1987 SIS/MESA Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society will be held November 14-17, 1987 in conjunction with the MESA meetings at the Sheraton Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. The SIS Business Meeting will be on Saturday, November 14, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Harbor II Room.

The panels to be sponsored by the Society are:

"Eighteenth Century Iran: Personal Reflections on Socio-Political Change" - Abbas Amanat (Moderator), Said Arjomand, Juan Cole, Willem Floor, John Perry, Thomas Ricks

"Friends and Enemies: The Truth About Iranian Families" - Anne Betteridge, Constance Cronin (Moderator), Mary Jo Good, Shirin Mahdavi, Tom Thompson


Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary of the Society for the past 5 years, Habib Ladjevardi, announces that, since his term is ending, the new offices of the Executive Secretary after November 15, 1987 will be: c/o Middle East Institute, Columbia University, International Affairs Building, New York, NY 10014, phone 212/280-3996. The new Executive Secretary will be elected at the Council Meeting on November 14, 1987.

He would also like to express the thanks of the Society to Margaret DuBois, his assistant, who has been putting out the SIS Newsletter since the Spring 1985 issue.

Announcements

AN EXHIBIT entitled "Woven From the Soul, Spun From the Heart: Textile Arts of Safavid and Qajar Iran, 16th - 19th centuries" will be held at the Textile Museum in Washington DC, November 7, 1987-January 29, 1988. The 350-page exhibit catalogue was edited by Carol Bier, who also contributed 2 chapters to it.

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CALL FOR PAPERS - After a panel session on Iranian exiles (those Iranians who, because of the 1979 revolution, have stayed away from Iran, by choice or otherwise) at the 1985 annual meetings, it was suggested that a special issue of IRANIAN STUDIES be devoted to that subject.

However, it soon became obvious that the subject is very complex and it was decided to publish an edited book which would allow more scope both in topics and in length. Therefore, anyone who is seriously interested in contributing an original paper on the subject of Iranian exiles, including those who have already
expressed an interest, is invited to join this project. Please contact: Aghar Fathi, Professor of Sociology, The University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4.

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A CONFERENCE entitled "The Role of Research in Reconstruction", organized by the Iran Research Center for the Reconstruction of War-Damaged Areas, will be held at Shiraz University, October 3-5, 1987.

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THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION DOCUMENT SET of the National Security Archive contains over 3500 declassified and unclassified US government documents, many released under the Freedom of Information Act. The documents are comprehensively indexed on a database whose records contain over 20 distinct fields of information. The documents include cable traffic between the US Embassy in Tehran and the State Department in Washington from 1963 to 1979, with strong emphasis on the years 1978-79. The collection is particularly strong on the political developments during the Iranian revolution and the hostage rescue mission.

The objective of the Archive is to have the entire collection copied onto microfiche so that it can be made available to institutions and libraries. A hard-bound, comprehensive, cross-referenced index and finding aid will accompany the microfiche. The Archive plans to produce a number of other sets on the Middle East. The Executive Director of the Archive is Scott Armstrong, and Eric Hooglund is the Senior Analyst.

For information: The National Security Archive, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20036, telephone 202/797-0882.

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A NEW PERSIAN JOURNAL of history and politics, KANKASH, has sent out its first issue. It will be published three times a year by an independent group of Iranian thinkers and activists. The annual institutional subscription rate is $18. Correspondence should be addressed to: KANKASH, PO Box 11732, Alexandria, VA 22312.

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Recent Books on Iran


SUPISIM AND SHARI'AH: A STUDY OF SHAYKH AHMAD SIRhind'S EFFORT TO REFORM SUPISIM. By Muhammad Abdul Haq Ansari. Leicester, UK: The Islamic Foundation, 1986. 316pp. Pounds 14(cloth), 5.95(paper).

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Special Supplement—Ph.D. Dissertations on Iranian Subjects, 1980-1985
Part IV—1980

This is the last installment of the list of dissertations on Iranian subjects written since 1980. The dissertations can be ordered from UNIVERSITY MICROFILMS INTERNATIONAL, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, using the order number at the end of each reference.


IRANIAN PHYSICIANS' OPINIONS TOWARDS A NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE. By Giti Farkhsh. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1980. Order # GAX80-17930.


THE NATURE AND FREQUENCY OF MAJORIL PATERNALISM WHICH LEAD TO DIVORCE IN IRAN, AS PERCEIVED BY FOUR PROFESSIONAL GROUPS. By Parvin Habibi (Soleimani). University of the Pacific, 1980. Order # GAX80-17523.


ANALYSIS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTERACTIONS IN INDIA AND IRAQ WITH REFERENCE TO NATIONAL, RURAL AND URBAN MANPOWER POLICY. By Narzadirling Maah. Michigan State University, 1980. Order # GAX81-18561.


POLITICAL ORIGINATION AND THE STYLES OF INTERGROUP LEADERSHIP INTERACTIONS: THE CASE OF IRANIAN POLITICAL PARTIES. By


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