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#### Editor's Note:

### **Knowledge-Research Studies as an umbrella to cover interdisciplinary researches**

One of the concepts that can be considered more and more in today's world is research on Knowledge (دانش in Persian). A variety of definitions from a literary perspective are provided in the Persian Dictionaries (Dekhoda and Moin): Including Knowingness, wisdom, science, Merit, wisdom, Intelligence, and ....

The study of this crucial keyword in rich Persian poetry also shows the attention of Iranian poets to this fundamental word from different and diverse perspectives. Thus, by reading poems with the theme of knowledge, one can understand the semantic complexity from ancient times to the present.

If we have a look at these poems in a good and profound way, we can face with various perspectives and interpretations that have been presented from different points of view towards Knowledge.

A simple search of the world's most well-known citation databases shows that "Knowledge" has become an essential and practical term in various disciplines. A search of the "Knowledge" in Web of Science (WOS) indicates that 1,395,972 items can be retrieved via this database, which 1,165,447 of them are articles in the humanities and other disciplines, including engineering, computer science, education research, business economics, and environmental sciences.

In Persian literature, 416 dissertations and dissertations are retrieved by searching for the Knowledge in the Ganj database<sup>1</sup> (covering information on thesis and dissertations in the country). A review of the retrieved results shows that 111 thesis or dissertations are related to Knowledge and Information Science. Among other retrieved items, 66 thesis or dissertations fall in the humanities, 26 ones in the basic sciences, 23 ones in the law, and the rest 23 ones in the management.

An examination of words related to knowledge, based on various thesauri, indicates that this concept is closely related to other disciplines, especially philosophy, sociology, economics, history, psychology, education, and Computer Science. On the other hand, it can be said that knowledge has the closest relationship with the macro concept of science. Knowledge is currently investigated from the perspective of theoretical and philosophical foundations as epistemology; In the field of management, the term "knowledge management" is considered as a new school of management; In computer science, knowledge management, representation, and engineering systems are crucial and fundamental terms; In education and psychology, cognitive and behavioral aspect of knowledge is widespread; In history, the study of knowledge history and its evolution is still an important topic; In sociology, the concept of "information society" has been replaced by "knowledge communities", the emerging term which is highly regarded.

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Therefore, the study and research in the knowledge-related issues in various disciplines and from multiple perspectives can be promising to create an independent and dynamic research field.

On the other hand, the role and importance of knowledge in “Knowledge and Information Science” are more than other disciplines.

“Knowledge” received more attention from the side of Iranian “Knowledge and Information Science” specialists by the late 1970s with the publishing of the of late Dr. Houshang Ebrami fundamental work entitled "An overview of Knowledge Science" which proposed "Knowledge Science" instead of “Library Science”. Also, changing the title of the discipline of "Library and Information Science" to "Knowledge and Information Science" since 2012 was a new perspective on knowledge in this field in Iran. A global investigating of this term also shows that after publishing of the paper of Chaim Zins<sup>2</sup> and proposing the "Knowledge Science" as an alternative for “information science”, the importance of Knowledge in Information Science increased all over the world.

By accepting the assumption that Knowledge is of interest in most disciplines, it can provide a valuable pathway for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary researches between Information Science and other disciplines.

Based on this capacity, the “Journal of Knowledge-Research Studies” is published with an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach. Its aim is to contextualize joint interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary researches between information sciences and other disciplines. we hope that with the contributions of researchers from various disciplines, the journal will achieve its goals.



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