



## Upcoming Conference

Next week, the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs will be co-sponsoring Ma'rifa 2020 - the first nationwide Shi'a college conference.

**MA'RIFA 2020** | Self-Discovery & Imagination

**Speakers & Topics**

Find the full agenda at [marifaconference.com/agenda](http://marifaconference.com/agenda)

**WHERE**  
SOCH Harvard  
59 Shepard Street  
Cambridge, MA, 02138

**WHEN**  
Friday - Saturday  
February 28 - 29, 2020

**The First National Shi'a College Conference**

Speakers: Sayyid Muhammad Engr Rashid, Dr. Payam Mohseni, Shereen Yousof, Mohammad Sagha, Sayyid Sulayman Ali Hasan, Trita Parsi, Dr. Nicholas Boylston, Hidayat Nawee, Shaykh Mahdi Mohammadpour

Co-Sponsored by the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard. Hosted by HIS (Harvard Islamic Society).

**Date:** Friday, February 28th to Saturday, February 29th  
**Location:** SOCH Harvard, 59 Shepherd Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

For more information, please visit the conference [website](#).

## Media and Past Events



### Dangerous Horizons

Recently, The Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs hosted a panel discussion on the future of the U.S.-Iran conflict and the dangerous horizon that lies ahead.

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### Event Recording

To listen to the panel discussion, please access the Project's podcast channel below.

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### Supplementary Podcast

In our podcast series Michel Nehme, undergraduate researcher for the Project, interviews Trita Parsi and Michael Singh on U.S.-Iran relations.

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### Podcast with Peter Mandaville

In this podcast, Peter Mandaville, professor at George Mason University, and Mohammad Sagha, Project Associate, discuss U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, Islamic revivalist movements and political thought in the region, as well Mandaville's scholarly works.

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## Publications



### Insecurity and Political Values in the Arab World, Democratization

By Melani Cammett, Ishac Diwan, and Irina Vartanova

Faculty Co-Chair of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs, Professor Melani Cammett, co-authored an academic article with Ishac Diwan and Irina Vartanova on the relationship between shifting macro-political conditions and individual-level political values in the Middle East.

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### The Day After al-Sistani

By Hassan Abbas, *The Center for Global Policy*

Should U.S. policy makers and strategists be concerned about the transition and succession of religious leadership in Iraq?

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### How Trump's Failed Maximum Pressure Policy Played a Role in Suleimani's Assassination

By Payam Mohseni, *The National Interest*

A military escalation with a maximalist political stance only further increases perceptions of U.S. regime-change policy in Iran without concern for the violent consequences stemming from such a campaign

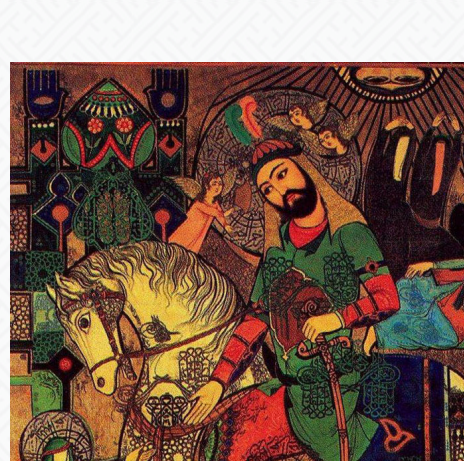
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### Research

The Project on Shi'ism & Global Affairs pursues advanced research on four inter-disciplinary studies in an effort to re-focus scholarly attention on the strategic transformations happening across the Shi'a worlds on both a socio-political level as well as the cultural values and ideology that drive these larger phenomena.

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### Visions

Visions, the online publication platform of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs, provides an educational platform that bridges the dispersed field of Shi'a studies—from historical hagiography and philosophy to contemporary geopolitics and world affairs—into a leading source on the latest analysis on Shi'ism from an academic and scholarly perspective.

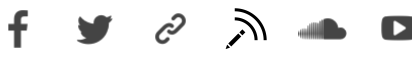
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