

# Visits to *Emamzadeh* and Religious Activities by Women in Contemporary Iran

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## My Research Topic

The objective of this research is to declare the empowerment of Iranian women, which comes from their everyday life, through analyzing visits to *Emamzadeh*.

Previous researches on the empowerment of Iranian women insist on that it is originated from their involvement in politics, and overlook activities in their everyday life such as visits to *Emamzadeh* and Religious Activities. And many researches on visits to *Emamzadeh* also have been dealing with their management. However, in Iran there widely exist visits to *Emamzadeh* by both of men and women and it is remarkable that especially women often visit there. Therefore this research concentrates on women who are the subjects of the visit and their network around *Emamzadeh*. Through investigating their thoughts and aims of visits to *Emamzadeh* and their network, I would like to describe how the real lifestyles of Iranian women are. With this research, I will try to propose a new viewpoint toward researches on visits to *Emamzadeh*. Moreover, by understanding which kind of difficulties or problems Iranian women have, I hope to set out a solution based on their own values.



Listening to staff involved in organic farming



The view of the village we stayed



The Golden Triangle: The boundary with Thailand, Laos and Burma