

THE CEUS MONTHLY

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NEWS

On Thursday, February 21, **Shahyar Daneshgar** participated in a panel discussion titled “Is Music an International Language?” at the Hutton Honors College. On Thursday, February 14, as part of the International Month program, Shahyar gave a talk to high school students at Harmony School on the Middle East in world history and politics with a focus on the countries of Iran, Iraq and Turkey.

During his leave in the fall semester, **Paul Losensky** participated in several conferences. He presented a paper entitled “To Revere, Revise, and Renew: Sā‘eb of Tabriz Reads the Ghazals of Rumi” at two celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the birth of Jalal al-Din Rumi, first at the British Museum in London and then at Center for Persian Studies at the University of Maryland. At the European Conference of Iranian Studies in Vienna, he continued his study of Sā‘eb’s poetics in another paper, “Sokhan and Imagery of Poetics in the Ghazals of Sā‘eb Tabrizi.” For the meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Montreal, he turned to another aspect of 16th and 17th-century Persian poetry with a presentation on architectural chronograms in Safavid Iran. His article “The Creative Compiler: the Art of Rewriting in ‘Attār’s *Tazkerat al-awliyā*” appeared in *The Necklace of the Pleiades: Studies in Persian Literature Presented to Heshmat Moayyad on his 80th Birthday*, edited by F. Lewis and S. Sharma and published simultaneously by Rozenberg in Amsterdam and Purdue University Press in West Lafayette. He also contributed several entries to the third edition of *The Encyclopedia of Islam*.

David Straub (Central Asian Studies) will present a paper entitled “Islam and the Development of a Democratic Society in Tajikistan” at the Workshop on Islam and Democracy in Asia, hosted by The Center for Asian Democracy (CAD) and the Institute for Democracy and Development (IDD) at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, March 13-14.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

Monday, March 3, 4 pm, Oak Room, IMU

Thomas Kuhn Lecture: “Shaping and Re-Shaping Politics of Difference and Integration in the late Ottoman Empire, 1869-1919.”

Monday, March 3, 7:30 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Hungarian Film: Abandoned.

Thursday, March 6, 7 pm, Swain Hall East 140

Persian Film Series: Under the Peach Tree.

Tuesday, March 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, University Club, IMU 150

Commemoration of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848.

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Baltic and Finnish Film Series.

Thursday, March 20, 6:30 pm, Leo Dowling International Center, 111 S. Jordan Ave.

Plov Cooking Contest.

March 21-23 & March 28-30, Wylie Hall 005

4th Annual Bloomington Turkish Film Festival.

Saturday, March 22, 7pm, Alumni Hall, Indiana Memorial Union

The 11th Annual Navruz Festival.

Saturday - Sunday, March 22-23, Multiple Locations

Fifteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference. For additional details see www.iub.edu/~aces/aces.htm

Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 pm, Ballantine Hall 005

Mika Natif Lecture: "The Gospel According to Akbar: Artistic Encounters between Europe and Asia at the Mughal Courts of India."

Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Baltic and Finnish Film Series.

*See an updated list of all CEUS events at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~ceus/eventsnew.shtml>

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