

Professional scientific sessions for art, architecture and urban planning Thursday evenings

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Title: Morality in the architectural competitions

Speakers and panel members: Mrs. N. Kateb, Mr. J. Darvish and Mr. D. Farhoud

The morality as an important matter has always been argument of discussions in the philosophy, where many points of view have been proposed. Considering other factors like politics, management, industry and technology in the modern life, the matter of morality has touched many other fields and contents. To discuss on this matter the 58th session of Herampey research group Thursdays evenings was dedicated to, where experts and professors talked and analyzed the “morality in the architectural competitions”.

Beginning the meeting Mr. M. M. Mahmoudi talked about some the architectural competitions, pointing on the fact that during the last two years the declaration on the moral principles has been edited. This fact shows that in the competitions immoral approaches exist. Talking about the speakers Mr. Mahmoudi said that all of them have been members of the judgment commissions in different competitions. He also talked about the negative experiences on the architectural competitions, where the commissions have just declared the winners. He regretted about the behavior of the arbitrators. Talking about the argument of how and the process of the competitions are held, Mr. Mahmoudi posed some questions like the commitment of the arbitrators and the participants, how was the situation before and after the Islamic revolution, how is the situation around the world, there are problems just in the field of architecture, or other sectors have been negatively involved.

The first speaker was Mrs. Kateb who has been member of different judgment commissions for over 30 years in different universities> she stressed on the fact that how a wrong appreciation can have a negative impact in the future life of the interested person.

Beginning her speech she introduced the importance of following the moral rules and the cases that the arbitrators should be aware on like the impartiality, safekeeping, trustworthy, responsibility by the experienced persons(she believes on the importance of the experience), refraining by precipitation. Mrs. Kateb stressed on the two principles of being useful and the sense of justice, principles that are often ignored. Ending her speech Mrs. Kateb expressed the idea that the arbitration must be considered as a profession, which must be studied and enriched with experience.

The third speaker was Mr. D. Darvish who talked about the matter trough his personal three experience, making a general conclusion.

In his opinion an interior virtue must be part of us not only during a competition judgment, but in our everyday life. If we comprehend this characteristic, everything will be in the right position,

but unfortunately in many cases the moral principles are not respected. He told that sometime he didn't take part to a competition commission because everything was pre decided and the winner was known before the beginning of the competition.

The last speaker was Mr. D. Farhoud who treated the argument from a genetic point of view, information that through the years enter to be part of our genetic information.

Because of numerous invasion that Iran has suffered during the centuries, many negative behaviors like lie, fear, slyness... entered in our genetic patrimony.

Talking about important events in Iran he mentioned the Islamic Revolution, when like other revolutions violence and destruction took place. This event was followed by the 8 years war between Iran and Iraq that caused many distortions and immoral acts. After the war Iran experienced the sanctions that caused many social problems and inequities especially in the economic fields.

Mr. Farhoud expressed the idea that a mismanagement occurred and to find a solution a world based on the moral principles must be built through a hierarchic movement. He presented four medical principles that could drive us to the desired results that are as follows:

- The autonomy, when everybody realizes the duties without obligations.
- Beneficence, when we realize acts useful to other people.
- When we don't cause damages to other people.
- Justice and equality.

Mr. Farhoud concluded his speech telling that morality is where the low is finished, somewhere we can't define the low and it's where the morality begins. This is like the idea that god is with us as a supervisor of our acts. So morality must be part of us.