

International Conference

Construction, Development, and Reconstruction of the Holy Shrines Through History

Introduction

The Holy Shrines of the infallible Imams (peace be upon them) have always been a focal point of attention and reverence for Muslims, especially Shia believers, throughout history. These sanctified sites, as shining jewels of the Islamic world and spiritual hubs for devotees of the luminous school of Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them), have faced numerous challenges, including attacks and destruction by adversaries. Despite such trials, the love and devotion of Shia communities toward the Prophet's family have led to the continuous restoration and revitalization of these holy places. The perseverance of these sincere efforts, along with countering the distortion attempts by enemies of God and Ahl al-Bayt, requires cultural promotion and public awareness, especially among the younger generation. The International Conference on "Construction, Development, and Reconstruction of the Sacred Shrines Through History" aims to explore and clarify various aspects of this subject from historical, political, social, economic, cultural, and artistic perspectives. This conference offers a valuable platform for scholars, artists, shrine caretakers, and enthusiasts of Islamic history and culture to exchange ideas and experiences, embarking on a spiritually enriching journey into the rich Islamic civilization. We hope to contribute meaningfully to fostering the culture of pilgrimage, rebuilding sacred places, and deepening religious beliefs.

Vision and Goals:

- Deepening knowledge of the history and culture of the sacred shrines.
- Strengthening unity among Muslims worldwide.
- Promoting the culture of pilgrimage and devotion to Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them).
- Highlighting achievements and challenges in the reconstruction of historical sites.
- Examining Islamic civilization's transformations centered around the Holy Shrines.
- Facilitating exchanges among scholars and experts in history, architecture, art, and Islamic culture.

Conference Themes:

Political and Social:

- The history and antiquity of the Holy Shrines from their inception to modern times.
- The role of Islamic rulers and officials in the development and administration of Holy Shrines.



- The significance of Islamic resistance, shrine defenders, and regional policies in protecting Holy Shrines and Shiite identity.
- Anthropology and ethnography with a focus on donors, endowments, customs, and traditions in shrine development.
- The Arbaeen pilgrimage and its quantitative and qualitative impacts on shrine development and reconstruction.

Cultural and Artistic:

- Contributions of Islamic nations in cultural and intellectual developments and the publication of books and journals.
- The role of religious scholars in reviving Islamic sciences and promoting the culture of pilgrimage.
- Architectural and artistic evolution in shrine reconstruction and development.
- Contributions of artists and media in showcasing shrine-related restoration and development activities.
- Tangible and intangible heritage of the Holy Shrines reflected in museums, manuscripts, poetry, literature, and crafts.

Economic:

- The role of merchants, traders, and artisans in Holy Shrine development.
- The impact of shrine reconstruction on economic growth and religious tourism.

Awards and Privileges:

1. Selected articles published in peer-reviewed journals.
2. Spiritual trips to Mashhad and the Holy Shrines for distinguished participants.

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Pre-Conference Activities:

Specialized speeches and panels organized by Iranian and Iraqi universities, available in-person and online.

Organizers and Partners:

University of Isfahan, Reconstruction Headquarters of Sacred Shrines, Farhangian University, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Hajj and Pilgrimage Research Institute, The Holy Shrine of Imam Ali, The Holy Shrine of Imam Hussain, The Holy Shrine of Abbas, The Holy Shrine of Kadhimiya, The Holy Shrine of Askariyya, Islamic Research Foundation of Astan Quds Razavi, The Affiliated Islamic Research Foundation, The Holy Shrine of Imam Reza, Shiraz University, Urumia University, Iranian Society for Islamic History - Isfahan Branch, Razavi University of Islamic Sciences, Isfahan University of Arts, Ahlul Bayt University (AS) in Iraq, Beit al-Hikma in Iraq, Al-Mustafa International University.

Conference Language: Persian, Arabic, English

Submission Formats: Abstracts, posters and presentations, full papers, collected works, theses and dissertations, artistic works.

Conference Timeline:

- Full Paper Submission: August 22, 2025
- Results Announcement: September 22, 2025
- Conference Date: October 21, 2025

Registration and Submission:

Through the conference website: <https://atabat.ui.ac.ir>

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