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VOLUME 28, 1-2 (1995) IS ON ITS WAY

With Volume 27, 1-4, Iranian Studies began being printed by Thomson-Shore, Inc. Volume 27 (1994) printing was mailed September 25, 1995. Members who paid dues for 1994 should have received this issue. Volume 27 paved the way for Volume 28, 1-2, which has already been printed and should be in the mail by the time you read this.

Dues notices for members who had not paid for 1995 were mailed out in early September. If you received one of these notices (and if you have not already responded by paying those dues), you should do so right away. The 1995 issues will be mailed only to members in good standing (i.e., your dues should be paid). This will also be the last SIS News that members who have not paid for 1995 will receive. We look forward to hearing from any of you who have not paid soon! Thank you very much!

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OFFERED

An ad hoc committee composed of Juan Cole, Ali Banuazizi, and Bill Hanaway has been conferring since last fall about amendments to the existing Constitution for the Society for Iranian Studies. The Constitution includes what would be called bylaws as well.) Their deliberations were completed and the proposed modifications were presented to the council members who approved them. Now it is the turn of the membership to accept or reject them.

Please take some time to look over the current and proposed constitution included in this issue of the newsletter. Substantial changes are being proposed concerning the leadership of the Society. The Society is currently governed by a three-person Executive Committee (Executive Secretary, Journal Editor, and Treasurer) and a nine-person Council. The amendments would create three new positions: President, President-Elect, and Past President. The people holding these positions would also be Council Members, act as a check on the person serving as Executive Secretary, and would also do some of the work the Executive Secretary now handles. Since the Society just elected two Student Members to the Council, the number of regular and student Council Members will be eight, so that, with the various presidents, the total number would be eleven.

If you have paid your 1995 dues, you are entitled to vote on these changes. Please use the
proxy ballot at the end of the proposed constitution and mail it to the secretariat (c/o the return address) by December 1, 1995. Results of the vote will announced in the next newsletter.

MESA 1995
The annual business meeting of the Society for Iranian Studies (SIS) takes place at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). MESA will meet this year in Washington, D.C., December 6-10, at the Washington Hilton and Towers. Those of you interested in attending the MESA meeting should contact the MESA office in Arizona at 520-621-5850.

The annual SIS Business Meeting will take place from 10 am to 12 noon, December 7, 1995, in Jefferson East of the Washington Hilton and Towers. Members are all cordially invited to attend. Among other business, members of the Executive Committee give their annual reports at this meeting. A summary of the proceedings will be published in our next newsletter.

Iranian Studies Panels at MESA
Three panels in the MESA program are sponsored by SIS. We would like to thank Janet Afary, who has acted as “panel coordinator” for several years and has made sure that panels relating to Iranian studies were submitted to the MESA program committee in time to be considered. The SIS-sponsored panels this year are:

The Armenian Community in 20th-Century Iran
Dec. 9, 4-6 pm
The Role of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution (Houria Berberian)
Krikor Eghikian, the Jangalis, and the Armenians (Aram Arkun)
Armenians of Iran and the Communist Movement in Iran (Cosroee Chaqueri)

The Armenian Diaspora in the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1979-1989 (Eliz Sanasarian)
Chair/Discussant: George Bournoutian
Also sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies

Disciplining the Imagination: Historiography and Iranian Nationalism
Dec. 8, 1:30-3:30 pm
Narrating the Nation (Mohammad Tavakoli-Tarighi)
The Historical Methodology of Muhammad Hasan Khan I’timad al-Saltanah (Mansoureh Ettehadieh [Nezam-Mafi])
Is Our Name Remembered?: Writing History of Iranian Constitutionalism as if Women and Gender Mattered (Afsaneh Najmabadi)
Marking Difference: Nationalist Uses of the Qajar Period (Juan R.I. Cole)
Chair: Zohreh T. Sullivan
Discussant: Abbas Amanat

Centennial Panel on Nima Yushij: His Life, His Works, His Legacy (A Double Panel)
Dec. 9, 8-10 am
Suffering, Source or Product?: An Analysis of Self-Portrayal in Nima’s Work (Kamran Talattof)
Flowers of Ruin: The Poetics of Nima Yushij (Houman Sarshar)
Love: Nima’s Dialogue with Hafiz (Firoozeh Papan)
“I Wanted to Tell Another Tale of Mournful Terror”: Nima’s Dialogues with Darkness and the Imagery of the Night (Paul Losensky)
The Locus of Nima Yushij’s Long Poems in His Oeuvre: “Khaneh-ye Serivili,” A Case Study (Ali Zarrin)
The Value of Feelings in the Lives of Artists: Nima Yushij’s Notes from the Underground (Anett Jessop)
The Short Stories of Nima Yushij (M.R. Ghanonparvar)
Nima Yushij and Reception of the Modern in Persian Literary Imagination (Ali Gheissari)
Chair: Ehsan Yarshater  
Discussant: Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak

In addition to the three panels above sponsored by SIS, many other panels and individual papers touch on Iranian studies. These are as follows:

**Misc. Papers, Dec. 7, 12:30-2:30 pm**

Ghaznavid Qasidahs: The Collapse of Power and of Poetic Form (Franklin D Lewis)

Some Versions of Ghazal: Sexual Allure and Anxiety in the Colonial Encounter (Yaseen Noroomi)

The Making of the Marje in the 1990s (Linda S. Walbridge)

Islam Compatible with Democracy?: A New Perspective (Forough Jahanbakhsh)

Zoroastrian and Muslim Intelligentsia: The Use of ‘Ilm al-Kalam (Touraj Daryaei)

**Misc. Papers, Dec. 7, 3:00-5:00 pm**

The Ideological Dimension in Saudi-Iranian Relations (Saleh A. Al-Mani)

The “Iranization” of Biblical Heroes in Judeo-Persian Epics (Vera B. Moreen)

An Encounter with the Russian Czar: The Image of Peter the Great in Historical Sources of the Qajar Period (Maryam Ekhtiar)

**Misc. Papers, Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30 pm**

The Rise of the Professional Woman in the Iranian Press, 1910-1945 (Camron Michael Amin)

Sufis, Malamatis, and Other Religious Parties in Nishapur, ca 850-1000 (Christopher Melchert)

Poetry as Koranic Exegesis in Jalaluddin Al Rumi (Mohammed Sharafuddin)

Mo’juz of Shabustar and his Conflict of Identities (Hadi Sultan-Quorraie)

Shiraz, Isfahan, Tehran—Persian or Armenian Art? Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30 pm

Jews and Armenians in Safavid Iran—Their Self Definitions Contracted in Images (Alice Taylor)

The New Julfa Style of Armenian Manuscript Bindings (Dikran Kouymjian)

The Armenian Church of Shiraz: An Armenian-Safavid Monument (Marco Brambilla)

Armenian Architecture in Tehran: Persian Architecture of Early 20th Century (Mina Marefat)

Chair: Lucy Der Manuelian

Persian Literature: Culture, Time, and Ambiguity Dec. 8, 8:00-10:00 am

“Writing with an Accent”: Modarressi’s Cultural Transformations (Nasrin Rahimieh and Christopher Gibbins)

A Taste for Ambiguity: Reconsidering Mahmud Vasefi’s Memoirs (Maurizio Pistoso)

Disruptive Temporality: Spatio-Temporal Interventions in Shahrnush Parsipur’s Zanan bedun-e mardan (Women Outside of Men) (Casey R. Williamson)

The Headless Shadow and Other Apparitions: Folkloric Fragments in Hedayat’s Novel The Blind Owl (Marta Simidchieva)

Chair: Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak

**Misc. Papers, Dec. 8, 8:00-10:00 am**

The U.S., Great Britain, and Mossadeq: The Changing of the Guard (Hisae Nakanishi)

The Impact of Persian Mystics on the Ottomans (Sam Rassekh)

War and Consolidation of Iran’s Islamic Republic (Nader Nazemi)

Cultural Policies and Cultural Politics of the Islamic Republic of Iran: Prospects and Retrospects Dec. 8, 10:30am-12:30 pm

Communication and Cultural Transformation in Iran (Majid Tehranian)
Popular Culture and Resistance Inside the Islamic Republic (Annabelle Sreberny-Mohammadi)
Cultural Policy and Broadcasting in the Islamic Republic of Iran (Ali Mohammadi)
Hailing or Haggling for a Film Culture (Hamid Naficy)
Newspapers as Political Shadow Parties in the Islamic Republic of Iran (Pirouz Shoar-Ghaffari)
Chair: Pirouz Shoar-Ghaffari
Discussant: Yahya Kamalipour

Misc. Papers, Dec. 8, 10:30-12:30 pm
Education as a Social Panacea: The Post-Revolutionary Agenda (Monica Ringer)
The ‘Woman Question’: Feminism, Culture, and the Press in Turn-of-the-Century Iran (Jasamin Rostam)

Paper, Dec. 8, 1:30-3:30 pm
Comparative Method in the Study of ‘Fundamentalism’ (Nikkie Keddie)

Paper, Dec. 8, 4:00-6:00 pm
The Call to Prayer from a Cypress Tree: Suhrab Sepehri and Redefining the Spiritual (Fatemeh Keshavarz)

Modern Iranian Autobiographical Literature (in Persian) Dec. 8, 7:30-9:30 pm
The Use of Autobiographical Literature in Modern Iranian History (Hafez Farmayan)
A Review of the Memoirs Written by Prominent Iranian Leftists (Shahrokh Meskoob)
Memoirs and Autobiographical Writings of High-Ranking Government Officials (Ahmad Ashraf)
Memoirs and Autobiographical Writings of Nationalist and Religious Personalities (Cyrus Mir)
Chair: Hafez Farmayan
Discussant: Ali Gheissari

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Misc. Papers, Dec. 9, 8:00-10:00 am
Education and State Building: A Comparison of Republican Turkey and Pahlavi Iran (Faith Childress)
The Seljuk-Il-Khanid Conflict and the Armenian Confraternity of Erznka (S. Peter Cowe)
The Reign of Hasan-Jalal-Daula, Armenian Ally of Hulagu Khan (Robert H. Hewsen)
The Economy of Armenia in the Il-Khanid Period (T.A. Sinclair)

Misc. Papers, Dec. 9, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Discourses of a Sufi Mahdi: Muhammad Nurbakhsh (d 1464) on Shi’ism, Sufism and the Imamate (Shahzad Bashir)
Religious Righteousness and Political Rationale: Politics and Religion in Qajar Isfahan, 1866-1907 (Heidi Walcher)
Samuel Greene Wheeler Benjamin: Unorthodox Observer of the Middle East (James Goode)

Misc. Papers, Dec. 9, 1:30-3:30 pm
The Urban-Rural Divide and the Transformation of Social Identity: An Iranian Case Study (Kaveh Ehsani)
Shi’ite Modernists and Theological Acrobatics (Mehrzad Boroujerdi)
Language, Tone, and Point of View in Bozorg Alavi’s ‘The Man from Gilan’ (Stuart Hancox)

Misc. Papers, Dec. 9, 4:00-6:00 pm
Redating the Gunbad-i Jabaliyya, Kirman (Bernard O’Kane)
The Making of an Art History: An Album Made for Bahram Mirza in 1544 (David Roxburgh)
Mahdism and Political Development in Iran (Mehrdad Mashayekhi)
NEW MEMBERS

Individual membership in SIS now stands at 327 and institutional membership at 174. We are still striving to attain an individual membership of 400 and an institutional membership of 200. We welcome the following people to membership in SIS:

Jamshid Amouzegar
Fereidoun Arbabi
Julie O. and Heshmat Badiee
Reza Farahani
Parichehr Farsad
Ahmet T. Karamustafa
Zayn Kassam-Hann
Anthony Kouchak

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Nasser Pol
Giorgio Rota
David Roxburgh
Layla Saidi

Kazem Sajjadpour
Djavad Salehi-Isfahani
Mani Shabrang
Nayereh Tohidi and Kazem Alamdari
Keith Weissman
Mohammed Zarnegar

DONATIONS TO SIS

SIS would like to thank Mr. Anthony Kouchak and Arang Keshavarzian for an over-and-above donations to the Society. Such donations are always very much appreciated!

SIS ROSTER OF MEMBERS PUBLISHED

Members of SIS should all have received copies of the Roster of Members, 1995 during the summer. We hope to publish such a roster every two years. In the meantime, you should all be able to network more effectively with your colleagues in SIS.

Despite our best intentions, however, there were a few errors and omissions in the roster (blush!). Please copy this section of your newsletter and put it with your roster, so your records will be as complete as ours.

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Shiva Balaghi is now in Women’s Studies at the University of Michigan.

SIS FLYER PUBLISHED  
A one-page flyer describing the Society for Iranian Studies and including a membership blank has been produced at the Secretariat for SIS in Seattle. This flyer is designed to be a membership recruitment tool. So... if you have friends or students who would be interested in joining SIS, please let Charlotte Albright know. She will be happy to send flyers to potential members. Also, anyone wishing to have a copy (or copies) of this flyer may request one (or more).

1996 SIS CONFERENCE POSTPONED  
Nineteen ninety-five has been a tremendously busy year for SIS. Journal Editor Abbas Amanat has published close to two years’ worth of journals in one year, we have published several newsletters, a Roster, created an up-to-date database for both individual and institutional members and we could go on. Unfortunately, all of this has taken money; we are paying for all this progress with dues we have collected for one year. We reluctantly decided that we did not have the extra money and energy to devote to a top quality conference in May, 1996. We hope to do better in 1997. Anyone who would like to help with the conference in 1997 should let Charlotte Albright know care of the return address.

THE IRAN REPORT—A NEW MONTHLY  
In July, 1995, Eric Hooglund and Scott Harrop announced the publication of a new monthly newsletter, The Iran Report. This newsletter is being published by the Society for American-Iranian Dialogue (SAID), which was founded as an educational, non-profit, and non-partisan organization. The Iran Report aims to provide accurate and timely information about developments inside Iran as well as the diversity of viewpoints both in Tehran and Washington, D.C. For more information or to subscribe, contact the editors at P.O. Box 56, Keene, VA 22946. Email: <wsh2w@virginia.edu>.

IRANIAN WOMEN WRITING PROJECT  
Two women, Bookda Gheisar of Seattle, and Christine Lymbertos of San Francisco, plan to publish an anthology entitled Iranian Women Writing Resistance in Autumn of 1997. The anthology will contain fiction and nonfiction writing representing the diversity of Iranian women’s experiences. The editors invite submissions for this publication. Topics could be (but are not limited to) cultural traditions and resistance, gender and resistance, sexuality and resistance, political activism and resistance, creativity and resistance, and class/social status
and resistance. **Deadline for submissions is December 30, 1995.** For further information, contact Christine Lymbertos, 1279-6th Ave., #1, San Francisco, CA 94122.

**CIRA CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Center for Iranian Research & Analysis (CIRA) will hold its Fourteenth Annual Conference on March 28-31, 1996 at Coventry University in the United Kingdom. The general theme of the conference is **Iran and the Emerging Global Order.** In addition to papers on this theme, a variety of panels dealing with such issues as oil and development, religion, society, culture, literature, art, environmental issues, politics, economy, conflict resolution, and security issues will be offered. Please send your proposals for preorganized panels, workshops or individual papers by **November 17, 1995** to Dr. Kamran Mofid, CIRA Conference Convener, Coventry Business School, Coventry University, Coventry, England CV1 5FB. FAX: 01203-838400. Please include a title and an abstract (300-400 words) for each paper proposal.

**NEWS OF SOCIETAS IRANOLOGICA EUROPAEA**

**THIRD SOCIETAS IRANOLOGICA EUROPAEA CONVEINED**

The third meeting of the Societas Iranologica Europaea took place at Cambridge, England, September 11-15. For information about the papers delivered at this conference, contact Charles Melville, Centre of Middle Eastern Studies, Sidgwick Ave., Cambridge CB3 9DA, Great Britain.

An international symposium on “Documents for the Economic History of Iran” hosted by the SIE will be held in Strasbourg in September, 1997. People wishing to participate need to submit a brief abstract of their papers by November 30, 1995. For information, contact Maria Szuppe, CNRS-Université des Sciences Humaines de Strasbourg, 22 rue René Descartes, 67084 Strasbourg CEDEX, FRANCE.

**INTENSIVE ADVANCED TURKISH LANGUAGE STUDY**

Intensive Advanced Turkish will be offered July/August, 1996, at Bosphorus University in Istanbul. The course is sponsored by the American Research Institute in Turkey and administered by Washington University in St. Louis, MO. For more information, phone 314-935-5166, FAX 314-935-7462, or email <sandrew@artsci.wustl.edu>.

**OSTAD ELAHI HONORED**

The New York portion of an international symposium commemorating the centennial of Ostad Elahi (1895-1974) was convened September 22-23, 1995 at New York University. The title of the program was “Spirituality: Plurality and Unity” and included seminars in science, media, ethics and society, philosophy and human sciences, art and music, and religion. For further information about the proceedings, contact Paula J. Donnolo, Esq. of the Noor Foundation, tel. 212-749-0100 or FAX 212-280-3303.

**NEWS OF PUBLICATIONS**

**Recent Publications in English and French:**


---------, *Quand les impôts fleurissent à Téhéran: Taxes municipales et formation de l’espace public*, Les Cahiers du CERI
no. 12, 1995. 31 pages with English summary.


Recent Publications in Persian:
Provided by Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi

References:


Fihris-i mawzūl-i māshūh-i muzakārat-i Maḥāsī-yi Shūrā-yī İslāmī. Tehran: Sāzmān-i Madārık-i Farhangī-i Inqilāb-I İslāmī, 1373


Religion, Mysticism, Philosophy:


 Education, Politics, Sociology:


 Linguistics and Lexicography:


Arts and Literature:


Persian Periodicals:

Ashāh, Sāl 4:15 (Zimistān 1373).

Ādīyā, Shumārāh 99-100 (Naw Rūz 1374).

Āqāhānāmah, Sāl 1:6 (Bahār 1373).


Daftar-I humār (New Jersey). Sāl 2:3 (Isfand 1373).

Fiqh: Kāvūsh gīzār dar fiqh-I Islāmī, Shumārāh 12 (Zimistān 1373).

Gerdūn, Sāl 6, shumārāh-I 48-49 (Urdibihisht va Khurād 1374).

Gulhānā: nasrīvah-I dānishjūyā-I Dānishkhādāh-I Adabiyyāt-I Dānishghādāh-I Tarbiyat-I Mu'allīmīn, Shumārāh 1 (1374).

Hawzah, Shumārāh 63-64 (Mardād-Ābān 1373).

Hūzūr, Dāwrah 2:9 (Zimistān 1373).

'ilm va Jām’āh (Washington, D.C.). Shumārāh 131 (Shahrvār 1374).

Iran namāh (Bethesda, MD). Sāl 13:4 (Tabīstān 1374).

Iran shīrāzī (Rockville, Md). Sāl 7:1 (Bahār 1374).

Kūk, Shumārāh 58-59 (Day-Bahār 1373).

Kītāb-I tawst’é, Jīlī 8 (1374).

Kārnāmāh (Paris). Shumārāh 1 (Pāyīz 1373).

Kīyān (Tehran). Shumārāh 19 (Khurād 1373).

Māhānāmah-I Markaz-I Zārūshūfīān-I Kātifumīyā, Shumārāh 90 (Ābān-Āzar 1373).

Mīshkāt, Shumārāh 44 (Pā’īz 1373).

Mutali-āt-I Āsyā-ye Markaz-I va Oafoz, Dāwrah 2, sāl 3, Shumārāh 8 (Zimistān 1373).

Muturīm, Sāl 4, shumārāh 15 (Pāyīz 1373).

Nāmāh-I muftí, faslāmāh-I Dār al-'ilm-Mufrīd, Sāl 1, Shumārāh 1 (1374).

Nasrīvah-I Dānishkhādāh-I Adabiyyāt va 'Uthmān-I Insīm-I Dānishghādāh-I Tabrız, Sāl 6, musalsal 148-49 (Zimistān 1372 (1374)).