

**16<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE IRANIAN WOMEN'S STUDIES FOUNDATION (IWSF)**  
**SECOND GENERATION PANEL**  
**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

We would like to invite young individuals from the Iranian community to participate as panelists for the **Second Generation Panel** of the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Iranian Women's Studies Foundation (IWSF). The 16<sup>th</sup> international conference of the IWSF is going to be held in Vienna, Austria on July 8-10, 2005. Speakers, artists and participants from all over the world, including Iran, will attend the conference in Vienna. The theme for the 2005 conference is:

**“The Status of Iranian Women in the Past 25 Years:  
Peace initiatives, human rights, political participation, careers and gender exploitation”**

Further details about the conference program will be provided closer to the conference time.

The 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 the 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. The IWSF attempts to offer a different perspective on Iran's history by protecting, preserving and propagating the works of Iranian women. Since 1990, the 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. The IWSF publishes the proceedings of its annual conferences in the Journal of the IWSF in which works by and about Iranian women are collected annually.

The Second Generation Panel commenced as a regular program in the IWSF conferences during the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the IWSF held in June 2000 at the University of California, Berkeley. In the yearly panel presentation we hope to bring to the forefront the voices of young Iranian women. Past panelists have discussed a wide variety of issues that second generation women confront daily, including issues of identity, race, gender, religion and sexuality.

Candidates for the second-generation panel must be between the ages of 18-30. If you are interested in participating in the Second Generation panel, please submit by **March 8, 2005**, the following: (i) resume; (ii) list of community activities and leadership positions; and (iii) a short personal statement (no more than one page) setting forth further information about yourself and your interest in participating in the second generation panel. Based on the above documents, three candidates will be chosen to be panel participants. Panel participants may present their presentations in English, German or in Persian.

For more information about the Second Generation panel and submission of the required materials, please contact:

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We welcome your participation in the conference.