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INCOMING PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Just a brief note to say that ASPS house in fully in order. I have signed a new contract with Brill which gives ASPS 7% royalties, and JPS, 8.1, the first prepared by the new Associate Editor, Manouchehr Kasheff, is in press and expected shortly.

Following my discussion with Professor Kazuo Morimoto and other colleagues in Tokyo last July, plans for opening an ASPS in Japan under his directorship at the University of Tokyo have been finalized and will be presented at the meeting of ASPS Regional Councils in Istanbul on September 9, 2015. At the same meeting, Professor Carlo Cereti will present similar plans for opening the Mediterranean ASPS at the University Rome.

Last but not least, our Organizing Committee, especially Sara Yildiz, Jo-Ann Gross, Ghazzal Dabiri and Pooriya Alimoradi are vigorously busy solving one problem after another so that we can all enjoy a glorious Seventh Biennial Convention in Istanbul, September 8-11, 2015. Be-omid-e didār dar Istanbul.

-Saïd Amir Arjomand

ADDRESS TO THE SIXTH BIENNIAL
ASPS CONVENTION IN SARAJEVO

Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, Introducing
Mahmoud Dawlatabadi

Mahmoud Dawlatabadi, Words Etched in Stone

Review Essay

YEREVAN, ARMENIA

2nd International Conference on Zaza Studies
(Call for papers)

International Journal ‘Iran and the Caucasus’ (BRILL, Leiden-Boston) in the Framework of the Celebration of its 20th Anniversary, in cooperation with

Modus Vivendi Center, Yerevan;
and Caucasian Centre for Iranian Studies, Yerevan

(with the information support by ARMACAD)
organizes the 2nd International Conference on Zaza Studies

THE ZAZA PEOPLE AND THE ANATOLIAN ALEVI PHENOMENON

The Conference will be held in Yerevan on June 4-5, 2016.

The current, 2nd International Conference on Zaza Studies will focus on the Zaza religious identities, various aspects of the Zaza history, culture, language, folklore, as well as wider – on such a complex phenomenon as Anatolian culture and its peculiarities in different ethnic environments.


The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 31, 2015. Abstracts must contain:

- Name(s)
- Affiliation
- E-mail address
- Title of the paper
- A short abstract with a clearly stated thesis (up to 300 words)

Please email abstracts in Word document format to:

Christine Grigorian (Secretary, Organizing Committee) – zazaconference2@gmail.com

and caucasoiranica@gmail.com with the note in the Subject field “Zaza Studies-2”

http://www.armacad.info/a/confcfp-the-zaza-people-and-the-anatolian-alevi-phenomenon-4-5-june-2016-yerevan

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Awards

Matthew Canepa has been named a fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation for 2015-16 in support of a multi-volume research project on the development of the visual cultures and spatial environments of power in Persia and the ancient Iranian world.

Rudi Matthee, The Iranian cultural-political magazine Mehrnameh selected his Persia in Crisis: Safavid Decline and the Fall of Isfahan, trans. Iran dar bohran: Zavval-e Safaviya va soqut-e Esfahan, as the best history book of 1393, and devoted nine pages to a panel discussion about the book.

Parvaneh Pourshariati will be spending the 2015-2016 at the Institute for the Study of Ancient World (ISAW)/NYU where she has been awarded a visiting scholarship.

Publications


——, Reclaiming the Faravahar, Leiden University Press, 2014.


——, fifth printing of Türk Halkları Tarbihine Giriş (Istanbul: Ötüken Neşriyat, 2014)

——, a slightly revised and expanded Turkish version on An Introduction to the History of the Turkic Peoples (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 1992).

Rudi Matthee published an obituary of Dr Mohammad Ebrahim Bastani-Parizi in the April 2015 issue of Perspectives, the Newsletter of the American Historical Association.

Parvaneh Pourshariati and M. Tavakoli, Iran Nameh: A Quarterly of Iranian Studies, A Special Issue Honoring Jaleh Amouzegar, v. 29 no. 2 (Summer 2014).


Call for Papers/Proposals

Consejo Ibero-Safavid de Estudios Históricos International Conference MISSIONARIES IN THE SAFAVID WORLD:

Institute of History, CSIC.
C/Albasanz 26-28, 28037 Madrid.
Directed by Enrique García Hernán, José Cutillas and Rudi Matthee.

Proposals for papers should be sent to Dr. José Cutillas jcutillas@gmail.com with abstract (600 words) and cv (300 words), until 31st December 2015.

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NOTIFICATIONS

UP-COMING CONFERENCES

IIIr Perso-Indica project conference is being held in Delhi Univ, Delhi, India, from 3-4 sept, 2015
Prof. Chanched Shekhar, coordinator (India)
for detail see http://www.perso-indica.net/events-news/20

Women’s Worlds in Qajar Iran, http://www.qajarwomen.org, is pleased to announce the addition of a unique collection of audio-files of the first vocal recordings of female singers, Iftikhar Khanum, Amjad Khanum, and Zari Khanum, made in Iran in 1912. To listen to these recordings, please visit:

http://search.qajarwomen.org/searchlang=en&filter=sections_en:Mehdi%2BFarahani&sort=title

Research Institute and Library of Iranian Studies (RILIS) Announcement

The Research Institute and Library of Iranian Studies has initiated the Central Alborz Southern Piedmont Ethno-Linguistic Study. This is a very important project which will deal with the most diversified ethno-linguistic region in Iran. The project is directed by Dr. Dariush Borbor in association with Dr. Habib Borjian.

The area of the study comprises of a parallelogram of about 2500 square kilometers, significantly featured with four river valleys and three fertile river deltas at Varāmīn, Ayvān-e Key and Garmsār. The historical and contemporary importance of the region has always depended on four essential economic features: first and foremost, the existence of abundant water source combined with fertile plains; secondly, the convenience of short haul seasonal migration from the borders of the central desert to the lush pastures of the Damavand highlands; thirdly, the existence of nearby lucrative urban markets, including Tehran (Rey in ancient times), Qom, Sāveh, Qazvīn, etc.; and fourthly, its situation on the Silk Road and a pivotal geographical position next to the all important Fīrōzkūh pass which constituted the most important crossing of the Alborz chain in central Iran. These historical socio-economic factors have paved the way for modern industrialization including the development of several important industrial estates at Pardīs, Pārčān, Ṣādašt, Šārīfābād, Čarmshahr, Ayvān-e Key, Garmsār, etc.

The region under consideration has been divided into five separate but inter-related ethno-linguistic areas and 108 locations for the purpose of this study. Varāmīn is situated on the Jārūd river delta which has attracted a large migrant settlement many of whom use this city-region as a dormitory town of Tehran. Ayvān-e Key is placed at Do-āb river delta with a few scattered settlements along the length of the river. Garmsār is located on the Ḥabla-rūd river delta with a cluster of small, dispersed settlements at the mouth of the narrow meandering upland river valley with sparse...
habitation. Damāvand includes a series of highland valleys along the tributaries of the Lār-Harāz River, which flow north into the Caspian Sea.

While the whole of this area is littered with an assortment of ethno-tribal variation which includes among others Kurds, Lors, Tājīks, Afqāns, Bōrbōrs, Baxtīyārs, Qašqāīs, Hadāvands, Turks, Arabs and others, there is a uniform pattern of twelver Šīʿīsm throughout, even amongst the Kurdish speaking population. Several particular points of interest exist in the ethno-linguistic configuration of this region which are either unknown or little known, including a profusion of toponyms which are historically associated with western Iran, such as Kerend, Ayvān-e Key, Bōrbōr, and -Kurd or -Arab suffixed names.

Although the majority of the area under study is of Persophone population, divers pockets of other dialects are also detected in various tribal and ethnic groups.

Mariam Borbor
RILIS Director of Public Relations and Management

The deadline for the next Newsletter will be September, 2015

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Please send your news and all items of professional interest to Ghazzal Dabiri at info@persianatesocieties.org.