



## **Hammed Shahidian Critical Feminist Paper Award**

Hammed Shahidian (1959-2005)

Hammed Shahidian's premature death has left us with a total sense of loss; loss of a dear friend, a committed academic, a gentle male soul who dedicated his scholarly and political life to the enhancement of women's rights and feminism. Hammed's voluminous contribution on the struggle of Iranian women, in general, and secular and leftist women, in particular, was unique and outstanding. He began his research and activism in feminist sociology at a time when 'feminism' was going through theoretical turns, which left very little space for the bold and daring scholarship that Hammed was engaged in. As an Iranian male scholar, he took feminism earnestly. Those of us who were in touch with him witnessed his unwavering personal, political, and intellectual commitment to secular feminist scholarship. He did not want to leave this world without finishing his books. His love for life and desire to leave behind critical and emancipatory scholarship will keep his memory alive. Hammed is sadly missed, but his commitment to change the oppressive status quo will inspire generations of women and men.

In memory of Hammed and in continuing his scholarship, the Iranian Women's Studies Foundation has established the **Hammed Shahidian Critical Feminist Paper** at the 2006 IWSF Montreal Conference.

Deadline: The paper must be submitted by May 15, 2009.

1. The paper may be about Iranian women's studies in the social sciences, humanities and the arts.
2. The paper should be unpublished.
3. The paper must be submitted and written in Persian or English.
4. The paper must be accompanied by an abstract of no more than 200 words.
5. The paper should follow a consistent way of writing, stating the problem, presenting evidence, analysis of evidence and conclusions, organized under proper subheadings with a bibliography.
6. The paper should not exceed 5000 words (excluding the bibliography).
7. The paper should be submitted double spaced online or in print. . Please have your name clearly marked on all documents. Papers will not be returned.

**Level of Competition:** Applicants should identify in their cover letter the following categories: Student (undergraduate or graduate), independent writer, researcher or activist and submit a short biography.

**Evaluation:** Papers will be reviewed by two reviewers.

**The Award:** The name of the winner will be announced during the annual IWSF conference. The winner is encouraged, but not required, to attend and present the paper. The amount of the award is 500 US dollars.

The awarded paper will be published by the IWSF.

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