The Persian Studies Seminar offers a forum for UW faculty, students, and visiting scholars engaged in diverse areas of Persian and Iranian studies to meet each other and learn more about current research and other initiatives in the field. For recommended reading related to each lecture, please see the Program’s homepage (http://depts.washington.edu/neareast/persia/) or contact the Program Director Joel Walker (jwalker@uw.edu).

**All meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 3:30-5 PM, in Smith 306 unless otherwise announced. Faculty, graduate students, and other visitors are welcome to attend.**

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**Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

**“Iran and Central Asia”**

**Enayatollah Yazdani** *(Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Isfahan)*

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**Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

**“Impressions from a Summer in Tajikistan”**

**Sohrab Aslamy** *(UW NELC and Political Science major)* & **Katie MacDonald** *(UW NELC and International Relations major)*

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**Tuesday, January 15, 2013**

**“Rashid al-Din and the Making of Ilkhanid History”**

**Stefan Kamola** *(Ph.D. candidate, History Department)*

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**Tuesday, March 5, 2013**

**“Singing for Beautiful Boys in the City: Two Genres in Persian and Ottoman Literatures”**

**Selim Kuru** *(Associate Professor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilization)*

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**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

**“Beauty and Narratives of Conquest in Early Ottoman Epics and Their Persian Antecedents”**

**Oscar Aguirre Mandujano** *(Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies)*

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**Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

**“Splendid Adornment: Pearls and the Pearl Trade in the Sassanian and Early Islamic Middle East”**

**Joel Walker** *(Associate Professor, Department of History)*