

**The Centenary Conference on the Iranian Constitutional
Revolution 1906-1911 is convened in Oxford**

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In the evening of the second day, conference participants were treated to a musical performance by the classical repertoire (Dastgah) Segah. Their performance made the listener reflect on what this music must have sounded like when it was played one hundred years ago during the inception of the Iranian Constitution was performed at Wyndham College. The quartet ensemble, comprised of Lute (Kamancheh), Tar (string), Santur (Hammer dulcimer) and Zarb (percussion) were Iranians from Canada, the UK, the US and Iran. The second performance by the repertoire (Dastgah) Nava was more a contemporary production. (Dastgah) Nava's performance was a peaceful harmony that resonated throughout the musical hall.

On the third evening, the invited speakers and conference participants were brought to quaint riverside restaurants where they boarded small boats. A lavish BBQ style dinner was served as conference participants and speakers mingled, networked and made research plans for subsequent years.

Throughout the conference, various presentations have been made about the life of Iranians including the ordinary masses, elites and the role of the foreigners. In addition to discussing the Iranian constitution, other constitutions like those of Turkey, France and Belgium were compared and contrasted. The ongoing struggle to establish rules of law and order were also broadly debated. Of particular note during the conference was the presence of a large cadre of scholars from Iran who presented and participated in the conference, thereby closing the gap between them and their compatriots in Diaspora. Some key participants hoped that the continuing dialogue via such forums as **The Iranian Constitutional Revolution (1906 - 1911) - Centenary Conference** would serve as a guide for Iran and Iranians as they set the path toward the ultimate goal of institutionalizing law and order, freedom and democracy, justice, peace and security for the country.

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