



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS (DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2012)

IAAB INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE IRANIAN DIASPORA

October 13-14, 2012 | University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Through a series of panels, workshops, and presentations, the 2012 IAAB Conference aims to engage a diverse array of academics, community leaders, artists, and members of the global Iranian diaspora. In addition to providing an open environment for productive and interactive dialog on cutting edge research, community programs, and cultural productions, the conference will also serve as an opportunity to build a stronger network of Iranians across our various borders.

Proposal submissions

IAAB seeks original research and presentations from any discipline, with emphases on the following areas, in the format of a paper presentation, pre-arranged panel, or workshop:

- Oral and visual histories documenting the diaspora
- Refugee, transmigrant, and undocumented immigration experiences, rights and challenges
- Demographic studies based on recent data (e.g. 2010 U.S. Census, 2011 Canadian Census, etc.)
- Collaboration across and between diaspora and immigrant communities
- The effects of sanctions on Iranians in diaspora
- Cultural production in diaspora (cinema, music, literature, TV, theater, new media, visual and performance art, curation, etc.)
- Fieldwork and case studies on local Iranian communities, particularly those outside the U.S. and in newer destinations (e.g. Malaysia)
- The role of social media and transnational networks in diaspora
- Emerging legal challenges in Iranian communities worldwide
- Second- and third-generation identity negotiations
- Historical analyses of Iranian diaspora communities pre-1979
- Studies of health-related community activism in the Iranian diaspora
- Effects of the global financial crisis on Iranians globally
- Challenging gender, sexuality, and racial taboos in the diaspora
- Innovative approaches to ethnic entrepreneurship and transnational economic networks
- Social work, family dynamics, and community needs-assessments in the Iranian diaspora
- Cutting-edge research in heritage language education
- Transnational politics and impacts of diaspora activism upon both domestic and Iranian issues
- Other topics regarding present conditions, contributions, or challenges faced by Iranians in diaspora

All presentations should be between 10 and 15 minutes in length and may be delivered in either of the conference languages, English and Persian. We encourage submissions of narratives, short films,

and personal stories in addition to papers of a more academic nature. With the aim of engaging our diverse diaspora community, preference will be given to submissions that will generate discussion among a multigenerational and multidisciplinary audience comprised of academics, NGO and community leaders, students, artists, and members of the Iranian diaspora and international community.

Submission Guidelines | DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2012.

All proposals must be submitted along with a short biography (no more than 200 words) via our [online form](#) by **April 2, 2012**. Please provide all biographical and contact information requested. Proposals without this information will not be considered. **Proposals for paper presentations** must include an abstract of no more than 350 words in length, submitted using the online submission form. **Proposals for workshops** must include the goals of the workshop, names and resumes of all workshop leaders (including previous workshops led), and an outline of content. **Proposals for pre-arranged panels** should consist of no more than 4 presenters and a chair (a panelist may be designated). Each panel member's abstract must be submitted together with the panel proposal; each of these should be no more than 350 words in length and should be submitted together. If submitting a short film or other audio-visual material for consideration, please submit a brief description through the online submission form and include a weblink to the material. If the material is not available online, please mail a copy to IAAB's New York office. **Please note: submitted material cannot be returned.**

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Please direct any inquiries regarding the Conference to conference@iranianalliances.org.

IAAB is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen the Iranian diaspora community through leadership and educational programming that encourages collaboration and solidarity across various borders and among multiple communities. To find out more about IAAB and our previous four International Conferences on the Iranian Diaspora, please visit our website at: www.iranianalliances.org.