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Biography



Prof. **Iraj Afshar** (born 1925 in Tehran) is a notable Iranian literary figure, scholar of Persian literature, bibliographer, historian, cultural theorist and world-class Iranologist. He is a consulting editor of Encyclopedia Iranica at Columbia University and professor emeritus of Tehran University. He recorded the monuments of Yazd in his three volumes "Yadegar haye Yazd".[1] He is known as "the doyen of Iranian Persian language bibliographers". Afshar played a significant role in the development of the field of Iranology in Iran and throughout the world during the second half of the 20th century. He was the editor of *Sokhan*, a prolific Iranology journal, under the responsibility of Parviz Natel-Khanlari and also the editor of "Rahnamyee-Ketab", "Meher", "Farhang-e Iranzamin" and "Ayandeh". He was the chief bibliographer of Persian books at Harvard University. Afshar was associated with UNESCO and taught at the University of Bern and Tehran University. He is on the advisory council for the Iranian Studies Journal.