

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

**2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Conference Registration

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Room 3. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 1. Political Elites in Interwar Iran

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Houchang Chehabi, Boston University

**Discussant** Lior Sternfeld, Penn State University

Houchang Chehabi, Boston University

### **Reza Shah's Exile on the Island of Mauritius**

Nahid Pirnazar , University of California, Los Angeles

### **The Controversy of Mr. Shemuel Haim, Iranian Jewish Deputy in the 5th Session of Majles**

Evaleila Pesaran , University of Cambridge

### **Sovereignty Without Substance: Reza Shah's State-Building Project and the Anglo-Persian Oil Dispute, 1932-33**

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**Room 9. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 2. Top-Down or Ad-Hoc? Citizenship and (In)formal Urban Governance in Tehran

**Convenor** Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul University & Pamela Karimi, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

**Discussant** Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul University

Mohamad Sedighi , Delft University of Technology

### **An Instrument of Collaborative Urban Governance: Neighborhood councils**

Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul University & Azam Khatam, York University

### **Urban Governance and Municipal Politics in Tehran**

Nazanin Shahrokni, Syracuse University

## **The Gender Paradox: The Pearls and Perils of Women's Participation in Local Councils Elections**

Pamela Karimi, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

### **Preservation by Other Means: The Oudlajan Project**

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**Room 10. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

### **3. Iranian Minority Literary Women (Roundtable)**

**Convenor** Claudia Yaghoobi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Discussant** Nasrin Rahimieh, University of California, Irvine

Claudia Yaghoobi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

#### **The Fluidity of Iranian-Armenian Identity in Zoya Pirzad's Things Left Unsaid**

Saeedeh Shahnahpur, Leiden University

#### **Women and Crafting the Self in Munīrū Ravānīpūr's Novels**

Maryam Zehtabi Sabeti Moqaddam, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

#### **Seeking Oneself in the Untold Story of the Mother: Liora by Fariba Sedighim**

Parvaneh Hosseini, University of Arizona

#### **Construction of Social Identity of Iranian Baha'is Community through Collective Memories of its Members as Reflected in Novels: "Memories of Utab" and "The Cradle of the Beast"**

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**Room 8. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

### **4. Transformations in Qajar State and Society**

**Convenor** Camron Michael Amin, University of Michigan, Dearborn

**Chair** Mehdi Mousavi, University of Delaware

**Discussant** TBA

Mehdi Mousavi, University of Delaware

#### **A French Proposal to Establish Franco-Iranian relations in 1830s**

Navid Zarrinnal, Columbia University

#### **Intellectual Dispute in Iran: The New Schools of Mirza Hassan Roshdiyeh (1882-1906)**

Joanna de Groot, University of York (UK)

#### **Making, Losing, and Sharing Power: Qajar Royal Rule Revisited**

Mahbubeh Moqadam, Middle East Technical University

#### **Listening to The Voice of Iranian Women's Movement in Nasiri 's Period**

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Room 10. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

## 5. Armenians and Americans in the Caucasus and Iran

**Convenor** Garnik Asatrian, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University

**Chair** Victoria Arakelova, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University

**Discussant** TBA

George Bournoutian, Iona College

### **From Minority to Majority: The Population of Caucasian Armenia 1828-1989**

Philip Hopkins, Russian-Armenian University, University of St. Andrews

### **Christian Missions in Gorgan**

Victoria Arakelova, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University

### **On the Talishi Identity in Iran and in Azerbaijan Republic: A Comparative Analysis**

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Room 6. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

## 6. Fiction and Family

**Convenor** Jocelyn Sharlet, University of California, Davis

**Chair** Parvin Salajeghe, Islamic Azad University, Tehran Central Branch

**Discussant** TBA

Aida Moradi Ahani, Freelance Writer and Translator

### **The Boundaries of Exile in Iranian Novels**

Paxima Mojavezi, Independent Scholar

### **Representation of Violence Against Women in Iranian Contemporary Literature: A Sociological Study of Sadeq Hedayat's Short Stories**

Guilan Siassi, University of Southern California

### **Procreative Ghosts in Shahrnush Parsipur's Touba and the Meaning of Night**

Parvin Salajeghe, Islamic Azad University

### **Symbolism in Sadeq Hedayat's Blind Owl**

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## 7. Examining Zoroastrian Texts

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Enrico G. Raffaelli, University of Toronto

**Discussant** TBA

Manya Saadi-nejad , Concordia University

**Rehabilitating the Pairikās: "Fairies" in Iranian mythology**

Enrico G. Raffaelli , University of Toronto

**The Avestan Hymn to the Earth: "Kayan Yasn" or "Zamyad Yasht"?**

Simcha Gross, University of California Irvine

**A Sasanian Jewish Queen: A Jewish Tradition in the Provincial Capital of Iranshahr**

Miguel Angel Andres Toledo, University of Toronto

**Weighing the Evidence: On Avestan Aspərəna**

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**Room 4. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**8. The Iranian Left's Pre-Revolutionary Challenges: Religion and Internationalism**

**Convenor** Peyman Vahabzadeh, University of Victoria

**Discussant** Afshin Matin-asgari, California State University

Siavash Saffari , Seoul National University

**Iranian Left and the Question of Religion: A Comparative Reading of Taqi Arrani and Bijan Jazani**

Arash Azizi , New York University

**Tehran, Cairo, Tel Aviv: Iranian Communist Perspectives on Israeli Independence and Anti-Imperialist Unity (1951-52)**

Janet Afary, University of California Santa Barbara

**Shi'i Reformation, Rise of the Tudeh, and the Islamist Right**

Khashayar Beigi , University of California, Berkeley

**Across the Terrains of Shame and Glory: Subjectivity and Territoriality in the Soviet Memoirs of Tudeh Party Emigres**

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**Room 2. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**9. After the Persianate? The Contours of Twentieth-Century Persian Literary History**

**Convenor** Aria Fani, University of California, Berkeley

**Discussant** Mana Kia , Columbia University

Aria Fani , University of California, Berkeley

**Divided by a Common Tongue? Debating the Contours of a Shared Literary Heritage**

Samuel Hodgkin , University of Chicago

### **Anomalous Soviet Tazkirahs and Chrestomathies**

Alexander Jabbari , University of Oklahoma

### **Drifting Apart: Afghans and Iranians Translate Urdu**

Mohammad Rafi , University of California, Irvine

### **Nihilism and the Automatization of the State: Translating Ernst Jünger in Iran**

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**Room 10. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## **10. Psyche and Culture**

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Fariba Enteshari, Rumi Educational Center, Inc.

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### **The Effect of Rumi's Wisdom Teachings on Individuals Divided**

Ramezan Dowlati, North Virginia Community Culture

### **The Growing Publicity of Psychology in Iran, Why?**

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## **11. Safavid Elite Culture**

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Farzaneh Farrokhfar , University of Neyshabur

**Discussant** TBA

Farzaneh Farrokhfar , University of Neyshabur

### **The Male-Dominated Occupations in Safavid Period**

Gregory Aldous , University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

### **The Shah's Urban Body: The Absence and Presence of Capital Cities in Early Safavid Iran**

Sally Morrell Yntema , Indiana University

### **Fresh Verses, Fully Cooked: The Ghazals of Sanjar Kāshānī**

Ferenc Csirkes , Sabanci University

### **Turkic at the Safavid Chancellery: An Ad Hoc Affair or a Continuous Tradition?**

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## 12. Roots and Branches of Iranian Socio-Political Culture

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Rudi Matthee , University of Delaware

**Discussant** TBA

Alireza Shomali , Wheaton College

**Ghazzali on Religion and Society: A Study in the History of Perso-Islamicate Political Thought**

Esha Momeni , University of California, Los Angeles

**The Gendered Politics of Collective Mourning: Negotiating Power at the Intersection of Shi'ism, Nationalism, and Popular Culture in Iran**

Samaneh Oladi, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Sacred Activism: Between Conservatism and Egalitarianism**

Rudi Matthee, University of Delaware

**Long Before the Russians and the British: Exploring the Historical Roots of the Iranian Sense of Self**

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## 13. Reconceptualizing the Study of Race in Iran and the Diaspora I

**Convenor** Amy Motlagh, University of California, Davis

**Discussant** Nasrin Rahimieh, University of California, Irvine

M. Shadee Malaklou , Beloit College

**Chronopolitical Assemblages in Iranian Contexts**

Amy Motlagh , University of California, Davis

**Reconsidering Race and Alterity in the Work of Simin Daneshvar**

Amy Tahani-Bidmeshki , Occidental College

**“For ourselves and for humanity...we must make a new start”: The Encounter Between Ali Shariati and Frantz Fanon**

Babak Elahi , Rochester Institute of Technology

**Grass: Re-Birth of the Iranian Nation**

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## 14. Music, Culture and Society in Modern Iran

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Pouya Alimagham , Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Discussant** Amir Hossein Pourjavady, UCLA

Mina Khanlarzadeh , Columbia University

**The Unsung Artists from Lalehzar**

Behzad Namazi , Ohio University

**Sounds of a Nation: A Case Study on the Tar of Iran**

Parmis Mozafari , University of St Andrews

**Challenging the Red-Lines of the Post-Revolutionary Government of Iran: The Case of Female Singers**

Pouya Alimagham , Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Iran's Latin Roots in the Guerrilla and Culture War: How Latin Countries Inspired Iran's Guerrilla War and Revolutionary Music**

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**15. Pre-Modern Literature, Patronage and Audience**

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Paul E. Losensky , Indiana University, Bloomington

**Discussant** Rachel Howes, Cal State Northridge

Paul E. Losensky , Indiana University, Bloomington

**Why Kings Need Poets: Negotiating Identity and Patronage in the Saqi-nama of Zohuri Torshizi**

Juan Cole , University of Michigan

**Jahili Revival in Mongol Iran? The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam**

Sara Mashayekh , Independent Scholar

**Off the Wall: Frescoes and Story-Telling in Medieval Iran**

Fateme Montazeri , University of California, Berkeley

**The Reception of Hafiz in His Lifetime: As Narrated by Medieval Anthologies**

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**Room 6. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

**16. Modern Persian Poetry in Global Context**

**Convenor** Jocelyn Sharlot, University of California, Davis

**Chair** Sayeh Eghtesadina, Academy of Persian Language and Literature

**Discussant** Samuel Hodgkin, University of Chicago

Behnam Mirzababazadeh Fomeshi , TU Dortmund

**Yusef E'tesami Meets Walt Whitman in "Shahr-e Bozorg": The Emergence of a Persian Whitman in 1922**

Farshad Sonboldel , University of St. Andrews

### **The Revolution of Ivory Tower Residents: Reconsidering the Idea of Political and Committed Poetry in Contemporary Iran**

Sayeh Eghtesadinia , Academy of Persian Language and Literature

### **Five Bathing Scenes**

Fouad Oveisy , University of California, Irvine

### **Ahmad Shamloo's Poetics of Incommensurability: on the Use of Tarikh-i Bayhaqi's Language to Render the Eccentric in Garcia Lorca Legible in Modern Persian**

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## **17. Reflecting on the Complexity of Iranian Americans and the Iranian Diaspora**

**Convenor** Camron Michael Amin, University of Michigan-Dearborn

**Chair** Camron Michael Amin, University of Michigan-Dearborn

**Discussant** Firouzeh Dianat, Howard Community College

Persis Karim, San Francisco State University

### **Iranian Americans, Racialization and Deep "Othering" in Literature of the Iranian Diaspora Post-9/11**

Muhammad Ali Mojaradi and Camron Michael Amin (co-author), University of Michigan-Dearborn

### **Iranian Americans in Michigan: Preliminary Results from an Oral History Project**

Julio Borquez and Camron Michael Amin (co-author and co-presenter), University of Michigan-Dearborn

### **How Do Iranian-American Iran Specialists Feel About Iranian Studies?**

Leila Zonouzi , University of California, Santa Barbara

### **Literature of "Limbo": the Significant Shift in the Post-9/11 Iranian Diasporic Literature**

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**Room 2. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## **18. The Dilemma of Mithraic Studies and the Legacy of Franz Cumont**

**Convenor** Nina Mazhjo, Concordia University

**Chair** Miguel Angel Andres Toledo, University of Toronto

Israel Campos , University of Las Palmas of Gran Canaria, Spain

### **Oriental Elements in Roman Mithraism: Reality or Fiction**

Jaan Lahe , University of Tallinn

### **Possible Associations Between Roman Mithras and Iranian Miθra**

Nina Mazhjo, Concordia University



## Cumontian Metanarrative in the Eyes of Critics

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Room 4. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

### 19. The Iranian Left's Post-Revolutionary Prospects: Gender, Religion, and Nationality

**Convenor / Discussant** Peyman Vahabzadeh, University of Victoria

**Chair** Afshin Matin-asgari, California State University

Mojtaba Mahdavi , University of Alberta

#### **What does it mean to be a Muslim 'New' Left in Contemporary Iran?**

Mina Khanlarzadeh , Columbia University

#### **Return to the Self**

Kamran Matin , University of Sussex

#### **The Revolution Against Capital? 1979 in International Perspective**

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Film Room 10:30 am - 12:15 pm

### 20. In Theater: *Taq-e Kasra*, a Pejman Akbarzadeh Documentary Film, 2017

**Convenor & Chair** Pejman Akbarzadeh

**Discussant** TBA

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### 21. Reconceptualizing the Study of Race in Iran and the Diaspora II

**Convenor** Persis Karim, San Francisco State University

**Discussant** Nasrin Rahimieh, University of California, Irvine

Neda Maghbouleh , University of Toronto

#### **Racial Hinges, Racial Loopholes: Iranian Americans and The Limits of Whiteness**

Aryan Karimi , University of Alberta

#### **Sexuality and Integration: A Case of Iranian Gay Refugees' Integration Practices in Canada**

Amy Malek , College of Charleston

#### **Iranian Anti--Racism Activism Through the Arts in Sweden**

Sahar Sadeghi , Muhlenberg College

#### **German Ethnic Nationalism and The Re-Emergence of "We'll Always Be Foreigners": The Experiences of Iranians Post-Refugee Crisis**

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## 22. Reconsidering Politics, State and Society in Post-Revolutionary Iran

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Chair Mehrzad Boroujerdi , Syracuse University

Discussant Ali Banuazizi, Boston College

Mehrzad Boroujerdi , Syracuse University

### Reflections on a Fifteen Year Study of Post-Revolutionary Iranian Political Elite

Nader Talebi , Lancaster University

### The Dual Moments of the Modern State in Iran

Behnam Amini , York University

### Exercising Hegemony Through Institutional Expansion in the Post-Revolutionary Iranian State

Vahid Abedini, Florida International University

### From Good Blood to Good Gene: Legitimacy in Post-Revolutionary Iran

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Room 9. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## 23. Art, Literature and Visual Culture Panel

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Chair Staci Scheiwiller, California State University, Stanislaus

Discussant TBA

Staci Scheiwiller, California State University, Stanislaus

### Photographing the Queens of Iran: Mahd-e 'Olya (1805-73) and Anis al-Dowleh (1842-97)

Forough Sajadi, University of Warsaw

### Flemish Prints in Isfahan: The influence of the Netherlandish Art on Persian Painting in the Second Half of the 17th Century

Adineh Khojastehpour , Wuppertal University

### Adaptation and Gender: Shifting Attention to Gender Roles in Post-Revolutionary Iranian Screen Adaptations

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Room 8. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## 24. Using Culture and Technology in Persian Language Instruction

Convenor Mahbod Ghaffari, University of Cambridge

Chair Anousha Sedighi, Portland State University

**Discussant** Peyman Nojournian, University of Southern California

Ladan Hamedani , University of Hawaii- Manoa

### **Teaching Poetry to Persian Second Language Learners**

Alyeh Mehin Jafarabadi , University of Arizona

### **Culture in Persian Language Class: Challenge with Material Props**

Peyman Nojournian , University of Southern California

### **Creative Strategies for Language Instruction, Tools from Instructional Technology**

Mahbod Ghaffari , University of Cambridge

### **The Impact of Using Technology, E-learning and Online Programs on Persian Language Instruction**

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**Room 6. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

## **25. Interdisciplinary Approaches to Modern and Contemporary Literature in Iran**

**Convenor** Laetitia Nanquette , University of New South Wales, Sydney

**Chair** Laetitia Nanquette , University of New South Wales, Sydney

**Discussant** TBA

Laetitia Nanquette , University of New South Wales, Sydney

### **Interdisciplinary Approaches to Modern and Contemporary Literatures in Iran**

Fatemeh Shams , University of Pennsylvania

### **Reading Poetry in Iranian Graveyards: An Ethnographical Approach to the Study of Persian Literature**

Samad Alavi , University of Washington

### **Born of the World's Unsettling: Reading Mohammad Mokhtari as World Literature**

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**Room 7. 2:00 pm - 03:30 pm**

## **26. Not Your Baba's Film Farsi**

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Tara Najd Ahmadi , University of Rochester

**Discussant** Roya Arab, Independent Scholar

Kara Abdolmaleki , University of Alberta

### **“None but a Foamy Wrinkle”: Critique of Modernization in the Cinema of Ebrahim Golestan**

Syedkeyvan Mirmohammadi , Graduate School for the Humanities Cologne

### **The Journey to the North and the South, An Archetype of Heaven and Hell in Iranian Cinema**

Babak Tabarraee , University of Texas, Austin

## **Leaving Iran: Representations of Migration in the Iranian Cinema in the 2010s**

Tara Najd Ahmadi , University of Rochester

## **Cinema and Aesthetics of Incomplete**

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**Room 2. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

### **27. Messianic Eschatology of Nizārī Ismailis: Reassessment and Frameworks of Interaction**

**Convenor** Daryoush Mohammad Poor, Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Chair** Elizabeth Alexandrin, University of Manitoba

Daryoush Mohammad Poor, Institute of Ismaili Studies

#### **Shahrastānī's Role in the Articulation of the Doctrine of *Qiyāmat* Among Nizārī Ismailis**

Karim Javan, Institute of Ismaili Studies

#### **Ḥasan 'Alā Dhikrihi al-Salām and His Proclamation of Resurrection**

Khalil Andani, Harvard University

#### **Reconciling the Two Wisdoms: The Source of Shahrastānī's Ismā'īlī Teachings in Nāṣir-i Khusraw**

Sayyed Jalal Hosseini Badakhchani, Institute of Ismaili Studies

#### **Hasan-i Maḥmūd-i Kātib and His Vision of the Preachings of the Resurrection**

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**Room 4. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

### **28. The Left and the Iranian Revolution I (Roundtable)**

**Convenor** Afshin Matin-Askari, California State University, Los Angeles

Lior Sternfeld , Penn State University

#### **Minorities and the Iranian Left**

Camron Michael Amin , University of Michigan-Dearborn

#### **Gender and Revolutionary Identity**

Norma Claire Moruzzi , University of Illinois at Chicago

#### **The Political Is Personal: Ideology, Power, and Family Rivalry Between Feminism and the Left**

Kamran Matin , University of Sussex

#### **Interactively Imagined Communities: Reflections on Iranian Left's 'Nationalism' Conundrum**

Touraj Atabaki , International Institute of Social History

#### **The Left and Labor/Working Class**

Mehrak Kamali Sarvestani , Ohio State University

## **The People's Fadaians' Transformations: An Analysis of Three Major Changes in the Organization of Iranian People's Fada Guerrillas (1978-1981)**

Kaveh Ehsani , DePaul University

### **The Left and the Rural Population**

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## **29. Transition in Continuity: Northern Iran, Khorasan, and Fars from the Sasanian to the Early Islamic Period**

**Convenor** Carlo Giovanni Cereti, Sapienza University of Rome

**Chair** Touraj Daryaee , University of California, Irvine

**Discussant** TBA

Touraj Daryaee , University of California, Irvine

### **From Zoroastrian Iran to Islam: The Christian Intermezzo**

Khodadad Rezakhani , University of California, Los Angeles

### **Mirosan and Khurasan: The Transformation of the East Iranian Space in the Late Sasanian and Early Islamic Period**

Carlo Giovanni Cereti , Sapienza University of Rome

### **From Middle to New Persian: Written Materials from Northern Iran and Khorasan**

Gianfilippo Terribili , Sapienza University of Rome

### **Relocating the Prophet's Image: Narrative Motifs and Local Appropriation of Zarathustra's Legend in Pre-/Early Islamic Iran.**

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## **30. Who Speaks for Iran? (Roundtable)**

**Convenor** Amy Motlagh, UC Davis

**Chair** Pardis Mahdavi, University of Denver

Persis Karim , San Francisco State University

### **Authenticity and Authority in Diaspora Representations of Iran**

Jasmin Darznik , California College of the Arts

## Searching for Forugh: Historical Fiction and the Iranian Diaspora

Laura Secor , Freelance writer

### Reporting Iran from Outside

Melissa Etehad , Los Angeles Times

### Exotification vs. Nuance: Power of the Media in Countering False Narratives About Iran

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## 31. Economy and Society in Modern and Contemporary Iran

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Chair Zep Kalb , University of California, Los Angeles

Discussant TBA

Zep Kalb , University of California, Los Angeles

### Labour Empires: Debating Class Politics and Worker-State Relations in Contemporary Iran

Firoozeh Farvardin , Humboldt University of Berlin

### Family Politics in the Time of Crisis: Transformations of State and Family Relations in Iran

Esfandyar Batmanghelidj , Europe-Iran Forum

### Transformation in Iran's Post-Sanctions Political Economy: Practical Views

Elham Pourther , University at Albany- SUNY

### Re-thinking The Iranian Civil Sphere: The Civic potentials of HIV/AIDS medicalization

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## 32. Design and Culture I

Convenor TBA

Chair Dariush Borbor , Research Institute and Library of Iranian Studies (RILIS)

Discussant TBA

Raya Shani , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### The Commercial Turkman Style: Its Origins, Places of Production and Distribution

Dariush Borbor, Research Institute and Library of Iranian Studies (RILIS)

### A Comparative Study of the Architecture of Pigeon Towers: Iran's Outstanding Artistic Contribution

Bahar Abdi, St. Andrews University

### The Social Life of Colorful Clothes and Women's Everyday Life in Post-Revolutionary Iran

Yui Kanda , University of Tokyo

**The Hanging of Brocaded Silk From the Mausoleum of ‘Alī in Najaf Inscribed with a Haft Band by Maulānā Ḥasan Kāshī (ca. AH 1129)**

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**Room 8. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

**33. Persian and Iranian Linguistics**

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** George Bournoutian , Iona College

**Discussant** Anousha Sedighi, Portland State University

Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi, McGill University

**Translating from Persian into English through a Linguistic Lens**

Saera Kwak , Hankuk University of Foreign Studies & Eunji Kang, Inha University

**A Linguistic Analysis on the Persian volume of Huayi Yiyu**

Sima Sharifi, Independent Scholar

**So Arduous That It’s Funny! An Academic Journey Rooted in Reality of Today’s Iran**

Ketevan Gadiliia , Russian State University for the Humanities

**To the Typology of the Polyfunctional Grammatical Units: Pamirian Languages**

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**Room 6. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

**34. Pedagogical and Comparative Perspectives on Ferdowsi’s Shahnameh**

**Convenor** Sunil Sharma, Boston University

**Chair** Gregory Nagy, Harvard University

**Discussant** Gregory Nagy

Sunil Sharma

**Many Shahnamehs: Teaching the Persian Epic as an Evolving Text**

Sassan Tabatabai , Boston University

**A Comparative Study of Rostam as Epic Hero**

Olga Davidson , Boston University

**Rethinking the Poetry of the Shahnameh by Studying Four Biographies of Ferdowsi**

Domenico Ingenito , University of California, Los Angeles

**Strategies to “Re-historicize” the Teaching of the Shahnameh**

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Room 2. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

### 35. Reform, Modernity, and Religion in Modern Iran

**Chair** Seema Golestaneh , Indiana University, Bloomington

**Discussant** Shahla Talebi, Arizona State University

Alexander Nachman , University of Oxford

**The Messianic Republic: Khomeini and the Question of Esoteric Politics**

Najm al-Din Yousefi , California State University, Chico

**Religion in the Service of Modernization: Reflections on an Unpublished Document and Its Significance**

Seema Golestaneh , Indiana University, Bloomington

**Navigations on the Path: The Positionality of the Shariat and Tariqat for Nimatullahi Sufis in Post-Revolutionary Iran**

Ata Hoodashtian, Geneva University

**Non-Western Modernity**

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### 36. Modern Persian Literature in Modern Iran

**Convenor** Mahmood Firoz Alam, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**chair** Mahmood Alam, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**discussant** Mandana Mangeli, Islamic Azad University

Mahmood Firoz Alam , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**The Story of the Beehives or The Saga of an Affluent Iran**

Meenakshi Choudhary , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**The Blind Owl Through the Lens of Sirius Shamisa**

Roqaiya Khatoon , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**A Stranger in Paradise: A Literary Yarn on the Loom of Shin Partow**

Sameeuddin Sameeuddin , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Social Realities in the Literary Fiction of Jalal Al -e- Ahmad**

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Room 4. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

### 37. The Left and the Iranian Revolution II (Roundtable)

**Convenor** Afshin Matin-Askari, California State University, Los Angeles



Peyman Vahabzadeh , University of Victoria

**The Future of the Left**

Naghmeh Sohrabi , Brandeis University

**The Last Great Leftist Revolution of the Twentieth Century?**

Afshin Matin-Asgari , California State University Los Angeles

**Which Left? What Revolution?**

Mojtaba Mahdavi , University of Alberta

**Problematizing Public Religion and the 1979 Revolution**

Azam Khatam , York University.

**The Left and Transformative Power of the 'City' in Iranian Revolution**

Nader Talebi, Lancaster University and Humboldt University of Berlin

**How the Dominant Leftist Theories Have Prevented a Leftist Revolution in Iran**

Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**The Left and Revolutionary Violence**

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**38. Iran and the World in Late Antiquity**

Chair Daniel Beckman , Princeton University

Discussant TBA

Daniel Beckman , Princeton University

**Pontos, Armenia, and Parthia: Iranian Power in the First-Century-CE Near East.**

Philip Grant , University of Edinburgh

**The Zanj Rebellion as Iranian History: An Essay in De-Nationalization**

Kaveh Hemmat , Benedictine University

**Towards a Paradigm and Periodization of East Asian-Islamic World Contact**

Garnik Asatrian , Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University

**Archaic Elements in the South Caspian Hydroponymy**

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**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Opening and Welcome Reception**

Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Room 5. 9:00 am - 10:15 am

### 39. Iranian Men and Masculinities I: Classical and Modern Persian Literature

**Convenor** Mostafa Abedinifard, University of Toronto

**Chair** Victoria Tahmasebi, University of Toronto

Alexandra Hoffmann, University of Chicago

#### **When Muscles Matter: Male Corporeality in Ferdowsi's Shāhnāmeḥ**

Cameron Cross, University of Michigan

#### **Mobad Manikan and the Elusive Promises of Masculinity**

Ana Ghoreishian, University of Arizona

#### **"What Kind of Jalal are You?": Sexuality and the Rupture of Hegemonic Masculinity in the Selected Writings and Letters of Jalal Al-e Ahmad**

Sahar Allamezade-Jones, University of Maryland

#### **Frustrated Maculinites in 'Ali Dashti's Fetneh**

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Room 10. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

### 40. The Shi'i Clergy in the 20th Century: Challenges and Responses

**Convenor** Omid Ghaemmaghami, SUNY, Binghamton

**Chair** Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh, Northeastern Illinois University

**Discussant** Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, University of Toronto

Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky University

#### **Shaykh Fazl Allah Nuri, The Heterodox and Constitutionalism**

Omid Ghaemmaghami, SUNY, Binghamton

#### **Hasan Abtahi and the Hidden Imam Mahdi**

Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh, Northeastern Illinois University

#### **The Dichotomy Between Western Constitutionalism and Fundamentals of Shiite Islamic Law in Iran According to Khurasani**

Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University

#### **Iranian Clerical Polemics Against Wahhabism: From Apologetics to Denunciation**

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Room 3. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### 41. New Social Research on Iran

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Kevan Harris , University of California, Los Angeles

**Discussant** TBA

Misha Zand , Independent

##### **Meeting Breast Cancer in Tehran**

Masiha Vaala , Allameh Tabatabaei University

##### **Dynamics of Remembering and Forgetting: The Socio-Political Conflicts and Post-Revolutionary Generation in Iran**

Kevan Harris , University of California, Los Angeles

##### **Legacies of Mass Mobilization in the Iran-Iraq War: Findings from the 2016 Iran Social Survey**

Shahram Parastesh , University of Arizona

##### **Toward a Sociolinguistic Model: An Analysis of Iranian Facebook Users' Behaviors in the 2013 Presidential Election**

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Room 9. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### 42. The Transformation of Urban and Rural in Modern and Contemporary Iran

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Saghar Sadeghian , Willamette University

**Discussant** Shawhin Roudbari, University of Colorado Boulder

Saghar Sadeghian , Willamette University

##### **Forests as Political Sets: The Impact of the Upheavals on Iranian Caspian Forests (1914-1979)**

Ayda Melika , University of California, Berkeley

##### **Spatial Re-Creation for Political Recreation: Legitimizing Regime Goals Through Park Design in Contemporary Tehran**

Shahrzad Shirvani , University of California, Berkeley

##### **Appropriating "Freedom" and "Identity": Public Zones of Gender-Segregation in Tehran**

May Farhat , Holy Spirit University

##### **Urban Morphology and Sacred Space: The Mashhad Shrine during the Pahlavi Period 1925-1980**

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**Room 8. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

### 43. The Oxford Handbook of Persian Linguistics

**Convenor** Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi, McGill University

**Discussant** Anousha Sedighi, Portland State University

**Chair** Ramin Sarraf, National University

Anousha Sedighi, Portland State University

#### **Teaching Persian to Speakers of Other Languages**

Reza Nilipour, Iranian Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences

#### **Neurolinguistics of Persian**

Seyed Mostafa Assi, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies

#### **Persian Lexicography**

Simin Karimi, University of Arizona

#### **Persian Syntax**

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**Room 2. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

### 44. Cultural Transformation in the Qajar Period

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Ali Mohammad Tarafdari, National Library & Archives of Iran

**Discussant** TBA

Ali Mohammad Tarafdari, National Library & Archives of Iran

#### **The Changes of Persepolis Archaeological Excavations in Qajar Era (Based on the European Travel Accounts)**

Mahbobe Ghods, Columbia University

#### **Time & Space on Paper: An Aesthetic Exploration of Lithographic Illustrations of 19th Century Iran**

Atefeh Seyed Mousavi, George-August-University

#### **Solomon and Joseph: Popular Religious Characters on Qajar Tile Painting**

Miriam Nissimov, Tel-Aviv University

#### **Women's Lives in the Political Elite of the Late Qajar era – The Case of 'Izzat ul-Mulk Khanum Ashraf al-Saltana**

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Room 7. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### 45. Various are the Hues of Indo-Persian Literature 1

**Convenor** Syed Mahmood Kazim, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Chair** Syed Akhtar Husain, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Aleem Ashraf Khan , University of Delhi

##### **Abdul Haq Dehlavi : A Prism of Knowledge**

Mahmood Alam , Jawaharlal Nehru University

##### **Bengal to Britain: A Codicological Approach to the Hastings' Collection of Persian Manuscripts at the British Library.**

Golam Moinuddin, Maulana Azad College

##### **Jaweed Nama: A Poetic Path to Sublime Goals**

Syed Md Kazim, Jawaharlal Nehru University

##### **Persian Literature in British India**

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Room 6. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### 46. Rumi's Mathnawi and the Mevlevi Order: Between History and Metahistory

**Convenor** Leonard Lewisohn, University of Exeter

**Chair** Leonard Lewisohn

**Discussant** Ramin Sarraf, National University

Leonard Lewisohn

##### **Metaphysical Time in Rūmī's Mathnawī**

Alan Williams , University of Manchester

##### **Matching Mowlāna's Words in Pictures: An Early Sixteenth Century Illustrated Manuscript of Rumi's Masnavi in the British Library**

Eliza Tasbihi , McGill University

##### **Revisiting the Significance of Rūmī's Shrine: Redefining the Concept of Sacred Space at Mawlānā's Mausoleum**

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Room 4. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### 47. Rethinking the Historical Trajectory of Iran's Modern Economy, 1921-79

**Convenor** Mary Yoshinari, University of Toronto

**Chair** Massoud Karshenas, University of London

Mary Yoshinari , University of Toronto

## Shifting Perspectives versus Continuity in the Historiography of Iran's Economic Modernization

Soeilah Torabi Farsani , Islamic Azad University

### The Chamber of Commerce and Internal Conflicts Among Merchants of Bushehr in Early 1950s

Ali Saeidi , University of Tehran

### The Impact of Strong and Weak Ties on Successes of Family Firms during the Pahlavi Period, 1940s-1970s

Abdolreza Alamdar Baghini , Leiden University

### The State and Entrepreneur Relationship in Pahlavi Era: Studying the Case of Sarcheshmeh Copper Mine from 1966 to 1979

Thursday, August 16, 2018

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Film Room 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

#### 48. In Theater: *Lalehzar*, A Mehrdad Zahedian Documentary Film, 2007

Convener & Chair Jane Lewisohn , University of California Irvine

Discussant Mehrdad Zahedian

Room 3. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

#### 49. Demystifying the Magi and Sasanian History

Convener Arnold Alahverdian, University of California, Irvine

Chair / Discussant Touraj Daryaee, University of California, Irvine

Soodabeh Malekzadeh , University of California, Irvine

### The Vilification of Yazdegird I

Kayla Dang, Yale University

### Calling all Sources: Towards a More Comprehensive History of the Magi in Sasanian Iran

Arnold Alahverdian, University of California, Irvine

### Roving Persecutors or Polemical Tropes? The Magi and Sasanian Persecutory Processes in the Mid-Fifth-Century

Room 10. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

#### 50. Gender, Race, and Cultural Legacies of Slavery

Convener Program Committee

Chair Behnaz Mirzai, Brock University

**Discussant** TBA

Anthony A. Lee , University of California, Los Angeles

### **An Enslaved African Woman in 19th-Century Iran: Ziba Khanum of Yazd**

Parisa Vaziri, University of California, Irvine

### **Screening Siah Bazi: Performative Legacies of Indian Ocean World Slavery**

Behnaz Mirzai, Brock University

### **Debate Over the Emancipation of Female Slaves in Iran**

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**Room 8. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## **51. History and Royal Power in Persianate Chronicles: The Shamsid, Timurid, and Qajar Cases**

**Convenor** Ali Anooshahr, University of California, Davis

**Chair** Sudipta Sen, University of California, Davis

**Discussant** Abhishek Kaicker, University of California, Berkeley

Sholeh Quinn , University of California, Merced

### **Persian Universal Histories in the Post-Timurid period**

Ali Anooshahr , University of California, Davis

### **The “Brutal Eunuch-Monarch” and the “Beautiful Persian Hero”: The Transition from the Zand to Qajar Dynasties in Persian Historiography**

Tilmann Trausch , Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

### **Representing Fluid Power Settings in a Ruler-Centered Story: Indo-Persian Historiographical Texts from the Early Delhi Sultanate Period**

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**Room 9. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## **52. Nudity in Iranian Photography: From the Qajar Era to Today**

**Convenor** Pedram Khosronejad, Oklahoma State University

**Discussant** Mohmadreza Tahmasbpour, Independant Researchers

William O. Beeman , University of Minnesota

### **The Baten Pictorialized: Nude Photographs in the Harem of Nasr al-Din Shah**

Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar , Santa Barbara City College

### **Erotic Images and Imagery in the Early Qajar Period**

Pedram Khosronejad , Oklahoma State University

### **Objects of Desire: Qajar Prostitutes in Picture**

Mohammad Reza Tahmasbpour , Independent Scholar

## **A Look at Barefoot and its Transformation in the History of Photography in Iran**

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**Room 7. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

### **53. Hedayat and India**

**Convenor** Nadeem Akhtar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Chair** Houra Yavari, Columbia University

**Discussant** Syed Akhtar Husain, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Nadeem Akhtar , Jawaharlal Nehru University

#### **The Blind Owl Oscillating Between Siddhartha and Shiva**

Syed Akhtar Husain , Jawaharlal Nehru University

#### **The Blind Owl: Brief But Beautiful**

Marta Simidchieva , York University

#### **In Search of Nilufar-e Abi: Iconography of Artistic Creativity in Hedayat's The Blind Owl**

Michael Beard , University of North Dakota

#### **A Third Category of Hedayatian Woman: India as a Backdrop**

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**Room 1. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

### **54. An American Moment in Iran?**

**Convenor** John Ghazvinian, Independent Scholar

**Chair** John Limbert, US Naval Academy

**Discussant** James Goode, Grand Valley State University

Matthew Shannon , Emory & Henry College

#### **Citizen Diplomats and Traveling Denizens, c. 1941-67**

John Ghazvinian , Independent Scholar

#### **The Train from Maine: Francis, Spencer Pratt and the Very Nearly American Trans-Iranian Railway of 1889**

Kelly Shannon , Florida Atlantic University

#### **Turning Point: The U.S., Non-State Actors, and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, 1905-1912**

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Room 2. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

## 55. Gender Framing and Cinema

Convenor Program Committee

Chair Golbarg Rekabtalaei , Seton Hall University

Discussant TBA

Golbarg Rekabtalaei , Seton Hall University

### **Cinema of Urban Crisis: Dystopic Tehran in Iranian Pre-Revolutionary Popular Cinema**

Laura Fish , University of Texas, Austin

### **Escape to Bombay: The First Persian Talkie and Parsi Cultural Imperialism**

Niyosha Keyzad , University of Toronto

### **Shot in the Dark: Rakhshan Bani-Etemad's Subversion of Patriarchally Constructed Femininity in 'The May Lady'**

Mana Tabatabaei Rad , Independent Scholar

### **Structure and Agency: A Study of Women's Portrayal in Contemporary Iranian and Indian Cinema**

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Room 4. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

## 56. 1979 as a Watershed Moment in Popular Culture and Academia

Convenor Program Committee

Chair Shahla Talebi, Arizona State

Discussant TBA

Mahdi Ganjavi , University of Toronto

### **Archive and Memory of the Student Movement in Iran**

Amin Hashemi , University of London

### **Revolution Both as the Object and Subject of Resistance Discourses in Iranian Popular Music**

Shahla Talebi, Arizona State

### **A Glance into the Scholarship on the 1979 Revolution and its Aftermath**

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Room 6. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

## 57. Mysticism in Philosophy and Literature

Chair Salimeh Maghsoudlou , Yale University

Discussant TBA

Abolfazl Moshiri , University of Toronto

**The Passion of the Devil: Iblis's Defiance and Downfall as a Source of Emulation for the Persian Martyr Sufis**

Salimeh Maghsoudlou , Yale University

**The Claim to Prophecy and its Relation to Sainthood (*wilāya*) in the Writings of 'Ayn al-Quḍāt al-Hamadānī**

Navid Saberi-Najafi , University of California, Davis

**Spiritual Felicity in Sanā'ī's "Glorification of the Birds"**

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**Room 5. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

**58. Iranian Men and Masculinities II: Iranian (Diasporic) Cinema**

**Convenor** Mostafa Abedinifard, University of Toronto

**Chair** Claudia Yaghoobi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Khatereh Sheibani , York University

**Masculinity and the Politics of Sexuality, Age and Class in Abbas Kiarostami's Films**

Elham Mohtashamzadeh , Budapest Film Academy

Ali Hashemian (Co-author and Co-presenter), Eötvös Loránd University

**Masculinity Crisis in Iranian Cinema: A Critical Perspective on the Representation of Men in Beyzai's Downpour and Mehrjui's Hamoun**

Mahdi Tourage , King's University College at Western University

**An Iranian Female Vampire Disturbs Freud's Oedipal Masculinity**

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**Film Room 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

**? In Theater: *Taq-e Kasra*, a Pejman Akbarzadeh Documentary Film, 2017**

**Convenor & Chair** Pejman Akbarzadeh

**Discussant** Touraj Daryaei (make sure TD has no sessions when scheduled)

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Room 3. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**59. Persianate is as Persianate Does**

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Stephan Popp , Austrian Academy of Sciences

**Discussant** Ramin Sarraf, National University

Stephan Popp , Austrian Academy of Sciences

### **The Rhetoric of Chandar Bhan Barahman in Context**

Amr Ahmed, Harvard University

### **Ahmad Khānī's Mam u Zīn: The First Persianate Kurdish Love Masnavī**

August Samie , University of Chicago

### **Cultural Currency: Persianate Influences on Uzbek National Identity**

Theodore Beers , University of Chicago

### **Early Modern Persian Literature as Viewed by Contemporary Arab Anthologists**

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**Room 10. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

## **60. Hundredth Anniversary: Russian Revolutions and Revolutionaries in Iran**

**Convenor** Elena Andreeva, Virginia Military Institute

**Chair** Touraj Atabakli, International Institute of Social History

**Discussant** Touraj Atabakli, International Institute of Social History

Elena Andreeva , Virginia Military Institute

### **Rudolph Abikh (1901-1940): Chronicler of the Socialist Soviet Republic in Gilan**

Gevorg Avetikyan , European University at Saint Petersburg

### **"I Told the Persians I Was a Russian Prophet": Velimir Khlebnikov's Attempted Dialogue With Persia**

Nikolay Kozhanov , European University at St.Petersburg

### **Persian Postage Stamps and the Revolutionary Period of 1905 - 1920**

Lana (Svetlana) Ravandi-Fadai , Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

### **Letters by Knife, Russian Dervishes and Blood-sucking Serpents: Images from Revolutionary Gilan**

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**Room 9. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

## **61. Thematic Conversation: Contemporary Intellectual Traditions in Iran**

**Convenor** Ali Akbar Mahdi, California State University, Northridge

**Discussant** Ali Akbar Mahdi, California State University, Northridge

Mehrzaad Boroujerdi , Syracuse University

### **Endangered Species: Intellectual-Statesmen in Iran**

Soroush Dabbagh , University of Toronto

### **Post- Islamism, Muslim Reformist Intellectuals, and Secular Ethics**

Nayereh Tohidi , California State University, Northridge

**Iranian Intellectuals and the Gender Question: Changes and Continuities since 1930s to Present**

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Room 8. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**62. Esoteric Cosmopolitanisms of Iran: Timurid, Zand, Pahlavi**

**Convenor** Matthew Melvin-Koushki, University of South Carolina

**Chair / Discussant** Torang Asadi, Duke University

Ata Anzali , Middlebury College

**Mysticism, Nationalism, and Race in the Works of Kazemzadeh Iranshahr**

Matthew Melvin-Koushki , University of South Carolina

**Putting the Cosmic in Timurid Cosmopolitanism: Ulugh Beg as (Occult) Philosopher-King**

Daniel Sheffield , Princeton University

**The Zoroastrian Astrologer and the People's Representative: Mullā Kā'ūs 'Jalāl' at the Court of Karīm Khān Zand**

Arshavez Mozafari , Independent Scholar

**Microbial Jinn and Social Demons: The Interwar Writings of Ḥakamī'zādah and Qumī**

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Room 7. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**63. Various are the Hues of Indo-Persian Literature 2**

**Convenor** Zeyaul Haque, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Chair** Aleem Ashraf Khan, University of Delhi

Mandana Mangeli , Islamic Azad University

**Reception of Hafiz in Indo-Persian Literature of Golconda**

Shafaq Matloob , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Mirza Ghalib Imbuing Persian Poetry With Colours**

Mahmood Abrarul Haque , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Tuti Nama Or The Fifty Two Indian Nights**

Zeyaul Haque , Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Power Politics through Ideal Conduct: A Study of a Sixteenth Century Indo-Persian Historical Chronicle**

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Room 2. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## 64. New Perspectives on Sasanian Iran

**Convenor** Matthew Canepa, University of Minnesota

**Chair/Discussant** Matthew Canepa, University of Minnesota

Mehrnoush Soroush Harvard University

### **The Dilemma of Sasanian Irrigation: A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Problem of Dating Historic Waterworks in Shushtar**

Layah Ziiai-Bigdeli, University of Minnesota

### **Bodies, Nudity and Sexuality in the Sasanian World**

Johnathan Hardy, University of Minnesota

### **Whose Eranshahr? Decoding the Text of the Shahrestaniha-ye Eranshahr**

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**Room 1. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

## 65. The Poetics and Politics of Literary Change in Contemporary Persian Literature

**Convenor** Saharnaz Samaeinejad & Fouad Oveysy, University of Toronto & University of California, Irvine

**Chair** Assal Rad, University of California, Irvine

**Discussant** Nasrin Rahimieh, University of California, Irvine

Mojtaba Ebrahimian , University of Arizona

### **Formation of a New Historical Consciousness and the Rise of a Novelistic Narrative Discourse in Nineteenth Century Iran**

Leila Pazargadi , Nevada State College

### **Comics as Resistance Literature: Representing Iranian Movements Through the Graphic Form**

Mohammad Rafi , University of California, Irvine

### **Nihilism and the Automatization of the State: Translating Ernst Jünger in Iran**

Saharnaz Samaeinejad, University of Toronto

### **The World is My Home: Translation, Transnational Encounters, and The Making of Persian Modernism**

Babak Mazloumi, University of California, Irvine

### **Mapping Out the Unmappable: A Critical Study of *Dead Reckoning: A Novel* by Bahman Sho'levar**

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**Room 6. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

## 66. Interactions Between Iran and India

**Chair** Maryam Sabbaghi, University of Chicago  
**Discussant** TBA

Kaveh Yazdani , Wits University

**Two Prominent Zoroastrian Merchants - Ardeshir Mehraban and Arbab Jamshid**

Zahra Faridani-Akhavan , Independent Scholar

**Half Blood Princes and Princesses: Persians in the Mughal Empire**

Shaahin Pishbin , University of Chicago

**Expanding Horizons and Narrowing Foci in the 17th-Century Persian tazkira**

Maryam Sabbaghi , University of Chicago

**Voice and Authorship in the Poetry of Jahān Malik Khātun (d.1382) and Zīb un-Nisa' (d. 1702).**

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**Room 5. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**67. Iranian Men and Masculinities III: Re-rereading Masculinity in History, Religion, and Folklore**

**Convenor** Mostafa Abedinifard, University of Toronto

**Chair** Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, University of Toronto

Sivan Balslev , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**From Western Wannabe to Modern Patriot: Masculinity, Style, and Power Relations in Early 20th Century Iran**

Arash Naraghi , Moravian College

**Male Homosexuality in the Context of Contemporary Iranian Shi'ism**

Mostafa Abedinifard , University of Toronto

**'Rashti' Jokes and Their Relation to Modern Iranian Men and Masculinities**

Wendy DeSouza , University of California, Davis

**Female Masculinity**

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**3:45 PM - 5:15 PM**

**Room 3. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

## 68. Prospects for the Development of Small Towns in Iranian Dry Areas: The Case of Varzaneh

**Convenor** Hitoshi Suzuki, Institute of Developing Economies - JETRO

**Discussant** Ali Ferdowsi, Notre Dam de Namur University

Yuka Nishikawa , Osaka University

### **The Adaptation of the River Irrigation System of Varzaneh to the Water Shortage**

Hitoshi Suzuki , Institute of Developing Economies - JETRO

### **Recent Changes in Varzaneh: Obstacles and Prospects for the Development**

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**Room 1. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

## 69. Contemporary Ethnographies of Culture, Society and Authority in Iran

**Convenor** Manata Hashemi, University of Oklahoma

**Discussant** Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul University

Norma Claire Moruzzi , University of Illinois, Chicago

### **Tied Up in Tehran: Theorizing Power From Ethnographies of Daily Life**

Manata Hashemi , University of Oklahoma

### **Tarnished Work: Dignity and Labor in Iran**

Negar Razavi , University of Pennsylvania

### **Sanctioned Masculinities: A “Masculine” Crisis of Economic Decline in Iran**

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**Room 8. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

## 70. Persian Language Teacher Education: Innovative Approaches to Integrating Language and Content (Roundtable)

**Convenor** Soheila Kian, University of California, Irvine

**Chair** Daniel F. Delshad, Independent Scholar

Anousha Sedighi , Portland State University

### **Heritage Language Learners of Persian**

Latifeh Hagigi , University of California, Los Angeles

### **Family Interviews: Project Based Teaching in Persian Education**

Soheila Kian , University of California, Irvine

### **Making Short Films: Operating the Language Classroom as a Community in Persian Education**

Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi , McGill University

## Using TELL in Second Language Teaching

Sahba Shayani , University of Oxford

### Culture and Literature as Paths Towards Proficiency

Ladan Hamedani , University of Hawaii, Manoa

### A Novelty in Persian Language Instruction

Farima S. Mostowfi , Georgetown University

### Benefits and Limits of Teaching Persian using Online Authentic Materials

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Room 9. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

## 71. Sacred Defense in Art, History, and Literature (Roundtable)

**Convenor** Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh, Northeastern Illinois University

**Chair** Assal Rad, University of California Irvine

Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh, Northeastern Illinois University

### The Iran-Iraq War in Historical Consciousness

Saeedeh Shahnahpur , Leiden University

### The Rise and Evolution of Novel of Holy Defense in Iran

Claudia Yaghoobi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

### Unscripted Narratives of Armenians in Iran-Iraq War

Pouya Jahanshahi

### Reconsidering Posters of the Holy Defense

Sima Sabet

### Social Identity of the Children of the Martyrs of the Iran-Iraq War

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Room 5. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

## 72. Iranian Men and Masculinities IV: (Diasporic) Iranian Popular Culture

**Convenor** Mostafa Abedinifard, University of Toronto

**Chair** Sahar Allamezade, University of Maryland

G J Breyley , Monash University

### Honesty, Humor, Hard Work and Hair: Masculinities and Electronic Music Cultures in Contemporary Iran

Farzaneh Hemmasi , University of Toronto

### The Specter of the Motreb: Male Performances of Gender and Sexuality in Tehrangeles



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Room 2. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

### 73. A Look at the Results of the Activities of Human Rights Defenders in Modern Iran

**Convenor** Nader Vahabi, University of Toulouse

**Discussant** Ali Gharakhami, Paris-Nanterre University

Nayereh Tohidi, California State University Northridge

#### **Contemporary Intellectual Traditions in Iran**

Mina Abedini Rad, Varan School of Cinema

#### **The Pioneers of Iranian Modernisation as Examples of True Human Rights Activists**

Hassan Makaremi, Universite Sorbonne

#### **Human Rights and Culture**

Azam Khatam, York University

#### **Cosmology The Left Transformative Power of the 'City' in Iranian Revolution**

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Room 2. 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

### 74. Greek and Roman Interactions with Persian Culture

**Chair** D Gershon Lewental , Shalem College and University of Oklahoma

**Discussant** TBA

Rashin Mosayebi Jazi , N/A

#### **A Comparative Research About Several Romances of Alexander (and Comparing the Story of Alexander's Flight with its Similar Legends in Persian Literature)**

Ted Good , University of Toronto

#### **Cosmology in Dēnkard 4**

D Gershon Lewental , Shalem College and University of Oklahoma

#### **The 'Fighting Persians' and the 'Fighting Romans': 'Seventh-Century Madness' in Later Muslim Annals**

David Branscome , Florida State University

#### **The Multivalent Kidaris**

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Room 4. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

### 75. Historic and Current Geo-Strategic Concerns

**Chair** James Clark, University of Nebraska Omaha

**Discussant** TBA

Banafsheh Keynoush , Independent

### **Iran, Turkey and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)**

Keyvan Loloie , Islamic Azad University

### **Location of Quhistan in the historical geography of Khorasan (Take a new look)**

**Room 6. 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

## **76. Genres and Performance**

**Chair** Mazyar Faridi, Northwestern University

**Discussant** Azita Mokhtari, National University

Saeed Talajooy , University of St Andrews

### **Modernity and Iranian Drama: From Mohammad Hasan Khan Moqaddam E'temādosaltaneh (1843-1896) to Hasan Moqaddam (1898-1925)**

Mazyar Faridi , Northwestern University

### **Rethinking the Paradox of Political Commitment in Férydoun Rahnéma's Poetry and Cinema: Red Internationalism and the Critique of National Identity in Iranian Modernism**

Michelle Quay , Columbia University

### **Zolaykhā's Metamorphosis through the Qur'an, Sufi tafsīr and the Masnavīs of 'Aṭṭār and Jāmī**

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**AIS Presidential Address and Award Ceremony 6 PM**

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Special Theatrical Dance Performance at 7:30 PM**

**Friday, August 17, 2018**

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Room 10. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 77. Transitional Spaces: Performing Iranian Modernities I (Roundtable)

**Convenor** Leila Pourtavaf, University of Toronto

**Chair** Farzaneh Hemmasi, University of Toronto

**Discussant** Golbarg Rekabtalaei, Seton Hall University

Leila Pourtavaf, University of Toronto

### **Interiority and the City Center: The Gulistan Harem and its Relations of Proximity**

Jairan Gahan, University of Toronto

### **Putting the Immoral in Its Place: Zoning laws in Tehran, 1911-1933**

Shabnam Rahimi-Golkhandan, Yale University

### **Imaging the City Anew--From Lithography to Photography**

Ida Meftahi, University of Maryland

### **Chest to Chest with "Stranger" (Ajnabi): Partner Dancing in Iran, 1920-1950**

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**Room 3. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 78. From the Phonograph to Telegram: Publics in Old and New Media (Roundtable)

**Convenor** Nahid Siamdoust, Yale University

**Discussant** Staci Gem Scheiwiller, California State University, Stanislaus

Nahid Siamdoust, Yale University

### **Joyous Counterpublics**

Babak Rahimi, University of California, San Diego

### **Aesthetic Soundscapes of Iranian Modernity: From Phonograph to Videotapes in the Making of twentieth-century Iran.**

Siavash Rokni, Université de Québec à Montréal

### **Ambiguity in the Online Music Industry in Iran**

Blake Atwood, University of Texas, Austin

### **Bootleg Labor: Underground Video Dealers in Iran, 1983-1994**

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**Room 9. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 79. Art in Iranian Public Space: Between Politics, Public Participation, and Aesthetics

**Convenor** Negar Farajiani, Independent Scholar

**Chair** James Clark, University of Nebraska Omaha

**Discussant** TBA

Narciss M.Sohrabi , Université Paris Ouest,

### **An Investigation of the Influence of the Iranian 1979 Revolution on Tehran's Public Art**

Pourya Jahansha , Independent Scholar

### **Art, City and Political Affairs: The Role of Art in Reclaiming the City and People's Right to the City**

Negar Farajiani , Independent Scholar

### **The Role of Art Projects in Evolution of Social Participation in Public Spaces**

Deanna Kashani , University of California, Irvine

### **Site Specificity and the City: The Tehran Monoxide Project as Urban Artistic Intervention**

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**Room 4. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## **80. Transcultural Dialogue in Classical Persian Literature**

**Chair** Shekoufeh Mohammadi Shirmahaleh , Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

**Discussant** Behrang Nabavi Nejad , University of Victoria

Shekoufeh Mohammadi Shirmahaleh , Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

### **Semiolinguistic Strategies in Ferdowsi's Shahnameh**

Julia Rubanovich , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **In Search of Cultural Interface: Yūsuf-u Zulaykhā in Classical Persian and Judeo-Persian Literature**

Behrang Nabavi Nejad , University of Victoria

### **The Simurgh: Representations and Meanings in Four Royal Manuscripts of Shāhnāma**

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**Room 7. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## **81. Post-Revolutionary Literature in the Diaspora and Islamic Republic**

**Chair** Goulia Ghardashkhani , Philipps University of Marburg

**Discussant** TBA

Goulia Ghardashkhani , Philipps University of Marburg

### **The Power of Indeterminate Narration: The Narrative of War in Majid Qeysari's Novel Jangi Bud, Jangi Nabud (1996)**

Mehrak Kamali Sarvestani , Ohio State University

### **From the Revolution to Family Collapse: Fictional Representations of Family Crises in Post-1979-Revolutionary Persian Literature**

Somayeh Aghajani Kalkhoran , Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

### **Intertextuality in "Hidden Crescent" (A Stylistic Tool in Ali Asghar Shirzadi's Stories)**

Nima Naghibi , Ryerson University

**Leaving the Diaspora in Dina Nayeri's Refuge and Donia Bijan's The Last Days of Café Leila**

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**Room 6. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 82. Literature in 20th Century Iran

**Chair** Leila Sadegh Beigi , University of Arkansas

**Discussant** TBA

Leila Sadegh Beigi , University of Arkansas

**Simin Daneshvar, Exile at home and Savushun**

Kaveh Bassiri , University of Arkansas

**Bijan Elahi and She'r-e Digar: The Resurgence of "Other Poetry"**

Marzieh Kameli, University of California, Riverside

**"A Psychoanalysis Memoir": Doing Psychoanalysis in Tehran by Gohar Homayounpour**

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**Room 5. 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## 83. Riots, Looting, and Civil Unrest in Qajar Cities: Subaltern Politics and the Making of Modern Iran

**Convenor** Ranin Kazemi, San Diego State University

**Chair** Farzin Vejdani, Ryerson University

**Discussant** Farzin Vejdani, Ryerson University

Heidi Walcher , University of Munich

**Rape, Business, Propriety, and Riots in Yazd of the 1890s**

Ranin Kazemi , San Diego State University

**The Moral Economy of the Persian Crowd in the Nineteenth Century: The Case of the Bread Rioters of Shiraz in 1886**

James M. Gustafson , Indiana State University

**Carpet Workers in Kerman's 1905 Shaykhi-Balasari Conflicts: Labor and its Legacies**

Mehrdad Amanat, Independent Scholar

**Dynamics of Looting in the Qajar Era**

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**Room 6. 10:30-1:30**

**84. In Theater: Gavaznha (The Deers), A Masoud Kimiaee Film, 1974 and special discussion post screening at 12:30pm with Behrouz Vosoughi**

Convener & Chair Jane Lewisohn , University of California Irvine

Discussant Jane Lewisohn and Behrouz Vossoughi

**Friday, August 17, 2018**

**10:45 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Room 4. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## 85. Iran Adjacent, Transcultural and Transnational Exchanges

Chair Elmira Alihosseini , Johns Hopkins University

Discussant TBA

Razieh Taasob , University of Princeton

**The Function of Wēś, the Eastern Iranian God in Early Kushan Coinage: Royal or Local Cult?**

Elmira Alihosseini , Johns Hopkins University

**Afghan Documentary Politics in Mashhad**

Ali Oloumi, University of California, Irvine

**Constructing Homeland in Samanid Historiography**

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**Room 3. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## 86. Design and Culture II

Chair Zohreh Soltani , State University of New York, Binghamton

Discussant TBA

Zohreh Soltani , State University of New York, Binghamton

**Emptiness is the “Monument”; Tehran’s Shahyad Square as Monument and Counter-Monument**

Peyvand Firouzeh , Kunsthistorisches Institute in Florence

**The Future of the Past; Text-Image Insertions and the Reception of the Shahnama Under Ibrahim Sultan in Shiraz**

Nader Sayadi , University of Texas, Austin

**Sha'rbafi in Kashan: The Transformation of a Safavid Silk-Weaving Craft and the Continuity of its Terminology and Spatial Dimensions**

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**Room 7. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## 87. Legacies of the Constitutional Revolution

Chair Camron Michael Amin , University of Michigan-Dearborn

Discussant Nader Vahabi , Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention Sociologiques

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**Mossadegh: Breaking Away from Noble Blood in Iran**

Alisa Shablovskaia , Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3 University

**Russian Imperial Hubris in Persia, 1907-1911: From the Diplomatic Crisis to the Military Intervention**

Serpil Atamaz , California State University, Sacramento

**The Constitutional Revolution of Iran through the Ottomans' Lens**

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**Room 5. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

**88. Writing Indo-Persian Cityscapes: Space, Sovereignty, and Society in the Qajar and Mughal Worlds**

**Convenor** Farzin Vejdani, Ryerson University

**chair / discussant** Alka Patel, University of California, Irvine

Farzin Vejdani , Ryerson University

**Narrating Order and Disorder: Crime and Space in 19th-century Isfahan**

Arash Khazeni , Pomona College

**The Fortressed City: Tipu Sultan and the Landscape of Srirangapattana**

Assef Ashraf , Bryn Mawr College

**City, State, Empire: Governing Early-Qajar Bushehr**

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**Room 1. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

**89. Media, Memory and Culture**

**Chair** Maryam Ghorbankarimi , University of St Andrews

**Discussant** TBA

Maryam Ghorbankarimi , University of St Andrews

**Scheherazade as a Social Nexus in the Iranian TV Series Shahrzād (2016-2017)**

Maryam Papi , Independent Scholar

**The Trauma of Iranian Migrant Children: An Analysis of Four Films**

Kaveh Niazi , Stanford Online High School

**Tuḥfat al-‘ulamā’: Early Print Propaganda from Afghanistan**

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**Room 2. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## 90. Iranian Modernization and the Pax Americana

**Convenor** Program Committee

**Chair** Jasamin Rostam-Kolayi, California State University, Fullerton

**Discussant** XXXX

Jasamin Rostam-Kolayi, California State University, Fullerton

### **The New Frontier Meets the White Revolution: The Peace Corps in Iran, 1962-76**

Lydia Wytenbroek, York University

### **Mission Nursing, Migration and Mobility in Twentieth-Century Iran**

Robert Steele, University of Exeter

### **The Pahlavi National Library Project: Education and Modernization in Late Pahlavi Iran**

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**Room 1. 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## 91. A View From Within: Persian Language and Manuscripts

**Convenor** Touraj Daryaee, University of California Irvine

**Chair/Discussant** Touraj Daryaee, University of California Irvine

Rasoul Jafarian, University of Tehran

### **The State of Manuscripts at the Library of Majlis**

Ali Ashraf Sadeghi, Academy of Persian Language and Literature

### **The Origins of Persian Dari**

Akbar Irani, Written Heritage

### **The State of Persian Manuscripts**

Ali Dehbashi, Bukhara Journal

### **State of Persian Journals in Iran and Afghanistan**

**Friday, August 17, 2018**

**SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Room 5. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

## 89. A Roundtable Discussion of Abbas Amanat's *Iran: A Modern History*

**Convenor** Afshin Matin Asgari, California State University, Los Angeles and Arash Khazeni, Pomona College



**Chair** Arash Khazeni, Pomona College

**Discussants** Sussan Babaie, Courtauld Institute of Art, Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, University of Toronto, Negar Mottahedeh, Duke University, Rudi Mathee, University of Delaware, Janet Afary, University of California, Santa Barbara, Afshin Matin Asgari, California State University, Los Angeles

**Friday, August 17, 2018      MEETING OF AIS MEMBERSHIP      3:45 PM - 5:15 PM**

**Room 5. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Friday, August 17, 2018      CLOSING CEREMONY      6-8 PM**

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