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## Introduction

The lack of a grammar of Modern Persian in Greek has been always an important obstacle for Greek speakers, who are interested in learning modern Persian. Until now Greek speakers including the author of this grammar had to rely on grammars written in languages other than Greek. This grammar is the first effort to promote the study of Persian language in Greece and the Greek speaking world as a whole. It is hoped that its compilation will mark the beginning of a new era and it will motivate other scholars in the future to wok further for the development of teaching Persian in Greece.

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