

Constructing Nationalism in Iran

from the Qajars to the Islamic Republic

International Workshop, Tel-Aviv University, 10-12 June 2013, Gilman 133

Monday, June 10

09:00-09:20 **Reception**
Opening Session

09:20-09:30 **Greetings**

09:30-10:30 **Gust Lecture**
Chair: Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University

Nationalism in the Middle East: The Case of Egyptian Nationalism
Israel Gershoni, Tel Aviv University

10:30-12:30 **Panel 1: Overviews of Iranian Nationalism**

Persian-Iranian National Identity: The Long Durée, from Achaemenid Times Onward
Azar Gat, Tel Aviv University

Convoluting Nationalism in Iran
Eliz Sanasarian, University of South California

Iranian Nationalism and Narratives of the Enlightenment
Ali Ansari, University of St. Andrews

12:30-12:40 – **Break**

12:40-14:00 **Panel 2: Nationalism during the Constitutional Revolution**
Chair: Liora Hendelman-Baavur, Tel Aviv University

Gendering the Nation: Masculinities and Nationalism in the Discourse of the Constitutional Revolution
Sivan Balslev, Tel Aviv University

Nationalism and Islam in a Provincial Setting: Late Qajar Isfahan
Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University

14:00-15:30 – **Lunch break**

15:30-17:30 **Panel 3: Nationalism under the Qajars**
Chair: Eliz Sanasarian, University of South California

Setting Nationalist Agendas? Legacies and Contrasts from the Late Qajar Era
Joanna De Groot, University of York

On the Way to the Formation of National Identity in Qajar Iran
Nugzar Teroganov, Tel Aviv University

The Course of Human Solidarity: `Abdu'l-Bahá's Critique of Nationalistic Particularism
Negar Mottahedeh, Duke University

Tuesday, June 11

09:00-11:00 **Panel 4: Nationalism and Minorities**
Chair: David Yeroushalmi, Tel Aviv Univ

Beyond Boundaries: Iranian Azeris in an Age of Globalization
Geoffrey F. Gresh, National Defense University

Iranian Jews or Jewish Iranians - the Jews in Iran and their quest for Iranian Identity
Miriam Nissimov, Tel Aviv University

Excluded and Integrated: Jews of Iran and Iranian Nationalism in the Second Half of the 20th Century
Orly R. Rahimiyan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

11:00-11:20 - **Break**

11:10-13:00 **Panel 5: Nationalizing the Periphery: The Persian Gulf in Iranian Nationalism**
Chair: Bernard Hourcade, Monde Iranien, CNRS

Nationalist Representations of the Persian Gulf under Reza Shah Pahlavi
Chelsi Mueller, Tel Aviv University

Surveying Arab 'Shaykhdoms' in the Persian Gulf: Iranian Nationalism, Public Discourse, and Newspaperman Abbas Masudi, 1966-1973
Camron Michael Amin, University of Michigan

13:00-14:30 – **Lunch break**

14:30-16:50 **Panel 6: Pahlavi Nationalism**
Chair: Ali Ansari, University of St. Andrews

What's "National" about Smoking Opium? The Changing Roles of Opium-Consumption in Iran from the Qajar Era to the Early Pahlavi Period
Ram Regavim, Tel Aviv University

"A Line with no Order" - On the Quest for Order and the Search for Authentic Iranian-ness in Pahlavi Iran
Menahem Merhavi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:50-17:10 - **Break**

17:10-18:30 **Panel 7: Shi'i Revivalism and Iranian Nationalism**
Chair: Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse University

Khoda va Mihan: The Relationship between Religion and Nationalism in the Thought of Morteza Mottahari
Ze'ev Maghen, Bar Ilan University

Alone in the Middle: The Iranian Nation and Khomeini's Political Theology
Ori Goldberg, Tel Aviv University

Wednesday, June 12

09:00-11:00 **Panel 8: Nationalism and Islamism under the Islamic Republic**
Chair: Camron Michael Amin, University of Michigan

Islamic Vision versus National Interests in Iran's Revolutionary Policy
David Menashri, Tel Aviv University & The College of Law and Business

Nationalism in the political identity of the Islamic Republic of Iran: challenged or strengthened by Islamism and Globalization?
Bernard Hourcade, Monde Iranien, CNRS

Iranian Nationality, Islamic Unity and Shia in Iranian Regional Policy: From the Pahlavis to the Islamic Republic
Raz Zimmt, Tel Aviv University

11:00-11:20 - **Break**

11:20-13:20 **Panel 9: Nationalism, Culture and Politics under the Islamic Republic**
Chair: Joanna De Groot, University of York

Provincial Elites and Nationalism under the Islamic Republic
Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse University

Guarding the Nation: The Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Nationalism, and the Iran-Iraq War
Annie Tracy Samuel, Tel Aviv University

The Farhangestan between Nationalism and Islamism
Thamar Eilam Gindin, University of Haifa

13:20-15:00 – **Lunch break**

15:00-17:00 **Panel 10: Representations of Nationalism under the Islamic Republic**
Chair: Geoffrey F. Gresh, National Defense University

"Death Becomes You": Iran's National Commemoration of Martyrs on the World Wide Web
Liora Hendelman-Baavur, Tel Aviv University

Repackaging the Present through Recycling the Past: Ahmadinejad's Eslam-e Irani and Factional Politics in the IRI
Shahram Kholdi, University of Western Ontario

Fluctuations in Iran's National Identity: Representations in the Islamic Republic's School Textbooks
Eldad J. Pardo, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Concluding Remarks: **Meir Litvak**, Tel Aviv University



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