

Call for Papers

**The Changing Nature of Family and Marriage in Contemporary Iran:**

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Iranian Studies Initiative

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Over the past few decades, Iran has experienced a dramatic change in courtship practices and in the institution of family. **The Changing Nature of Family and Marriage in Contemporary Iran** is a conference devoted to an exploration of the latest findings in this area. Papers will examine a variety of issues such as marriage and divorce laws vs. actually existing power and decision-making processes in the family, the role of the extended family, definitions of masculinity and femininity vs. the lived experience of individuals; gender disparity, variations in religious communities, such as in the Sunni, Baha'i, Jewish, and Armenian families, family economics, especially unemployment, underemployment, and female employment, and social justice. Paper will also look at the growing rates of street children (both Afghan and Iranian children) and child prostitution, the changing nature of temporary marriage, marital commitment, cohabitation (white marriages) and grey marriages (separated couples living together). The conference is an international inter-disciplinary venue open to all academics and researchers. We do encourage graduate students to submit abstracts. Papers can be from a variety of disciplines such as History /Sociology, Gender Studies, Psychology, Economic, Media and Performance Studies, and Religious Studies.

Abstracts should be in English, 1-2 page maximum (500-650 words). Please also include a short CV or Bio.

We will provide meals for all participants at the conference and local transportation. Priority will be given to individuals whose research was conducted in Iran in the last two decades. There may also be an all-Persian workshop, depending on the abstracts received.

Abstract submission: July 31, 2017

Conference paper submission: October 15, 2017

A selected number of papers will be considered for an edited volume by the conference organizers

Please send your abstracts and a CV to

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