

THE ROYAL DOMAIN

Empire in Qajar Iran and the Nineteenth-Century Persianate World



May **30** Friday

May **31** Saturday

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM: INTRODUCTIONS

Travis Zadeh, Yale University
Arash Khazeni, Pomona College

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: PANEL 1: QAJAR IMPERIUM

Chair: Houchang Chehabi, Boston University

Assef Ashraf, University of Cambridge
“Finding Empire in Qajar Iran”

Farzin Vejdani, Toronto Metropolitan University
”Qajar Imperial Law: Deviance, Heresy, and Ritual Cursing”

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM: PANEL 2: CHRONCLES, BIOGRAPHIES, AND MEMOIRS

Chair: Farzin Vejdani, Toronto Metropolitan University

Tiraana Bains, Brown University
“The Remaking of the Persianate Chronicle in a New Age of Empire, circa 1750-1850”

Waleed Ziad, Georgetown University Qatar
“Female Spiritual and Temporal Authority in Durrani Afghanistan: The Bibis of Chamkani”

Nahid Siamdoust, University of Texas, Austin
“Gendered Leisure and Embodied Joy in the Royal Andarun”

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: PANEL 3: SCIENCE OF EMPIRE

Chair: Travis Zadeh, Yale University

Matthew Melvin-Koushki, University of South Carolina
“The Tricksy Magic of Qajar Dominion: Memories of Timurid-Safavid Occult-Scientific Imperialism”

Arash Khazeni, Pomona College
“Zayn al-Abidin Shushtari’s Topaz and the End of Empire in the Deccan, circa 1799”

Hadi Jorati, University of Massachusetts Amherst
“‘Alī Qulī Mīrzā I ‘tizād al-Saltana and the Maragha Observatory”

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: PANEL 4: ENVIRONMENTS, ECOLOGIES, AND ECONOMIES

Chair: Magnus Bernhardsson, Williams College

Saghar Sadeghian, Willamette University
“Shemshad-e Khazari (Buxus hyrcana Pojark) in the Guarded Domains during the Nineteenth Century”

Ranin Kazemi, San Diego State University
“Persian Opium in the Global Market in the Qajar Period”

Amir Afkhami, George Washington University
“Pandemics and Political Resistance: Unraveling Sociopolitical Threads in Late Modern Iran”

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: PANEL 5: QAJAR-OTTOMAN CONNECTIONS

Chair: Laura Robson, Yale University

Kayhan A. Nejad, University of Oklahoma
“Reinterpreting Elite Iranian-Ottoman Political Relations, 1876-1905”

Tanya Elal Lawrence, University of Sussex
“Neither Constitutional nor Revolutionary: The Constitutional Revolutions in Iran and the Ottoman Empire in Comparative Perspective”

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM: PANEL 6: GLOBAL AND LOCAL HISTORIES OF QAJAR IRAN

Chair:

Kevin Gledhill, Sacred Heart University
“A Qajar Prince in Russian Exile: Bahman Mirza as a Window into Russo-Iranian Connections”

Latifeh Aavani, Yale University
“Codification of Criminal Law in Nineteenth-Century Iran: European Influence and the Shari’a Divide”

Heidi Walcher, Ludwig Maximillian University Munich
“Power and Politics in Isfahan at the End of Qajar Rule, 1908-1921”

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM: CONCLUSIONS