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**International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS)** 

# **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**



## REGISTRATION

Park Hyatt Lobby Wednesday, 30 July 2008 2:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, 31 July 2008 8:00-9:00 a.m.

## ISIS BOARD MEETING

Bellair Boardroom Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., 30 July 2008

# Thursday, July 31

## Session 1 | Queen's Park South | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## PERSIAN INSTRUCTION

Chair: M. M. Khorrami, New York University Ramin Sarraf, National University, USA The Online Persian Language Program: Challenges and Solutions

Azita Mokhtari, National University, USA
Beyond Borders: Developing Online Task-Based Teaching
Materials for Language Learners of Persian
Ludmila Yaneva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
Bulgarian Textbooks for Teaching Persian Language: Students's
First Contact with the Iranian Identity
Anousha Sedighi, Portland State University | Teaching
Persian to Persian Speakers

## Session 2 | Queen's Park North | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## PERSIAN LECTURE SERIES

Chair: Rudi Matthee, University of Delaware Mostafa Azkia, Tehran University The Nature of Rural Development Programs in Iran Before and After the Revolution

## Session 3 | Hazelton | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Workshop: Encounters Between Early Modern Sanskrit and Persian Cultures: Ethical and Political Texts

Chair: Manan Ahmed, University of Chicago Pasha Mohamad Khan, Columbia University Ajay Rao, University of Toronto Sunil Sharma, Boston University Dan Sheffield, Harvard University Audrey Truschke, Columbia University

## Session 4 | University East | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## TRACES OF MEMORY

Chair: Marta Simidchieva, University of Toronto Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan University Remembering the Muslim Conquest of Iran Mehrdad Shabahang, Ecole Pratique Des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne

The Comparison of Old Iranian Farrah and Shiite Nûr-i Welayat

Bryan Averbuch, Harvard University
The Newly-Discovered Judeo-Persian Letter: Date, Provenance,
and Historical Context

## Break | 10:30-11.00 a.m.

# Session 5 | Queen's Park South 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Persian linguistics

Chair: Azita Taleghani, University of Toronto Mehrdar Naghzguy Kohan, Bu-Ali Sina University Sociolinguistics Factors Conditioning the Plural in Contemporary Persian

Yasaman Rafat, University of Toronto A Socio-phonetic Investigation of Rhotics in Persian Farzaneh Foroodi-Nejad, University of Alberta & Johanne Paradis, University of Alberta Transfer between the two Languages in Early Bilinguals from Immigrant Families

# Session 6 | Queen's Park North 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## PERSONAL IDENTIY AND CULTURAL SCHIZOPHRENIA

Chair: Touraj Atabaki, Leiden University
Houchang E. Chehabi, Boston University
The Introduction of Family Names in Iran
Suzanne Levi-Sanchez, San Francisco Sate University
Iranian Myth and the Social Construct of Narrative Influence
Mansoor Moaddel, Eastern Michigan University
Secularization, State Religiosity, and Cultural Duality Findings
from Values Surveys

## Session 7 | Hazelton | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SANSKRIT AND PERSIAN CULTURES:

## PRACTICAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Chair: Christopher Minkowski, Oxford University Rajeev Kinra, Northwestern University Kim Plofker, Brown University Enrico Raffaelli, University of Toronto

## Session 8 | University East | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## ARTS AND PATRONAGE

Chair: Karin Ruehrdanz, Royal Ontario Museum Denise-Marie Teece, New York University Vessels of Verse: Persian Anthologies for Quyunlu Patrons Raya Shani, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem The Shi'i-oriented Sufi component in epigraphic Nishapur pottery of the early eleventh century

Maryam Ekhtiar, The Metropolitan Museum of Art Isma'il Jalayer: Mystic Painter of the Naseri Era Nigel Westbrook, University of Western Australia The Architecture of the Site Museums in Persepolis and Pasargadae

## Lunch | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

## Session 9 | Queen's Park South | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS

Chair: Mohammad Mehdi Vahedi, University of Tarbiyat Mudarris

Zohre Zarshenas, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Tehran

Females and Feminine Words in Some Manichean Sogdian Writings

Judith A. Lerner, Independent Scholar, New York
The Persistence of Hellenism: The Sealings on the Bactrian
Documents

Mehrnaz Ahmadi Joobaneh, University of Western Ontario

Grammatical gender markers in Persian compared to English, German and Arabic

Soha Safai, Paris III University KW Words in Iranian Languages

## Session 10 | Queen's Park North | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## SAFAVID AND MUGHAL ARTS AND POLITICS

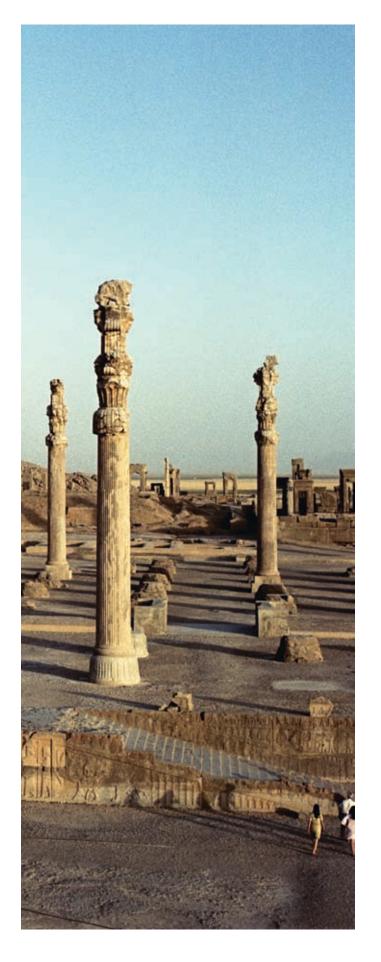
Chair: Maria Subtelny, University of Toronto Ann Lucas, University California, Los Angeles Music Fit for a King: The Changing Role of Music from the Timurid Court to the Safavid Court Abolghasem Dadvar, Al-Zahra University

Iranian Impacts on Mughal Culture During the 16th and 17th Centuries

Maryam Moazzen, University of Toronto The Curriculum of Religious Higher Learning in Safavid Isfahan Abolala Soudavar, Independent Scholar From Rivalry to Fratricide: Shah Tahmash and Sam Mirza

## Session 11 | Hazelton | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Workshop: Encounters Between Early Modern Sanskrit and Persian Cultures: Mystical and Metaphysical Texts



Chair: Supriya Gandhi, Harvard University Muzaffar Alam, University of Chicago Shankar Nair, Harvard University Parimal Patil, Harvard University

## Session 12 | University East | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## POSTREVOLUTIONARY CONSTELLATION

Chair: Mansoor Moaddel, Eastern Michigan University Kamran Safamanesh, The Urban Research Institute, Tehran

Architectural Environment of the Post-Revolution Tehran
Kambiz Behi, Harvard University
Structure and Process of Legal Change in Post-Revolutionary Iran:
The Emergence of New Constitutionalism.
Shahram Kholdi, University of Manchester
Political Memoirs and the Historiography of the 1979 Revolution
Edward Wastnidge, University of Manchester
'A Dialogue Among Civilized Nations'? Iran's 'Cultural Foreign
Policy' During the Khatami Era

## Break | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Session 13 | Queen's Park South | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS

Chair: Mohammad Reza Bateni, University of Tehran Saera Kwak, Tehran of University, Iran

Negation in Persian

Parviz Parsafar, Yuba College

Syntax, Morphology, and Semantics of Izafah

Mohammad Mehdi Vahedi, University of Tarbiyat Mudarris

A Survey of two types of Alternating Agentive Nominals (in Persian)

Azita Taleghani, University of Toronto

Verbal Complex Predicates in Persian: Evidence from Future and Progressive Tense

# Session 14 | Queen's Park North 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## KERMAN: AN URBAN PORTRAIT IN COMMERCE AND COMPETITION

Chair: Sussan Babaie, University of Michigan Discussant: Renata Holod, University of Pennsylvania Lisa Golombek, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto Ceramics and Demographics: what pottery tells us about Safavid Kerman

Nozhat Ahmadi, Alzahra University, Tehran Considering the Waqf Documents of Ganj Ali Khan

Rudi Matthee, University of Delaware

Kerman in the later Safavid Period: Political and Economic Conditions

Fariba Kermani, Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization Looking at the Complexes of the Kerman Bazaar after the Safavid period

James M. Gustafson, University of Washington The Political Economy of the Kermani Governorship under Sultan 'Abd al-Hamid Mirza Nasir al-Dawla (r. 1880-1892)

## Session 15 | Hazelton | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

# VISTAS OF IRANIAN OIKOUMENE IN THE LATE ANTIQUE AND MEDIEVAL PERIOD

Sponsored by The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies

Chair: Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University Discussant: Carlo G. Cereti, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Richard Payne, Princeton University

Iranian Adelsheilige: East Syrian Martyrology and Aristocratic Memory in Late Antique Iran

Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University Parthian Dynastic Families and the Arab Conquest of Iran Dan D.Y. Shapira, Bar Ilan University

Late Sasanian and post-Sasanian Zoroastrian Apocalypse Rika Gyselen, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France

Arabo-Sasanian Copper: A Mirror on the Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Osmosis in Umayyad Fars

## Session 16 | University East | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## IRANIAN FEMINISM

Chair: Valentine M. Moghadam, Purdue University Morteza Nouraei, University of Isfahan The Socio-political Participation of Female in Iran during 1960-70s: A Critical Study Charles Kurzman, University of North Carolina,

Charles Kurzman, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

A Feminist Generation in Iran? Golbarg Bashi, Columbia University Towards Democratic Feminisms: Lessons for Iran

## Session 17 | University West | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## Workshop: The Century of Oil (1908-2008)

Chair: Touraj Atabaki, Leiden University

## Break | 6:00-6:30 p.m.

## Session 18 | University | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## PLENARY LECTURE IN PERSIAN

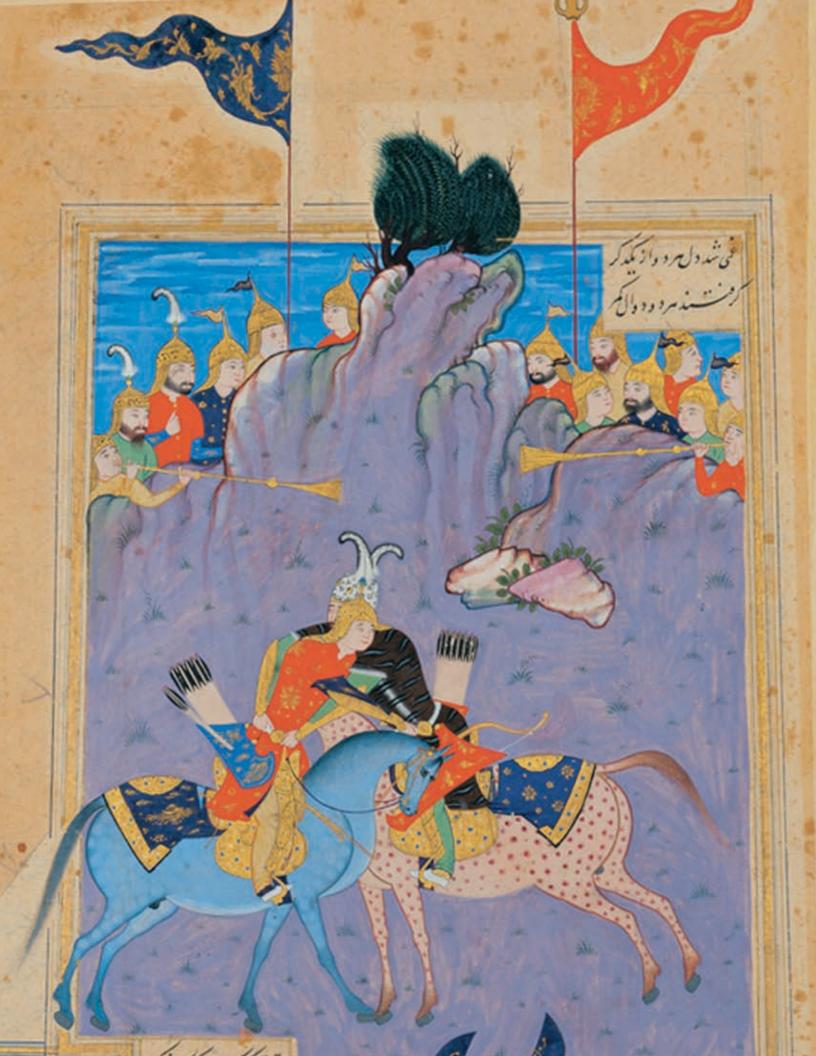
Chair: Hossein Samei, Emory University Mohammad Reza Bateni, University of Tehran Assessing the State of Contemporary Persian

## Break | 7:30-8:00 p.m.

# Session 19 | Queen's Park Ballroom 8:00-10:00 p.m.

## **OPENING RECEPTION**

The Saidi-Sirjani Book Award The Latifeh Yarshater Award The Lois Roth Prize



## Friday, August 1

## Session 20 | Queen's Park South | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## **SCRIPTING WOMEN**

Chair: Rivanne Sandler, University of Toronto Leila Pazargadi, University of California at Los Angeles The Womb of the Universe: Figuring Woman as the Nation in Goli Taraghi's 'Khanah dar Asiman' Sharareh Frouzesh Bennett, University of California,

Between Resistance and the Law: Parsipur's Women Without Men As A Meditation on the Ubiquity of Injustice Pouneh Saeedi, University of Toronto Demonization of the Muse: From Rudabeh to Zan-i Lakkatah

Fereshteh Molavi, University of Toronto Literary Self-disclosure and the Female Discloser

## Session 21 | Queen's Park North | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## ARE WE ALL DUPED BY MORALITY?

Chair: Victoria Tahmasebi, University of Toronto Victoria Tahmasebi, University of Toronto To Sex or de-Sex: The Visual Representations of Female Ethical Performativity in Pre- and Post-Revolutionary Iran Alireza Haghighi, University of Toronto Hobbes and Machiavelli in Iranian Ethico-political Discourse

Nazli Kamvari, University of Toronto Sex, Moral Panic, and the Anxieties Surrounding Mut'ah Leila Dorostan, City University London The Institution of Temporary Marriage in Iran

## Session 22 | Hazelton | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN EARLY MODERN SANSKRIT AND PERSIAN CULTURES: MUGHAL AND POST-MUGHAL TRANSLATIONS

Chair: Ajay Rao, University of Toronto Discussant: Muzaffar Alam, University of Chicago Audrey Truschke, Columbia University The Power of Translation: Mughal Reflections on Akbarís Sanskrit-Persian Translation Project Pasha Mohamad Khan, Columbia University Giving Flesh: A Story's Circulation Through Sanskrit, Persian and Urdu Texts.

Shankar Ayillath Nair, Harvard University Preliminary Remarks on the Muntakhab-i Jug Basisht: Mir Findiriski's "Commentary" on the Laghu-Yoga-Vasistha

## Session 23 | University East | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

#### RETROSPECTIVES ON US-IRANIAN RELATIONS

Chair: Uzi Rabi, Tel Aviv University
Kamrouz Pirouz, Montclair State University
The Truman-Churchill Proposal to Resolve the Iran-U.K
Oil Nationalization Dispute
Ramin Asgard, US Consulate General, Dubai
US-Iran Cultural Diplomacy: A Historical Perspective
Hossein Derakhshan, University of London
New York Times versus Iran: News Narratives on Oil
and Atom

## Break | 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

# Session 24 | Queen's Park South | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

# POLITICAL PRISONERS OF IRAN: NARRATING INSUBORDINATION, DESIRING TRUTH

Chair: Shahrzad Mojab, University of Toronto Discussant: Payam Akhavan, McGill University Shahla Talebi, Arizona State University A Story of an Archive: Love and Death in Prison Letters Kaveh Shahrooz, New York-based Attorney Remembering 1988: A Legal and Political Analysis of the Demand for Accountability Shokoufeh Sakhi, York University The Arrival of a New Regime: Torture and the Aesthetics of Resistance

Saeed Yousef, University of Chicago Poetics of Horror: Iranian Poets and the 1988 Mass Executions

# Session 25 | Queen's Park North | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## CONSTRUCTING IRAN: CULTURAL PRODUCTION AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

Chair: Janet Alexanian, University of California, Irvine Ida Meftahi, University of Toronto

Raqs-i Milli: Choreographing National Identity in Prerevolutionary Iranian Dance

Jennifer Gay Breyley, Monash University, Australia From Qerti to Heya'ati: Youth, Music and Belief in Tehran Elham Gheytanchi, Santa Monica College

Censored but Wired: Iranian related videos on Youtube and the Internet

Janet Alexanian, University of California, Irvine Performing identity, constructing the nation: intellectuals in post-revolutionary Iran

## Session 26 | Hazelton | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FRACTURING OF THE

#### Persianate World

CHAIR: Sunil Sharma, Boston University

Discussant: Paul E. Losensky, University of Indiana at Bloomington

Mana Kia, Harvard University

Accounting for Difference: A Comparative Look at the Autobiographical Travel Narratives of Muhammad 'Ali Hazin

Lahiji and 'Abd al-Karim Kashmiri

Rajeev Kinra, Northwestern University

The Place of Place in Early Modern Indo-Persian Comparative Philology

Matthew Smith, Harvard University

A Debate on Authenticity: Literary Return and the Indian Style

Sunil Sharma, Boston University

From Aisheh to Nur Jahan: Women Poets and the Shaping of the Classical Persian Literary Canon

## Session 27 | University East | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## LITERARY RUPTURES

Chair: Nasrin Rahimieh, University of California, Irvine Ali Mir-Ansari, The Centre for the Great Encyclopedia of Islam, Tehran

The Transformation of Women's Portrait in Persian Plays
Koorosh Angali, University of Texas at Austin
Sadeq Hedayat: The Source of His Imagery
Wali Ahmadi, University of California, Berkeley
Rupture and Trauma in Contemporary Literature of
Afghanistan: The Limits of Dissent
Korosh Hadissi, University of Toronto
Ahmad Shamlu as a Journal Editor

## LUNCH | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

## Session 28 | Queen's Park South | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

#### TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF SLAVERY IN IRAN

Chair: Pardis Minuchehr, University of Pennsylvania Thomas M. Ricks, Independent Scholar Bounded by Slavery: Iran, the Persian Gulf, and the Indian

#### Ocean

Nahid Mozaffari, PEN/Independent Scholar Courtier Eunuchs: The Case of Besharat Khan
Anthony A. Lee, University of California, Los Angeles
Presence and Erasure: Recovering a History of African Slaves
in Iran: The Case of Haji Mubarak and Fezzeh Khanum,
Servants of Mirza 'Ali-Muhammad, the Bab
Negin Nabavi, Montclair State University
From Haji Firuz to the Black Harlequin: Slaves and Black
Domestic Servants in Iran

## Session 29 | Queen's Park North | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## RE-TERRITORIALIZED LIVES

Chair: Victoria Tahmasebi, University of Toronto Maryam Abolfazli, Independent Scholar A Doreh in Nashville: Acceptance and Rejection of Female Empowerment in the Iranian Diaspora Vahideddin Namazi, University of Montreal History of Professional Life of Two Iranian Immigrants in Canada

Foojan Zeine, Institute for Personal Growth Immigration and Acculturation

## Session 30 | Hazelton | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN EARLY MODERN SANSKRIT AND

#### Persian Cultures:

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chair: Ajay Rao, University of Toronto Manan Ahmed, University of Chicago Muzaffar Alam, University of Chicago Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, University of Maryland Christopher Minkowski, Oxford University Ramin Jahanbegloo, University of Toronto

## Session 31 | University East | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## CIRCULAR ORIENTALISM

Chair: Mansour Bonakdarian, University of Toronto Jennifer L. Jenkins, University of Toronto Excavating Zarathustra: Ernst Herzfeld in Iran Isabelle Gadoin, Universitè Paris III The Role of English Artists in the (Re)discovery of Persian Art in 19th Century Britain (1850-1900)
Laetitia Bif, University of London New Orientalist Narratives from the Natives: Reading More Than Chahdorrt Djavann in Paris

## Break | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Session 32 | Queen's Park South | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Breaking the Mold: Young Iranian Girls in Transition Chair: Homa Hoodfar, Concordia University Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh, Meydaan Zanan

Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh, Meydaan Zanan Life after Prison: Young Iranian Women Re-adjusting to Society

Mehri Honarbin-Holliday, Canterbury Christ Church University

Narratives of Autonomy and Resistance: Young Iranian

Women's Struggles to Become Visible Nadia Aghtaie, University of Bristol Domestic Violence: Clash between Policy and Religion in

relation to Women's Rights in Iran

## Session 33 | Queen's Park North | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Popular Arts and Social Change in Iran Chair: Kamran Talattof, University of Arizona Discussant: Houchang Chehabi, Boston University Kamran Talattof, University of Arizona Persian Dance in Pre-Revolutionary Movies: Seduction, Sin, and Salvation

Jane Lewisohn, University of London The Golha Radio Programs (1954-76) and their Impact on Persian Culture and Society Nahid Siamdoust, University of Oxford

Out of Tune: Islam as a Contested Idiom in Iranian Rap and Pop Music

Gloria Shahzadeh, Independent Scholar and Artist Cultivating Emotional Bankruptcy: Popular Arts in Prerevolutionary Iranian Society

## Session 34 | Hazelton | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## **ZOROASTRIANISM AND TEXTUAL TRANSMISSIONS**

Chair: Richard Foltz, Concordia University Martin Schwartz, University of California The Teleological Composition of the Gathas: Pouruchista's Wedding (Yasna 53) Jean Kellens, College de France, Paris New Perspectives on the History of the Avestan Text Carlo G. Cereti, University of Rome "La Sapienza" Notes on the Transcription of Avestan forms in Pahlavi

## Session 35 | University East | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## CINEMATIC MODERNITY AND MUSICAL NATIONALISM

Chair: Nima Naghibi, Ryerson University M.R. Ghanoonparvar, University of Texas at Austin Film Adaptations and Narrative Change in Persian Fiction Khatereh Sheibani, University of Alberta The Reel History of Modernity in Bayzai's Aesthetics Siavush Randibar-Daemi, University of London The Story of a Song: The role of 'Ey Iran' in Contemporary Iranian Nationalist Discourse Negin Djavaherian, McGill University A Classical Persian Mystical Poem and Theatrical/ Architectural Discourse: The Conference of the Birds and Peter Brook's Theatre

## Break | 6:00-6:10 p.m.

## Session 36 | Queen's Park Ballroom | 6:10-7:10 p.m.

## PLENARY LECTURE

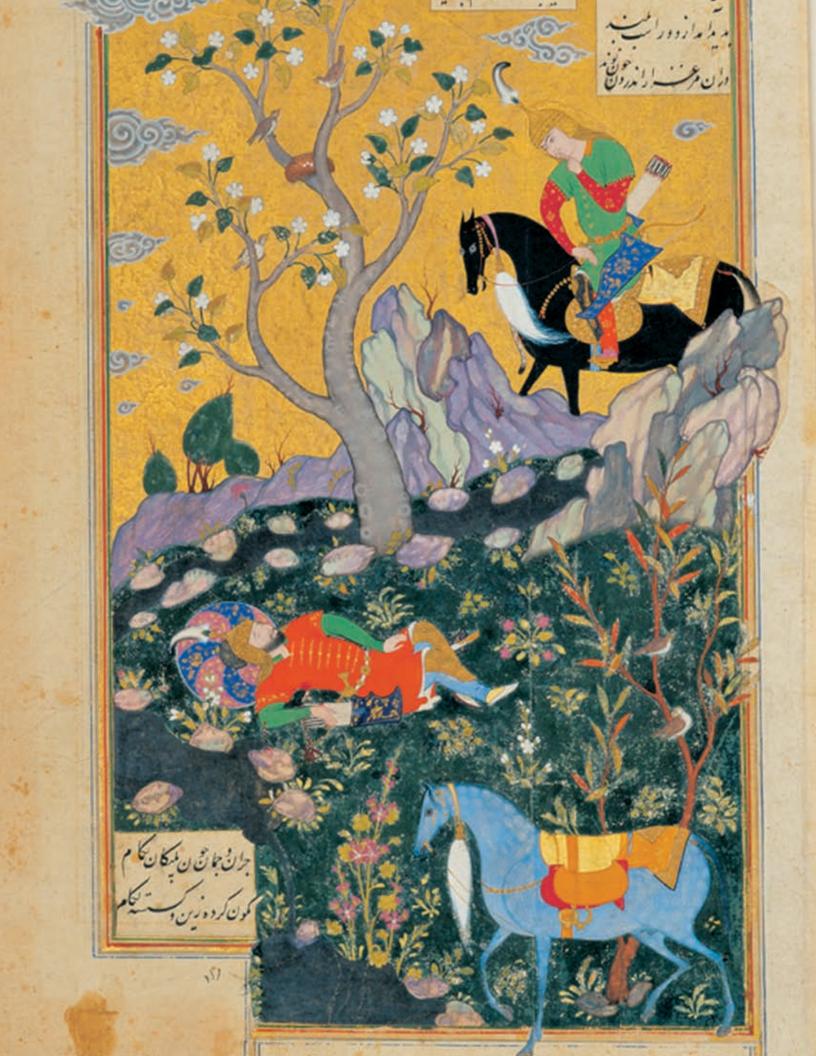
Chair: Ali Banuazizi, Boston College AKBAR ETEMAD, Former President, Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) IRAN'S QUEST FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY Discussant: Gholamreza Afkhami, Foundation for Iranian Studies

## Break | 7:10-7:30 p.m.

Session 37 | Queen's Park Ballroom | 7:30-9:00 p.m. Sneak Peak of the documentary The Glass House

## Session 38 | Queen's Park Ballroom | 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Workshop: The Making of *The Glass House* Chair: Marjaneh Halati, Omid-e-Mehr Foundation Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh, Meydaan Zanan Farnaz Aliakbar-Gordan, Omid-e-Mehr Foundation Melissa Hibbard, Fictionville Studios Ladan Zahra Kani, Omid-e-Mehr Foundation Hamid Rahmanian, Fictionville Studios



## Saturday, August 2

## Session 39 | Queen's Park South | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

PARADISE AND ITS DISCONTENTS: ESCHATOLOGICAL THOUGHT IN ISMA'ILI, HEKMATI, SHAYKHI, BABI AND BAHAI **THOUGHT** 

Chair: Todd Lawson, University of Toronto Elizabeth Alexandrin, University of Manitoba Spiritual Birth and Resurrection in the Majālis al-Mu'ayyadiyyah]alal Badakhchani, the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London Notions of Paradise' in the Ismaili works of Nasir al-Din

Jamel Velji, University of California, Santa Barbara Paradise Postponed: Apocalyptic Containment and the Nizari qiyamat

## Session 40 | Queen's Park North | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## READING PERSIAN MYSTICAL TEXTS

Chair: M. R. Ghanoonparvar, University of Texas at Austin

Mahdi Tourage, Colgate University

The Gender of Creativity in the Androcentric Context of Rumi's Mathnawi

Safoura Nourbakhsh, University of Maryland Irigaray's Sexual Difference and Sufi Narratives

Eliza Tasbihi, Concordia University

Reading Sabzawari's Commentary on Rumi's Mathnawi: A Philosophical Approach

Umberto Cicchetti, Concordia University Dreams and Visions in the Mathnavi

## Session 41 | Hazelton | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## **Z**OROASTRIAN CONFIGURATIONS

Chair: Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University Bahman Moradian, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes,

The Place of Water in the Avestan Text of Yasna and Its Ceremony

Richard Foltz, Concordia University

Zoroastrianism: The World's "Original Environmentalist Religion"?

Enrico G. Raffaelli, University of Toronto The Yashts and the Days of the Zoroastrian Month Parvonakhon Jamshedov, Tajik-Russian Slavonic University

The Sayod Calendar of Badakhshan

## Session 42 | University East | 9:00-10:30 p.m.

## SOCIAL POLICIES IN CONTEMPORARY IRAN

Chair: Amir Hassanpour, University of Toronto Janne Bjerre Christensen, Roskilde University Changing Drug Policies in Teheran: Institutionalizing a New Social Order

Azim Fazlipour, Nanterre University-Paris Iran Narcotics Control Strategy

Isabel Heck, Université de Montréal

Poor? How women talk about poverty in low-income neighborhoods in urban Iran

Roksana Bahramitash, Université de Montréal Female-Headed Households and Micro Credit in Iran

## Break | 10:30-11:00 a.m.

## Session 43 | Queen's Park South 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## INBETWEEN LIVES AND INSTITUTIONS

Chair: Todd Lawson, University of Toronto Nobuaki Kondo, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Shi'i 'Ulama and Ijaza During the Nineteenth Century Tomoko Morikawa, Hokkaido University Pilgrims and Customs at the Iran-Iraq Border in the Latter Half of the 19th Century Joanna de Groot, University of York

Making, Unmaking and Remaking of an Iranian Heroine: The Appropriation of Qurrat al-'Ayn

Bernard Hourcade, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)

Geography and Politics: New trends on Ethnicity,

Nationalism and Globalization in Iran

# Session 44 | Queen's Park North 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## GENDER RELATIONS, SEXUALITY AND LOVE IN IRANIAN CINEMA

Chair: Frank Lewis, University of Chicago
Pedram Partovi, University of Chicago
Constituting Love in the Iranian commercial cinema
Christopher Gow, Independent Scholar
Masculinities of the New Iranian Cinema
Saeed Zeydabai-Nejad, University of London
The place of Women Filmmakers in Iranian Cinema
Noor Al-Qasimi, New York University
She Is What She Wears: Costume Superfluity, Femininity and
the Articulation of Gender

## Session 45 | Hazelton | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## ZORASTRIANISM AND CULTURAL DIALOGISM

Chair: Zohre Zarshenas, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Tehran

Asya Asbaghi, University of Potsdam

The influence of Zoroastrianism and Manichaeism on classical Iranian literature

Ghazzal Dabiri, California State University, Fullerton The Iranian Epic Heroes from the Avesta to the Mantiq al-Tayr

Maria E. Subtelny, University of Toronto Zoroastrian Elements in the Islamic Ascension Narrative Dan Sheffield, Harvard University

Between Den and Dharma: Indian Zoroastrian Texts from the Medieval and Early

## Session 46 | University East | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC OPINION AND YOUTH COUNTER-CULTURE

Chair: Sima Shakhsari, Stanford University
Pegah Zohouri Haghian, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice
Khatami's Administration and the Iranian Public Opinion:
Beyond a Civil Society's Discourse
Hadi Salehi Esfahani, University of Illinois at Urbana-

Hadi Salehi Esfahani, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

& Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, Virginia Tech Voting for Populism: An Analysis of Iran's 2005 Presidential Election

Aliakbar Jafari, University of Wolverhampton Cultural Globalisation, Reflexivity, and the Project of 'Self': the Case of Iranian Youth Culture

## Session 47 | University West | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Persian Lecture Series

Chair: Homa Katouzian, University of Oxford Pari Barkeshli, Conservatoire National de Musique, France

Oral Art and the Musical Note

Lunch | 12:30-2:00 p.m.



## Session 48 | Queen's Park South | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## **CULTURAL INDUSTRIES**

Chair: Richard Foltz, Concordia University Iván Szántó, Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences (ELTE)

The Smell of Iran: Collecting Persian Art in Hungary Ayeh Naraghi, Ecole des Hautes Etude en Sciences Sociales

The Development of Cultural Industries in the Field of Iranian Contemporary Art

Manya Saadi-Nejad, Concordia University
Culture, Myth, and Artistic Production in Contemporary
Iran

## Session 49 | Queen's Park North | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## DIRECTIONS IN FOLK NARRATIVE RESEARCH OF GREATER PERSIA

Chairs: Margaret Mills, Ohio State University Ulrich Marzolph, Enzyklopaedie des Maerchens Negotiating Folklore in the Islamic Republic of Iran Erika Friedl, Western Michigan University Folktales in Analysis: Ethnophilosophy in Boir Ahmad, Southwest Iran

Afsane Eftekharzade, Independent Scholar Collecting Folktales in Baluchestan Margaret Mills, Ohio State University From the Gold-Monkey to Hatam at-Tayy: Types, Frames, Themes and Performer Identity in Two Performances of an International Tale

## Session 50 | Hazelton | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

#### Persian Lecture Series

Chair: Ahmad Ashraf, Columbia University Mohammad Ebrahim Bastani-Parizi, University of Tehran Early Iranian Encounters with Canada

## Session 51 | University East | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## DIASPORIC SELF-REFASHIONING

Chair: Shahram Khosravi, Stockholm University Mahdi Bermy, Centre of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies (CEDS, France)

Iranian Diaspora: A Force For Democracy?

Farzaneh Foroodi-Nejad & Johanne Paradis, University of Alberta

Transfer between the two Languages in Early Bilinguals from Immigrant Families

Raha Bahreini, University of Toronto

From Perversion to Pathology: Discourses and Practices of Gender Policing in the Islamic Republic of Iran

## Session 52 | University West | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## **Exilic Memory**

Chair: Shahrzad Mojab, University of Toronto Farideh Dayanim Goldin, Old Dominion University Iranian Jewish Women Writers: Voices from Exile Nima Naghibi, Ryerson University

Truth Telling and Trauma in Nemat's Prisoner of Tehran and Entekhabi-Fard's Camelia: Save Yourself by Telling the Truth

Marta Simidchieva, University of Toronto

Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis: Sketching Iran for the Rest of
Us

Manijeh Mannani, Athabasca University Reading Beyond "Jasmine and Stars: Reading more than Lolita in Tehran"

## Break | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Session 53 | Queen's Park Ballroom | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## PLENARY SESSION: THE SHAHNAMAH MILLENNIUM

Chair: Ehsan Yarshater, Encyclopaedia Iranica Charles Melville, University of Cambridge Firdawsi's Shahnamah and its Reception Discussant: Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, University of Maryland

## Break | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## Session 54 | Roy Thomson Hall | 7:30-7:50 p.m.

ISIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS Ehsan Yarshater, Encyclopaedia Iranica Mohammad Reza Shafi'i-Kadkani, University of Tehran OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AWARD Ali Banuazizi, Boston College

## Session 55 | Roy Thomson Hall | 8:00 p.m.

## THE SHAHNAMAH MILLENNIUM CONCERT

Toronto Symphony Orchestra Behzad Ranjbaran, Composer JoAnn Falletta, Conductor Morshed Valiolah Torabi, Narrator



## Sunday, August 3

## Session 56 | Queen's Park South | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## THE ENCOUNTER WITH GOD IN MODERN PERSIAN LITERATURE

Chair: Ali Ferdowsi, Notre Dame de Namur University Discussant: M. R. Ghanoonparvar, University of Texas at Austin

Houra Yavari, Columbia University

God and Modern Sufis

Mehdi Khorrami, New York University

The Literary Confrontation of God and Satan in the Post-Revolutionary Persian Fiction

Ali Ferdowsi, Notre Dame de Namur University

Chubak, the Writer and His God: From Ideological Ridicule to Ontological Encounter

Farshid Delshad, University of Berne, Switzerland Case of Religiosity Among the Persian Religious Minorities in Post-Revolutionary Iran

## Session 57 | Queen's Park North | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## VIOLENCE, DIVERSITY, AND POLITICAL MODERNITY

Chair: David Menashri, Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv

Daniel Tsadik, Hebrew University

On the Eve of the Constitutional Revolution: The Jews of Iran in The Muzaffari Era, 1896-1906

Mehrdad Amanat, Independent Scholar Violence and Modernity A Reexamination of Forced

Conversion of Mashhad Jews

Mina Yazdani, University of Toronto

Reconstructing the Imbrie (Sagakhanah) Affair, July 1924

Hossein Mesbahian, Tehran University

Modernity and its Other: The Logic of "Inclusive Exclusion"

## Session 58 | Hazelton | 09:00-10:30 a.m.

## LOVE AND DESIRE IN PREMODERN PERSIAN POETRY

Chair: Nasrin Rahimieh, University of California, Irvine Franklin Lewis, University of Chicago

Sexual Occidentation: the Politics of Boy-love and Christian-

Dominic Parviz Brookshaw, University of Manchester To Be Feared and Adored: Turks in the Kulliyat of 'Ubayd-i

Alyssa Gabbay, University of Chicago

Deconstructing Hierarchies: The Male/Female Dynamic in

Amīr Khusraw's Story of Bahram Gur and the Slave Girl Paul Losensky, University of Indiana at Bloomington A Kiss in the Mirror of Beauty: A Study of Sa'eb's Topical Anthology Mer'at al-Jamal

## Session 59 | University East | 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## LINGUISTIC PECULIARITIES

Chair: Carlo G. Cereti, University of Rome "La Sapienza" Matthias Andreas Fritz, Free University of Berlin The Status of Iranian within Armenian from a Lexicological Point of View

Kazuo Morimoto, University of Tokyo An Arabic Vocabulary from Late Saljuq Khurasan: A Study of Ibn Funduq's Azāhīr al-Riyā al-Marīʻa Ekatreina Fein, University of St.Petersburg Genre of Travelogue in Persian Prose of the 1st part of the XIX century and its linguistic peculiarities

## Break | 10:30-11:00 a.m.

## Session 60 | Queen's Park South 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## INTELLECTUAL TRENDS IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY IRAN I

Chair: Farzin Vahdat, Vassar College

Marek Smurzynski, Jagiellonian University Krakow, Poland

The Philosopher Without The Book, Ahmad Fardid, 1910-94 Evaleila Pesaran, University of Cambridge

From Al-e Ahmad to Ahmadinejad: Tracing Discourses of Anti-Westernization in Iran 77

Philip Grant, University of California, Irvine

The Synthetic Intellectual in Contemporary Iran

## Session 61 | Queen's Park North 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

*Uluq Beg, 853/1449* 

Chair: Enrico Raffaelli, University of Toronto Tofigh Heidarzadeh, University of California, Riverside History of Science and Technology in Persia Mahdi Farhani Monfared, Al-Zahra University (Tehran) The Decline of Mathematical Sciences after the Death of

Ali Nayeri, University of California, Santa Barbara Science and Science-seeking in Iran: The Sociocultural Effects

## Session 62 | Hazelton | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## PERSIAN LITERATURE

Chair: Dominic Parviz Brookshaw, University of Manchester

Jocelyn Sharlet, University of California, Davis Observation as an Approach to Desire, Subjectivity, and Objectification in Nasibs by Farrukhi, 'Unsuri, and Manuchehri

Janis Esots, University of Latvia

Some Connotations of the Terms Rind and Qalandar in the Poetry of Hafiz

Shokoufeh Taghi, Uppsala University

The Meaning of Baxt in Shahnameh and Wis o Ramin: A Comparative Analysis of Gender Differences

Eva L. Witte, University of Tehran

Persian Haiku Writing: A Preliminary Exposition

## Session 63 | University East | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT?

Chair: Fariba Amini, Independent Journalist

Erfan Sabeti, Lancaster University

Blog Wars in the Global Age: The Case of Persian Baha'i and anti-Baha'i Weblogs

Shirin Sadeghi, University of London

Iranian Internet Use: Participatory Values and their

Democratic Offspring

Omid Habibinia, University of Bern Persian Satellite TV, New challenge for IRI

## Session 64 | University West | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Persian Lecture Series

Chair: Mohammad Ebrahim Bastani-Parizi, University of

Shamsoddin Najmi, University of Kerman Shahnamah-khani in the Safavid Era

## Lunch | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

## Session 65 | Queen's Park South | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## INTELLECTUAL TRENDS IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY IRAN II

Chair: Mansour Bonakdarian, University of Toronto Ramin Jahanbegloo, University of Toronto

Furughi and Dialogical Modernization

Afshin Matin-asgari, California State University, Los Angeles

The Corbin Circle and the Making of Iran's Shi'i Modernity Farzin Vahdat, Vassar College Nasr and the Critique of Modernity

## Session 66 | Queen's Park North | 2:30-3:30 p.m.

WITHER EXILE, ENTER DIASPORA? TRANSNATIONAL **FEMINIST APPROACHES** 

## TO THE CULTURAL POLITICS OF THE IRANIAN DIASPORA

Chair: Minoo Moallem, University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Roksana Bahramitash, Université de Montréal Niki Akhavan, Catholic University

Menacing Portent for the Future: The Iranian Diaspora and

the Rise of Exclusionary Nationalisms online Hossein Khosrowjah, University of Rochester

Carried by the Wind: Exilic Autobiographies and Iranian Diaspora

Sima Shakhsari, Stanford University

Chic of Queer, Lure of Diaspora: The Iranian Queer

Diaspora and the Politics of Representation

Targol Mesbah, New College, San Francisco

House and Home: Psychogeography, Property, and the

Iranian Diaspora

## Session 67 | Hazelton | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## DIASPORIC IRAN

Chair: Parvonakhon Jamshedov, Tajik-Russian Slavonic University

Gulnara Mendikulova, Institute of Oriental Studies, Ministry of Education and Science-Kazakhstan The Kazakhs: as Diaspora in Iran and Repatriates in Kazakhstan

Ashraf Zahedi, University of California, Berkeley Filipino Brides in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Crossing Religious, Cultural, Racial, and National Boundaries

## Session 68 | University East | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## Women's Education and Employment

Chair: Marym Moazzen, University of Toronto Mahshid Abdollahi, University of Isfahan

The Educational System and Female Social Participation in Isfahan, 1925-1950Mina Mahdavinia, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education,

In Search of Excellence: The Meaning of Developing

Progressive Education for Iranian Girls Maryam Rezaee, University of York

Ismaili Women and their Participation in Tertiary Education in Iran

Shiva Sadeghi, University of Toronto

The Making of a Nation: Curriculum and Citizenship Education in Iran

## Session 69 | University West | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## WORKSHOP ON TRANSLATION

Chair: Rivanne Sandler, University of Toronto Mohammad Reza Bateni, University of Tehran Collocations and Idioms and Their Translatability

## Break | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Session 70 | Queen's Park Ballroom | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## Performing Arts

Chair: Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi Morshed Valiolah Torabi, Naggal Behzad Ranjbaran, Composer Farzaneh Kaboli, Dancer Pari Barkeshli, Musician

## Session 71 | Queen's Park Ballroom | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## CLOSING SESSION (Ticketed Event)

Morshed Valiollah Torabi

Shahnamahkhani & Pardahkhani