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Tabriz New Catholic Church:  
A Construction of Urban Constitutional Crisis (1906-1912)

In 1910, parts of Iran were under Russian occupation. In the occupied northwestern city of Tabriz, the French Catholic mission began to build a new church which today is one of the largest churches in the Middle East. This presentation locates the construction of this church in the urban history of Tabriz. It elucidates the geopolitical context of the city during a period of widespread social turmoil. Using an array of French, Persian, and English archival documents, the presentation narrates a story of strangers becoming friends and friends collaborating with one another to build an urban edifice in the midst of protest, revolution, and war.

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