



Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tehran
presents:

EXPERIENCING IRAN

International Cluster Programs

THE PROGRAM IS COORDINATED AND FACILITATED BY THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES' OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Program's main objective

- ❑ This cluster programs provides international graduate students and young researchers with a chance to gain a deep understanding of the Iranian **state and society, media system, current social, cultural, and economic developments**, as well as philosophical and **sociological thoughts**. Participants moreover will receive an enriching fresh overview of urban and rural cultures in Iranian societies, at the same time develop an authentic yet critical knowledge about the status and characteristics of important **interdisciplinary fields** such as language, **race, gender, religion** studies, as well as popular culture in Iran—far from the usual stereotypical and **orientalist** approaches.

Program 1: Cultural Changes and Social Issues in Iran

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Sociology**
- Themes of the program:
 - *Culture as intellectual, ethical and aesthetic resource*
 - *Social and cultural movements in Iranian society*
 - *Analyzing public problems through cultural perspectives*

Program 2:

Gender and Development: Situation of Women in Iran

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Sociology**

- Themes of the program:
 - *The rights of women in Iran: history, development and changes*
 - *Literary and intellectual narratives of the women question*
 - *Foreign and national discourses of the Iranian woman as subject*

Program 3:

Youth Cultures, Identity, and Generational Relations in post-revolutionary Iran

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Sociology**

- Themes of the program:
 - *Youth as a distinct social and cultural class in Iran*
 - *Comparing youth cultures across 4 generations after the 1979 Iranian revolution*
 - *Artistic and literary expressions of contemporary Iranian youth*

Program 4: Iranian Media Landscapes

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Communication**
- Themes of the program:
 - *The nature and development of the public sphere in Iran*
 - *Contemporary discourses and currents in Iranian public and media spaces*
 - *The limitations and challenges of new media technologies*

Program 5:

Understanding Iran Through Cinema and Television

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Communication**
- Themes of the program:
 - *Critical themes and questions in contemporary Iranian cinema and television*
 - *Ideologies of Religion and national identity in the film industry in Iran*
 - *The popularity of Iranian new wave cinema at the international level*

Program 6: Migration Trends in Iran

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Demography**
- Themes of the program:
 - *Migration to Iran beyond the European refugee crisis*
 - *The situation of Afghan and Iraqi refugees in Iran*
 - *Rural-urban migration in Iran*

Program 7: Anthropological Iranology

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Anthropology**
- Themes of the program:
 - *Introduction to Iranian nomadic cultures and ethnicities*
 - *Iranian anthropology and the study of non Persian cultures and languages*
 - *Doing ethnography studies in Iran*

Program 8:

Iranian Contributions to Social Thoughts of Muslim Thinkers

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Islamic Social Science**

- Themes of the program:
 - *Non-Eurocentric and non-orientalist approaches to theory building*
 - *Introduction to the social thoughts of Ali Shariati, Morteza Motahhari, Abu Raihan al Biruni and al Farabi*
 - *The challenges of the Muslim world in the 21st century*

Program 9:

Urban and Rural Development Policies in Modern Iran

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Social Development**
- Themes of the program:
 - *Gentrification and increasing inequalities in urban communities in Tehran*
 - *The perspective of social development in the study of Iranian urban and rural communities*
 - *Community development and empowerment in underprivileged areas*

Program 10:

Sustainable Development of Tourism in Iran: Issues and Challenges

- Organized by **Office of International Affairs** and the **Department of Social Planning**
- Themes of the program:
 - *The impact of sanctions on the blossoming tourism industry in Iran*
 - *The role of historical and cultural conservation in the Iranian tourism industry*
 - *Eco-tourism and neo-liberal policies in tourism policy making by the state*

Activities and field visits:

- Cultural and historical tour of Old Tehran
- Visiting news agencies, international press centres, and independent magazines editorial offices
- Visiting university based research institutes and academic journals
- Visiting prominent NGOs, and special centres for migrants and out-of-school children
- Special film screening
- Special dinner and night culture experience in North-Tehran

- Duration of the program:
 - 6 intensive teaching sessions
 - 1 group exercise
 - 1 individual presentation
 - 2 chosen field visits

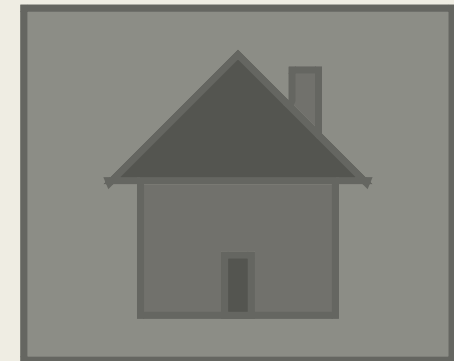
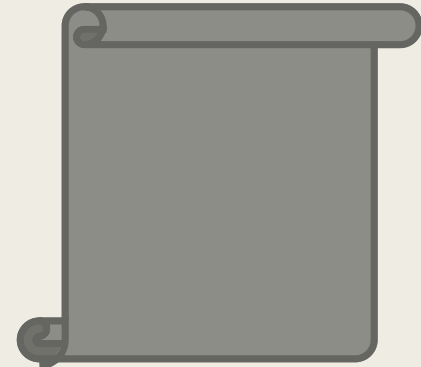


Session 1	Opening, lunch, introduction to Persian language and Iranian cultures, lecture 1
Session 2 & 3	Lecture 2, lunch, lecture 3
Day trip	Cultural Activities, traditional dinner
Session 4	Field visit 1, lecture 4
Session 5	Lecture 5, group exercise
Presentation Day	Field visit 2, lunch, student presentations
Session 6	Lecture 6, student presentations, free time
Closing	Closing ceremony, handing out the certificate

❑ The program is fully instructed and presented in **English**.
However, it includes a specialized complementary course of **Persian** language and introduction to Iranian cultures

❑ All students will get a chance to present a **paper/project** that they develop during the program under the supervision of a chosen scholar

❑ All students will be provided off-campus **accommodation** offered by the University of Tehran





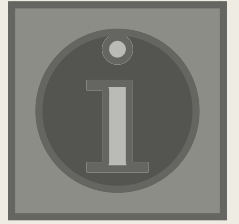
- The program can be organized and conducted both for groups or individuals upon request at any time during the year.
- To apply send your **CV** and a **motivation letter** (no more than 500 words) to iasocio@ut.ac.ir
- For more information about the program and registration fee, please contact the **Office of International Affairs** at iasocio@ut.ac.ir

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Additional information about the Faculty



Since its establishment in 1958, Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Tehran has been able to attest to its position as the most renowned higher education entity in the field of social and communication science in Iran and in conducting immense qualitative as well as quantitative research. Faculty's missions include:

- ❑ Producing knowledge and building theories in various fields of the Social Sciences
- ❑ Training and educating students and academic leaders
- ❑ Conducting studies and researches on social issues, conditions, and structures, for the purpose of sharing the results with responsible and relevant state and civil society organizations, research institutions, as well as interested individuals through joint collaborations, journals, seminars and conferences
- ❑ Internationalization is a recent strategy by the Faculty to improve its academic activities to align itself on par with its counterparts around the world.

IF THE INTELLECT KNEW HOW BLESSED HEARTS REST
IN THEIR CURLS, O! IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR THE
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR GANG.

Hafez