

Persianate World: A Conceptual Inquiry
Yale University
Luce Hall

May 9 – 11, 2014

Conference Schedule (Tentative)

Friday, May 9, 2014

3:00 – 4:00

Welcome and Introductions (Abbas Amanat and Frank Griffel)

4:00 – 6:15

Panel 1: Culture and Religion in the Persianate World

Chair: Frank Griffel (Yale University)

Hasan Karatas (University of St. Thomas, Minnesota), *Rum-Shirvan Connection and the Transmission of the Khalwatiya to the Ottoman World in the Fifteenth Century*

Shahrokh Raei (University of Göttingen), *The Material Culture of Wandering Dervishes in Persianate Societies*

James Pickett (Princeton University), *Little Persianate Spheres?: Bukhara as a Center of Regional Exchange*

Waleed Ziad (Yale University), *From Yarkand to Sindh: The Naqshbandi-Mujaddidiyya of Afghanistan and the Development of their Transregional Networks in the early 19th century*

6:15 – 9:00

Dinner: TBD

Keynote speaker: Said Amir Arjomand (SUNY-Stony Brook), *Persianate Studies: State of the Art*

Saturday, May 10, 2014

8:00 – 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30

Panel 2 : Literature and Historiography

Chair: Abbas Amanat (Yale University)

Vikas Rathee (University of Arizona), *Religion and Politics in the pre-Islamic Hindu Past of Indo-Persian tawarikh: The Case of the Khulasat al-Tawarikh*

Arthur Dudley (University of Oxford), *At Cosmopolis's End: The Slipping Apart of Iran and South Asia as Reflected in Lexicographical Works*

Ron Sela (Indiana University), *Turkic History-Writing in Central Asia and the Reorientation of the Persianate Oecumene*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 1:15pm

Panel 3: The “Other” in the Persianate World

Chair: Said Amir Arjomand (SUNY-Stony Brook)

Hirotake Maeda (Tokyo Metropolitan University), *Fresh Recruits from the Caucasus serving the “Persianate Empires”*

Rebecca Gould (Yale-National University of Singapore), *Paradoxes of Sovereignty: Persianate Power in the Caucasus before Modernity*

Joanna de Groot (York University, UK), *Inclusion and Exclusion in the Persianate World: Views of Baluch People in the Nineteenth Century*

Nathan Light (Uppsala University, Sweden), *Forgetting and Unbraiding: From Turko-Persianate Culture to Ethno-National Identities*

1:15 – 2:30

Lunch

2:30 – 4:30

Panel 4: Print, Media, and the Production of Knowledge

Chair: Kishwar Rizvi (Yale University)

Farzin Vejdani (University of Arizona), *The “Low” Culture of the Persianate? Popular Theater, the Revolutionary Press, and Illicit Activities in early Twentieth-Century Istanbul Teahouses*

Pedram Partovi (American University), *Conceptualizing Persianate Cinema*

Denis V. Volkov (University of Manchester, UK), *Knowledgeable Conquest or Intelligent Expansion?: The Study of the Persianate World in Fin de Siècle Russia*

4:30 – 5:00

Coffee break

5:00 – 7:00

Panel 5: Persianate Communities Abroad

Chair: Assef Ashraf (Yale University)

Mana Kia (Columbia University), *Transregional Ties that Bind: Companionship, Education and Migration*

Daniel Sheffield (Princeton University), *The Loss of the Persianate and the Recovery of the Iranian: On Parsi Antiquarianism and Modernity*

Tanya Lawrence (Yale University), *Iranians in the Ottoman Empire: Culture of Dissent, Identity Politics and Transregional Networks in the Late Nineteenth Century*

7:00 – 8:00

Dinner, Luce Hall Common Room

8:00 – 10:00

Classical Persian Concert, Luce Hall Auditorium

Sunday, May 11, 2014

9:00 – 9:30

Breakfast

9:30 – 10:30

Keynote speaker: Richard Eaton (University of Arizona), *Comparing the Persian Cosmopolis (900-1900) and the Sanskrit Cosmopolis (400-1400)*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee

11:00 – 1:00

Panel 6: Eastern Connections with the Persianate World

Chair: Valerie Hansen (Yale University)

James Millward (Georgetown University), *Echoes of Barbad's Lute: Short-Necked Chordophones and the Neglected Persianate Core of the Silk Road*

Heidi Walcher (Ludwig-Maximilian Universität-München), *Linking Eastern and Western Iran: Resonances of Asia in Tabriz of 1501*

Arash Khazeni (Pomona College), *Of Teak, Elephants, and Rubies: Indo-Persian Encounters with the Nature of Imperial Burma, circa 1800*

1:00 – 2:00

Lunch

2:00 – 3:00

Round table discussion and concluding remarks