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THE KING OF KINGS' EMPIRE AS A GARDEN IN ANCIENT IRAN

NOVEMBER 8, 2017 | 4:00 P.M. | 306 ROYCE HALL

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This lecture explores the idea of the Sasanian Empire (Iranshahr) as a garden. The theme of the Persian Empire as a paradise has been explored by a number of scholars, but the continuation of this idea in Late Antiquity is neglected. The speaker will discuss how the Sasanian king of kings acted as a gardener who not only protected his subjects from invaders and malicious forces, but also weeded out those who brought havoc to the internal order of the empire established by Ohrmazd.

SPEAKER



Touraj Daryaei is the Maseeh Chair in Persian Studies and Culture and the Director of the Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies at UC Irvine. He currently serves as the President of Association for Iranian Studies. He is interested in the history and civilization of ancient Iranian world. His most recent books include: *The King of the Seven Climes* (edited), 2017; *India and Iran in Longue Duree* (co-ed. with A. Patel), 2017; and *From the Oxus to Euphrates: A History of Late Antique Iran* (co-authored with Kh. Rezakhani), 2016.

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