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### **A Note of Appreciation**

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### **Continuing Education Hours**

This conference is approved for Continuing Education Hours (CEH's) by the School of Social Work: Friday, 6 CEH's; Saturday, 6 CEH's; Sunday, 3 CEH's.

**For registration, please use the enclosed form.**

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# **DĀNESH Institute Conference**

## **Preliminary Program**

### **BRIDGING CULTURES: CONSTRUCTING EXPERIENCES OF IRANIANS LIVING ABROAD**



**October 20-22, 2006**

**at**

**Indiana University-Purdue University  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
(IUPUI)**

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## 2006 Conference

### Preliminary Program

Times, chairpersons, and locations of all sessions will be announced in the final program

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20: MORNING

##### **Special Session**

#### Registration and Welcome

Ruth E. Van Reken, Intercultural Consultant; Co-founder, Families in Global Transition

*Who Am I Really? Recognizing the Diversity of Youth Who Grow Up in Many Cultures*

*Panel: Second Generation Iranian-Americans*

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20: AFTERNOON

##### **Conference**

#### **Keynote Address**

Taher Zandi, State University of New York  
*Mental Health and Older Adults: Challenges Faced by Iranian and Other Immigrant Families*

Discussant: Patricia Higgins, State University of New York

#### **Presentation**

Mary E. Hegland, Santa Clara University  
*Iranian Elders in North California: Building Community through the Mohabat Center*

#### **Presentation**

Khadija Khaja, Indiana University  
Irene Queiro-Tajalli, Indiana University  
Bassima Schbley, Washburn University  
*Bridging Cultures Post 9/11: Strengths, Stresses, and Coping Mechanisms of Those in the Diaspora: Implications for Teaching and Practice*

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20: EVENING

#### **Poetry Night (Shab-e She'ar) in Persian**

Peyman Vahabzadeh and Ali Zarrin  
Chair: Homayoon Shidnia, Indiana University

#### SATURDAY: OCTOBER 21: MORNING

#### Registration

#### **Keynote Address**

Mehdi Bozorgmehr  
City University of New York  
*The Iranian Experience in America: Achievements and Challenges*

Discussant: Yahya Kamalipour, Purdue University

#### **Presentation**

Leah Baer, Independent Scholar  
*Iranian Jewish Community in the United States Twenty Five Years after Immigration*

#### **Presentation**

Ali Akbar Mahdi  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
*An Uncertain but Desired Life: Iranians in Dubai*

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#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21: AFTERNOON

#### **Roundtable**

Kazem Tehrani, Portland State University  
Diane Tehrani, Clark College  
*Poetry Reading: An Iranian Contribution to the Community*

#### **Presentation**

Manoj Pardasani, Indiana University  
*Peer-led Intervention Model of Social Work with Asian and Iranian Immigrant Women*

#### **Presentations**

Peyman Vahabzadeh, University of Victoria  
*Where Is My Poetic Dwelling? The Vicissitudes of Changing Diasporic Communities*  
Ali Zarrin, Regis University

*Persian Immigration Poetry: Ruptures and Continuity in Millennium-Old Persian Poetry*

Chair and Discussant: Said Honarmand, Ohio State University

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21: EVENING

##### **Reception**

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22: MORNING

#### **Keynote Address** [To be announced]

#### **Presentation**

Taghi Azadarmaki, University of Tehran  
Mehri Bahar, University of Tehran  
*Immigration and Cultural Changes in Iran*

#### **Panel: Summary and Conclusion**