

## *Women, Gender and the Family in the Muslim World*

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Nikki Ragozin Keddie is Professor Emerita of History at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her research project initially involved her bringing six postdoctoral fellows in women's studies to UCLA and working with them in the course of four years. The six Keddie-Balzan Fellows were chosen from authors of important research on women, gender and the family in the Muslim World. They were encouraged both to continue their ongoing research and to produce papers on the broader implications of their work for the study of the Islamic world and/or comparative history and society. The fellows for 2005-2006 were Holly Shissler, who taught two courses in history, and Nayereh Tohidi, who taught in women's studies. The 2006-2007 fellows were Masserat Amir-Ebrahimi in geography and sociology, and Jasamin Rostam-Kolayi in history. The 2007-2008 fellow was Houri Berberian in history, and the 2008-2009 fellow was Janet Afary in history.

A final workshop, *New Ideas for Middle Eastern Societies: Analyzing Women's Writings*, was held at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2007. The papers presented by Balzan fellows Holly Shissler, Masserat Amir-Ebrahimi and Jasamin Rostam-Kolayi were published in a special issue of the *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, edited and with an introduction by Nikki Keddie.

Professor Keddie was able to spend less than projected, and thus to continue the program beyond its original finish date. Two one-quarter fellowships were awarded, one to Pomona College Assistant Professor Arash Khazeni in history, autumn 2010, and a supplementary fellowship to Masserat Amir-Ebrahimi in gender-related studies in spring 2011. Remaining funds were also used to organize a seminar, Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Iran: Realities and Policy Issues, Past and Present, planned and presented by Nikki Keddie, Nayereh Tohidi, and Janet Afary at UCLA on 22 May 2009.

### **Publications**

Selected publications are listed below. For a complete list, see <http://www.balzan.org/en/prizewinners/nikki-ragozin-keddie/research-project-keddie>.

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Elling, R. C. *Minorities in Iran: Ethnicity and Nationalism after Khomeini*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Khazeni, A. and A. Amanat. "The Steppe Roads of Central Asia and the Persian Captivity Narrative of Mirza Mahmud Taqi." In *Globalizing Central Asia: The Writing of Travel at the Crossroads of Asia*, edited by Nile Green. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2014.

Keddie, N. "Innovative Women: Unsung Pioneers of Social Change." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)* Vol. 4, n. 3 (Fall 2008).

Rostam-Kolayi, J. "From Evangelizing to Modernizing Iranians: The American Presbyterian Mission and its Iranian Students." *Iranian Studies* Volume 41, Issue 2 (2008).

- Shissler, H. "Womanhood Is Not For Sale: Sabiha Zekeriya Sertel Against Prostitution and For Women's Employment." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)* Vol. 4, n. 3 (Fall 2008).
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