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### 1986 Annual Meeting of SIS/MESA

The 1986 Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the Twentieth Anniversary Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Boston, MA from November 19-23, 1986. The meetings will be at the Boston Sheraton Hotel, where rooms will be available at special prices for those attending the meetings.

Both the banquet and the reception will take place in the Modern Art Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday, November 22. The banquet will feature Boston's well-known fresh seafood. Special buses will go from the hotel to the museum.

The Autumn 1986 SIS Newsletter will include details of the programs, including the Society meetings and panel presentations.

We look forward to seeing many of you here in November. Why not plan to stay for a few more days and enjoy a New England Thanksgiving?

### 1986 Election Results

The following members were elected to three-year terms on the SIS Council, replacing Peter Chelkowski, Guity Nashat and Ehsan Yarshater:

Abbas Amanat, Yale University  
Muriel Atkin, The George Washington University  
Afsaneh Najmabadi, Harvard University

### Announcements

THE FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES' annual prize of \$1000 for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies has been awarded to Dr. Anne H. Betteridge for her dissertation entitled "Ziarat: Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Shiraz," submitted to the Department of Anthropology of the University of Chicago in March, 1985.

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ISLAMIC TEACHING MATERIALS PROJECT -- The purpose of the project is to improve the quality and breadth of undergraduate course offerings in American colleges and universities by providing thoroughly-researched, concise and conveniently-formatted teaching aids on aspects of Islamic civilization to supplement existing curricula in art, architecture, comparative literature, religion, history, geography, archaeology, anthropology, and political science. In

addition, it will provide the materials and guidelines needed to develop a comprehensive course in Islamic civilization from the 7th century to the present. The project is sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies and supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The director of the project is Dr. Herbert L. Bodman, Jr., Professor of Islamic History, 554 Hamilton Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/962-2115.

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THE FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES announces a prize of \$1000 for the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies. All students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1985 and July 1, 1986 are eligible to apply for the 1986 prize.

Dissertations must be nominated by the author's advisor with a letter of acceptance for the degree accompanying the dissertation.

Applicants for the 1986 award should submit 2 copies of the dissertation to:

The Secretary  
Foundation for Iranian Studies  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

The deadline is August 30, 1986.

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1986 MALCOM H. KERR DISSERTATION AWARDS  
-- All students completing their dissertations between July 1, 1985 and July 1, 1986 are eligible to apply for the 1986 prizes. Dissertations must be nominated by the author's sponsor or advisor, with a letter of acceptance for the degree accompanying the manuscript. The applicant must specify the category for which he or she is applying: humanities or social sciences.

Only one copy of the dissertation need be submitted, although 2 or 3 copies will facilitate reading by the committee. The copies will be returned. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting in Boston. The winner of each category receives \$500.

Applicants for the 1986 awards should submit copies of their dissertations to:

MESA Secretariat  
Department of Oriental Studies  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ 85721

The deadline for submission is August 1, 1986, although it is best to send the copies as early as possible.

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IRANIAN STUDIES invites papers (reports on research or "think pieces" on a variety of topics) for a 1986 or 1987 special issue devoted to IRANIAN EXILES. The papers should be typed double-spaced, using IS style, not exceeding 30 pages. Authors should submit 3 copies and a 150-200 word abstract to:

Asghar Fathi  
Department of Sociology  
University of Calgary  
25090 University Drive NW  
Calgary, Alberta  
Canada T2N 1N4

## News About SIS Members

ANNEMARIE SCHIMMEL, Professor of Indo-Muslim Culture at Harvard University, is to receive an honorary doctorate in Divinity from the University of Uppsala, Sweden. The degree recognizes her outstanding scholarship on Islamic mysticism.

MICHAEL HILLMAN has been promoted to Full Professor by the University of Texas at Austin.

## Recent Books on Iran

(\* Books by SIS members.)

EARLY PERSIAN POETRY. By A.V. Williams Jackson. Dover, NH: Longwood Press (Longwood Publishing Group), 1985. Reprint of original publication, 1978. 125pp. \$17.50.

\*THE EPIC OF THE KINGS: SHAH-NAMA. By Ferdowsi, transl. by Reuben Levy, revised by Amin Banani. London & Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1985. 423pp. \$12.95. Paper (first paperback edition of a work published in 1967).

\*FINDING HOSEYN. By Colin Mackinnon. Arbor House, 1985. \$15.95. (A novel which received very good reviews.)

444 DAYS: THE HOSTAGES REMEMBER. By Tim Wells. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1986. 469pp. \$19.95.

GULF SECURITY AND THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR. Ed. by Thomas Naff. Washington, DC: National Defense University Press, 1985.

THE HOLY BOOK IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE. Ed. by Frederick Denny & Rodney Taylor. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1985. Studies in Comparative Religion. 252pp. \$19.95.

L'ISLAM AU TEMPS DU MONDE. By Jacques Berque. Paris: Sindbad, 1984. La Bibliothèque de l'Islam: Essais. 277pp. FF140. Paper.

IRAN UNDER THE AYATOLLAHS. By Dilip Hiro. London & Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1985. 398pp. \$39.95.

ISFAHAN IS HALF THE WORLD: MEMORIES OF A PERSIAN BOYHOOD. By Sayyed Mohammad Ali Jamalzadeh. Transl. by W.L. Heston. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1986. Princeton Library of Asian Translations. \$39.50, cloth. \$16.50, paper.

\*LETTERS AND ESSAYS, 1886-1913. By Mirza Abu-Fadl Gulpaygani. Transl. by Juan R.I. Cole. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 1985. 193pp. \$11.95.

THE MIDDLE EAST ANNUAL. Ed. David Partridge. Boston: G.K. Hall, 1985. Issues & Events, Vol.4-1984. 232pp. \$49.95.

\*THE MIDDLE EAST: PAST & PRESENT. By Yahya Armajani & Thomas Ricks. 2nd ed. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1985. 466pp.

MIDDLE EAST REVIEW 1985. 11th ed. Essex, UK: World of Information, 1985. Distributed by Ballentine Books, NY. 296pp. L.20.00. Paper.

\*PERSIAN FOR BEGINNERS: A TEXTBOOK FOR TEACHING ADULTS & YOUNG PEOPLE. By M.R. Ghanoonparvar & F. Givehchian. Lexington, KY: Mazda, 1985. 86pp. \$12.00.

PERSIAN PAINTING AND THE NATIONAL EPIC. By B.W. Robinson. Dover, NH: The British Academy (Longwood Publishing Group), 1984. 24pp. 20 plate. \$4.00.

THE ROLE OF FARMER'S SELF-DETERMINATION, COLLECTIVE ACTION & COOPERATIVES IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: A CASE STUDY OF IRAN. By Mohammad Naghizadeh. Tokyo: Institute for the Study of Languages & Cultures of Asia & Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 1984. Studia Culturae Islamicae No.23. 355pp. Paper.

\*SHI'ISM AND SOCIAL PROTEST. Ed. by Juan R.I. Cole & Nikki R. Keddie. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1986. \$40.00, cloth. \$12.95, paper.

THE STATE AND SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN IRAN: A THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVE. By Farrokh Moshiri. New York & Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 1985. American University Studies, Series X, Vol. 5. 232pp.