The Suad Joseph Lecture Series in Iranian Studies:

Friendship and the Culture of Epistolarity in Early Modern Isfahan
A Public Lecture By: Dr. Kathryn Babayan
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ARC Ballroom A, UC Davis Campus
Reception at 6:00pm followed by lecture at 7:00pm

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