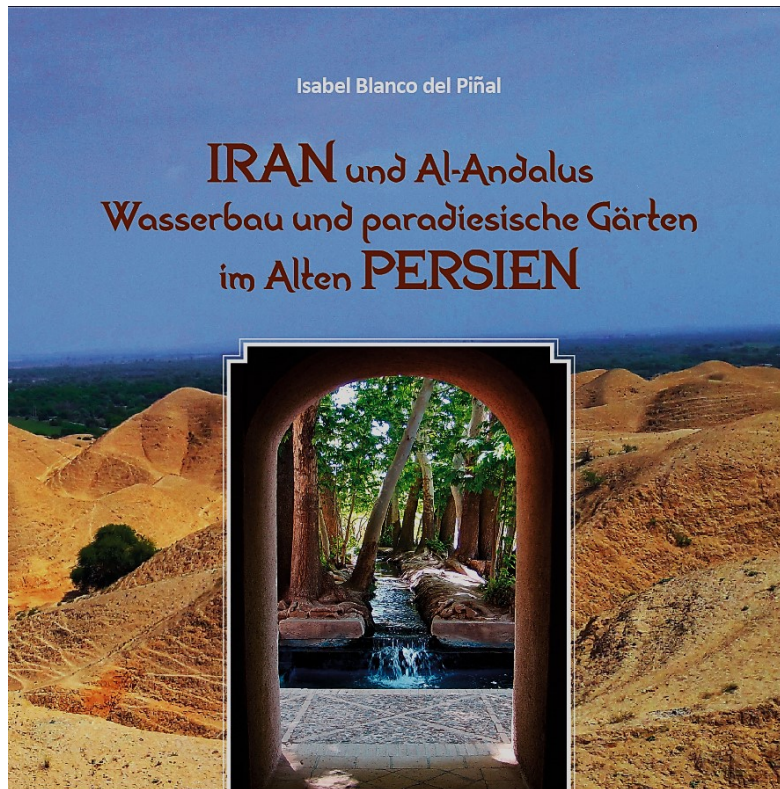


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### A Persian Legacy and the history of the book: IRAN and Al-Andalus

One of my leitmotifs, my central guiding themes is: "*Only who knows the history of civilizations can understand their present*". Persia is considered to be the homeland of water culture, of hydraulic systems and of amazing gardens. Already long before our time Persians had huge knowledge about use of water: one of the first today known hydraulic structure in Iran is located at Chogha Zanbil (built 1250 BCE) and the first garden was found in *Pasargadae*, the first persian royal settlement of King Cyrus II. (5th century BCE). King Cyrus II. is considered to be the father of persian garden.

My five books turn all around the hispano-arabic centuries in Spain (from 711 until end of 15th century). During these eight centuries the so-called *moorish* civilization in Spain had reached a high scientific, cultural and technical level.

After I finished to write my books I started a digital travel series with title ***In Search for al-Andalus***. My concern was to find out from where the arabic *sons of desert* got all their knowledge on whatever scientific field: medicine, astrology, philosophy,

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mathematics and, in this precise case, the knowledge about hydraulic systems, watermanagement, beautiful gardens and *alcázares* (spanish>see *Qasr* = castle). Before Islam was born the homeland of Arabs was the endless vastness of deserts and their most precious knowledge concerning water resources was about locations of live-saving oases.

So one of my questions, maybe the most important one, was: where was the origin of the technical knowledge about use of water resources and, at the same time, the origin of the famous *moorish* gardens?

Around mid 7th century CE Arabs began with the conquest of Persia and 711 CE they started the conquest of Spain. The evidence of historical context cannot be denied. That was the point of departure for my research in Iran, the Ancient Persia.

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