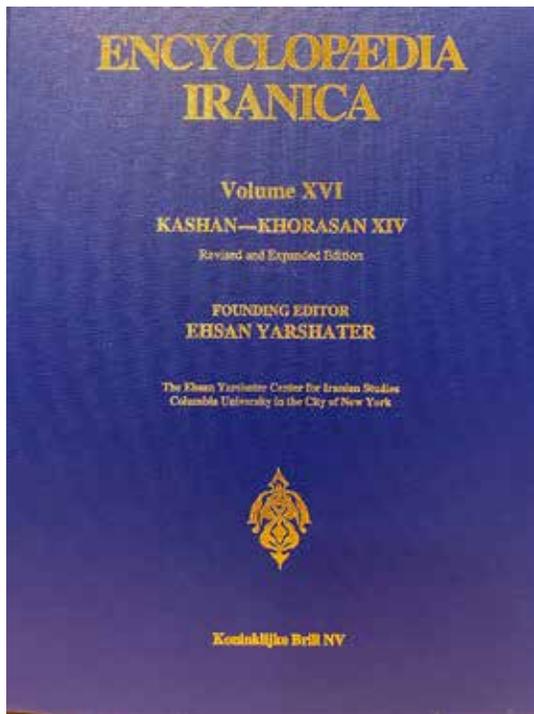
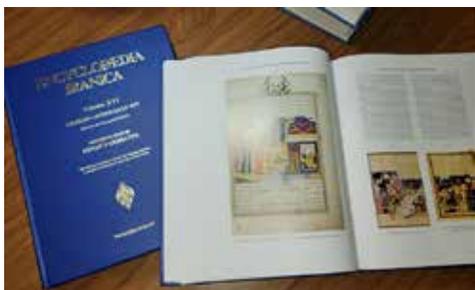




### ***Encyclopaedia Iranica* Volume XVI Published, July 2021**



The Yarshater Center is pleased to announce that Volume XVI of Columbia University’s *Encyclopaedia Iranica* was published in July 2021 (<https://brill.com/view/title/61057>). This bound volume replaces the older unbound fascicles XVI.1 through XVI.6 dating from 2012–2020. It covers the same alphabetical range, Kashan to Khorasan, but as a revised and expanded edition adds over forty pages of new material, incorporates numerous addenda and corrigenda as well as updated articles, and includes improved maps and color illustrations.

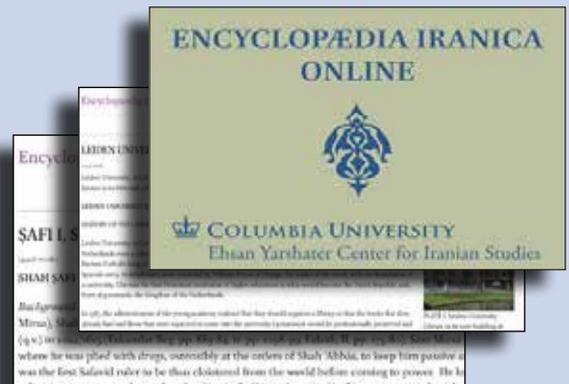


### **Honorary Doctorate for Mohsen Ashtiany Announced**

On Tuesday October 19, 2021, a ceremony was held in the Senate Room of the Rectorate, University of Rome “La Sapienza,” to confer a doctorate degree honoris causa in the field of Civilizations of Asia and Africa on Mohsen Ashtiany of the Ehsan Yarshater Center for Iranian Studies at Columbia University. The honorary degree recognizes the service Mohsen Ashtiany has rendered to Iranian studies throughout his life’s work, as well as for the wide recognition of his contribution in the scholarly community and among the Iranian intellectual diaspora. Speakers at the ceremony included Antonella Polimeni (Rector of Sapienza University of Rome), Federica Casalin (Coordinator of the Doctoral Program in Civilizations of Asia and Africa, Sapienza University), Carlo Cereti (Professor at Sapienza University), and Elton L. Daniel (Yarshater Center and *Encyclopaedia Iranica*). All were united in their

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### **New and Revised Entries in *Encyclopaedia Iranica Online***



The Yarshater Center’s editors continue to add new and revised entries to *Encyclopaedia Iranica Online*, which are published monthly on Brill’s Reference Works platform at [www.brill.com/eiro](http://www.brill.com/eiro). 300 new and revised articles have been added to *EI* Online since the site’s launch earlier this year. The open access site is free to use with no log-in required.

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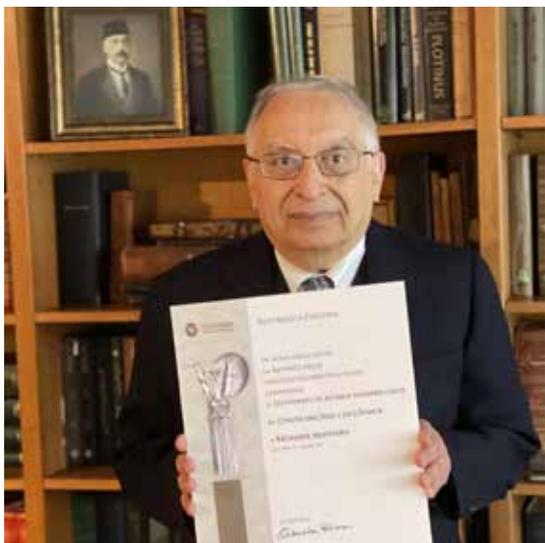
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praise of his record of scholarship and his willingness to share his vast knowledge to assist others in their own work.

The ceremony can be viewed in full at the institutional link: <https://youtu.be/otfY-fGfjsk>.

All of Mohsen Ashtiany's colleagues at the Yarshater Center join in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor and in expressing their appreciation to Sapienza University for its recognition of his achievements.



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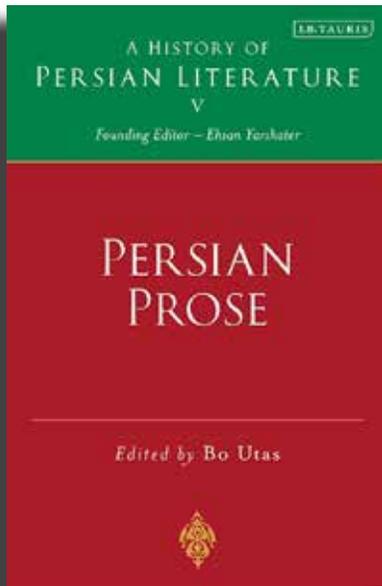
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### ***Encyclopaedia Iranica* Fascicle 1 of Volume XVII Soon To Be Released**

The editors of the Ehsan Yarshater Center for Iranian Studies at Columbia University recently finished production of Fascicle 1 of Volume XVII of *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, containing entries from “Khorasan XV” to “Khotan III” and concluding the series of entries on Khorasan that began in Volume XVI. The fascicle is expected to be released by Brill Publishers by the end of the year. Work has begun on Fascicle 2 of Volume XVII.



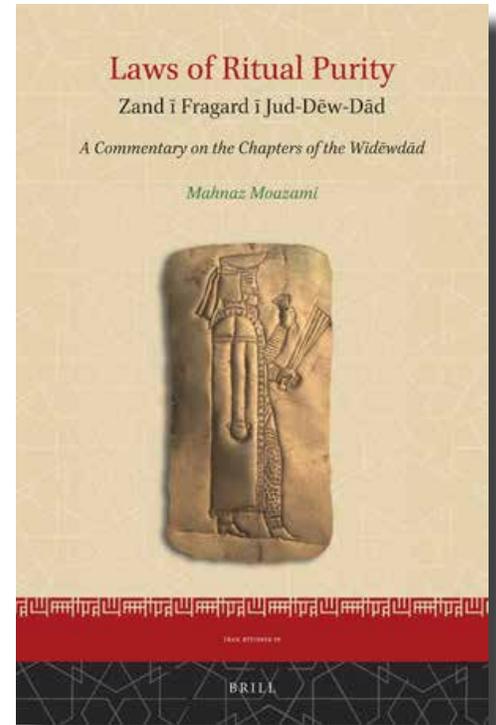
## Yarshater Center's Mahnaz Moazami Publishes Latest Book: *Laws of Ritual Purity*

Mahnaz Moazami, Associate Research Scholar at the Yarshater Center and Associate Editor of the *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, recently published her latest book, *Laws of Ritual Purity, Zand ī Fragard ī Jud-Dēw-Dād (A Commentary on the Chapters of the Widēwdād)*.

*Laws of Ritual Purity* describes the various ways in which Zoroastrian authorities in the fifth-sixth centuries CE reinterpreted the purity laws of their community. Its redactor(s), conversant with the notions and practices of purity and impurity as developed by their predecessors, attempt(s) to determine the parameters of the various categories of pollution, the minimum measures of polluted substances, and the effect of the interaction of pollution with other substances that are important to humans. It is therefore in essence a technical legal corpus designed to provide a comprehensive picture of a central aspect of Zoroastrian ritual life: the extent of one's liability contracting pollution and how atonement/purification can be achieved.

The main focus of Dr. Moazami's research is on the history of Ancient and Late Antique Iran. Her other publications include *Wrestling with the Demons of the Pahlavi Widēwdād* (2014), an important source for the study of Zoroastrian beliefs and literature.

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