From the Editor

This issue of the Iran Academia Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities is devoted to a collection of conference papers submitted to the Editorial Board by August 1st.

On August 26 and 27, 2022, the authors will present their papers at the second "International Conference on Contemporary Iranian Studies (ICCI)" in The Hague, Netherlands. We hope to publish the remaining papers and detailed articles in future issues of the journal.

Iran Academia's primary objective in organizing this conference is to provide a forum for the presentation of research works in the fields of humanities and social sciences about modern Iran (the post Iranian constitutional revolution period), as well as to foster an atmosphere of open academic dialogue between Iranian and international scholars of different generations.

Academic restrictions within Iran and significant waves of immigration, especially after the 1979 revolution, have led to the expansion of research about Iran in a variety of academic environments and occasionally outside the universities. The ICCI, held in Farsi and English, is an attempt to build a bridge between Iranian and international research projects. Therefore, despite the venue and location of the conference (the Netherlands), the Persian language was chosen as one of the presentation languages in order to facilitate the relationship and mutual benefit between researchers and their contemporary Iranrelated works. The biennial International Conference on Contemporary Iranian Studies is committed to fully respecting critical thinking and academic freedom in order to expand open academic dialogue. The intent is for researchers to present their research on modern Iran without being censored.

The subject of the second ICCI, held in collaboration with the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University, is a critical examination of Iranian society in the 14th SH century.

Iran has experienced many ups and downs and fundamental changes over the past century, and at the beginning of the 15th SH century, it was confronted with numerous challenges and super-challenges. Women's issues, human rights, social movements, intellectuals, foreign policy, education, and universities will be among the topics covered at the 2022 ICCI, which will focus on the conditions and developments of Iranian society. The issues raised address both macrostructures and official institutions, while also focusing on the internal dynamics of Iranian society.

The ICCI Editorial Board, who also served as guest editors, deserves special thanks for their contributions to this issue.

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