



Center For Iranian Diaspora Studies  
Spring Conference 2019 | Electronic Press Kit (EPK)

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**CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

**Forty Years & More: International Conference on Iranian Diaspora Studies**

Join Us March 28-30, 2019 in San Francisco for ***"Forty Years & More: International Conference on Iranian Diaspora Studies"*** for keynote addresses, panel discussions, and two major exhibitions of Iranian diaspora art in the city of San Francisco.

The conference will mark the anniversary of the 1979 Iranian Revolution by understanding the ways that Iranians as exiles, immigrants, and as second and third-generation hyphenated citizens of their respective nations, have met with both challenges and opportunities of diaspora experience. Conference presentations in the arts, humanities, and social sciences will share new scholarship and research about the Iranian diaspora from a variety of perspectives and national contexts.

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**CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

WHEN: March 29-30, 2019

WHERE: [Seven Hills Conference Center at San Francisco State University](#)  
State Drive off Lake Merced Blvd. [Download Map \(PDF\)](#)

#### SCHEDULE:

- March 29-30 – Keynotes, panel discussions, and other sessions

#### [CONFERENCE PROGRAM](#)

#### RECEPTIONS:

- **OPENING RECEPTION-March 28, 6 PM**, SF Arts Commission, [San Francisco Arts Commission Main Gallery](#), Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco
- **CLOSING Reception-March 30, 6 PM**, [Minnesota Street Project](#), 1275 Minnesota St, San Francisco

#### EXHIBITS:

- January 25-March 30 – Art Exhibit: **Part and Parcel - Contemporary Art of the Iranian Diaspora**, at [San Francisco Arts Commission Main Gallery](#), Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco. [Download Flier \(PDF\)](#)
- March 29 - April 20 –Art Exhibit: **Once at Present - Contemporary Art of the Iranian Diaspora**, [Minnesota Street Project](#), 1275 Minnesota St, San Francisco

#### REGISTRATION:

[Register for the Conference!](#)

#### FULL CONFERENCE (2 DAYS) INCLUDES:

Admission to all sessions at Seven Hills Conference Center, March 29-30, 2019

2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, coffee breaks

- \$75 General, Full Conference (plus \$4 registration fee)
- \$30 Student, Full Conference (plus \$2 registration fee)

#### ONE DAY CONFERENCE (EITHER FRIDAY 3/29 OR SATURDAY 3/30) INCLUDES:

Admission to all sessions at Seven Hills Conference Center, March 29 or 30, 2019. Please select day upon registration.

1 continental breakfast, 1 lunch, coffee breaks

- \$40 General, 1 Day Conference, either 3/29 or 3/30 (plus \$2 registration fee)
- \$18 Student, 1 Day Conference either 3/29 or 3/30 (plus \$2 registration fee)

#### OUR ACADEMIC MISSION

San Francisco State University's longstanding and robust commitment to ethnic, racial, and social justice inspired the establishment of The Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies at SFSU in 2017. As part of its mission, the Center emphasizes interdisciplinary and transnational scholarship, research, and teaching about the Iranian diasporic experience.

The Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies fosters innovative and collaborative scholarship between faculty and students interested in the culture and history of Iranian diaspora and engages with complex and pressing subjects such as nationalism, immigration, xenophobia, assimilation, gender, and identity.

The Center's research, programming, and projects examine conventional narratives, advocate for new forms of scholarly engagement, and enable opportunities for collaboration among

academics, artists, and activists, seeking new ways of understanding the present through the critical examination of the past.

## **ABOUT THE CENTER**

The Center prepares a new generation of policy makers, business leaders, artists and cultural ambassadors to effectively understand and engage with people of Iranian heritage. The Center serves as a unique and valuable academic and cultural resource providing an innovative approach to the study of and research about Iranian diasporas and their impact on the Iranian identity.

The Center also models new methods of research and knowledge distribution that emphasize:

- exposure to students through public lectures;
- the development of collaborative opportunities for faculty and students across San Francisco State's colleges to engage in research, scholarship and service about Iranian Diaspora communities globally; and,
- a platform for academic programs (lectures, film-screenings, music and other cultural events) that fosters intellectual engagement and conversation with local and international communities.

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## **ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP**

Dr. Persis Karim is the Neda Nobari Chair of the newly-established Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies and a professor in the Comparative and World Literature department at SF State.

Karim received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. From 1999-2017, she was a professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at San Jose State University, where she taught courses in English, American literature, world literature, ethnic literature, creative writing and Middle Eastern studies. She coordinated the Middle Eastern Studies minor program from 2010-2017 and was the founding director of the Persian Studies Program.

Karim is the editor/co-editor of three anthologies of Iranian diaspora literature: *Tremors: New Fiction by Iranian American Writers* (2013); *Let Me Tell You Where I've Been: New Writing by Women of the Iranian Diaspora* (2006), and *A World Between: Poems, Short Stories and Essays by Iranian-Americans* (1999). She has written numerous articles on modern Iranian literature and Iranian diaspora literature for journals such as *Iranian Studies*, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, and *MELUS: Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States*. She is also a published poet.

Pull quote w/ Persis headshot: *"This center, the first of its kind, represents a bold new initiative for a field that has been gaining international recognition. The center's vision is to support and disseminate this new scholarship and to showcase the diverse and unique cultures of Iranian diaspora communities in the Bay Area, California and globally. Revolution, war, migration and the complex transnational identities that emerge from these circumstances are shared by so*

*many other communities and cultures today. The center draws on SF State's strong foundation of studying ethnic, racial and social justice issues in the arts, humanities and social sciences to create opportunities for collaboration and exchange around the Iranian diaspora both in and outside the University."* - Dr. Persis Karim, Director

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## **CONFERENCE SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS**

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