Iran Colloquium Presents

Iranians in Exile: The Sogdian Diaspora along the Silk Road, in China 313-1000 CE

The swirl, introduced by the Sogdians, was performed all along the Silk Road by men and women alike and described by contemporaries as fast-paced and exciting. This painted stone panel comes from the tomb of a Sogdian headman in Xi’an who died in 579 C.E.

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Valerie Hansen is a professor of history specializing in the history of China to 1600, Chinese religious and legal history, and the history of the Silk Road. Her main research goal is to draw on nontraditional sources to capture the experience of ordinary people. In particular she is interested in how sources buried in the ground, whether intentionally or unintentionally, supplement the detailed official record of China’s past. In the past decade, she has spent three years in China: 2005-06 in Shanghai on a Fulbright grant; and 2008-09 and 2011-12, teaching at Yale’s joint undergraduate program with Peking University. Her most recent book, The Silk Road: A New History, was published in 2012.

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Light lunch will be provided

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