

- *"Mythical Elements in Assurik Tree, the Pahlavi Poem: why is the goat announced as winner?"* with Dr. Abolqasem Dadvar, in: *Honar-ha-ye-Ziba* no.32, winter 2008, pp. 109-118.

Abstract:

The *Pahlavi* poem named "*Assurik Tree*" is one of the oldest pieces of literature from pre-Islamic Iran and it narrates a dialogue between a tree and a goat, each boasting about himself and threatening the other. In the end, the goat is announced as winner. Whatever the tree and the goat might be standing for (as there are different theories), we can assume that things the goat is boasting about should have been taken as having higher values in the society and the culture of that era. Among them are mythical and cultural elements, especially music and musical instruments.