

The 18th International Conference of the Iranian Women's Studies Foundation (IWSF)

**Achievements and Challenges of Iranian Women:
A Cross-generational Perspective**

June 29 – July 1, 2007

University of Maryland, College Park

Friday	Morning	8:30	Registration
		11:00	Mona Javid (Maryland): <i>Generation Dance</i>
		11:10	Welcoming Address: Local Organizing Committee
		11:30	Book Introduction: Fatemeh Keshavarz (Missouri): <i>Jasmine and Stars: Reading More Than Lolita in Tehran</i>
		12:00	Discussion
		12:30	Lunch
	Afternoon	2:00	Film: <i>Women Without Men</i> Shirin Neshat : Director*
		2:40	Shahrnush Parsipur (California): <i>Woman of the Year</i> Farzaneh Milani (Virginia): Introduction Film: <i>Cross</i> Marzieh Vafamehr : Director*
		3:40	Fereshteh Haeri Darya (Maryland): Perspectives on the Psychological Well-Being of Young Iranian-American Women
		4:10	Discussion
		4:40	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 1</i>
		4:50	Announcement: Local Organizing Committee
			5:00
	Evening	7:00	Film: <i>Gilaneh</i> Rakhshan Bani Etemad : Director*
		8:40	Fatemeh Motamed Arya (Iran): Lead actress will speak and answer questions.

Simultaneous translation from English to Persian and Persian to English is available at the conference.

Saturday

Morning	8:30	Registration
	9:00	Golnaz Amin (Massachusetts): IWSF Address
	9:30	Nahid Shahidian (Canada): Hammed Shahidian Critical Feminist Paper Award
	9:45	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 2</i>
	10:00	Amy Goodman (New York): Guest Speaker
	10:30	Discussion
	11:10	Narges Bajoghli (Virginia): <i>Assessing Alliances Across Generations: The Future of the Iranian Women's Movement</i>
	11:40	Discussion
	12:10	Sheema Kalbasi (Maryland): Poetry Reading
	12:30	Lunch
Afternoon	2:00	Roksana Bahramitash (Canada): <i>Women's Work in the Informal Economy: A Focus on Generational Differences</i>
	2:30	Discussion
	3:10	Generational Panel on Technology: Zarrin Khoshnevis (Iran): <i>Understanding the Generational Challenges and Ways to Bridge the Generation Gap</i> Niki Akhavan (Maryland): <i>The Other Weblogistan: Gender and the Narrative of Liberation Online</i>
	3:50	Discussion
	4:20	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 3</i>
	4:30	Mansoureh Shojaee : (Iran) <i>The One Million Signature Campaign</i>
	5:00	Discussion
	5:30	Announcement: Local Organizing Committee
	5:40	Dinner
Evening	7:00	Shohreh Asemi (Virginia): Play Mamak Khadem (CA), Jamshied Sharifi (N.Y.), Hamid Saeidi (Iran): <i>Cross-cultural Music: Melodies from the Middle East and West Asia</i> Laurel Victoria Gray (MD): <i>Iranian Folk Dance by Silk Road Dance Company.</i>

Sunday	Morning	8:30	Registration
		9:00	Generational Panel on the Women's Movement: Bitā & Azadeh Amani (California): Identity Politics: Race, Gender and the Next Generation of Iranian Feminists in America Azar Derakhshan (France): Main Challenges and Current Weaknesses in Advancing the Iranian Women's Movement Nassim Dezfooli (Maryland): Opening the Gates of Freedom to Girls: An Excuse of Getting Admitted to Sports Stadiums
		10:10	Discussion
		10:40	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 4</i>
		11:00	Film: <i>Back Vocal</i> Mojtaba Mirtahmasb : Director*
		11:40	Mamak Khadem (California): Women Vocalists in Iran
		11:55	Discussion
		12:10	Lunch
	Afternoon	2:00	Farkhondeh Aghaee (Iran): Evaluation of Women's Rights in Three Generations of Women Writers
		2:30	Discussion
		3:00	Video: <i>Generational Narrative 5</i>
		3:10	Conference Evaluation & Theme Suggestion for Next Year
		5:10	Dinner
	Evening	7:30	Celebration Party

Note: Film directors will not be present at the conference.