

Dear Editor in Chief,
Journal of Islamic Architecture (JIA)

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **“Environmental Adaptation in Islamic Architecture: Evaluating the Saheb-ol-Amr Mosque in the Urban Context of Tabriz”** for your consideration for publication in the Journal of Islamic Architecture (JIA). This paper examines a critically understudied dimension of Islamic architecture by evaluating the Saheb-ol-Amr Mosque through the lens of environmental compatibility, climatic performance, and urban interaction. It bridges architectural history, environmental sustainability, and urban studies, offering new insights highly relevant to the journal’s scope.

This study contributes to a growing discourse on sustainable architecture by demonstrating how traditional Islamic architecture has historically responded intelligently to environmental challenges. Through detailed fieldwork and contextual analysis, the paper identifies how orientation, local materials, central courtyard design, natural ventilation, and decorative strategies work together to create climatically responsive architecture. The findings can guide contemporary architects, urban designers, and policymakers in integrating traditional, environmentally adaptive principles into modern design frameworks.

While most existing research on Iranian mosques has focused on historical, aesthetic, or symbolic aspects, this paper pioneers an interdisciplinary climatic and environmental evaluation of the Saheb-ol-Amr Mosque - a historically significant but academically underexplored site. Unlike the well-documented Grand Mosque of Isfahan or Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, the Saheb-ol-Amr Mosque provides fresh, region-specific insights into architectural adaptation in a cold and dry climate, filling a significant gap in the literature.

The study directly aligns with the mission of JIA to explore the intersections of Islamic culture, urbanism, and architecture. By reviving indigenous patterns of environmental responsiveness, this research advances contemporary debates on sustainable design in Islamic contexts and contributes to both theoretical and practical fields.

In the context of climate change and global energy crises, rediscovering sustainable solutions rooted in Islamic architecture is of immense value. The environmental strategies embedded in the Saheb-ol-Amr Mosque offer applicable models for designing resilient and culturally grounded buildings in similar climatic zones. These strategies are not merely historical artifacts but practical tools for contemporary architectural innovation.

JIA is an internationally respected platform for exploring the intellectual, cultural, and technological dimensions of Islamic architecture. This paper resonates strongly with JIA’s focus on contextual design, sustainability, and heritage conservation. It provides new empirical evidence and interpretive frameworks that can enrich current academic discussions and inspire innovative design practices globally.

This manuscript will engage a wide readership, including architectural historians, urban planners, sustainability researchers, conservationists, and practicing architects. Its combination of field-based evidence, interdisciplinary methodology, and practical implications makes it particularly suitable for JIA’s audience, which values both theoretical rigor and real-world applicability.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published previously and is not under consideration elsewhere. All authors have approved the final version of the manuscript. We believe this research offers valuable contributions to the field and will be of great interest to your readers.

Thank you very much for considering our submission. We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to Journal of Islamic Architecture.

With Kind Regards

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