Applied Archaeology, Uncovering the Past and Use the Present

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Archaeology interprets and rebuilds the past of human (mankind) based on material and spiritual remains. When it comes to archeological data, our thoughts will be focused on remain works of past people such as manuscripts, furniture, remaining of houses and cultural works which fills our museums; therefore, the main issue of archaeology is humankind and its artifacts that human species creates either intentionally or unintentionally (consciously or unconsciously) during the time. The current archaeology in Iran is working with a historical cultural approach which is an evolutionary approach to morphology of past people's artifacts; while applied archaeology is looking for solving the problems of contemporary society with development and comprehensive approach by using of the past. Since the early 1990s, applied archaeology became prevalent with mentioned issues such as sustainable development and green issues and with the influx of people to visit the sites and with the reveal of management areas necessity. Pure archaeology was not the answer of underhung needs; so applied archaeology created based on anthropological theoretical; archaeological methodology and field techniques to collect data and quickly developed according to needs of tourists and cultural heritage management and based on these two fields. The aim of this article is explaining the importance of applied archaeology as interdisciplinary knowledge. The research is done in a descriptive-analytical manner and with critical approach. The result shows that applied archaeology has nature of interdisciplinary and according to that, it could use cultural heritage huge potential of the country contemporary and modern coincides with the objectification and stable protection to develop the tourism and cultural economy.

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