



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Five-day Workshop



UNIVERSITY OF RELIGIONS AND DENOMINATIONS (URD)
RESEARCH CENTER OF THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL OF THE IRI

May 2019- Tehran, Iran



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1- DESCRIPTION

This workshop provides theoretical and practical training in terms of the Constitutional law of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Postgraduates and undergraduates students are particularly welcomed to participate. Besides, those wishing to improve their ability to critically understand the Iran's legal regime are invited. Classes will mainly be seminar-based and the students are strongly encouraged to actively participate in discussions. The course is jointly organized by the Research Center of the Guardian Council of the IRI and the University of Religions and Denominations.

This program is accredited by the University of Religions and Denominations. Participants will attend pre-planned workshops and lectures presented in English, and a special certificate will be awarded to each participant upon successful completion and meeting program requirements.

The goals set for this course are:

- To Raise the Professional Knowledge of the Legal Regime of the IRI.
- To Develop the Students' Skills to Better Understand the Constitutional Law of the IRI.
- To Construct Arguments About Different Controversial Legal Issues in the IRI.



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2- COURSE STRUCTURE

Academic Workshop

The workshop is designed to provide participants with the foundational knowledge, spiritual understanding, and critical thinking skills required to understand the political structure of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Topics:

I. The Constitution of the IRI

- *Historical Perspective*

Headlines: Constitutionalism in Iran, Constitution of 1906 and the Constitutional Monarchy, Islamic Revolution of 1979, Process of the New Constitution-making, Constitutional Revision of 1989.

- *Foundations of the Constitution*

Headlines: Basic Principles, Individual and Collective Rights, Religion, Women and Minorities, Allocation of Powers among the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches, Role of the People

II. Structure of the Powers

- *Legislative Power*

Headlines: Islamic Consultative Assembly (Parliament), Legislation Process

- *Executive Power*

Headlines: Structure of the Executive Power, Execution System

- *Judicial Power*

Headlines: Basic Principles, Head of Judiciary, Structure of the Courts, Appointments, Enforcement of the Constitutional Rights



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III. Islam as the Formal Religion of IRI

- *Islamic Legal Foundations*
- *Consequences of the Formal Religion*
- *Doctrine of Immamah and Ummah*
- *Imamah Vs Caliphate (Sunni View)*
- *Imamah Vs the Modern State*

IV. Vilayet-e-Faqih (Leadership) Theory; A Model of Democratic Governance

- *Doctrinal Basis of the Guardianship of the Islamic Jurist (Vali-e-Faqih)*
- *Vilayet-e-Faqih as A Balance-of-Powers System*
- *Powers and Responsibilities*
- *Election and Removal*
- *The Assembly of Experts of the Leadership*
- *Accountability*

Social Program

The social program lets you experience the best of Tehran (political capital). Tehran with its vibrant, cutting edge culture and fast-paced lifestyle provide a view of day-to-day life in Iran. We have designed a variety of programs, including meeting with official figures, along with visiting cultural and non-governmental centers, foundations and associations. Our handpicked social activities in Tehran bring to you an enriching adventure to complement your academic course.

Cultural Tour

For those who pursue to enrich their experience of Iran, this optional tour of Iran (Qom, Kashan, and Isfahan) would be of interest. Follow in pilgrims' footsteps and explore the history of old Persia and the spirit of the new Iran. Discover magnificent monuments, artworks, and sights and deeper insight into this ancient land.



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3- PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

<i>DAY</i>	<i>THEME</i>	<i>CLASSES</i>		<i>SOCIAL PROGRAMS</i>
		<i>9:00- 10:45</i>	<i>11- 12:45</i>	
1	Opening and Introduction The Constitution of the IRI	Historical Perspective	Foundations of the Constitution	Social Program
2	Legislative Power	Islamic consultation Assembly	Legislation Process	Social Program
3	Executive Power	Structure of the Executive Power	Execution System	Socia Program
4	Judicial Power;Islamic Governance	Judicial Power	Islam as the Formal Religion of IRI	Social Program
5	Closing Program	Vilayet-e-Faqih (Leadership) Theory	Questions and Answers	Socia Program

- The final schedule will be sent to all applicants before the program starts.
- Class: All classes will be taught using a combination of lectures and discursive discussions.



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4- HOW TO APPLY?

Eligibility

The workshop on Constitutional Law and Political Structure of the I.R. Iran is open to scholars, journalists, professors, researchers and students from all around the world. The program is designed for academics from various backgrounds, who are interested in expanding their understanding of Iran. Individuals from a wide range of academic or professional interests are welcome to apply.

Application Steps

1. Complete and submit the [online application form](#) at our website.
2. Upload your CV and a scanned copy of your passport via the course website or email. Please make sure that the documents are clearly labelled with your name.
3. An email will be sent to confirm the receipt of your application and you will be prompted to provide any information/document which remains at this time.
4. If your application meets our requirements, you will be issued with a conditional offer of a place upon the course.
5. In order to accept this offer, you will be required to provide a deposit payment of €80. The deposit payment will count towards your Intensive Course package payment.
6. If you wish to be allocated a place during our first allocation round, please ensure that your deposit is received no later than early registration deadline.
7. As soon as we receive the deposit you will be issued with an unconditional offer to participate in Shi'a Intensive Course, and, shortly after, you will be invoiced for the balance of your fees.
8. Full payment will be received at your arrival in Iran by cash.



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5- FEES AND FELLOWSHIP

The Fee packages include accommodation (3-4 star hotel), airport transfers (pick-up and drop-off), program transports, meals and refreshments, travel insurance, site visits, etc. which means all costs are included except the visa and international flights.

Standard and Special Rates

Package	Standard Fee	Early Birds	Group / Partner
Workshop (non- residential)	€ 520	€ 468	€ 416
Workshop (residential)	€ 225	€ 200	€ 180
Tour	€ 280	€ 250	€ 230
Workshop & Tour	€ 800	€ 720	€ 340

- Partial Scholarships are available based on CV and letter of interest.

Fellowship

A limited number of scholarships are available, up to a standard fee waiver of 30%. Scholarships are not applicable to the early registration or partner institution fee packages.

While we cannot guarantee to cover all applications, we are working on sponsorships and we would like to hear from you if the financial issue would be a big concern for your enrollment to the program. Please contact us for more information.



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6- VISA INFORMATION

The University of Religions and Denominations and the Research Center of the Guardian Council does provide full visa sponsorship for all confirmed applicants. The visa approval process usually takes up to 4 weeks (8 weeks for US and UK applicants) after applicants are notified of their successful application. Once the visa approvals have arrived, candidates will be notified in due time to refer to Iranian diplomatic or consular representations in their countries in other to receive their visas.

Steps in Detail

1. There will be a formal application extracted from your application form to be sent to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs which authorizes the consulate for visa issue.
2. The output will be an authorization letter which will be transmitted to the Iranian Consulate which you have indicated in the form. We will give you this letter's reference code (Visa Authorization Code) with which you will be able to collect your visa. This code is only valid to the mentioned consulate and only for 3 months from the date of issue. However, you may request us to forward it to another consulate in case of emergency.
3. Having the reference code, you will refer to the consulate with your passport (which must be valid for the next 6 months), the completed visa application form (which can be picked from the consulate or be downloaded from their website), 2 new passport size photos, the visa fee (which depends on your nationality) and the authorization reference code, (Always check the needed documents with the consulate, as there may be differences from one consulate to another.) You may also be able to send the documents and receive the visa by mail. Contact the consulate for more details.
4. Let us know the feedback. Inform us if the visa collection process was straight forward or you faced problems. If there is any problem, we will remain with you for solving it until you receive the visa.



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8- IMPORTANT DATES

- Early registration deadline: 28 February 2018
- Registration deadline: 28 March 2019
- Academic Course: April 29- May 3, 2019
- Cultural Tour: May 4-7, 2019

10- FURTHER INFORMATION

- Website: <http://iranstudytours.com>
- Email: iranstudytours@gmail.com / info@iranstudytours.com

