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Society of Scholars of
ZOROASTRIANISM



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

proudly hosts the

2024 Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism (SSZ) Conference

Theme: “Zoroastrianism in Central Asia”

at the

Rustam Guiv Dar-e-Mehr

8615 Meadowbrook Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Saturday November 16, 2024

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Registration. *All day:* \$35 per person, each additional adult family member will be \$25; children 12-18 will be \$10, children under 12 free. Includes breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner (“*Patra-nu-bhonu*”).

Morning Session only: The morning Academic Symposium will be conducted on ZOOM from the dar-e-mehr. For those participating on ZOOM only there is no registration fee. For those participating in person at the dar-e-mehr, registration is \$10 per person; children under 12 free. Includes breakfast and lunch.

Afternoon Session only: \$30 per person, each additional adult family member will be \$20; children 12-18 will be \$10, children under 12 free. Includes tea and a traditional dinner (“*Patra-nu-bhonu*”). The afternoon session will also be available for viewing on ZOOM.

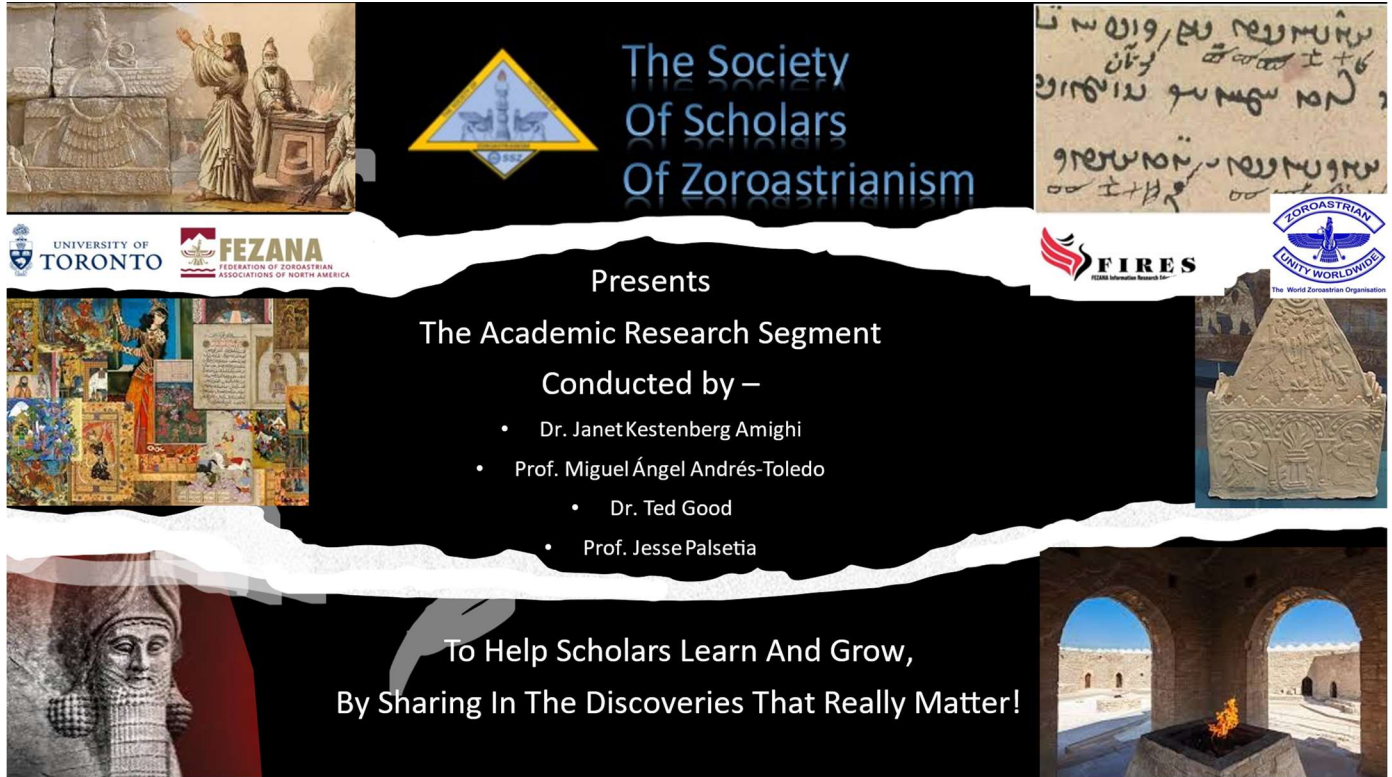
For in-person registration, please RSVP by November 8th (specify “All Day”, “Morning Only” or “Afternoon only”) to Zarin Karanjia (Zarin.Karanjia@yahoo.com). Payment may be made to “SSZ” at the door. For further information contact Rohinton Rivetna (Rivetna@aol.com, 630 248 4387).

For the ZOOM link, prior registration is required at: <https://tinyurl.com/36uv7h9h>

For information on the Morning Academic Symposium, contact Zal Taleyarkhan (zoroastrianscholars@gmail.com).

About the SSZ. The *Society of Scholars of Zoroastrianism (SSZ)* is an initiative to promote study and scholarship of Zoroastrianism. The mission of the Society is to revive the tradition of scholarship within our community, and to promote interaction among academicians, theologians (priests), educationists, lay scholars and practitioners, through conferences, online sessions and publications. SSZ Conferences have been held since 2006, when scholars and students present their research papers. To encourage Zoroastrian studies within the community, these SSZ conferences also include sessions delivered by community members, especially the next-generation. Visit www.s-s-z.org.

All community members, students, scholars and members of interfaith are invited and encouraged to participate. Your presence gives support to the speakers, and your feedback is invaluable so that future research efforts may be directed in a constructive manner for the benefit of both the academicians as well as the community.



The Society Of Scholars Of Zoroastrianism

Presents

The Academic Research Segment

Conducted by –

- Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi
- Prof. Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo
 - Dr. Ted Good
 - Prof. Jesse Palsetia

**To Help Scholars Learn And Grow,
By Sharing In The Discoveries That Really Matter!**

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Program

*Conference Chair: **Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi***

Morning Session – Session Chair: Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi

Online on ZOOM and in-person at the Dar-e-Mehr

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| 9:00 | Breakfast |
| 9:30 - 12:30 | Academic Symposium , conducted on ZOOM by Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi ,
Zal Taleyarkhan and Noshir Contractor .

<i>Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi – Frashokereti: Contemporary Reforms for Making the World Perfect Again.</i>

<i>Dr. Ted Good – History in Denkard III.</i>

<i>Prof. Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo – The Fire Beyond: Non-ritual Avestan Fires.</i>

<i>Dr. Jesse Palsetia – Parsi Historical Writing – Pages from the Parsi-Prakash to Parsiana.</i> |
| 12:30 | Dastur Dr. Kersey Antia – Prayers and Reflection on Morning Session, |
| 1:00 | Lunch. |

Afternoon Session 1 – Session Chair: Afshan Barshan

In-person at the Dar-e-Mehr. Available for viewing on ZOOM

- 1:45 Tea and Registration for Afternoon Session
- 2:00 Benediction – **Mobedyar Boman Damkevala**
Monajat – **Mani Rao**
Welcome -- **Jamshed Rivetna** (President, ZAMC)
Welcome – **Kayomارش Mehta** (President, WZO US Region)
Welcome – **Aban Rustomji** (co-chair FEZANA-FIRES)
Welcome, Intro, Annual Report – **Zal Taleyarkhan** (President, SSZ) & **Rohinton Rivetna**
- 2:45 **Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi**– Reform and Tradition amongst Zoroastrians in Modern Iran
- 3:30 **Prof. Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo** – Report: FEZANA Professor of Zoroastrian Languages and Literatures at University of Toronto.

Afternoon Session 2 – Session Chair: Jamshed Rivetna

In-person at the Dar-e-Mehr

- 4:15 **Meheryar Rivetna, Kamal Saher, Vispi Karkaria and Youth of Children’s Religious Class**
– Quiz: Sharpen Your Knowledge of Zoroastrian History and Scriptures
- 5:15 **Mobed Kobad Zarolia, Cyrus Rivetna** – Visit to Zoroastrian Sites in Tajikistan.
Jivhan Moradian– Zoroastrian Archeological Sites in Uzbekistan.
- 6:00 **Dr. Persis Driver** – Making History Ours: Collective Stories as a Source of Identity and Belonging.
- 6:30 Cocktails
- Dinner – Emcee: Binaisha Patel**
- 7:00 Traditional Community Thanksgiving Dinner – “Patra nu Bhonu” served by ZAMC Youth.
