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Honor and Rights: the Politics of Love in Iran



A lecture by Dr. Ziba Mir-Hosseini, Legal Anthropologist, SOAS, London

***LECTURE IN ENGLISH**

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Iranian politics since the 1979 Revolution is commonly viewed as a polarized conflict between “secular” and “Islamic” ideologies. This masks the real site of battle, which is between despotism and patriarchy on the one hand, and democracy and gender equality on the other. The century-old struggle for democracy in Iran has been enmeshed in the dynamics of changing relations between sexuality, theology and politics. In this light, Dr. Ziba Mir-Hosseini will examine the course of the 2009 and 2013 presidential elections and their aftermath.

Dr. Ziba Mir-Hosseini (www.zibamirhosseini.com) is a legal anthropologist, specializing in Islamic law, gender and development, and a founding member of the Musawah Global Movement for Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family (www.musawah.org). Currently a Professorial Research Associate at the Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, University of London, she has held numerous research fellowships and visiting professorships, including Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (2004-5), and Hauser Global Law Visiting Professor at New York University (2002-8). She has published books on Islamic family law in Iran and Morocco, Iranian clerical discourses on gender, Islamic reformist thinkers, and the revival of zina laws. She has also co-directed two award-winning feature-length documentary films on Iran: *Divorce Iranian Style* (1998) and *Runaway* (2001). Her latest book is *Gender and Equality in Muslim Family Law: Justice and Ethics in the Islamic Legal Tradition*, edited with Lena Larsen, Christian Moe and Kari Vogt (I. B. Tauris, 2013).

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