



Upcoming Event - The Unfinished History of the Iran-Iraq War

Next week, the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs will be hosting **Dr. Annie Tracy Samuel**. She will discuss how Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) has documented and approached the history of the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88) in its own publications and internal narratives. Moderated by **Dr. Payam Mohseni**, Director of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs.



Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Location: CGIS South South S050 Thomas Chan-Soo Kang Room,
1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge MA 02138

For more information, please click [here](#).



Past Events



Ma'rifa 2020
The Project co-sponsored the highly engaging and successful conference **Ma'rifa 2020: Self-Discovery & Imagination**, the first national Shi'a college conference with over 270 undergraduate and graduate students in attendance.



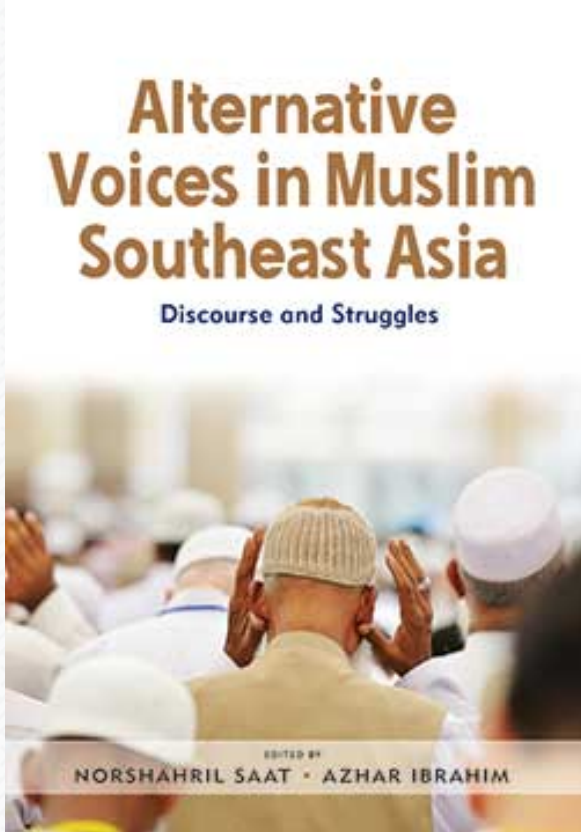
Project members **Payam Mohseni**, **Mohammad Sagha**, and **Michel Nehme** also examined the dynamics of sectarianism in the Middle East, U.S.-Iran relations, and other contemporary issues in a panel discussion entitled **"Approaching Sectarianism and Geopolitics."**

The **Ma'rifa Conference** was also covered in the press, featuring an interview with Harvard Islamic Society President and undergraduate researcher for the Project **Laila Tauqeer**.

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Publications



Sunni-Shia Reconciliation in Malaysia, *Alternative Voices in Muslim Southeast Asia: Discourses and Struggles*
By **Mohd Faizal Musa**

Project Associate **Mohd Faizal Musa** recently published a chapter on Shi'a-Sunni relations in Malaysia and the contemporary history of sectarianism and state-society dynamics in this critical region of Southeast Asia.

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The Bektashi Shi'as of Michigan: Pluralism and Orthodoxy within Twelver Shi'ism

By **Mohammad Sagha**

Project Associate **Mohammad Sagha** writes on the Bektashi Shi'a community based in Michigan, USA for the *Visions Blog*. He explores debates on orthodoxy and heterodoxy within Islam and the need to examine the diversity and pluralism within modern Shi'ism which is often overlooked in larger debates of Islam and the Muslim world.

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Reshaping the Rules of the U.S.-Iran Rivalry, National Interest

By **Hussein Kalout**

Project Associate **Hussein Kalout** writes on the evolving dynamics of the U.S.-Iran relations, the increasing volatility between these state actors as well as the challenges of deterrence signalling under current geopolitical circumstances for the *National Interest*.

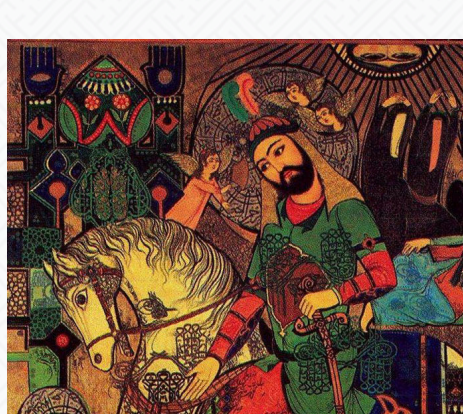
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Research

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Visions

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