

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 Islam-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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