



June 4-7, 2008, Eighth IQSA Conference:

Social Positioning and Every Day Life in Qajar Persia

Wednesday June 4: International Institute of Social History, Cruquiusweg 31, Amsterdam

Thursday and Friday June 5-6: Leiden University, Kamerlingh Onnes Building,

Faculty of Law, Steenschuur 25, Room C13

Saturday June 7: Gallery van Waning,

exhibition Persian Coffee House Paintings 'Traditional Persian Art',

Westersingel 35, 3014 GS, Rotterdam

Three-day Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 4, Amsterdam:

Introductions

14.30: Opening of conference with drinks and exhibition at the IISH in Amsterdam.

Opening paper by Touraj Atabaki

Paper by Nayer Glenn-Mostofi.

18.30: Dinner in Amsterdam.

Thursday, June 5, Leiden:

New Sources and Methods for the Study of Social History of Qajar Persia.

9.30: Registration conference at Leiden University, book tables open.

Morning Session Chair: *Touraj Atabaki*.

9.55: Opening Address.

10.00: *Iraj Afshar* by proxy.

10.40: *Nahid Nosrat-Mozaffari*, What Do We Know About the Lives of Qajar Women?

11.20: Coffee break, book tables open.

11.50: *Kaveh Bayat*.

12.30: Lunch.

Afternoon Session.

13.30: *Ferydoun Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn*.

14.05: *Abbas Amanat* by proxy.

14.45: Tea break.

15.00: *Reza Sheikh*.

15.40: Final Discussions First Day, moderator *Hans Timmermans*.

16.15: Official opening and visit of exhibition 'Eyes on Persia' (photographs from the Hotz Collection) at the Leiden University Library by KFA chair *Ferial Lucas-Nikpour*. [Cocktails and drinks served].

17.00: IQSA business meeting, book tables open.

19.00: Conference dinner, Leiden.

Friday, June 6, Leiden:

Aspects of Social Positioning in Qajar Persia.

9.30: Registration, book tables open.

Morning Session Chair *Amir Farman Farma*.

9.55: Opening second day.

10.00: *Houchang Chehabi*, The Proliferation of Titles in the late Qajar Era.



Mandana Ghajar and Dr. Sara Khosrovani at the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam June 4, 2008.



Prof. Dr. Touraj Atabaki, L.A. Ferydoun Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn and Nayer Glenn-Mostofi at the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam June 4, 2008.



Niloufar Mostofi, Dr. Ghaffar Farman-Farmaian, Nayer Glenn-Mostofi, Prof. Dr. Touraj Atabaki and Fereshteh Khosrovani-Pishvaei at the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam June 4, 2008.

10.40: *Ali Gheissari*, A Physician of Body Politic in late Qajar Iran: Hajj Mohtasham al-Saltaneh on 'Causes of Our Misery and its Cure'.

11.20: Coffee break, book tables open.

Afternoon Session Chair *Nahid Nosrat-Mozaffari*.

11.40: *Stephanie Cronin*.

12.20: *Manoutchehr M. Eskandari-Qajar*, The Negarestan Murals and Dynastic Positioning.

13.00: Final discussions, moderator *Hans Timmermans*.

13.30: Lunch.

Saturday, June 7:

12.00: Lunch at Bazaar in Rotterdam.

14.30: Opening exhibition Persian Coffee House Paintings 'Traditional Persian Art', Van Waning Gallery, Westersingel 35, 3014 GS, Rotterdam.

19.30: Dinner at the Koninklijke Roei- en Zeil Vereniging 'De Maas' in Rotterdam.

Prof. Dr. Ali Gheissari presenting his paper, with left: Dr. Manoutchehr M. Eskandari-Qajar and right: Dr. Nahid Nosrat-Mozaffari, Leiden June 6, 2008





Top, left: Dr. Corien Vuurman at the occasion of the opening of the exhibition Eyes on Persia, photographs from the Hotz Collection, Leiden University Library, June 5, 2008.

Top, right: Before the opening of the Exhibition, June 5, 2008.

Left: Carmen Pérez González, Dr. Reza Sheikh and Dr. Corien Vuurman, June 5, 2008..



Right: Dr. Sahar Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn-Khosrovani and Antoine Hedayat-Pagesteher, Leiden June 5, 2008.



Fereshteh Khosrovani-Pishvae and Ferial Lucas-Nikpour at the exhibition Eyes on Persia, Leiden June 5, 2008.



Dr. Stephanie Cronin, Dr. Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar and Jennifer Scarce at the exhibition Eyes on Persia, Leiden June 5, 2008.



Professors Touraj Atabaki, Ali Gheissari and Houchang Chehabi at the exhibition Eyes on Persia, Leiden June 5, 2008.

Antoine Hedayat-Pagenstecher, Eylah Kadjar, Dr. Sahar Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn and Fereshteh Khosrovani-Pishvae at the exhibition Eyes on Persia, Leiden June 5, 2008.



Dr. Sahar Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Hans Timmermans, Fereshteh Khosrovani-Pishvae, Nayer Glenn-Mostofi and Dr. Sara Khosrovani at the exhibition Eyes on Persia, Leiden June 5, 2008.



prof. Dr. Ali Gheissari, Eylah Kadjar, Bahman Farmanfarmaian and Dr. Ghaffar Farmanfarmaian at the exhibition Eyes on Persia, Leiden June 5, 2008.



Some abstracts

The Proliferation of Titles in the late Qajar Era

Houchang Chehabi is professor of international relations and history at Boston University

In 1925 the Fifth Majles abolished titles. This paper examines this legislative move in light of the inflation of titles that occurred in the early 20th century. It uses parliamentary debates, newspaper articles, and memoir literature to shed light on the motives of the move and its outcome.

Dynastic Positioning: What the Negarestan Mural Tells Us

Manoutchehr M. Eskandari-Qajar, Professor, Department of Political Science, SBCC

The central panel of the famous Salaam Ceremony of the Negarestan paintings tells more than the story of Fath Ali Shah's fecundity. It is a record of dynastic precedence and succession as willed by Agha Mohammad Khan and reinforced by Fath Ali Shah. This paper will explore the identities of the 12 princes in the central panel and speculate on the reasons for the placement of each in their particular position in that painting and on the importance of that placement within the larger dynastic designs the mural was intended to reinforce.

A Physician of Body Politic in late Qajar Iran: Hajj Mohtasham al-Saltaneh on 'Causes of Our Misery and its Cure'

Ali Gheissari, Professor, Department of History, University of San Diego

This talk analysed one example of reformist writing in the post-Constitutional period, *Causes of our Misery and its Cure*, written by Mohtasham al-Saltaneh Esfandiari (1866-1945), a late Qajar and early Pahlavi statesman. It was argued that the author shared with a range of reformist writers certain views on progress, discovered similar impediments to reform, and proposed remedies along common lines. The text (published in 1921) was viewed as a sample of the kind of reform manifesto that appeared in the years following the Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911. By advocating centralization, economic growth, and institution building, these writings anticipated attempts at change that soon followed in the Pahlavi era.

What Do We Know About the Lives of Qajar Women?

Nahid Nosrat-Mozaffari, Adjunct Professor, New York University and School of Visual Arts, New York

This paper presented a review of literature on women in the Qajar period, and offered a critique of some of the research perspectives and methods utilised in this literature. An outline was suggested of the considerable amount of historical research that needs to be done in this field, highlighting perspectives and methods which would provide a more accurate picture of the lives of women in the Qajar period. A major premise of this paper was the injunction to avoid reiterative history writing, to avoid using tired sign posts as turning points, (eg. tobacco rebellion, constitutional revolution), to avoid the presumption of homogeneity and static continuity in any period (eg. oppression/silence vs. "awakening"), to factor in differences of ethnicity, class, and urban/rural/pastoral situation as important in considerations of gender, and to insist on the use of visual material as a valid source of history.



Left: Guiv Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Shayan Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn and Lily Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn with Faranak Nikpour Naini. Right: Faranak Nikpour Naini with Lily Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Conference Lunch at Restaurant Bazar, Rotterdam, June 7, 2008.



Left: Bahman Farmanfarmaian, Dr. Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar and Terrence Tehranian, Conference Drinks and Dinner, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Right: Dr. Ghaffar Farman-Farmaian, Goly Nayeri, Terrence Tehranian and Faranak Nikpour Naini, Conference Drinks and Dinner, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Above: Antoine Hedayat-Pagenstecher, Ferydoun Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Terrence Tehranian and Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Dr. Ghaffar Farman-Farmaian and Dr. Said Sabeti, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Dr. Sara Khosrovani, Dr. Sahar Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Fereshteh Khosrovani-Pishvae, Goly Nayeri and Jennifer Scarce, seen on the back Fabian Zwart, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Above: Houchang Chahabi, Jennifer Scarce, Terrence Tehranian, Hans Timmermans, Dr. Sara Khosrovani, Antoine Hedayat-Pagenstecher, Fabian zwart and Faranak Nikpour Naini, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Shayan Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.

Right: Dr. Sara Khosrovani and Ferial Lucas-Nikpor Naini, IQSA Lunch at Restaurant Bazar, Rotterdam, June 7, 2008.



Dr. Sahar Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn, Prof. Dr. Touraj Atabaki and Nazafarine Heinen-Rokni, at the back, Prof. Dr. Ali gheissari, Antoine Hedayat-pagenstecher and Mehrdod Khajeh Nouri, Conference Dinner, Koninklijke Roei- en Zeilvereeniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.

Right: Stephanie Cronin, Dr. Sara Khosrovani, Terrence Tehranian and Prof. Dr. Houchang Chehabi, IQSA Lunch at Restaurant Bazar, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Faranak Nikpour Naini, Antoine Hedayat-Pagenstecher and Nicholas Heinen, Koninklijke Roeien Zeilvereniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.



Hans Timmermans, Jennifer Scarce, Dr. Sahar Barjesteh van Waalwijk van Doorn-Khosrovani, Prof. Dr. Touraj Atabaki, Nazafarine Heinen-Rokni, Ferial Lucas-Nikpour Naini, Dr. Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar, Goly Nayeri, Bahman Farmanfarmaian, Prof. Dr. Houchang Chehabi, Dr. Ghaffar Farmanfarmaian, N.N., Dr. Said Sabeti, Fereshteh Khosrovani-Pishvae and Fabian Zwart. Koninklijke Roeien Zeilvereniging De Maas, Rotterdam June 7, 2008.

