Good Urban Management: The Case of Dogonbadan. *Scientific-Research Quarterly of Social Development*, online publication.
31. **Gorjali, S., & Vafaei, A.** (2025). Analysis of Urban Public Spaces through an Age-Friendly City Approach: The Case of District 3 of Isfahan. *Journal of Geographical Studies of Desert Regions*, 13(2).

Conference and Symposium Papers:

1. **Varesi, H. R., Zangiabadi, A., & Vafaei, A.** (2007). Global Patterns and Strategies for Organizing and Revitalizing Historic Urban Fabrics. *Proceedings of the First National Conference on Deteriorated Urban Fabrics: Sustainable Development Perspectives, Values, and Challenges*, Shahid Chamran University of Ahvaz.
2. **Vafaei, A.** (2014). The Role of Crisis Management in the Safety of Rural Settlements. *First Scientific Conference on Sustainable Development and Rural Management in Iran, Municipalities and Rural Management Organization*.
3. **Varesi, H. R., & Vafaei, A.** (2005). The Position of New Towns in Iran's Urbanization System. Presentation and publication in the *Proceedings of the Eighth Research Week of the University of Isfahan*.
4. **Vafaei, A.** (2005). An Analysis of the Geographical Characteristics of the Population of Kashan County. Presentation and publication in the *Proceedings of the Eighth Research Week of the University of Isfahan*.
5. **Vafaei, A.** (2014). The Role of Urban Tourism in Sustainable Urban Development. *First National Conference on Geography, Tourism, Natural Resources, and Sustainable Development*, Tehran.
6. **Vafaei, A.** (2015). The Role and Position of Passive Defense in Urban Security and Sustainability. Selected among the ten outstanding papers; presented and published at the *Third International Conference on Geography and Sustainable Development*, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran.
7. **Vafaei, A.** (2015). The Role of Citizenship Education in Sustainable Urban Development. *Third International Conference on Geography and Sustainable Development*, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran.
8. **Vafaei, A.** (2017). The Necessity of a Strategic Planning Approach to Sustainable Urban Development: The Case of Kashan. *First National Conference on New Research in Civil Engineering, Architecture, Environment, and Sustainable Urban Development*, Shiraz.
9. **Vafaei, A.** (2017). Strategic Planning for Sustainable Urban Tourism Development: The Case of Kashan. Best Paper in Architecture and Urban Planning; presented and published at the *Fifth Annual International Congress on Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Urban Development*, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Tehran.

10. **Vafaei, A.** (2017). Explaining the Formation Pattern of Volunteer Firefighters in Fire and Safety Service Organizations. Third National Conference on Firefighting and Urban Safety, Tehran Fire and Safety Services Organization.
11. **Vafaei, A.** (2019). Optimization of the Public Transportation System with Emphasis on Bus Route Indicators: The Case of Kashan. Third International Conference on Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Urban Development Management in Iran, Tehran.
12. **Vafaei, A.** (2021). Empowering Urban Management in Kashan through a Strategic Planning Approach. National Conference on Architecture, Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, and Islamic Art Horizons, Tabriz Islamic Art University.
13. **Vafaei, A.** (2021). Explaining the Spatial Structure of Inefficient and Deteriorated Urban Fabrics through a Sustainable Urban Regeneration Approach. National Conference on Architecture, Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, and Islamic Art Horizons, Tabriz Islamic Art University.
14. **Vafaei, A.** (2021). Explaining Strategies for the Sustainability of the Physical-Spatial Structure of Kashan. Seventh Annual International Congress on Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Urban Development, Tehran.
15. **Vafaei, A.** (2022). Realizing a Creative and Sustainable Urban Economy through a Strategic Planning Approach: The Case of Kashan. Second International Conference on Architecture, Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, Environment, and Islamic Art Horizons, Tabriz Islamic Art University.
16. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2022). Explaining the Concept of Social Justice through an Urban Planning Approach. Second International Conference on Architecture, Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, Environment, and Islamic Art Horizons, Tabriz Islamic Art University.
17. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2023). Explaining the Effective Components in Realizing the Smart City Model through a Futures Studies Approach in Iran. Second National and First International Conference on The Future Day, The Future City, Kharazmi University, Tehran.
18. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2023). Explaining the Components of Creative Tourism in the Iranian-Islamic City. Third International Conference on Architecture, Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, Environment, and Islamic Art Horizons, Tabriz Islamic Art University.
19. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2024). A Comparative Analysis of the Concept of Utopia from the Perspectives of Western and Eastern Philosophers and Urban Planners. First National Conference on Architecture, Urban Planning, Art, Industrial Design, Construction, and Wisdom-Based Technology, Tabriz Islamic Art University.
20. **Vafaei, A.** (2020). Assessment of Urban Tourism Marketing Components: The Case of Kashan. Fourth International Conference on Humanities, Social Sciences, and Lifestyle, Tbilisi, Georgia.
21. **Vafaei, A., & Doltiarian, K.** (2024). Religious Tourism: Nature, Concepts, Challenges, and Solutions in Iran. First International Conference on Tourism of Semnan: Silk Road, Opportunities and Prospects, University of Semnan.

Published scientific-promotional and specialized article, or one with confirmed acceptance:

1. Vafaei, A. (2006). Historical and Physical Transformations of the Historic Fabric of Kashan. *Kashan Studies*, No. 3.
2. Vafaei, A. (2009). An Overview of Natural and Human-Induced Hazards in Rural Areas of the Country. *Safety Culture Quarterly*, No. 15.
3. Ichimura, Masakazu. Urban Development, Environment, and Urban Land Use: Challenges and Opportunities. Translated by Abouzar Vafaei. *Municipalities Monthly*. Accepted for publication.

4. Field, Erica. Property Rights and Investment in Poor Urban Neighborhoods. Translated by Abouzar Vafaei. Municipalities Monthly. Accepted for publication.
5. Vafaei, A. Application of the SWOT Technique in Urban Studies. Municipalities Monthly. Accepted for publication.

Training Workshops:

1. Strategic Management Training Course, Iranian Society of Industrial Engineering (2010).
2. Tourism and Nature Tourism Training Course, Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization of Tehran Province (2014).
3. Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Urban Development Training Course, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Tehran (2017).
4. Specialized Scientific Session on International Experiences in Monitoring Urban Development Plans, Tehran Urban Research and Planning Center (2015).

University Teaching

Faculty member at the University of Kashan (since 2020)

Courses Taught:

- Theoretical Foundations of Planning
- Theories, Approaches, and Experiences of Urban Rehabilitation and Revitalization
- New Theories and Perspectives in Urban Spatial Planning
- Urban Management and Spatial Development
- Planning of Human Settlements and New Towns
- Models and Decision-Making Techniques in Urban Spatial Planning
- Decision-Making Techniques and Futures Studies in Nature Tourism
- Urban Tourism
- Research Methods in Tourism
- Research Methods in Management
- Urban Geography

Reviewer for scientific-research journals:

- Journal of Urban Geography Research and Planning, University of Tehran
- Journal of Human Geography Research, University of Tehran
- Quarterly Journal of Iranian-Islamic City Studies
- Journal of Human Settlement Planning Studies
- Journal of Geographical Engineering of Land
- Scientific-Research Quarterly of Geographical Information (Sepehr)
- Naqsh-e-Jahan Journal – Theoretical Studies and New Technologies in Architecture and Urban Planning, Tarbiat Modares University
- Journal of Urban Tourism, University of Tehran
- Quarterly Journal of Spatial Planning and Geomatics

- Scientific-Research Journal of Geography and Planning, University of Tabriz

Thesis Supervision:

1. Developing a Model of the Challenges and Key Success Factors of Creative Tourism: The Case of Na'in. Fatemeh Pourbafrani, University of Kashan, 2023.
2. Assessment of the Spatial Effects of Urban Tourism on the Sustainability of the Urban Spatial System: The Case of District 3 of Isfahan. Mina Kazemi, University of Kashan, 2023.
3. Assessment of the Spatial Effects of Development-Stimulating Projects on Vitality and Liveliness in Deteriorated Urban Fabrics: The Symbolic Square Project in the Historic Bazaar Area of Mobarakeh. Farahnaz Mousaei, 2023.
4. Assessment of the Spatial Distribution of Public Parking Facilities in Kashan and Development of an Optimal Model for Citizen Accessibility. Mehdi Mirza-Mohammadi, 2023.
5. Assessment of the Role of the Baiji Refinery in Urban Development and Dynamism and the Development of Surrounding Settlements. Issa Hamad Mohammad Mohammad, 2024.
6. Assessment and Evaluation of Urban Environmental Quality Indicators: The Case of Kazemiyeh District, Baghdad. Reem Muneer Hussein Hussein, 2024.
7. An Analysis of Good Urban Governance Indicators in Al-Muqdadiyah, Iraq. Jihad Amer Kazem Kazem, 2024.
8. Examining the Role of Public Participation in Shaping Good Urban Management: The Case of Dogonbadan. Zahra Jozari, 2024.
9. Analysis of the Role of Religious Tourism in Sustainable Urban Development: The Case of Samarra. Omar Saadoun Issa Issa, 2024.
10. An Analysis of the Dimensions of Urban Vitality and Liveliness in Semirom. Zahra Ghajari, 2025.
11. Analysis of Urban Spatial Sustainability in Behbahan from the Perspective of Creative City Indicators. Zahra Farahani Asl, 2025.
12. An Analysis of Intra-Urban Public Transportation Performance from the Citizens' Perspective: The Case of Mahmoudiyah, Iraq. Muadh Amer Asaad Al-Rubaie, 2025.
13. Assessment and Evaluation of the Role of Citizen Participation in the Rehabilitation and Revitalization of Deteriorated Urban Fabrics: The Case of Fallujah, Iraq. Mohammad Ghazi Hamad Hamad, 2025.
14. Assessment of Urban Management Performance from the Citizens' Perspective: The Case of Al-Shaab, Baghdad. Hussein Haitham Hassan Al-Rakabi, 2025.
15. Analysis of the Dimensions of Sustainable Urban Livability in Kirkuk. Numan Muzher Mohammad Mohammad, 2025.
16. Assessment and Evaluation of the Components of Age-Friendly Urban Space Adaptation in Isfahan: The Case of District 3. Somayeh Gharajali, 2025.
17. Assessment of Urban Sustainability from the Citizens' Perspective: The Case of Lordegan. Mehdi Hosseinpour Aghaei, 2026.
18. Analysis of the Spatial Effects of Religious Tourism on Urban Settlements: The Case of Najaf. Zulfiqar Jawad Kazem Al-Khuwaylid, 2026.
19. Assessment and Analysis of Urban Resilience Indicators in Samarra. Mohammad Saeed Hassan Hassan, 2026.
20. Assessment of Urban Physical-Spatial Development from the Perspective of Compact City Indicators: The Case of Khanaqin. Younis Ali Asi Al-Jubouri, 2026.

21. Assessment and Analysis of the Challenges of Urban Spatial Sustainability in Al-Helleh. Hussein Abdul-Kadhim Hadi Hadi, 2026.
22. Analysis and Assessment of the Spatial Effects of Uncontrolled Urban Expansion in Al-Helleh. Baqer Khalid Hadi Hadi, 2026.
23. Assessment of Urban Spatial System Sustainability from the Perspective of Healthy City Indicators: The Case of Khanaqin. Alaa Abdul Karim Al-Jubouri, 2026.
24. Analysis of Urban Spatial Quality in Fallujah from the Citizens' Perspective. Amir Ali Karhout, 2026.

Thesis Consultancy

1. Modeling the Growth of Informal Settlements in Isfahan: The Case of District 15 of the Municipality. Sogol Pedram, University of Kashan, 2021.
2. Assessment of the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Physical Impacts of Urban Plans and Programs: The Case of the Fourth Bridge Project over the Bashar River in Yasuj. Tahereh Etratkhah, University of Kashan, 2021.
3. Investigation and Analysis of Place Branding Dimensions in Urban Tourism: The Case of Historic Houses in Kashan. Mohaddeseh Mohabbat-Tabar, 2022.
4. Investigation of Strategies for Developing Social Capital and Creating Public Motivation in Urban Regeneration Projects: The Case of District 6 of Isfahan Municipality. Ameneh Razavi Deligani, University of Kashan, 2023.
5. Analysis of the Comprehensive Joint Action Plan for the Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Urban Fabric: The Case of Darchah Neighborhood, Mobarakeh. Hadiseh Karimian Nookabadi, 2023.
6. Investigation and Identification of Citizens' Mental Images of Urban Spaces in Khomeinishahr. Fariba Taheri, 2023.