



Seminar

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Persianate Islam and the Persianate Polity as Concepts in Civilizational Analysis

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ABOUT SAÏD AMIR ARJOMAND

Saïd Amir Arjomand was awarded his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1980. He has been Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook since 2004 and has served as Director of the Stony Brook Institute for Global Studies (2008–2017). He is the founder and president of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies and the editor of its interdisciplinary organ, *Journal of Persianate Studies*. He is also a consulting editor for *Encyclopaedia Iranica* and Senior Research Fellow of the Multiple Secularities Project at the Universität Leipzig. He has published extensively in humanities and social science journals and is the author of several books, including *The Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam: Religion, Political Order and Societal Change in Shi'ite Iran from the Beginning to 1890* (1984; new ed., 2010); *The Turban for the Crown: The Islamic Revolution in Iran* (1988); *Rethinking Civilizational Analysis* (with Edward Tiryakian, 2004), and most recently *After Khomeini: Iran under His Successors* (2009); *The Rule of Law, Islam and Constitutional Politics in Egypt and Iran* (with Nathan J. Brown, 2013); *Worlds of Difference* (with Elisa Reis, 2013); *Social Theory and Regional Studies in the Global Age* (2014); *The Arab Revolution of 2011: A Comparative Perspective* (2015); and *Sociology of Shi'ite Islam: Collected Essays* (2016).

During his residence at SCAS, Arjomand will be working on his contribution to the Collegium's May 2018 Karlgren–Eisenstadt symposium on “Rethinking Modernity: Entanglements and Ruptures, 1770–Present.”

ABSTRACT

The main goal of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS), founded in 1996, will be presented as the definition of Persianate Studies and placing it on the cognitive map of the scholarship and scientific knowledge in the global age. The highlight the distinctive features of Persianate Studies has equally the aim of the *Journal of Persianate Study*, the organ of ASPS, which has now entered its eleventh year of publication. This presentation offers an explanation of the success of the idea of Persianate Studies in the past two decades, and illustrates its value by defending the concepts of “Persianate Islam” and the “Persianate polity” as analytical concepts, or more precisely, as concepts in civilizational analysis.