

The 18th International Conference of the Iranian Women's Studies Foundation (IWSF)

Achievements and Challenges of Iranian Women:

A Cross-generational Perspective

June 29 – July 1, 2007

University of Maryland, College Park

Friday, June 29, 2007	Morning	8:30	Registration
		11:00	Mona Javid (Maryland): <i>Generation Dance</i>
		11:10	Welcoming Address: Local Organizing Committee
		11:30	Book Introduction: Fatemeh Keshavarz (Missouri): <i>Jasmine and Stars: Reading More Than Lolita in Tehran</i>
		12:00	Discussion
		12:30	Break and Book Signing Session by Speakers
	Afternoon	2:00	Film: <i>Crossed Out</i> Marzieh Vafamehr : Director* Farzaneh Milani (Virginia): Introduction Shahrnush Parsipur (California): <i>Woman of the Year</i> Film: <i>Women Without Men</i> Shirin Neshat : Director*
		3:40	Fereshteh Haeri Darya (Maryland): Perspectives on the Psychological Well-Being of Young Iranian-American Women
		4:10	Discussion
		4:40	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 1</i>
		4:50	Announcement: Local Organizing Committee
			5:00
	Evening	7:00	Film: <i>Gilaneh</i> Rakhshan Bani-Etemad : Director*
		8:40	Fatemeh Motamed Arya (Iran): Lead actress will speak and answer questions.

Saturday, June 30, 2007

Morning	8:30	Registration
	9:00	Golnaz Amin (Massachusetts): IWSF Address
	9:30	Nahid Shahidian (Canada): Hammed Shahidian Critical Feminist Paper Award
	9:45	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 2</i>
	10:00	Amy Goodman (New York): <i>Breaking the Sound Barrier</i>
	10:30	Discussion
	11:10	Narges Bajoghli (Virginia): <i>Assessing Alliances Across Generations: The Future of the Iranian Women's Movement</i>
	11:40	Discussion
	12:10	Sheema Kalbasi (Maryland): Poetry Reading
	12:30	Break and Book Signing Session by Speakers
Afternoon	2:00	Roksana Bahramitash (Canada): <i>Women's Work in the Informal Economy: A Focus on Generational Differences</i>
	2:30	Discussion
	3:10	Zarrin Khoshnevis (Iran): <i>Understanding the Generational Challenges and Ways to Bridge the Generation Gap</i> Pardis Mahdavi (California) <i>Cyber-connections: Gendered Uses of Cyber-space for Urban Iranian Women</i>
	3:50	Discussion
	4:20	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 3</i>
	4:30	Banafsheh Akhlaghi (California) <i>Historical and Contemporary Legal, Political, and Social Issues Of Iranian-Americans in Post 9/11 Era</i>
	5:00	Discussion
	5:30	Announcement: Local Organizing Committee
	5:40	Break and Book Signing Session by Speakers
Evening	7:00	Shohreh Assemi (Virginia): Play: <i>Half an Hour with Shohreh</i> Mamak Khadem (CA), Jamshied Sharifi (New York), Hamid Saeidi (Iran): <i>Cross-culture Music: Melodies from the Regional Music of Iran and West Asia</i> Laurel Victoria Gray (MD): <i>Iranian Folk Dance by Silk Road Dance Company.</i>

Sunday, July 1, 2007

Morning	8:30	Registration
	9:00	Generational Panel on the Women's Movement: Bitá & Azadeh Amani (California): Identity Politics: Race, Gender and the Next Generation of Iranian Feminists in America Azar Derakhshan (France): Main Challenges and Current Weaknesses in Advancing the Iranian Women's Movement Nassim Abdi Dezfooli (Maryland): Opening the Gates of Freedom to Girls: An Excuse of Getting Admitted to Sports Stadiums
	10:10	Discussion
	10:40	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 4</i>
	11:00	Film: <i>Back Vocal</i> Mojtaba Mirtahmasb : Director*
	11:40	Mamak Khadem (California): Women Vocalists in Iran
	11:55	Discussion
		12:10
Afternoon	2:00	Farkhondeh Aghaee (Iran): Evaluation of Women's Rights in Three Generations of Women Writers
	2:30	Discussion
	3:00	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 5</i>
	3:10	Conference Evaluation & Theme Suggestion for Next Year
	5:10	Break and Book Signing Session by Speakers
Evening	7:30	Celebration Party

* Film directors will not be present at the conference.

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

No audio, filming, or Paltalk recording of the conference will be allowed.