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## The “Marvelous” Life and Thought of Ahmad Fardid



**A Lecture by Ali Mirsepassi, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies,  
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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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**\*Lecture in Persian**

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