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AFTERNOON TALKS ON ISLAMIC LAW

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"Women's Access to Justice in Iran"

Friday, 27 March 2015 – 4 pm

Conference Room 1, 1st floor

All employees and guests of the institute as well as other interested parties are cordially invited to the lecture.

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About the Speaker:

Sahar Maranlou is the author of "Access to Justice in Iran: Women, Perceptions and Reality" published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. She is a Postdoctoral Research Officer in the Modern Middle Eastern Studies, University of Oxford. Sahar has written extensively on topics such as gender and Islamic law, she has also provided her expertise to organizations such as UNICEF and UNDP. Sahar has taught Islamic law and international human rights at the University of Warwick and the University of Brunel in the UK.

About the Topic:

Iranian justice system faces various challenges that consist of issues such as inadequate, long and discriminatory remedies, a lack of gender sensitization, failure to protect the poor and marginalized groups, or a lack of transparency and accountability. Sahar's socio-legal research focuses on Iranian women's access to justice and barriers they face in their path to justice. Based on her findings of a survey study on the perceptions of Iranian women about justice, she will talk about Iranian women's basic legal knowledge, their familiarity with legal procedure, perceptions of cultural barriers, issues that influence their preference for mechanisms of formal or alternative dispute solutions, and their level of satisfaction with their chosen courses of action.