Geographical Writing in Nineteenth Century Iran: A Source for the Social and Economic History of Provincial Communities

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Historians have yet to produce a detailed social and economic history of Qajar Iran (1795-1925). A major obstacle to this is the common conception that proper source materials simply do not exist to tackle such a monumental project. This presentation will address some of the major historiographical issues related to the field of Qajar provincial social and economic history and stress the utility of Persian geographical literature as a source of great significance that has yet to be systematically explored by scholars.