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Topic: **IRAN AT A CROSSROADS**

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Program: **1:15 – 2:30 pm (EST)**

In-Person Location:

Meadowood Retirement Community

- Terrace Room
- Masks optional, unless notified otherwise

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Banai is Lead Book Editor of *Review of International Studies*, the flagship review journal of the International Studies Association. From 2018 to 2020, he served as an Associate Editor (for Social Sciences) of *Iranian Studies*, the journal of the Association for Iranian Studies. In addition to his scholarly work, he frequently comments on Iran-related issues in the media. His interviews and comments on current events have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Voice of America*, *Time*, *NPR*, *NBC News Online*, *CNN Online*, *BBC News*, *BBC Persian Service*, *The National Interest*, *Persia Digest*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and *The Huffington Post*.

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