Iran Colloquium

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Baiting the Bull and the Bear: Afghan Policy towards Russia and Britain in the late 19th Century

The “Great Game” usually entails a discussion of mainly British and secondarily Russian policy and practice in Afghanistan. But those who populated the landscape between British India and Russian Central Asia were by no means passive and were adept at exploiting the political conditions of the time to their own ends. The talk will view some aspects of Afghan agency and role-playing, how the government manipulated conditions along its frontiers using the considerable tools at its disposal to keep its powerful neighbors off-balance.

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Light lunch will be provided

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