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### Introductions and Breakfast  9:00-9:30  

**PANEL I**  
Chair: Nicole Jafari, California State University, Long Beach  

**Presenters:**  
- Saghar Janamian, Baha’i Institute of Higher Education, Iran  
- Naghmeh Shadabi, Lutheran University, Washington  
- Mona Ahdifard, Long Island University, New York  

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10:30-10:45 BREAK  

**PANEL 2**  
Chair: Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara  

**Presenters:**  
- Leila Salarpour Goodarzi, SUNY-Binghamton  
  *Mehr and Divorce*  
- Behrouz Alikhani, Westphalian Wilhelms University Münster  
  *The Inter-tribal Traditional Bakhtiari Marriages*  
- Seyyedeh Behnaz Hosseini, University of Vienna  
  *Innovation in Marriage and Pre-Marriage Relations Among Yārsani*  
- Ziba Jalali Naini, Shirazeh Publishing Tehran  
  *White Marriage*  

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Performance by Gordafarid 1:00-1:30

### Keynote Lecture  1:30-2:30  
Chair: Juan Campo, UC Santa Barbara  

Mary Hegland, Santa Clara University  
**Changing Practices and Perceptions of Marriage among People of Aliabad from 1978 to 2015**

Coffee Break  2:30-2:45  

**PANEL 3**  
Chair: Laila Shereen Sakri, UC Santa Barbara  

**Presenters:**  
- Shirin Gerami, University of Toronto  
  *Troubling Heterosexuality*  
- Leila Zanouzi, UC Santa Barbara  
  *Sexual Education in Modern-Day Iran*  
- Shadi, Sharifi Toranj  
  *Toranj: Women Against Domestic Violence*  
- Maral Sahebjame, University of Washington  
  *White or Temporary Marriage?*  

### Closing Remarks  4:00-4:45  
Chair: Janet Afary, UCSB  

**Presenters:**  
- Foojan Zeini, Personal Growth Institute  
- Ari Babaknia, Chapman University  

Dinner  4:45-5:45  

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