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DIGITAL PERSIANATE

Introduction 12:00pm-12:15pm Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego

Keynote address: 12:15pm-1:30pm
Nile Green (University of California, Los Angeles)
"Before the Digital: Media in the Making, Unmaking and Reshaping of the Persianate World"

Coffee break 1:30pm-1:45pm

Panel I. Digital Identity
1:45pm-3:15pm CHAIR: Roxanne Varzi (University of California, Irvine)
Shahram Khosravi (Stockholm University) "Digital Memories and Re-Tribalization among Bakhtiariis"

Niki Akhavan (The Catholic University of America) "Statesmen and Celebrities: Visualizing the New Iranian Patriot Online"

Zuzanna Olszeswka (Oxford University) "Pouty Lips and cute Aesthetics: the gender politics of transnational Afghan social media."

Coffee break 3:15pm-3:30pm

Closing Remarks
6:30pm-7:00 pm
Ahmad Karimi-Hakak (University of Maryland)

Panel II. Digital Spirituality
3:30pm-4:30pm, CHAIR: Babak Rahimi (University of California San Diego) Iraj Esmailpour Ghouchan (INSIDEOUT)
"The Digital Convent: Exploring the Influence of Modern Media on Sufis’ Brotherhoods in Kurdistan of Iran and Iraq"

Panel III. Digital Culture
4:45pm-6:30pm CHAIR: Babak Rahimi (University of California San Diego)
Samira Rajabi (University of Pennsylvania) "The Making of Persian: Instagram and Cultural Identity Negotiation"

Elham Cheytanchi (Santa Monica College) "Digital Literature: a review of a changing literary field in post-revolutionary Iran"

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