A Lecture by Ali Mirsepassi, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Director, Iranian Studies Initiative, New York University

This lecture will explore the life and works of the Iranian philosopher and intellectual figure, Ahmad Fardid. This ‘master’ intellectual influenced important Iranian thinkers and activists over a period of several decades and is credited with coining the powerful neologism “Gharbzadegi” (Westoxication). In the pre-revolutionary period, Fardid’s ideas inspired many Iranian intellectuals in their quest for the articulation of a nativist and anti-western discourse. Foremost among them was Jalal Al-e Ahmad.

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