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Biography

Arif Naushahi, a prominent Pakistani Iranologist, was born on March 27, 1955, in Punjab, Pakistan. He learned the Persian language under the supervision of his grandfather and his uncle, who were Persian scholars and Persian writers. In 1971, he entered the Persian language classes of the Cultural Center of The Islamic Republic of Iran in Pakistan and learned Persian in a completely Iranian environment. He then worked as a deputy librarian at the Pakistan Institute of Persian Studies in Islamabad in 1974. In 1982, he completed a master's degree in Persian language and literature at the University of Karachi, and in 1993, he received a doctorate in this field from the Faculty of Literature and Humanities, the University of Tehran.

Dr. Naushahi has published more than 80 books in Persian and Urdu in the fields of Persian literature, History, Codicology, Mysticism and more than 300 articles in Persian, Urdu, Punjabi, and English on Codicology, ancient Persian manuscripts, bibliography and music, and also has participated in more than 50 international congresses and seminars in Iran, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Iraq, France, and India. Cataloging of printed and manuscript Persian books and textual criticism of literary and mystical prose texts are among his favorite fields of research. He has published two volumes of a book entitled 'Catalogue of the Persian manuscripts in the National Museum of Pakistan at Karachi' and 'Catalogue of the Persian Manuscripts in the Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu at Karachi'.

Dr. Naushahi contributed to compiling the Encyclopedia of the World of Islam at the Encyclopaedia Islamica Foundation and in compiling Encyclopaedia Islamica at the center for the Great Islamic Encyclopedia.

