



## History and Historiography of Pahlavi Iran, 1921–1979: A Workshop

### Roundtable on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1921 Coup and Reflections on the Reza Pahlavi Period

Monday, February 22, 2021 | 10:00 am Pacific Time

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### Pahlavi State and Society

Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 10:00 am Pacific Time

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### Pahlavi Foreign Relations

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | 10:00 am Pacific Time

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### Pahlavi Iran and Global History

Friday, March 19, 2021 | 10:00 am Pacific Time

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It has been nearly one hundred years since the coup of 21 February 1921 that ultimately brought Reza Khan to the throne, and more than forty years since the 1979 revolution that overthrew his son and brought an end to the Pahlavi dynasty. Because the revolution looms so large in the 20th century history of Iran, much of the scholarship has examined the Pahlavi period, and the late Pahlavi period in particular, primarily in the context of the events of 1978–79. In recent years, however, the Pahlavi period has experienced a surge in scholarly interest, as a new generation of historians has emerged with access to newly released documents and a fresh view on the era unimpeded by experiences of the *ancien régime*. These scholars, pioneers in the emerging field of ‘Pahlavi Studies’, look beyond the extensively covered debates concerning the revolution, to study the Pahlavi era as a period worthy of attention in its own right, contextualizing it within modern Iranian and global history.

This online workshop will bring together scholars who study Pahlavi Iran through the lens of a wide variety of specializations including politics, foreign policy, sociology, cultural studies and intellectual history, to share innovative approaches to the history and historiography of the period. There have been several important studies of either early or late Pahlavi Iran, but this workshop will look at the whole period from 1921 to 1979. The purpose of this approach is to better understand the significance of this nearly 60-year period in modern Iranian and global history. The workshop will identify themes and questions that emerge from current research on the Pahlavi period, and discuss ways in which the discovery of new sources has helped to shape, and continues to shape, the debates in our various fields.



Convened by: **Dr. Robert Steele**, *Jahangir and Eleanor Amuzegar Post-Doctoral Fellow in Iranian Studies*

Dr. Robert Steele is the inaugural recipient of the Jahangir and Eleanor Amuzegar Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA. He earned his PhD from the University of Exeter’s Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, specializing in 20th century Iranian history. His first book, titled *The Shah’s Imperial Celebrations of 1971: Nationalism, Culture and Politics in Late Pahlavi Iran*, was recently published, and will be the first comprehensive study on the subject.

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## PANELS

### Monday, February 22, 2021: Roundtable on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1921 Coup and Reflections on the Reza Pahlavi Period

**Camron Michael Amin** (Professor of History, University of Michigan-Dearborn)

**Ali Ansari** (Professor of Iranian History, University of St Andrews and Senior Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute)

**Stephanie Cronin** (Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Research Fellow, St Antony's College, University of Oxford)

**Afshin Marashi** (Professor of Middle Eastern History, University of Oklahoma)

### Thursday, March 4, 2021: Pahlavi State and Society

**Houchang Chehabi** (Professor of International Relations and History, Boston University)

*Dual Society in Pahlavi Iran*

**Bianca Devos** (Assistant Professor, Centre of Near and Middle East Studies, Philipps-University Marburg)

*Islam and Censorship in Pahlavi Iran: A Case Study from the 1970s*

**Kevan Harris** (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles)

*Variations in Land Reform during the Late Pahlavi Period: Nine Provinces Compared*

**Liora Hendelman-Baavur** (Director, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University)

*Royal Hype: The Court's Efforts to Popularize the Pahlavis in the Media*

### Tuesday, March 9, 2021: Pahlavi Foreign Relations

**Gregory Brew** (Fellow, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University)

*The Birth of the Pahlavi Petro-State: Oil Companies, American NGOs, and Dual Integration of Iranian Oil, 1941–1965*

**William Figueroa** (University of Pennsylvania)

*China and the Pahlavis, 1921–1979*

**Chelsi Mueller** (Research Fellow, The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University)

*Reza Shah's Policy in the Persian Gulf*

**Maaïke Warnaar** (Assistant Professor of International Studies and Middle East Studies, Leiden University)

*Representation and Netherlands-Iran Relations in the 1960s and 1970s*

### Friday, March 19, 2021: Pahlavi Iran and Global History

**Roham Alvandi** (Associate Professor of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science)

*Bringing Down the Shah: Human Rights Activism and Late Pahlavi Iran*

**Rasmus Elling** (Associate Professor, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen)

*City, Periphery, Beyond: Iranian Third-Worldism on Different Scales*

**Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet** (Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania)

*America's Vietnam in Iran*

**Cyrus Schayegh** (Professor of International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva)

*1940s–70s: Global Historical Reflections*