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at the University of Maryland**

Roshan Institute for Persian Studies at the University of Maryland aspires to be the premier center for the learning, understanding, and appreciation of Persian culture in the United States. The institute is generously supported by—and named in recognition of—Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, led by its founding Chair and President, Dr. Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali.

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*The Library of Congress and Roshan Institute for  
Persian Studies at the University of Maryland Present:*

*Roshan Lectures at the Library of Congress  
in conjunction with the exhibit*

***“A Thousand Years  
of the Persian Book”***

*March – September 2014*



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*Program for Roshan Lectures at  
the Library of Congress:*  
All lectures will take place from 12:00 -1:00PM

**Program Schedule:**



**Thursday, March 27, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. John Renard**  
**St. Louis University**  
“Illustrating the Persian Book: The Happy Marriage of Literary and Visual Narrative”



**Thursday, March 27, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Amy Landau**  
**Walters Art Museum**  
Panel discussion on “The History, Complexity, and Significance of the Art of the Persian Book” and on its significance in this lecture series.



**Wednesday, April 9, 2014**  
Location: University of Maryland, Room TBA

**Dr. Afsaneh Najmabadi**  
**Harvard University**  
“Women’s Worlds in Qajar Iran: A Digital Exploration”



**Friday, April 25, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak**  
**University of Maryland**  
“The Persian Book of Kings: Vicissitudes of a Foundational Text in Iranian Culture ”



**Wednesday, May 7, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Jessika Kenney, Cornish College of the Arts**  
**and Dr. Fatemeh Keshavarz**  
**University of Maryland**  
“Persian Mystical Literature: The Marriage of Poetry and Music”



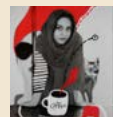
**Wednesday, May 21, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Massumeh Farhad**  
**Freer Gallery of Art / Arthur M. Sackler Gallery; Smithsonian Institution**  
“When Ink and Color Meet: The Art of Painting in the Shahnameh (Book of Kings)”



**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Sunil Sharma**  
**Boston University**  
“Woven Words and Painted Pictures: The Persian Book in India”



**Wednesday, June 25, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Ms. Rashin Kheiriyeh**  
**Freelance Illustrator of New York Times**  
“The Persian Book: Animation and Illustration”



**Wednesday, July 9, 2014**  
Location: University of Maryland, Room TBA

**Dr. Amy Landau**  
**Walters Art Museum**  
“Librarians, patrons, and poets: the personal dimension of Persian manuscripts”



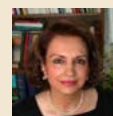
**Wednesday, July 23, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Ulrich Marzolph**  
**University of Goettingen, Germany**  
“The Printing Press as an Agent of Tradition in Iran: Revisiting Elizabeth Eisenstein’s *The Printing Press as an Agent of Change*”



**Wednesday, August 13, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Ahmet Karamustafa**  
**University of Maryland**  
“The Persian Book in Pre-modern Turkey”



**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**  
Location: University of Maryland, Room TBA

**Dr. Farzaneh Milani**  
**University of Virginia**  
“Forough Farrokhzad’s Biography and Unpublished Letters”



**Wednesday**  
**September 10, 2014**  
Location: University of Maryland, Room TBA

**Dr. Wali Ahmadi**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
“Modern Literature in Afghanistan: Contributions to the Persian Book”



**Wednesday**  
**September 17, 2014**  
Location: Library of Congress

**Dr. Hamid Dabashi**  
**Columbia University**  
“*The World of Persian Literary Humanism: Spreading Culture through Books*”