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With very limited resources, but with the unrelenting dedication of a number of distinguished scholars, we have put this conference together in the hope of promoting a more historically informed level of critical judgement in academic and public discussions of issues and ideas pertaining to Iran. We consider it our professional responsibility to rescue the level of public debate in particular from sinking into the ever deeper abyss of vast generalizations and empty essentialization about an ancient civilization.

It is our distinct privilege to be your host during our first biennial conference. We have done our best to bring together some of the most distinguished, as well as a number of the most promising, scholars in various fields of Iranian studies. We hope and plan that these biennial conferences will become an integral part of our commitment to the advancement of Iranian studies.

Hamid Dabashi (Columbia University)
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A Schematic Look at the Conference Schedule

	RAVENSWORTH CENTER	RAVENSWORTH WEST	MARY LEE ROOM
Friday 14	at the Hotel		
8:45 am	Opening Remarks		
9:00 am	Anthropology		
11:00 am	Classical Poetry	Modern Politics	
1:30 pm	Film	Media Coverage of Iran	
	at the Freer/Sackler	Galleries	
4:00 pm	Art	Art	
5:45 pm	Reception		
Saturday 15	at the Hotel		
9:00 am	Feminism	Pre-Modern History	
11:00 am	Philosophy	Linguistics	
1:30 pm	Economics	Modern Literature	Ancient Iran
3:30 pm	Folklore	Modern History	
	at the George Washi	inoton University	
7:00 pm	Keynote Address		
9:00 pm	Concert		
Sunday 16	at the Hotel		
9:00 am	Plenary Session		-
11:30 am	Concluding Remarks		

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Please note: all conference events will take place at the Arlington Hyatt Hotel, except for the Friday afternoon Art panels and Reception, and the Saturday evening Keynote address and Concert. Please refer to schedule for specifics.

Friday, 14 May

7:30-8:45 am

Registration and Book Exhibits

8:45-9:00 am

Opening Remarks

Ravensworth West and Center

Hamid Dabashi (Columbia University), Executive Secretary, Society for

Iranian Studies

9:00-10:30 am

PANEL 1

Ravensworth West and Center

PANEL 1: Anthropological Agendas in Iranian Studies

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Brian Spooner (University of Pennsylvania)

William O. Beeman (Brown University): Anthropology in Iran Since the

Revolution of 1978-79

Anne Betteridge (Middle East Studies Association): Anthropological Perspectives

on Aspects of Iranian Identity

Brian Spooner (University of Pennsylvania): Social or Cultural, Modern or

Postmodern?

10:30-11:00 am

Break

11:00am-12:30 pm

PANELS 2 and 3

PANEL 2: Classical Persian Poetry

Ravensworth Center

CHAIR: Julie Scott Meisami (Oxford University)

DISCUSSANT: Michael G. Hillmann (University of Texas, Austin)

Mahmoud Omidsalar (University of California, Los Angeles): Toto, I don't think we are in Kansas anymore: Khudaynamag, the Heroic Age, and the State of

Shahnamah Scholarship

Olga Davidson (Brandeis University): Tensions Between Genre and Historical

Occasion in a Poem by Rudaki

David Martin (Washington Academy): Absorption of the Self into the Absolute: The Climactic Theophany of 'Attar's Mosibat Nameh (Book of Disaster)

PANEL 3: Modern Iranian Politics

Ravensworth West

CHAIR: Farhad Kazemi (New York University)

DISCUSSANT: James A. Bill (College of William and Mary)

Mohsen Milani (University of South Florida): The Transformation of the Institutions of Velayat-e Faqih and Presidency

Bahman Bakhtiari (University of Maine, Orono): The Islamic Majlis in Iran

Ahmed Hashem (Initiative for Peace and Cooperation in the Middle East): The Iranian Military and Security

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch Break and Book Exhibits

1:30-3:00 pm

PANELS 4 and 5

PANEL 4: An Uneasy Alliance:

Ravensworth Center

The Symbiotic Relationship between Iranian Film-makers and the Islamic Republic of Iran

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Jamsheed Akrami (Columbia University)

Jamsheed Akrami (Columbia University), A Critical History of Film Censorship in Iran

William O. Beeman (Brown University): Film and State Policies in Iran before the Revolution of 1978-79

Touraj Noroozi (University of Utah): State Ideology and Politics of Tolerance in Post-Revolutionary Iranian Cinema: The Case of Masud Kimiya'i

PANEL 5: A Workshop on Attitude and Accuracy in the Media Coverage of Iran Ravensworth West

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Guity Nashat (Associate Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago, and Senior Research Fellow, the Hoover Institution)

Eric Hooglund (Editor, The Middle East Journal)

Shireen T. Hunter (Deputy Director of the Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies)

Kenneth Katzman (Analyst for Middle East Affairs, Congressional Research Service)

Gary Sick (Adjunct Professor of Middle Eastern Politics, Columbia University)

At 3:00 pm, the Conference moves to the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery of the Freer Gallery of Art for the art panels and the evening reception. You may take a ten-minute taxicab ride to the Gallery or you make take the Subway. For the subway, take the Blue Line at the Rosslyn Station (directly across the street from the Hotel) just 6 stops to the Smithsonian Station. It costs \$1.00. At the Gallery you will be asked to show your Conference Registration Badge.

4:00-5:30 pm

PANELS 6 and 7

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution

This program is funded in part by contributions given in support of Persian Art and Culture at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in the Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution. The Society for Iranian Studies is grateful for their generous assistance.

PANEL 6: Throne Symbolism: Its Transition and Transformation in Persian Art

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Guity Azarpay (University of California, Berkeley)

Priscilla P. Soucek (New York University): From Takht-e Jamshid to Takht-e Marmar

Margaret C. Root (University of Michigan): The Iconography of the Achaemenid Throne in Persian Art

Ann Gunter (Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery): The Context of Ancient Iranian Metalwork in the Freer

PANEL 7: After the Mongols: Imagery, Identity, and Change in Iranian Art

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Layla Diba (Brooklyn Museum of Fine Arts)

Chahryar Adle (CNRS, Paris): Homonymous Artists Named Dust-Muhammad in the 16th Century

Susan Babaie (New York University): Symbiosis of Architecture and Polity: Safavid Palaces in the Seventeenth Century

Marianna S. Simpson (Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery): The Reconstruction and Illustration of the the 741/1341 Shahnama

5:45-7:00 pm

Reception for Conference Participants in the Sackler Gallery.

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Saturday, 15 May

8:00-9:00 am

Registration and Book Exhibits

9:00-10:30 am

PANELS 8 and 9

PANEL 8: Feminism and the Iranian

Ravensworth Center

Left: Taking the Women's

Account Seriously

CHAIR: Janet Bauer (Trinity College)

DISCUSSANT: Naireh Towhidi (University of California, Los Angeles)

Haideh Moghissi (Queen's University): The Non-Democratic Left and the Women's Movement in Iran

Hammed Shahidian (Merrimack College): Women and Clandestine Politics in Iran (1970-1982)

Janet Bauer (Trinity College): Debates on Women's Rights among (Predominantly Left) Asylum Seekers Outside of Iran

PANEL 9: Religion and Politics Pre-Modern Iranian History Ravensworth West

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Said Amir Arjomand (State University of New York, Stony Brook)

Said Amir Arjomand (State University of New York, Stony Brook): Abdullah ibn Muqaffa' and the 'Abbasid Revolution

Rosemary Stanfield (New York University): Mirza Makhdum Shirazi: A Sunni Sadr at the Safavid Court

Ernest Tucker (U.S. Naval Academy): Nadir Shah and the Ja'fari Mazhab Reconsidered

Kathryn Babayan (University of North Texas): The Safavi Synthesis: From Qizilbashism to Ithna Ashari Shi'ism

10:30-11:00 am

Break

11:00 am-12:30 pm

PANELS 10 and 11

PANEL 10: Islamic Philosophy

Ravensworth Center

CHAIR: S. H. Nasr (George Washington University)

DISCUSSANT: William A. Chittick (State University of New York, Stony Brook)

Alice C. Hunsberger (Hunter College, CUNY): The Soul as a Harmony (l'tidal-i Mizaj): Nasir-i Khusraw's Critique of the Materialists

John Walbridge (Encyclopaedia Iranica): Suhrawardi's Hikmat al-Ishraq and Ghazali's Mishkat al-Anwar

Maryam Yekta Steininger (University of the District of Columbia): Modern Iranians' Attitude toward Nature as Perceived by American Specialists: A Study in Communication and Culture

PANEL 11: Issues in Iranian Linguistics

Ravensworth West

CHAIR: Donald L. Stilo (University of Washington) DISCUSSANT: Simin Karimi (University of Arizona)

Donald L. Stilo (University of Washington): The Effect of Linguistic Convergence and Area! Contact on Iranian Languages

Jeannine L. Heny (Indiana University of Pennsylvania): Subject and Stylistic Effect in Modern Persian Poetry

M. A. Jazayery (University of Texas, Austin): Major Features of Persian Semantics

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch Break and Book Exhibits

1:30-3:00 pm

PANELS 12, 13 and 14

PANEL 12: Current Economic Issues in Iran

Ravensworth Center

CHAIR: Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

DISCUSSANT: Vahid Nowshirvani (Columbia University)

Fatemeh Moghadam (Hofstra University): Women and the Labor Market in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Patrick Clawson (National Defence University): The Effect of Military Expenditure on the Iranian Economy

Adnan Mazarei, Jr. (University of California, Los Angeles) Imports under Foreign Exchange Rationing: An Empirical Examination of the Case of Iran

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University): Domestic Pricing of Petroleum Products in Iran

PANEL 13: Aspects of Ancient Iranian Culture and Civilization

Mary Lee Room

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Ehsan Yarshater (Encyclopaedia Iranica)

Martin Schwartz (University of California, Berkeley): Zoroaster's Gathas: Mysticism as Poetic Style and Structure

James Russell (Hebrew University): On Mysticism and Esotericism among the Zoroastrians

Leonard F. Reuter (University of Pennsylvania): The Aryan War of the Gods and the Bronze Age World System

PANEL 14: Modern Persian Literature

Ravensworth West

CHAIR: Farzaneh Milani (University of Virginia)

DISCUSSANT: Michael Beard (University of North Dakota)

Leonardo Alishan (University of Utah): The Earth and the Woman in Modern Persian Literature

Farzaneh Milani (University of Virginia): On Nannies, Gypsies, and Ideal Men: Figures of Mediation

Kaveh Safa (University of Chicago): An Emblematic Sexuality: The Figure of the "Luti"

Michael Beard (University of North Dakota): Baba Ab Dad

3:00-3:30

Break

3:30-5:00 pm

PANELS 15 and 16

PANEL 15: Issues in Iranian Folklore

Ravensworth Center

CHAIR: Mahmoud Omidsalar (University of California, Los Angeles)

DISCUSSANT: Wheeler Thackston (Harvard University)

Ulrich Marzolph (Enzyklopadie des Marchens): Title TBA

Sekandar Amanolahi (Harvard University): The Supernatural in Luri Folklore

Margaret Mills (The University of Pennsylvania): Ruba'i-like Structure in Oral

Prose Narrative: On Roots of Persian Poetics

Panel 16: Politics and Culture in Modern Iran Ravensworth West

CHAIR: Juan Cole (University of Michigan)
DISCUSSANT: Abbas Amanat (Yale University)

Mansour Bonakdarian (University of South Dakota): Edward G. Browne and the Constitutional Struggle in Iran: From Academic Orientalism to Political Activism

Fakhreddin Azimi (University of Connecticut, Storrs): Political Parties in Pahlavi Iran

Kamrouz Pirouz (Montclair State College): Mussadegh and the Oil Nationalization Movement

5:00-6:30 pm

DINNER BREAK

On Saturday evening, the Conference moves to George Washington University for the Keynote Address and Concert. Please be sure to arrange your dinner plans so you can be seated for the Keynote Address at 7:00pm.

To reach George Washington University from the Hotel, you may take a taxicab (about \$7.00) or the Subway. For the Subway, take any line from the Rosslyn Station (right across from the Hotel) one stop to Foggy Bottom Station. Funger Hall is located at 2201 G Street, NW.

Saturday Evening, May 15 George Washington University, Funger Hall, Room 103.

7:00 pm

Keynote Address by A. S. Melikian-Chirvani, Directeur de Recherche, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

Persian Literature as the Living Memory of the

Distant Past

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8:30-9:00 pm

Break to prepare for concert

9:00-11:00 pm

The Past and the Future:

A Concert by Daryush Dolat-shahi

- 1. Improvisation on a Seh-tar
- 2. Songs for Solo Voice and Computer Music

For this evening, Mr. Dolat-shahi will bring together on stage the past and the future of music. In the first half of the concert he will improvise on seh-tar. The second part of the evening will feature a performance of his new songs for live solo voice and computer music. The compositions are based on the poetry of the contemporary Persian poet, Fereydun Moshiri.

Sunday, 16 May

9:00-11:00 am

PLENARY SESSION: Iranian Cultural Identity in Historical Perspective

Ravensworth West and Center

CHAIR: Ali Banuazizi (Boston College)

DISCUSSANT: Ehsan Yarshater (Columbia University)

Richard N. Frye (Harvard University): Tasks for Greater Iranian Studies in the 21st Century

Nasrin Rahimieh (University of Alberta): How to be Persian Abroad: An Old Question in the Post-Modern Age

Ahmad Ashraf (Encyclopaedia Iranica): The Crisis of National and Ethnic Identities in Modern Iran

Muriel Atkin (The George Washington University): Tajik Identity

William L. Hanaway, Jr. (The University of Pennsylvania): The Iranian Cultural Identity in the Medieval Period

11:00-11:30 am

Break

11:30-12:30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ravensworth West and Center

Peter Chelkowski (New York University)

Biographical Notes on the Keynote Speaker

A.S. MELIKIAN-CHIRVANI

Assadullah Souren Melikian-Chirvani was born in Paris and attended the Sorbonne, where he read Persian and Arabic literature. He completed first a licence es-lettres (= master's degree) then a doctorate (Ph.D.) in Persian literature in 1968 and a second doctorate (the French doctorat d'etat) in Iranian art history in 1972. He joined the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) in 1970 and is now a "Directeur de Recherche."

His research work has focussed on three main centers of interest. One is the connection between the visual arts and literature. His first doctoral dissertation, published in 1970 as "Le Roman de Varqe et Golshah: Essai sur les rapports de l'esthetique litteraire et l'esthetique plastique dans l'Iran premongol," is the first systematic analysis of a

complete Persian manuscript preserving a romance and its cycle of 71 illustrations. He demonstrated the predominantly Buddhist origin of the canon of idealized beauty (the Bot-e mahruy) in early Persian literature and in early Iranian iconography, showing in the process the impact of Iranian concepts on the "rewrite" of Buddhism, which started probably in Kushan times. The second area of interest is the study of Iranian metalwork, of which he published the first history, commissioned by the Victoria and Albert Museum, London in 1982. The third is the study of objets d'art and their changing significance within the Iranian cultual framework through centuries, such as the wine boat of early times which very much later became the kashkul.

Biographical Sketch on the Artist

DARIUSH DOLAT-SHAHI

Dariush Dolat-shahi began his studies of traditional Persian music at Tehran Conservatory of Music. After earning his bachelor's degree from Tehran University, he travelled to Holland under a four-year fellowship awarded by the Dutch government, to study composition and electronic music at The Amsterdam Conservatory of Music and The Institute of Sonology at Utrecht. Following a brief term as associate professor at Tehran University, Dolat-shahi came to the United States to pursue his studies in composition and electronic music at Columbia University, where he received his doctorate in 1981. He currently teaches

music composition at the University of Portland, in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Dolat-Shahi has participated as a composer, lecturer and performer in numerous international events. He has twice won the International Music Competition in Holland and has been nominated for the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award. His commissions and performances include those of the Tehran Symphony Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra, Utrecht Symphony Orchestra, The Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, and many solo performances at the Carnegie Recital Hall in New York.

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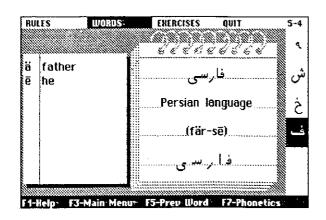
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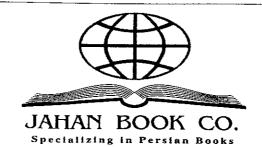
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