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## PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

### Educational Background

Kayoumars Irandoost received his bachelor's degree in Geography from Yazd University, Iran, in 1992, followed by a master's degree in Urban Geography from Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, in 1997. He completed his PhD in Geography and Urban Planning from Shahid Beheshti University in 2007. In 2019, he conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Coimbra, Portugal, where he was a visiting researcher in 2023 and 2024. With extensive experience in the field of urban planning, his research has primarily focused on urban development, informal settlements and sustainable development. He is fluent in Kurdish, Persian, and English, and has a working knowledge of Portuguese.

### Career to date

He is currently a Professor of urban planning at the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Kurdistan. Education, teaching, and research have been the mainstay of his work for the past three decades. From 2005 to 2014, he worked as a consultant in the municipalities of Tehran, Kermanshah, and Sanandaj in Iran. In 2003, he was the director of the United Nations Development Programme's PPUE project in Iran. In 2005 and 2006, he was in charge of the Empowerment Unit of the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development of Iran and the World Bank's Slum Upgrading Project in Iran. In 2007, from 2014 to 2019 and from 2021 to 2023, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Architecture at the University of Kurdistan. He has written dozens of articles and five academic books in specialized fields and has been the scientific secretary of 3 international conferences.

### Professional Experiences

With over decades of academic and managerial experience, Dr. Kayoumars Irandoost has developed extensive expertise in research and the preparation of urban development plans in collaboration with both local and international institutions. Between 2004 and 2018, he led 11 urban master plans in various Iranian cities, including Paveh, Qasr-e Shirin, and Oraman Takht. In 2009, he led the research project "Municipal Capacity Building for Slum Upgrading" for Iran's Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. In 2010–2011, he was responsible for the design and planning of the Land Development Plan for Industrial Zones in Marivan, Divandareh, Bashmaq, and Sarvabad in Kurdistan, Iran. In 2016, he carried out a Feasibility Study on Pedestrian Movement in Sanandaj's city center and designed a pedestrian route for the Kurdistan Governorate. In 2017, he led the Strategic Plan for the city of Sanandaj and in 2019, he served as a consultant for the Kermanshah City Development Strategy (CDS) Plan. In 2018, he completed the Slum Upgrading Assessment in Iranian Cities for UN-Habitat, and in 2019, he developed the Rural Economic Development and Employment Plan for Kurdistan Province. In the same year, he worked as a project expert on a World Bank-funded initiative in Bangladesh (Development of Risk Sensitive land use Planning Practice in Graeter Dhaka). In 2024, he served as a senior expert for the City Development Strategy of Halabja, Iraq, implemented by VNG International. Throughout his career, Dr. Irandoost has collaborated with renowned organizations such as UNDP, the World Bank, UN-Habitat, and Tehran Municipality. His current focus is on urban social sustainability and the assessment of social capital, with ongoing research in Sintra, Lisbon, Portugal.

