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Please take advantage of the early registration discount.

Registration fees: All fees payable in US dollars (Fees do not include meals)

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Please check appropriate box	(UNTIL JUNE 1, 2008)	JUNE 1 – JUNE 20, 2008	AFTER JUNE 20, 2008
Full conference registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140
One day registration including evening performance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55
Registration for evening program	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35

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2008 Conference Theme The Essential Needs of the Iranian Woman Today

Despite a myriad of social and legal setbacks in the last thirty years wherein Iranian women lost many of the rights they had attained in the past 100 years, they have continuously strived to improve their social and political status. Consequently they have established their presence in different spheres of life, particularly that of civil society. This conference will examine the socio-political needs of the Iranian woman in regards to ethnicity, gender, religion, class background, sexuality, and sexual orientation.

Proposals were submitted exploring the following questions as they relate to Iranian women both in Iran and diaspora:

- 1) What are the different tendencies within the Iranian women's movement? How do they propose to go about fulfilling the essential needs of the Iranian woman?
- 2) What are the possible obstacles and challenges in addressing these needs?
- 3) How do women mutually influence each other in their efforts to address and realize these needs?
- 4) What role do notions of ethnicity, gender, religion, class background, sexuality and sexual orientation play in the articulation and realization of these needs?
- 5) How have these needs been reflected upon and manifested in the sphere of the arts and literature?
- 6) What are the critical needs of the younger generation of Iranian women?

Additional panels exploring the following issues in more depth:

- 1) The impact of the global economic and political forces on the issues of gender and women's rights in the Middle East.
- 2) Different tendencies within the Iranian women's movement.



Statement of Purpose

The Iranian Women's Studies Foundation (IWSF) is a non-profit organization. It has no affiliation to any political or religious group or organization, and aims to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on issues related to Iranian women, to disseminate information on Iranian women's achievements, and to establish a network of communication among communities of Iranian women the world over.

The main activity of IWSF consists of annual international conferences wherein a theme related to Iranian women is approached through scholarly presentations, art exhibitions, and artistic or dramatic performances. The history of Iran has consisted, for the most part, of male-dominated narratives and accounts of men's exploits and achievements. IWSF attempts to offer a different perspective on Iran's history by protecting, preserving and propagating the works of Iranian women. Since 1990, IWSF has conducted annual conferences in various cities around the world. At these gatherings, academics and professionals interested in issues related to Iranian women congregate to share the result of their research, to celebrate the artistic accomplishments of Iranian women, and to exchange ideas and plans for the future. IWSF publishes the proceedings of its annual conferences in the Conference Proceedings of IWSF in which works by and about Iranian women are collected annually.

The 19th International
Conference of the Iranian
Women's Studies Foundation
(IWSF)

The Essential Needs of
the Iranian Woman
Today



July 4-6, 2008

Wheeler Auditorium

University of California
Berkeley, U.S.A

Friday July 4

9:00	Registration
11:00	Welcoming Address: Local Organizing Committee
11:30	Hammed Shahidian Award: Nahid Shahidian (Canada)
12:00	Lunch Break
1:30	Keynote Speaker: Cherrie L. Moraga (USA)
2:15	Partow Nooriala (USA) <i>The Necessity of Shattering the Traditional Images of Women in Cinema</i>
3:15	Afternoon Break
3:30	Woman of the Year Program
5:00	Music: Looly women's group (Germany)
6:00	Art Exhibit Reception
8:00	Play: <i>In Memory of Kazem Ashtari</i> written by Sepideh Khosrowjah, performed by Darvag Theatre Group (USA)

Each speaker has 20 minutes.
Open discussion and question and answer session for 20 minutes
10 minutes after open discussion for speaker to finalize

Saturday July 5

9:00	Registration
9:30	IWSF Address: Golnaz Amin (USA)
10:00	Middle East Panel Donya Ziaee representing Iran (Canada), Nadjie Al Ali, Iraq (UK), Amal Amireh; Palestine (USA): <i>The Impact of the Global Economic and Political Forces on Issues of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East</i>
12:00	Lunch Break
1:45	Sharareh Shahrokhi (USA): <i>The Right to Choose "What-to-Wear": An Essential Need for an Iranian Woman or a Superfluous One?</i>
2:45	Pardis Mahdavi (USA): <i>Changing Conceptions of Risk Taking Amongst Urban Iranian Women</i>
3:45	Afternoon Break
4:00	Women's Movement Panel Discussion Farzaneh Raji (Iran), Farnaz Saify (Iran), Soheila Vahdati Bana (USA): <i>Various Tendencies Within the Iranian Women's Movement</i>
6:00	Dinner Break
8:00	Performing Arts: Concert: Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghmai(USA) Concert: Mahsa & Marjan Vahdat (Iran)

Sunday July 6

9:00	Registration
9:30	Roja Bandari (USA) and Mahnaz Shirali (France): <i>Critical Needs of the Younger Generation of Iranian Women</i>
10:50	Break
11:00	Sanam Dolatshahi (USA): <i>A Space of One's Own: A Look at the Role of Information Communication Technologies and Women's Movement Feminist Web Sites in Iran</i>
12:00	Lunch Break
2:00	Panel Discussion Afsaneh Kalantary (USA), Soraya Fallah (USA), Sakineh (Sorur) Sahebi (Germany): <i>How do Women, Living Inside and Outside Iran, Mutually Influence Each Other in their Efforts to Address and Realize their Needs?</i>
4:00	Afternoon break
4:30	Conference Evaluation
8:00	Celebration Party

Simultaneous translation from English to Persian and Persian to English is available at the conference upon request

Please Note:

- All fees are in US dollars
- Students are eligible for a 40% discount
- Registration fee does not include meals and childcare
- Donation to cover registration for _____ other people
- Donations of \$250 or more are tax deductible (contact us for more information)
- Credit cards are not accepted
- Keep a copy of your check as your receipt
- Fees will not be refunded. Substitutions are allowed at no charge
- Tickets and other conference information will be provided at the conference
- Children under 10 will not be allowed at the conference location. No age limit for all others
- If you need simultaneous translation at the conference please check one
 English to Persian Persian to English
- Please list any ADA Special Needs: _____

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Please mail completed registration form and your payment to:

<p>Mailing Address: IWSF P.O. Box 16102 Oakland, CA 94610 USA</p> <p>Email: IWSF2008@yahoo.com Web address: www.IWSF.org Tel: 1-408-317-2240 Fax: 1-650-386-5170</p>
