



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# The Role of the Borazjan Plain in the Regional Connectivity of Southern Iran

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## Abstract

The Borazjan Plain is situated between the southern Zagros Mountains and the central Persian Gulf, watered by two permanent rivers: Dalaki in the south and Shahpur in the north, both originating from the Fars highlands. The city of Borazjan, located in the southern part of the plain, has been marked by the Moshir-ol-Molk caravanserai. This caravanserai is one of many built across Iran to facilitate trade routes. Borazjan city likely emerged due to its strategic role in commercial communications. Archaeological evidence confirms that the plain has served as a bridge between the highlands of Fars and the lowlands of Bushehr for centuries, at least since the Achaemenid period. Borazjan's role in fostering regional connectivity has facilitated the transfer of goods and culture over time. This presentation will focus on the routes passing through Borazjan, drawing on travelers' accounts to provide insights into the inhabitants and the plain. It will also discuss the types of people who traversed these routes and the reasons for their journeys across different periods, highlighting the significance of connectivity in shaping both the archaeological and ethnological landscapes of the region.

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