



The 19th International Annual 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

Friday July 4, 2008	Morning	9:00	Registration	
		11:00	Welcoming Address: Local Organizing Committee	
		11:30	Hammed Shahidian Award: Nahid Shahidian(Canada)	
		12:00	Lunch Break	
	Afternoon	1:30	Keynote Speaker : Cherrie L. Moraga (USA)	
		2:15	Partow Noorila (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	
	Evening	5:00	Music: <i>Looly women's group (Germany)</i>	
		6:00	Art Exhibit Reception	
		8:00	Play: <i>In Memory of Kazem Ashtari</i> , written by Sepideh Khosrowjeh, Performed by Darvag Theater Group(USA)	
	Saturday July 5, 2008	Morning	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 the Issues of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East.</i>	
12:00			Lunch Break	
Afternoon		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	
Evening		4:00	Women's Movement Panel discussion: Farzaneh Raji (Iran), Farnaz Saifi (Iran), Soheila Vahdati Bana (USA) <i>Various Tendencies Within the Iranian Women's Movement.</i>	
		6:00	Dinner Break	
		8:00	Performing Arts: Concert: <i>Raeeka Shehahi- Yaghmai(USA)</i> Concert: <i>Mahsa & Marjan Vahdat (Iran)</i>	
Sunday July 6, 2008		Morning	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>	
	Afternoon	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 of Iran, Mutually Influence Each Other in Their Efforts to Address and Realize Their Needs?</i>	
	Evening	4:00	Afternoon Break	
		4:30	Conference Evaluation	
		8:00	Celebration Party	

1) Each speaker has 20 minutes.

2) Open discussion and question and answer session for 20 minutes.

3) Ten minutes after open discussion for speaker to finalize.

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