



Pioneer in the Humanities

Dr. Jaleh Amouzgar



Biography

Jaleh Amouzgar Yeganeh was born in 1939 in Khoy, West Azerbaijan Province. She received her diploma in 1956 and went to the Faculty of Literature and Humanities of Tabriz University to continue her education. In 1963, she became the top student of the Faculty of Literature of that university and was able to study at the Sorbonne University by obtaining a scholarship.

Her doctoral dissertation on Zoroastrian literature in the field of ancient culture and languages, entitled "Şad Dar-e Nasr and Şad Dar-e Bundeheš", was written under the guidance of Professor Pierre Jean de Menasce.

Dr. Amouzgar returned to Iran in 1968 and worked as a researcher at the Iran Culture Foundation until 1970. She has been teaching and researching since 1970 as a faculty member of the Department of Ancient Culture and Languages, Faculty of Literature and Humanities, University of Tehran, until she retired in 2006.

Professor Amouzgar is fluent in English, French, Turkish, and also old languages including Pahlavi, and Avestan languages. She is the undisputed master of Iranian languages and Mazdisani literature and has trained many students. She has won numerous awards including the Book of the Year Award of the Islamic Republic of Iran (1990), Award for the best book of the year of Iran's universities (1989), letter of commendation from the President of the Iranology Foundation (2002), Letter of commendation of the Association of Cultural Works and Honors (2003), Letter of commendation of the University of Tehran (2003), Letter of commendation from the Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance (2004), Book of the Season Award (2007), Chevalier of the Legion of Honor from the French Ministry of Culture (2016) and Persian Cypress Award (in the field of cultural heritage - 2016)

Some of her books that have been written or translated in collaboration with the late Ahmad Tafazoli are: 'The Myth of Zoroastrian Life', 'Pahlavi Language, Literature and Its Grammar', 'Dēnkard's Fifth Book; Phonetics, translation, comments, dictionary, Pahlavi text', translation of 'The types of the first man and the first king in the legendary history of the Iranians' and translation of 'Persian Mythology'

Other scientific activities of Dr. Amouzgar include: 'Mythical history of Iran', 'From the Past of Iran' and 'Language, Culture and Myth', translation and research of 'The Book of Arda Viraf; Transliteration, Phonetics, Translation of Pahlavi Text, Dictionary' The scientific works of Professor Jaleh Amouzgar have played a significant role in understanding the ancient texts of Iran and have been cited by many researchers in this field as a reliable reference.

