Constructing Nationalism in Iran from the Qajars to the Islamic Republic

International Workshop, Tel-Aviv University, 10-12 June 2013, Gilman 133

Monday, June 10

09:00-09:20 Reception
09:20-09:30 Opening Session

09:30-10:30 Guest Lecture
Chair: Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University
Nationalism in the Middle East: The Case of Egyptian Nationalism
Israel Gershoni, Tel Aviv University

10:30-12:30 Panel 1: Overviews of Iranian Nationalism
Persian-Iranian National Identity: The Long Durée, from Achaemenid Times Onward
Azar Gat, Tel Aviv University

Convoluted Nationalism in Iran
Eliz Sanasarian, University of South California

Iranian Nationalism and Narratives of the Enlightenment
Ali Ansari, University of St. Andrews

12:30-12:40 – Break

12:40-14:00 Panel 2: Nationalism during the Constitutional Revolution
Chair: Liora Hendelman-Baavur, Tel Aviv University

Gendering the Nation: Masculinities and Nationalism in the Discourse of the Constitutional Revolution
Sivan Balslev, Tel Aviv University

Nationalism and Islam in a Provincial Setting: Late Qajar Isfahan
Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University

14:00-15:30 – Lunch break

15:30-17:00 Panel 3: Nationalism under the Qajars
Chair: Eliz Sanasarian, University of South California

Setting Nationalist Agendas? Legacies and Contrasts from the Late Qajar Era
Joanna De Groot, University of York

On the Way to the Formation of National Identity in Qajar Iran
Nugzar Teroganov, Tel Aviv University

The Course of Human Solidarity: 'Abdul-Bahá’s Critique of Nationalistic Particularism
Negar Mottahedeh, Duke University

17:10-18:30 Panel 7: Shi’i Revivalism and Iranian Nationalism
Chair: Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse University

Khoda va Mihan: The Relationship between Religion and Nationalism in the Thought of Mortaza Mottahari
Ze’ev Maghen, Bar Ilan University

Alone in the Middle: The Iranian Nation and Khomeini’s Political Theology
Ori Goldberg, Tel Aviv University

18:30-19:30 Panel 6: Pahlavi Nationalism
Chair: Ali Ansari, University of St. Andrews

What’s “National” about Smoking Opium? The Changing Roles of Opium-Consumption in Iran from the Qajar Era to the Early Pahlavi Period
Ram Regavim, Tel Aviv University

“A Line with no Order” - On the Quest for Order and the Search for Authentic Irananness in Pahlavi Iran
Menahem Merhavi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

19:30-21:30 Dinner Reception

Tuesday, June 11

09:00-11:00 Panel 4: Nationalism and Minorities
Chair: David Yerozuelo, Tel Aviv Univ

Beyond Boundaries: Iranian Azeris in an Age of Globalization
Geoffrey F. Gresh, National Defense University

Iranian Jews or Jewish Iranians - the Jews in Iran and their quest for Iranian Identity
Miriam Nissimov, Tel Aviv University

11:00-11:20 - Break

11:20-13:20 Panel 9: Nationalism, Culture and Politics under the Islamic Republic
Chair: Joanna De Groot, University of York

Provincial Elites and Nationalism under the Islamic Republic
Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse University

Guarding the Nation: The Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Nationalism, and the Iran-Iraq War
Annie Tracy Samuel, Tel Aviv University

The Farhangestan between Nationalism and Islamism
Thamar Eilam Gindin, University of Haifa

13:20-15:00 – Lunch break

15:00-17:00 Panel 10: Representations of Nationalism under the Islamic Republic
Chair: Geoffrey F. Gresh, National Defense University

'Death Becomes You': Iran's National Commemoration of Martyrs on the World Wide Web
Liora Hendelman-Baavur, Tel Aviv University

Repackaging the Present through Recycling the Past: Ahmadinejad’s Eslam-e Irani and Factional Politics in the IR
Eldad J. Pardo, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Concluding Remarks: Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University

Wednesday, June 12

09:00-11:00 Panel 8: Nationalism and Islamism under the Islamic Republic
Chair: Camnon Michael Amin, University of Michigan

Islamic Vision versus National Interests in Iran’s Revolutionary Policy
David Menashri, Tel Aviv University & The College of Law and Business

Nationalism in the political identity of the Islamic Republic of Iran: challenged or strengthened by Islamism and Globalization?
Bernard Hourcade, Monde Iranien, CNRS

Iranian Nationality, Islamic Unity and Shia in Iranian Regional Policy: From the Pahlavis to the Islamic Republic
Raz Zimmt, Tel Aviv University

11:00-11:20 - Break