

The fifth conference of conceptual and theoretical reflections on Iranian society

“changes and sustainability of Iranian society: hopes and concerns”

15-16 June 2022

Call for Papers and Conference Agenda

Iranian society is characterized by the high rates of social dynamism and transformation. Deeply rooted in human history with the charterers of an axial civilization, Iranian society has undergone a large number of historical events and deep-changing modernization processes in recent time and like other societies in late-modernity faced with some challenges and opportunities. The processes of globalization have already started to influence and interact with the underlying social, cultural, economic mechanisms of society. Additionally, the introduction and spread of new social media and communication technologies of the 21. century also have accelerated the processes of social change, eroded fixed social structures, cultural properties, and national identity. In this light, some social scientists express their concerns about rising anomic phenomena, and unprecedented social pathologies, while others speak about a generational gap or even a rupture in the historical progression of society from past, to the present and future. Today, these and other social questions have given rise to concern in Iranian society and scholars alarmed about the (relative) failure to build a modern nation-state, economic problems, obstacles for cultural reproduction in terms of generating new values, norms, meaningful social relations, etc.

The fifth congress of conceptual and theoretical debates about Iranian society aims to discuss and tackle issues related to “changes and sustainability of Iranian society”. It provides an opportunity for sociologists, social researchers, and other scholars to dialogue and exchange views on broad topics, ranged from social changes that Iranian society has undergone over the last century, current social issues and problems, to potential promising or concerning futures.

Topic and Agendas

We welcome submissions and original research contributions on several fields of study, panels, investigating questions such as (but not limited to) the following:

1. Characteristics of Social Changes in recent era

- Recognition and Classification of profound and definitive social changes with long-term effects in the modern history of Iran.
- Possibilities for the future of social changes: The direction of changes towards sustainability or unsustainability?

2. Identity in Iranian society

- What components construct Iranian identity? What are the essential features of Iranian identity: historical and contemporary contexts?
- The characteristics and processes of social change in Iranian society and social and personal identity
- Globalization and the emergence of the new forms of personal and collective identities

3. Social sustainability of Iranian society

- The main features of social sustainability of Iranian society: the social, cultural, and historical elements of social sustainability: Challenges and opportunity for the future of Iranian society

4 Iran in a global context

- The quality and assessment of the social resilience of Iranian society (social, cultural, economic, and epistemic infrastructures) in interaction with other societies, cultures, and identities.
- Iran in Middle East: the clash of civilization or international cooperation?
- The future(s) of Iranian society in the age of globalization: typologies, features, explanations, and possible (optimist/pessimist) scenarios.

5. Iran in the face of future: socio-political, socio-cultural, and socio-identical future scenarios

- Iran between two definitions: Iran as a concrete social and territorial reality or as a historical and cultural entity.
- Key factors of survival of Iranian society in interplay with modernity: changes in these factors in modern times.

Format

1. Conference with personal attendance (select formats will be livestreamed)
2. Talks in multiple moderated panels

Conference language: Farsi and English

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic virtual presentation is welcome

Application and deadlines:

Applications are open 1. February 2022 –19. March 2022.

Applications via the conference email isa.kankash5@gmail.com must include an extended abstract (max. 300 words). In case of any questions, please write an e-mail to the organizing team.

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