

SEMNANI FAMILY FOUNDATION



The mission of the **Semnani Family Foundation** is to find creative and effective ways of serving the needs of marginal and vulnerable communities around the world, particularly those whose survival and security is at grave risk or immediate danger due to forces and factors beyond their control.

Whether it is helping communities recover from disease, famine,

earthquake or war, or promoting research, educational and civic initiatives, the foundation focuses its giving where it can make the most difference.

The **Semnani Family Foundation** focuses primarily on promoting the health, education and disaster relief for marginal communities in the United States and around the world.

The Semnani Family Foundation partners closely with organizations and individuals with a demonstrated record of delivering significant, sustainable and lasting change in the field. Over the years, the Foundation has worked with major international and national as well as local charities to advance its mission. The Foundation's partners over the past twenty years have included the American Red Cross, UNICEF, LDS Humanitarian, Globus Relief, Global Health Alliance, Special Olympics, the American Cancer Society, the Huntsman Cancer Institute, Habitat for Humanity, High Road for Human Rights, Faith Voices for the Common Ground, the League of Women's Voters and others.

Iran after Alexander Hellenism in the East

Friday, February 23rd, 2018 | HG 1010 | 9:30am – 4:30pm



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JORDAN CENTER
FOR PERSIAN STUDIES

IRAN AFTER ALEXANDER HELLENISM IN THE EAST

A One Day International Conference at UC Irvine
February 23rd, 2018 | HG 1030



INTRODUCTION (9:45-10:00)

Andrew Zissos (*UC Irvine*) & Touraj Daryaee (*UC Irvine*)

KEYNOTE LECTURE (10:00-10:30)

CHAIR: Andromache Karanika (*UC Irvine*)

Pierre Briant (*Collège de France*)

Iranians, Greeks and Macedonians from Darius III to Seleukos

PANEL I

SELEUKID IRAN (10:30-11:30)

CHAIR: John Lee (*UC Santa Barbara*)

Rolf Strootman (*Utrecht University*)

“Vassalization” of Seleukid Iran

Marek Olbrycht (*Rzeszów University*)

The Seleukid Rule in Eastern Iran

PANEL II

IRANIAN AND JEWISH KINGSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HELLENISM (1:00-2:00)

CHAIR: Simcha Gross (*UC Irvine*)

James Russell (*Harvard University*)

**Arsacids and Maccabees: Responses to Hellenism
and the Construction of Ethno-Religious Identity**

Touraj Daryaee (*UC Irvine*)

**The Iranian Response to Hellenism in Late
Antiquity**

COFFEE BREAK (2:00-2:30)

PANEL III

THE IMPACT OF HELLENISTIC IMAGERY (2:30-3:30)

CHAIR: Stanley Burstein (*CSU Los Angeles*)

Michael Alram (*Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien*)

**Coin images in Hellenistic Iran: from imitation
to innovation”**

Michael Shenkar (*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*)

**Greek and Non-Greek in the Royal and Divine
Representations of the Kushans**

CONCLUDING REMARKS (3:30-3:45)

Andromache Karanika (*UC Irvine*)

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