

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 81

MODERN IRAN

WINTER 2012

**T-TH: 9:30-10:45 AM
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Course Description

This course will cover major turning points in modern Iran from the 1906 Constitutional Revolution to the 1979 Islamic Revolution and the post-revolutionary years, including the 2009 Green Movement. We will pay attention to the distinctive features of Shi'i Islam, to the rise of nationalism, to the quest for modernization, to democracy and authoritarianism, and to imperialism and the politics of oil. The course will end with a discussion of the Shi'i reformist movement that has arisen within the Islamic Republic, and which attempts to reconcile social and economic modernity with newer and more tolerant interpretations of Islam.

Required Texts

Nikki R. Keddie. Modern Iran: Roots and Results of Revolution. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006.

Halm, Heinz. Shi'a Islam: From Religion to Revolution. Princeton: Markus Wiener Publishers, 1997.

Satrapi, Marjane. Persepolis. Vols. 1 & II. Pantheon Books. Latest Edition.

Additional required readings marked by an asterisk (*) in the syllabus are located at:

<http://www.religion.ucsb.edu/modern.htm>

Important dates:

Last day to drop the course: February 6, 2012

Final Examination: Tues. March 20, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES:

Exams

There will be two midterms (40% each) and a final exam (20%). Other details about the exams will be discussed in class.

Attendance Policy

Daily preparedness and participation in discussion is mandatory. **More than three (3) excused, or unexcused, absences will bring your grade down automatically by one letter grade.** Regular attendance may enhance your final grade in some cases.

Week 1 (January 10-12): Rise and Fall of the Safavids (1501-1722) and the Imposition of Shi'ism.

Required Readings

Halm, H. Shi'a Islam. Pp. 1-37.

Suggested Readings

Arjomand, S. A. The Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam: Religion, Political Order, and Societal Change in Shi'ite Iran from the Beginning to 1890. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984. Part 2.

Babayan, K. Mystics, Monarchs, and Messiahs. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002. pp. 439-482.

Foltz, R. C. Spirituality in the Land of the Noble: How Iran Shaped the World's Religions. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004. Chapter 7.

Garthwaite, G. R. The Persians. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. Chapter 6.

Lockhart, L. The Fall of the Safavi Dynasty and Afghan Occupation of Persia. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1958. Chapters 1-3.

Matthee, R. "Between Aloofness and Fascination: Safavid Views of the West." Iranian Studies 31.2 (1998): 219-246.

Matthee, Rudi. "Prostitutes, Courtesans, and Dancing Girls: Women Entertainers in Safavid Iran," in Iran and Beyond: Essays in Middle Eastern History in Honor of Nikki R. Keddie, eds Rudi Matthee and Beth Baron, Mazda Publishers, 2000, pp. 121-150.

Matthee, R. The Pursuit of Pleasure: Drugs and Stimulants in Iranian History, 1500-1900. Washington, D.C.: Mage Publishers, 2005. pp. 37-68.

Momen, Moojan. An Introduction to Shi'i Islam. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985. Chapter 13.

Nasr, H. "Religion in Safavid Persia." Iranian Studies 7.1-2 (1974): 271-293.

- Perry, J. R. Karim Khan Zand. A History of Iran, 1705-1779. New York: Oneworld Publications, 2006.
- Petrushevsky, I. P. Islam in Iran. London: The Athelone Press, 1985. Chapter 13.
- Roemer, H. R. "The Safavid Period." The Cambridge History of Iran. P. Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986. pp. 189-350.
- Savory, R. Iran Under the Safavids. New York: Cambridge UP, 1980. pp. 177-255.

Week 2 (January 17-19): Society in the Qajar Era.

Required Readings.

- Halm, H. Shi'a Islam. pp. 38-112
- *Afary, "From Dependence to Resistance" in Afary, The Iranian Constitutional Revolution. N.Y.: Columbia UP, 1996, pp. 17-36.
- *Amanat, A. Resurrection and Renewal: The Making of the Babi Movement in Iran, 1844-1850. Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1989. pp. 295-331.
- *Pirnazar, J. "The Anusim of Mashhad," in Esther's Children: A Portrait of Iranian Jews. ed. H. Sarshar. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society, 2002. pp. 115-136.
- *Ricks, Thomas. "Slaves and Slave Trading in Shi'i Iran: AD 1500-1900," in Conceptualizing/Re-Conceptualizing Africa: The Construction of African Historical Identity, ed. Maghan Keita. Leiden: Brill, 2002, pp. 77-88.

Suggested Readings

- Arjomand, S. A. The Turban for the Crown: The Islamic Revolution in Iran. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1988. pp. 11-20.
- Bausani, A. The Persians: From the Earliest Days to the Twentieth Century. London: BCA, 1971. Chapter 9.
- Chelkowski, P. J. "Ta'ziyeh: Indigenous Avant-Garde Theatre of Iran," in Ta'ziyeh: Ritual and Drama in Iran. ed. P. J. Chelkowski. New York: New York University Press, 1979. pp. 1-11.
- Cole, J. R. I. Modernity & the Millennium: The Genesis of the Baha'i Faith in the Nineteenth-Century Middle East. New York: Columbia University Press, 1998. pp. 49-78.
- Garthwaite, The Persians, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. Chapter 7.
- Richard, Y. Shi'ite Islam: Polity, Ideology, and Creed. Cambridge: Blackwell, 1995. Chapter 3.

Week 3 (January 24-26): The Constitutional Revolution and the First World War (1906-1921).

Required Readings

Keddie, Modern Iran. Chapter 4.

*Afary, J. "Social Democracy and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-11," in A Century of Revolution: Social Movements in Iran, ed. John Foran, 21-43. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994.

*Afary, J. "On the Origins of Feminism in Early Twentieth-Century Iran," Journal of Women's History 1.2 (1989): 65-87.

Film: Selections from: *Once Upon a Time Cinema (Mohsen Makhmalbaf)*

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3697516834420994302#>

at 28:55

Suggested Readings

Afary, J. The Iranian Constitutional Revolution, 1906-1911. New York: Columbia University Press, 1996.

Browne, E. G. "The Fundamental Laws of December 30, 1906," in The Persian Revolution of 1905-1909. ed. A. Amanat. Washington, D.C.: Mage Publishers, 1995. Pp. 362-384.

Bonakdarian, M. Britain and the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911: Foreign Policy, Imperialism, and Dissent. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2006. Introduction.

Bayat, Mangol. Iran's First Revolution: Shi'ism and the Constitutional Revolution of 1905-1909. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991.

Lambton, A. K. S. Qajar Persia. Austin, University of Texas Press: 1988. pp. 319-239.

Lockhart, L. "The Constitutional Laws of Persia: An Outline of Their Origin and Development." Middle East Journal 13.4 (1959): 372-388.

Martin, V. Islam and Modernism. The Iranian Revolution of 1906. London: I. B. Tauris & Co Ltd, 1989.

Najmabadi, A. "Is Our Name Remembered? Writing the History of Iranian Constitutionalism as if Women and Gender Mattered." Iranian Studies 29.1-2 (1996): 59-81.

Week 4 (January 31-February 2): Reza Shah Pahlavi (1921-1941).

Required Readings

Keddie, Modern Iran, Chapter 5.

* Boroujerdi, M. "Triumphs and Travails of Authoritarian Modernization in

- Iran," in The Making of Modern Iran: State and Society under Riza Shah, 1921-1941. ed. S. Cronin. London: Routledge, 2003. pp. 146-154.
- *Chehabi, H. E. "Staging the Emperor's New Clothes: Dress Codes and Nation-Building under Reza Shah." Iranian Studies 26.3-4 (1993): 209-229.
- *Sahim, H. "Clothing and Makeup," in Esther's Children: A Portrait of Iranian Jews. ed. H. Sarshar. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society, 2002. pp. 175-196.

Suggested Readings

- Banani, A. The Modernization of Iran, 1921-1941. Stanford: Stanford University Press 1961.
- Cronin, S. "Conscription and Popular Resistance in Iran, 1925-1941." International Review of Social History 43 (1998):451-471.
- Faghfoory, M. H. "The Ulama-State Relations in Iran: 1921-1941." International Journal of Middle East Studies 19.4 (1987): 413-432.
- Menashri, D. Education and the Making of Modern Iran. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1992. Part 2.
- Paidar, P. Women and the Political Process in Twentieth-Century Iran. New York, Cambridge University Press, 1995. Chapter 3.

Week 5 (February 7-9): Mossadeq and the Politics of Oil (1941-1953).

Required Readings

- *Cottam, R. "Nationalism in Twentieth-Century Iran and Dr Muhammad Musaddiq," in Musaddiq, Iranian Nationalism, and Oil. ed. J. A. Bill. and W. R. Louis. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1988. pp. 23-46.
- Keddie, Modern Iran, Chapter 6.
- *Paidar, Women and the Political Process, Chapter 4.

Suggested Readings

- Azimi, F. "The Reconciliation of Politics and Ethics, Nationalism and Democracy: An Overview of the Political Career of Dr Muhammad Musaddiq," in Musaddiq, Iranian Nationalism, and Oil. ed. J. A. Bill. and W. R. Louis. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1988. pp. 47-68.
- Daghighian, S. "Political Life: Jewish-Iranian Intellectuals in Twentieth-Century Iran," in Esther's Children: A Portrait of Iranian Jews. ed. H. Sarshar. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society, 2002. pp. 259-276.
- Gasiorowski, M. "The 1953 Coup d'Etat in Iran." The International Journal of Middle East Studies 19.3 (1987).
- Katouzian, Homa. "The Strange Politics of Khalil Maleki," in Reformers and Revolutionaries in Modern Iran: New Perspectives on the Iranian

- Left, ed. S. Cronin. New York: Routledge, 2004. pp. 165-188.
- Katouzian, H. (1988). "Oil Boycott and the Political Economy: Musaddiq and the Strategy of Non-Oil Economics," in Musaddiq, Iranian Nationalism, and Oil, ed. J. A. Bill. and W. R. Louis. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1988. pp. 203-227.
- Kinzer, Stephen. All the Shah's Men. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 2003.
- Ladjevardi, H. "Constitutional Government and Reform Under Musaddiq," in Musaddiq, Iranian Nationalism, and Oil, ed. J. A. Bill. and W. R. Louis. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1988. pp. 69-90.
- Richard, Y. "Ayatollah Kashani: Precursor of the Islamic Republic," in Religion and Politics in Iran: Shi'ism from Quietism to Revolution, ed. N. R. Keddie. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983. pp. 101-124.

Week 6 (February 14-16): Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi (1953-1978).

February 14: First Midterm

February 16: Lecture

Required Readings

- Keddie, Modern Iran, Chapter 7.
- *Behrooz, M. "The Iranian Revolution and the Legacy of the Guerilla Movement," in Reformers and Revolutionaries in Modern Iran: New Perspectives on the Iranian Left, ed. S. Cronin. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Suggested Readings

- Abrahamian, E. (1999). Tortured Confessions. Berkeley, University of California Press.
- Akhavi, S. (1980). Religion and Politics in Contemporary Iran: Clergy-State Relations in the Pahlavi Period. Albany, NY, State University of New York Press. Chapters 3 and 4.
- Behrooz, M. (2002). Rebels with a Cause: The Failure of the Left in Iran. London, I. B. Tauris & Co Ltd.
- Floor, W. "The Revolutionary Character of the Ulama: Wishful Thinking or Reality?" in Religion and Politics in Iran: Shi'ism from Quietism to Revolution, ed. N. R. Keddie. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983. pp. 73-100.
- Hoogland, E. (1982). Land and Revolution in Iran. Austin, University of Texas Press.
- Menashri, Education and the Making of Modern Iran, Part 3.

Week 7 (February 21-23): Rise of Islamism and the Islamic Revolution.

Required Readings

Keddie, Modern Iran, Chapters 8 & 9.

*Moghissi, H. "Troubled Relationships: Women, Nationalism, and the Left Movement in Iran," in Reformers and Revolutionaries in Modern Iran: New Perspectives on the Iranian Left. ed. S. Cronin. New York: Routledge, 2004. Pp. 209-228.

Suggested Readings

Abrahamian, E. "The Islamic Left: From Radicalism to Liberalism," in Reformers and Revolutionaries in Modern Iran: New Perspectives on the Iranian Left. ed. S. Cronin. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Chelkowski, P. J. and Dabashi, H. Staging a Revolution: The Art of Persuasion in the Islamic Republic of Iran. New York: New York University Press, 1999.

Khomeini, R. "Islamic Government," in Islam and Revolution: Writings and Declarations of Imam Khomeini. ed. H. Algar. Berkeley: Mizan Press, 1981.

Week 8 (February 28 - March 1): The Early Revolutionary Years

UCSB is hosting an international conference on Modern Iran from March 1-3 at the Loma Paloma Conference Center. Students are encouraged to attend one or more panels and write a two-page report for extra credit. Reports are due on Thursday, March 8.

**Tuesday February 28: Film & Discussion of the Exam
Thursday March 1: Second Midterm**

Required Readings

Keddie, Modern Iran, Chapters 10 & 11

*Maxime Rodinson, "Critique of Foucault on Iran," in Afary and Anderson 2005, 267-77

Suggested Readings

Afary, Janet and Kevin B. Anderson: Foucault and the Iranian Revolution: Gender and the Seductions of Islamism. University of Chicago Press, 2005.

Afshari, R. Human Rights in Iran. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2001. Chapters 3 and 16.

- Bakhash, S. "Iran: the Crisis of Legitimacy," in Middle Eastern Lectures, No. 1, ed. Martin Kramer. Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv University Press, 1995. pp. 99-118.
- Bakhash, S. The Reign of the Ayatollahs: Iran and the Islamic Revolution. New York: Basic Books, 1984.
- Baktiari, Bahman. Parliamentary Politics in Revolutionary Iran: The Institutionalization of Factional Politics. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 1996.
- Brumberg, Daniel. Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2001.
- Chelkowski, Peter and Hamid Dabashi. 1999. *Staging a Revolution: The Art of Persuasion in the Islamic Republic of Iran*. New York: New York University Press.
- Kepel, G. Jihad: The Trail of Political Islam. New York: Belknap Press, 2002. Chapter 5.
- Mirsepasi, Ali. "The Tragedy of the Iranian Left," in Reformers and Revolutionaries in Modern Iran: New Perspectives on the Iranian Left. ed S. Cronin. New York: Routledge, 2004.
- Richard, Shi'ite Islam, Chapter 7.
- Sanasarian, E. Religious Minorities in Iran. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. Chapters 4 and 5.
- Schirazi, Asghar. The Constitution of Iran: Politics and the State in the Islamic Republic. ed. John O'Kane. London: I. B. Tauris & Co Ltd, 1998.
- Nafisi, Azar. Reading Lolita in Tehran. New York: Random House, 2003.

Week 9 (March 6-8) The Reform Movement, Conservative Populism, and the Discourse of Human Rights

Required Readings:

- Keddie, Modern Iran, Chapter 12
- *Roger Cohen, "Iran: The Tragedy and the Future," in The New York Review of Books (August 13, 2009).
- *Robert Dreyfuss, "Iran's Green Wave," The Nation (July 20-27, 2009).

Suggested Readings

- Foltz, Spirituality in the Land of the Noble, Chapter 9.
- Lafond, J.-D. and Fred A. Reed. Conversations in Tehran. Vancouver: Talon Books, 2006. pp. 157-174, 191-198.
- Matin-Asgari, A. (1997). "Abdolkarim Soroush and the Secularization of Islamic Thought in Iran." Iranian Studies 30.1-2 (1997): 95-115.
- Moaveni, A. Lipstick Jihad: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America and American in Iran. New York: Public Affairs, 2005

Sadri, Muhammad and Ahmad, eds. Reason, Freedom, and Democracy in Islam: The Essential Writings of Abdulkarim Soroush. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Sadri, M. "Sacral Defense of Seculars: The Political Theologies of Soroush, Shabastari, and Kadivar," in Intellectual Trends in Twentieth-Century Iran: A Critical Survey. ed. N. Nabavi. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2003.

Vahdat, F. "Post-Revolutionary Discourses of Mohammad Mojtahed Shabestari and Mohsen Kadivar: Reconciling the Terms of Mediated Subjectivity Part: II: Moshen Kadivar." Critique 17 (2000): 135-157.

Richard, Shi'ite Islam, Conclusion

Week 10 (March 13-15): Politics and Satire

Required Readings

Satrapi, M. Persepolis vols 1 & II. Pantheon Books, 2003.

TUESDAY MARCH 20: Final Exam: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, Broida 1640

Selected Websites

MAPS:

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/shepherd/persian_empire.jpg

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/middle_east.html

Iran in Maps:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/middle_east/06/iran_maps/html/default.stm

HISTORY:

Iranian History Forum: <http://www.freepowerboards.com/iranianforum>

Persian, Greek, Roman and Byzantine Eras (500 BCE - 500 CE):

<http://www.nmhschool.org/thornton/mehistorydatabase/persian.htm>

Benchmarks in Modern History of Iran:

<http://www.nmhschool.org/thornton/mehistorydatabase/iran.htm>

Political Chronology:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/tehran/etc/cron.html>

DATA:

US Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5314.htm>

Iran's Size Comparison with the US:

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/atlas_middle_east/iran_area.jpg

Atlas of Iran <http://www.mgm.fr/PUB/Iran>
Land Use: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/atlas_middle_east/iran_land.jpg
Country Profile:
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/profiles/Iran.pdf>
Library of Congress Country Study: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>
Statistics on Iran:
<http://www.nationmaster.com/country/ir-iran>
Iran's Share of World Crude Oil Reserves:
<http://www.opec.org/home/PowerPoint/Reserves/OPEC%20share.htm>

NEWS:

News and Views about Iran:
BBCpersian
www.Iranian.com
<http://www.dw-world.de/dw>
<http://www.persia-house.com/>
<http://www.rfi.fr>
<http://www.iranmania.com/defaultenglish.asp>
Radio Farda:
<http://www.radiofarda.com/>
Iran Daily:
<http://www.iran-daily.com/>
Iranian Media Directory:
www.gooya.com

GOVERNMENT:

Governments on the WWW, Iran: <http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/ir.html>
Iranian Mission to the UN:
<http://www.un.int/iran/>
Iranian Parliament :
<http://mellat.Majles.ir/>
Presidency of the Islamic Republic:
<http://www.president.ir>
Who Rules Iran?:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/middle_east/03/iran_power/html/default.stm

OTHER:

Encyclopaedia Iranica:
<http://www.iranica.com/>
Sample Persian Miniatures:
http://www.superluminal.com/cookbook/index_gallery.html
Iranian women's homepage:
<http://www.irandokht.com/>

Pictures of Iran: <http://www.worldisround.com/articles/73022/index.html>

Pictures of Iran:

<http://www.riccardozipoli.com/>

Pictures of Tehran:

<http://www.worldisround.com/articles/98910/>

Selected Internet Sources on Iran:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/amed/iran/iran.html>

Persian Calendar Program: <http://www.payvand.com/calendar/>

Iran's First National Anthem <http://www.iranclip.com/player/1012>

Civil Code of Iran:

<http://www.iranhrdc.org/english/pdfs/Codes/TheCivilCode.pdf>

Penal Code of Iran:

<http://www.iranhrdc.org/english/pdfs/Codes/ThePenalCode.pdf>