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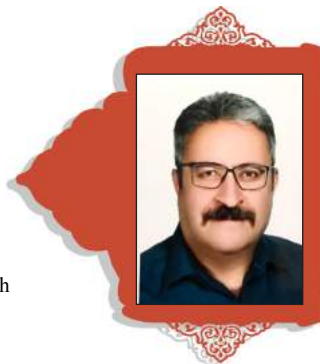
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About Researcher

Mohammad Rasekh Mahand was born in 1973 in Hamedan. He received his bachelor's degree in English translation in Hamedan and completed his master's and doctoral courses in linguistics at Allameh Tabataba'i University. In 2003, he defended his doctoral thesis entitled "Scrambling in the Persian language". Since then, he has been teaching and researching in the Department of General Linguistics of the Bu-Ali Sina University of Hamadan. In 2014, he became a professor at this university. To date, he has published more than 80 scientific articles in prestigious domestic and foreign journals. He has also published 10 books as an author or translator.His research interests include Persian language syntax, typology of Iranian languages, cognitive linguistics, and linguistics schools. He was selected as the winner of the 12th Book Review Festival in the linguistics section (2015), and recently he was selected as the best professor of linguistics of Iran in the 5th Conference on Higher Education in 2021. In 2010, he received a research scholarship from the Humboldt Institute in Germany and went to the University of Hamburg to do research. In 2019, he began working on a research project in collaboration with the Department of Linguistics at the University of Bamberg. The result was the holding of several workshops and conferences from 2019 to 2021 and creating an online CorPus of spoken Persian (The HamBam corpus).In addition to being a member of the editorial board of several journals and secretary of various scientific conferences, he is also the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Comparative Linguistic Research.

Abstract

Persian Syntax ;A Functional-Typological Approach discusses some of the main constructions of Persian syntax from a functional-typological viewpoint .The first two chapters are devoted to introducing functionalism and its differences with formalism in linguistics ,and discussing the main functional explanations in studying languages ,including economy ,iconicity ,processing considerations ,etc. In the following chapters ,the author describes and explains different constructions of Persian syntax ,such as transitivity ,word order ,argument structure ,relative clauses ,adverbial clauses ,adjective order ,prepositional phrases order ,scrambling, postposing ,etc .Some of the important features of the book :the writer has selected an approach to study Persian syntax not dealt with before ,he has used natural data and has relied on corpora ,he has a typological pattern in the whole discussions and he has tried to show that syntactic categories and structures are different cross-linguistically while focusing on language universals .The book could be a new platform to make future studies on and it can provide a new way to look at Persian syntax.