Friday, April 24, 2009
MultiCultural Center Theater

7:30-8:00 pm  Nancy Gallagher, Professor, History Dept., UCSB
Slides and talk about her experience visiting NGO's in Afghanistan

8:00-10:00pm  Introduction of film by Director, Meena Nanji
Film “View from a Grain of Sand”

Saturday, April 25, 2009
McCune Conference Room
6020 Humanities and Social Science Building (HSSB)

8:30am  Registration
8:45am  Welcome
Professor Dwight Reynolds, Director –Center for Middle East Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

9:00-11:00am  Panel 1 “Gender and Society in Iran and Central Asia”

Adrienne Edgar, Associate Professor, History, UCSB
"Gender, Nation, and Modernity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia"

Ashraf Zahedi, Resident Scholar, Beatrice Bain Research Group,
University of California, Berkeley
"Rethinking Gender Policies in Afghanistan"

Nayereh Tohidi, Chair & Professor, Gender and Women's Studies Dept.,
California State University, Northridge
“Gender and Transition in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan”

Mary Hegland, Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology and
Women & Gender Studies, Santa Clara University
"Gender, Family, Kin, Sexuality Transformation in Iran and Tajikistan"
11:00-11:30am  Break

11:30-12:15pm  Plenary Speaker

Janet Afary, Keddie-Balzan Fellow, University of California, Los Angeles
"The Sexual Politics of the Islamic Republic of Iran"
Janet Afary will be joining the UCSB faculty of the College of Letters and Science in July as the first Mellichamp Professor of Global Religion and Modernisms in the Department of Religious Studies.

12:15-12:30pm  Questions and Discussion

12:30-2:00pm  Lunch

2:00-4:00pm  Panel 2 "Central Asia, Pakistan, and Iran in Global Perspective"

Adeeb Khalid, Professor, Dept. of History
Carleton College
"After the Soviets: Islam in Contemporary Central Asia"

Shahnaz Rouse, Professor and Chair, Sociology Faculty,
Sarah Lawrence College
"State Practices Versus Non-State/Civil Society Peace Initiatives in Pakistan"

Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh, Ph.D. Candidate, UCSB
"A U.S.-Iran Détente?: Views from Iran"

Mona Sheikh, Visiting Research Scholar,
Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, UCSB
"Talking with Taliban Activists: Militant Jihad in Pakistan"

4:00-4:30pm  Break

4:30-5:15pm  Plenary Speaker

Olivier Roy, Research Director, French National Center for Scientific Research
Lecturer, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and
the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
"Imposing Emancipation: What is the West Doing There?"

5:15-5:30pm  Questions and Closing Remarks

5:30-6:30pm  Reception and Music, performed by the UCSB Middle East Ensemble

The conference is sponsored by the CMES and co-sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center. All events are free and open to the public. For additional information please contact Laura Pollick, Center for Middle East Studies, 805-893-4245, cmes@cmes.ucsb.edu, http://www.cmes.ucsb.edu/