

**The Department of Middle Eastern Studies
University of Cambridge**



**The 1st International Conference
Research Initiative on Teaching Persian Language and Literature
Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
University of Cambridge. 1-2 December 2017 (provisional)**

This research initiative, which will take the form of biennial international conferences, addresses teachers and lecturers of Persian and examines developments and innovations in Persian language and literature teaching. This first conference hopes to broadly identify specific challenges related to the teaching of Persian language and Persian literature, and seeks to explore the positive or detrimental aspects of linking the study of literary texts to language learning.

The organisers welcome topics on specific challenges related to teaching and integrating Persian language and literature. They suggest the following topics: Integrating literature within language teaching and vice versa; The challenges of teaching Persian as a Second/Foreign/Heritage language; The challenges of teaching Persian literature to non-Persian speakers; Cross-Cultural issues in teaching Persian. They also encourage papers on: Testing and assessment issues; The use of technology; The development of material; and Syllabus design.

The papers are allocated 20 minutes each. Would interested teachers and lecturers of Persian language and Persian literature send their abstracts (not exceeding 300 words) by 25 September 2017 to **Dr. Mahbod Ghaffari** mq695@cam.ac.uk. All abstracts undergo double-blind peer review and the successful applicants will be informed by 9 October 2017.

The registration is free for the speakers. We encourage applicants to approach their institution to cover their travel and accommodation costs, though we hope to be able to partly fund accommodation and meals in Cambridge.

Deadline: 25 September 2017



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