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The Social Sciences and Humanities in Iran: Possibilities and Constraints

9-10 October 2024

Timetable

Day 1

Wednesday, 9 October 2024

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:15	Opening Remarks Speaker Mehran Kamrava
10:15-11:15	Keynote Lecture Future of Islamic Iran Under President Masoud Pezeshkian Moderator: Mehran Kamrava Speaker Sadegh Zibakalam
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:45	Panel 1: Challenges to Academia in Iran Moderator: Hani Awad Hossein Mousavi: Third Generation of Politicians in Iran: A Shift in Occidentalism, Clerical Authority, and Islamization of Humanities and Social Sciences Elaheh Koolaee: Impacts of International Sanctions on Research, Publication, and Academic Exchanges Hessam Habibi Doroh: Neglected Research with Neglected Data: Barriers and Opportunities in Research on Sunni Muslims in Contemporary Iran
12:45-14:00	Lunch

<p>14:00-15:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 2: History and Academia in Iran</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Issam Nassar</p> <p>Mohsen Amin and Masoud Zalizadeh: Historical Report on the Rise and Fall of the Social Sciences in Iran</p> <p>Hossein Kamaly: Iranian History and Historiography: Perspectives and Prospects</p> <p>Mandana Tishehyar: Internationalization of Higher Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences: An Iranian University's Experiences</p>
<p>15:15-15:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>15:30-16:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 3: Islamization of Academia in Iran</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Mohammed Hemchi</p> <p>Golnar Mehran: Islamization and Politicization of Social Sciences in Iranian Schools</p> <p>Mohammad Homayounvash: Indigenization of the Social Sciences in Iran, Institutional Inertia, and State-Academia Discord</p> <p>Atieh Tavasoli: Alternative Paradigms or Ideological Alignment? The Duality of Islamic Social Science</p>

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Day 2

Thursday, 10 October 2024

9:30-10:45	<p>Panel 4: Background Look into Academia in Iran</p> <p>Moderator: Emad Kaddorah</p> <p>Younes Nourbakhsh: The Modernization Process and the Formation and Development of Sociology in Iran</p> <p>Ahmad Kurdiea: The Third Cultural Revolution in Iran: Ideology and the Humanities Crisis</p> <p>Sara Roshani and Alireza Koohkan: Bridging the Gap: Addressing the Challenge of Language and Access to Scholarship Produced Outside Iran</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:15	<p>Panel 5: Precarity and Disconnect in Iranian Academia</p> <p>Moderator: Abdou Moussa</p> <p>Mehrdad Arabestani: Academic Precariat: Practicing Social Sciences in Iran</p> <p>Zahra Karimi Moughari: Disconnection between the Teaching of Economics and Iran's Economic Challenges and Its Impact on Students Enthusiasm for Studying Economics</p> <p>Kristin Soraya Batmanghelichi: Out of Place: Iranian Academics-in-the-making and the Limbo of Perpetual Precarity</p>
12:15-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30-13:45	<p>Panel 6: Academia in Iran from Different Perspectives</p> <p>Moderator: Aicha Elbasri</p> <p>Maziar Mozaffari Falarti: Bridging the Scholarly Divide: Iran's Strategic Pivot to Asia and the Foreign Policy Imperative of Asian Studies in Academia</p> <p>Mostafa Bostani and Ahmad Bostani: Javad Tabatabai and Academic Indigenization in Contemporary Iran: From Critique of Nativism to "National" Academia</p> <p>Mohammad Mazhari*: Islamic Sociology Versus Secular Sociology: A Question of Explanation</p>

13:45-14:45	Lunch
14:45-16:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 7: The Social Sciences in Iran</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Rana Sibli</p> <p>Abdolmehdi Riazi: Social Sciences and Humanities Research in Post-Islamic Revolution Iran: The Case of the <i>Journal of Methodology of Social Sciences and Humanities</i></p> <p>Mehran Esmaeili: Humanities and Social Sciences in Iranian <i>Howzehs</i>: A Review of the Activities of <i>Howzeh</i> Advanced Education Institutions in Recent Decades</p> <p>Hamid Ahmadi: The Tragedy of Humanities and Social Sciences in Iran: Contending Schools of Knowledge</p>
16:00-16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mehran Kamrava</p>

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