



Biography

Bernard O'kane, the professor of Islamic art and architecture at the American University of Cairo, was born in 1949 in Belfast, Ireland. In 1982, graduated from the University of Edinburgh in Ph.D. He has been teaching since 1980 at the American University of Cairo.

The extensive studies of Bernard O'kane were not limited to works within the boundaries of Iran, he has studied many examples of post-Islamic architecture by traveling to all countries of the region. Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan are of the regions he had studied. As an Islamic history scholar, Bernard O'kane has written about history of Timurid Architecture in Khurasan (Islamic art and architecture) and Mosques of Iran and Central Asia.

Bernard O'kane has been a professor of Islamic Art and Architecture, director of the Arabic-Islamic Civilization Department (Arab Studies Department), American University of Cairo, also a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley, etc. Bernard O'kane also has written, compiled, criticized and reviewed several articles and books on the field of Islamic art and architecture. He is the editor and author of several books, the most recent being: The Illustrated Guide to the Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo (2012) and The Mosques of Egypt (2016).