The Suad Joseph Lecture Series in Iranian Studies:

The Struggle for Democracy in Iran: Cultural Impediments to Pluralism

A Public Lecture By: Dr. Mansour Farhang
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Reception at 6:00pm followed by lecture at 7:00pm

Mansour Farhang has a Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate School. In the 1970s, he taught in the Government Department at California State University, Sacramento. Following the 1979 revolution in Iran, he was an ambassador to the United Nations, involved with international mediators to settle the Iran-Iraq war. During this period, he wrote and spoke about the threat of religious extremism. In June 1981, following the violent suppression of political dissidents, he was forced to leave Iran. He then returned to the United States to become a research fellow and lecturer at Princeton University. Since 1983 he has been teaching international relations and Middle Eastern politics at Bennington College in Vermont. He is the author of two books and dozens of articles, in English and Persian, published in both academic journals and popular periodicals. He has appeared as a guest on numerous radio and television programs, including PBS News Hour, ABC’s Night Line, Bill Moyer’s Journal, 60-Minutes, CBS’s Face the Nation and CNN. He is a regular commentator on the Persian broadcasting of both BBC and Radio France International.

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