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MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: Entomology: Systematics of thrips (Thysanoptera).

I have a special interest in thrips systematics. I did my doctoral thesis on a taxonomic study of Thysanoptera from Iran, at Zhejiang University. My research has been based on the morphology of the adults (both sexes) and second instar larva. I also worked together with **Professor TONG Xiao-li** at South China Agricultural University on the systematics of Thysanoptera from China, especially those species associated with leaf-litter and dead wood in south of China. After that, I obtained the position of an Associate Professor at Ilam University, Iran.

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ACADEMIC RECORD



FORMAL EDUCATION	DEGREE	YEARS
South China Agricultural University (China)	Postdoctoral researcher	2012–2014
Zhejiang University (China)	Ph.D. (Agricultural Entomology and Pest Control)	2008–2012
Tehran University (Iran)	MSc (Agricultural Entomology)	2005–2007
Bu-Ali Sina University (Iran)	BSc (Plant Protection)	2000–2003



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH

I had a postdoctoral position at the South China Agricultural University at Guangzhou under the supervision of **Prof. TONG Xiao-li** (E-mail: xtong@scau.edu.cn). This was 2-years project on the systematics of Thysanoptera from China, especially those species associated with leaf-litter and dead wood in south of China.



DOCTORATE THESIS (DISSERTATION)

A systematic study of Thysanoptera in Iran (Hexapoda: Insecta).
Supervisor: **Prof. Xue-xin CHEN** (E-mail: xxchen@zju.edu.cn)



MASTER THESIS (DISSERTATION)

Study on taxonomy of phytophagous bugs of the family Miridae and introducing natural enemies (insects) of dominant species of the genus *Lygus* Hahn in Hamedan alfalfa fields.

Supervisor: **Prof. Gholam-Reza Rasoulia** (E-mail: rasolian@ut.ac.ir)



INTERESTING

1. Taxonomy of Thysanoptera, thrips.
2. Forest Entomology.
3. Biological control of harmful thrips.

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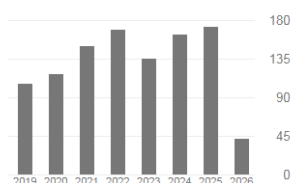
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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Director of Student Affairs, Ilam University, 10 October 2018 – 06 January 2026
- Head of Department of Plant Protection, July 2016 – November 2020.
- Head of Futsal Committee of Ilam University (staff and professors), 2016 till now.

LESSONS TAUGHT

Entomology, Pest Control, Fruit pests, Field crop pests, Vegetable pests, Acarology, Forest insects, Insects systematics, Zoology, Advance in basic entomology, IPM

MEMBERSHIP

- Professional Membership of Entomological Society of Iran, and Head of Entomological Society of Iran (branch Ilam Province) (since 2020)
- Member of the Chinese Society of Entomologists (since 2009).
- Member of the American Pest Control Association (since 2011).



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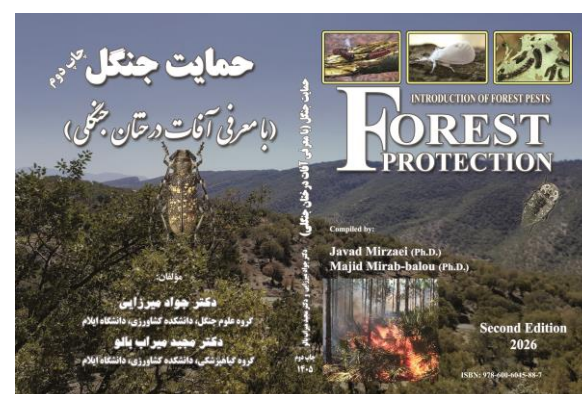
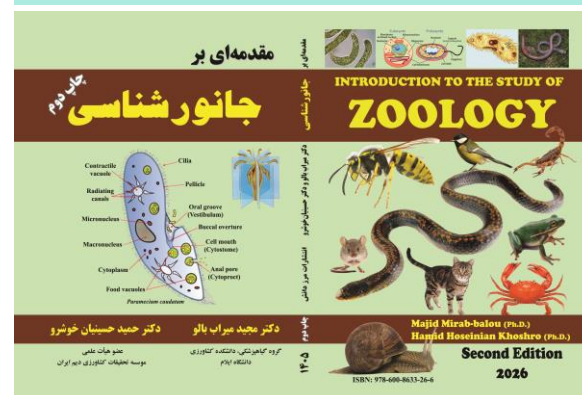
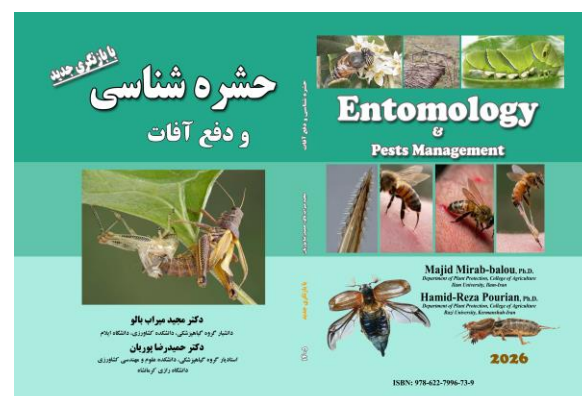
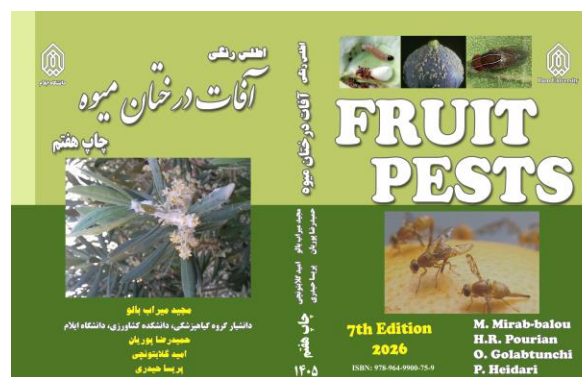
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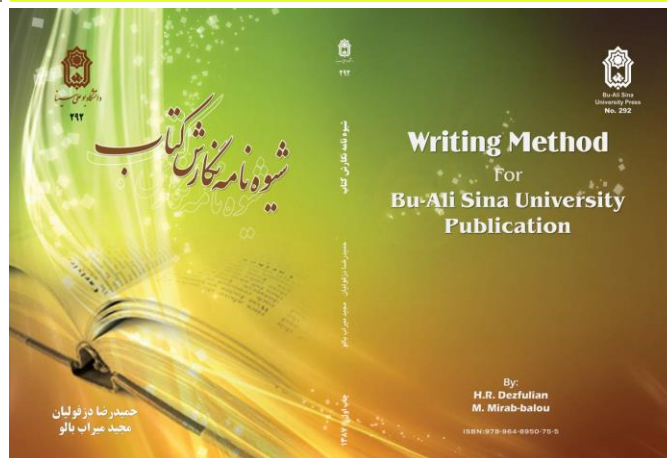
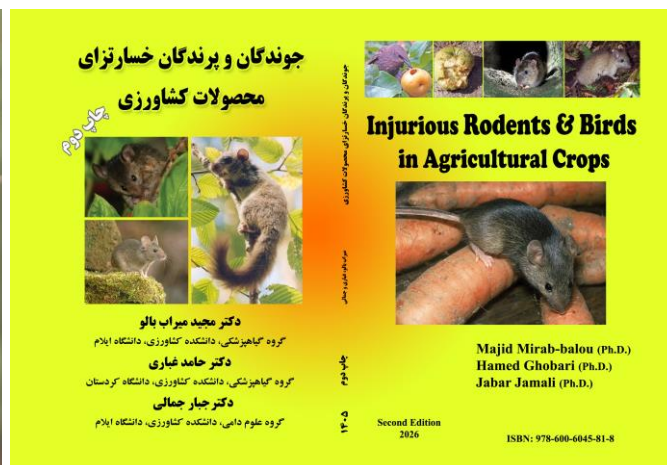
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3. **Mirab-balou, M.** & Hoseinian Khoshro, H. 2026. **Introduction to the study of Zoology (Second Edition)**. Marze Danesh Press, Tehran-Iran, 261 pp. (In Persian).
4. Mirzaei, J. & **Mirab-balou, M.** 2026. **Forest protection (with introduction of forest pests) (Second Edition)**. Marze Danesh Press, Tehran-Iran, 243 pp. (In Persian).
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9. Pourian, H.R., **Mirab-balou, M.** & Babak-fard, A. 2009. **Greenhouse (Pests and Diseases)**. Marze Danesh Press, Tehran-Iran, 158 pp. (In Persian).
10. Dezfoulan, H.R. & **Mirab-balou, M.** 2008. Writing method for Bu-Ali Sina University publication. *Bu-Ali Sina University Press, Hamedan, Iran*, 133 pp. (In Persian).



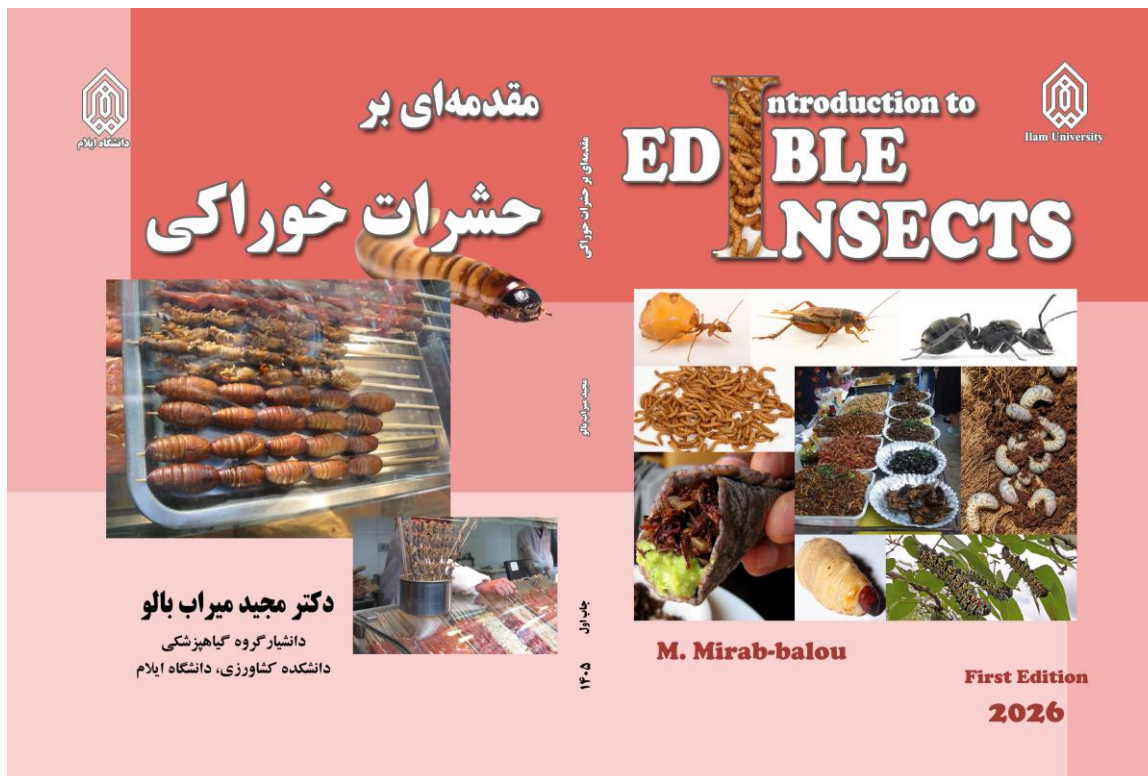


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2. **Mirab-balou, M.** 2026. Introduction to Edible Insects.



3. **Mirab-balou, M.** 2026. Key to the Thrips (Thysanoptera: Terebrantia) in Iran.





AWARDS & HONORS



1. Earned full doctoral scholarship from CSC (China Scholarship Council), 2008–2011.
2. Earned full postdoctoral scholarship from China Government (2012–2014).
3. Selected as excellent student in “*the Scientific Congress of Iranian Students in China*”. Embassy of Iran in Beijing, China, 2009.
4. Selected as excellent student in “*the first Iranian students Scientific Conference in Malaysia*”. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9–10 April 2011.
5. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, 2013.
6. Selected as excellent researcher in College of Agriculture, Ilam University, 2014.
7. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, 2015.
8. Selected as excellent researcher in College of Agriculture, Ilam University, 2016.
9. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, 2017.
10. Member in the Asian Council of Science Editors (2017–2018).
11. Selected as excellent teacher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, April 2018.
12. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, December 2018.
13. Selected as excellent researcher in the field of Agriculture in Ilam Province, December 2018.
14. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, December 2019.
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16. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, December 2022.
17. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, December 2023.
18. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, December 2024.
19. Selected as excellent researcher in Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, December 2025.



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PUBLICATIONS (National & International Journals)

2026:

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