HISTORY 73
HISTORY OF IRAN

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Block H+ T. Th. 1:30 Office Hours:

Class Schedule:

1. Tue. Sept. 7 Introduction
2. Thu. Sept. 9 Iran before Islam
3. Tue. Sept. 14 Iran within the Islamic World
4. Thu. Sept. 16 Iranian Historical Consciousness and the Shahnama
5. Tue. Sept. 21 The Safavid Dynasty
6. Thu. Sept. 23 The Eighteenth-century Crisis
   Discussion: the Shahnama
7. Tue. Sept. 28 “Grass”
8. Thu. Sept. 30 Village and City
   Discussion: Nomads
9. Tue. Oct. 5 Shi`ism and the Religious Establishment
10. Thu. Oct. 7 The Ulama and Doctrinal Developments
    Discussion: Village life
11. Tue. Oct. 12 The Qajar Dynasty
12. Thu. Oct. 14 Western Challenge and Iranian Response
    Discussion: Shi`ism and the Religious Establishment
13. Tue. Oct. 19 The Constitutional Movement
    Discussion: Government and Society
    Discussion: The U.S., Britain and Musaddiq
17. Tue. Nov. 2 Iranian Intellectuals and Dissent
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| Thu. Nov. 4 | The Ulama and Khomeini  
Discussion: Weststruckedness |
| Tue. Nov. 9 | Modernization and the Police State |
| Thu. Nov. 11 | NO CLASS: VETERANS DAY |
| Tue. Nov. 16 | The Revolution of 1979 |
| Thu. Nov. 18 | The Founding of the Islamic Republic  
Discussion: `Ali Shariati |
| Tue. Nov. 23 | The Imposition of Power |
| Thu. Nov. 25 | THANKSGIVING |
| Tue. Nov. 30 | The Iraq War |
| Thu. Dec. 2 | The Succession to Khomeini  
Discussion: Khomeini and the Iranian Constitution |
| Tue. Dec. 7 | The Attempt at Liberalization  
Discussion: Debates in the Islamic Republic |
| Thu. Dec. 9 | Discussion: Issues of Iranian History |

**Assigned Readings:** Readings are assigned from the following books, which are available at the bookstore and on reserve at Tisch Library. Besides this, there will be a collection of readings made available on Blackboard. Required videos are on reserve at the Tisch Media Center, on the second floor of the library. Please note that videos are also required assignments and will be represented on the examinations.

- Vanessa Martin, *Creating an Islamic State: Khomeini and the Making of a New Iran*, Tauris  
- M. Satrapi, *Persepolis*

**Course Requirements:**

- Map quiz, Oct. 5  
- Take-home midterm, due Nov. 9  
- Essay of 8-9 pages on outside reading, due Dec. 7  
- 48-hour take-home final exam, due Dec. 20. (No extensions)
Assignments should be submitted in hard copy. Grading will reflect participation in class discussions.

Schedule of Reading Assignments:

Week of Sept. 7

Daniel, chaps 1 and 2 from *The History of Iran* (Blackboard)
Excerpt from the “Shahnama,” (Blackboard)
begin  CLINTON

Week of Sept. 14

Continue CLINTON
Garthwaite, excerpt from *The Persians* (Blackboard)
Daniel, Chapt. 3 (Blackboard)

Week of Sept. 21

Morgan, excerpt from *Medieval Persia*  (Blackboard)
Finish CLINTON
Rudi Matthee, "Unwalled Cities and Restless Nomads: Firearms and Artillery in Safavid Iran," (Blackboard).
Barfield, A*The Good Shepherds* (Blackboard)

Week of Sept. 28

Beck, A*Tribes and the State in Nineteenth-and Twentieth-Century Iran* (Blackboard)
Friedl, excerpts from *Women of Deh Koh*
View one of the following films: "Bashu," "The Cow" (Gaav),   Where is my Friend=s House?," "The Color of Paradise," A*The Sealed Soil.*

Week of Oct. 5

H. Halm, excerpt from *The Shi’ites: a Short History* (Blackboard)
H. Algar, excerpt from *Religion and State in Iran, 1795-1906.* (Blackboard)
E. Friedl, excerpts from *Children of Deh Koh* (Blackboard)
V. Martin, Chapt. 1 “Background” from *The Qajar Pact*. (Blackboard)

Week of Oct. 12
- ABRAHAMIAN, Introduction and Chapt. 1
- Abbas Amanat, "The Downfall of Mirza Taqi Khan, Amir Kabir," (Blackboard)
- al-Afghani, "The Truth about the Neicheri Sect," (Blackboard)
- "The Martyrdom of Husayn" (Blackboard)
- Martin, Chapt. 3 (“Shiraz”) from *The Qajar Pact*. (Blackboard)

Week of Oct. 19
- ABRAHAMIAN, Chapts. 2-3
- MARTIN, Introduction, Chapts 1-2
- Keddie, "Religion and Irreligion in Early Iranian Nationalism," (Blackboard)
- Houckang Chehabi, "Staging the Emperor's new Clothes," (Blackboard)

Week of Oct. 26
- ABRAHAMIAN, Chapt. 4
- Bill, "America, Iran and the Politics of Intervention," (Blackboard)
- F. Azimi, *Unseating Mosaddeq: the Configuration and Role of Domestic Forces* (Blackboard)

Week of Nov. 2
- ABRAHAMIAN, Chapt. 5
- MARTIN, Chapts. 3-4
- Jalal Al-i Ahmad, *An Autobiography of Sorts* and excerpt from *Plagued by the West*, (Blackboard)

Week of Nov. 9
- MARTIN, Chapts. 5-6
- Beck, *Rostam: Qashqa-i Rebel* (Blackboard)
- Milani, excerpt from *The Making of Iran’s Islamic Revolution*, Chapts. 4, 6. (Blackboard)
- SATRAPI, begin

Week of Nov. 16
SATRAPI, finish pt. 1
MARTIN, Chapt. 7
ABRAHAMIAN, Chapt. 6
View: "A Revolution Betrayed."
‘Ali Shariati, excerpt from On the Sociology of Islam (Blackboard)

Week of Nov. 23

SATRAPI, pt. 2
MARTIN, finish
Milani, Iran’s Islamic Revolution, Chapt. 9 (Blackboard)
Khomeini, "The Form of Islamic Government," and selected speeches (Blackboard)

Week of Nov. 30

SATRAPI, finish
view: "Iran Adrift in a Sea of Blood"
S. Bakhash, The Troubled Relationship between Iran and Iraq, (Blackboard)
"The Constitution of the Iranian Republic" (Blackboard)
Devictor, Classic Tools, Original Goals: Cinema and Public Policy in the Islamic Republic of Iran, (Blackboard)
J. Afary, excerpt from Sexual Politics in Modern Iran

Week of Dec. 7

H. Chehabi and A. Keshavarzian, excerpts from Politics in Iran (Blackboard)
Arjomand, excerpt from After Khomeini: Iran under his Successors
Ziba Mir-Hosseini, "Religious Modernists and the ‘Woman Question’" (Blackboard)
View "Divorce Iranian Style" or Mrs. President. (Blackboard)