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**Private Prayer and Congregational Poetry: An Ethnography of a Group of Women in Iran**

This paper is based on ongoing fieldwork among a group of middle class women in Tehran. It is an ethnography of how the neighborliness of prayer and poetry is played out in their daily lives and of the kinds of questions and dilemmas that they struggle with.

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