

San Diego World Affairs Council

Presents

Iranian Cultural Dinner

A New Century Professionals Cultural Dinner

Guest of Honor

Professor Ali Gheissari - University of San Diego

Sunday, November 14th, 2004

6:00 p.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

Bandar Restaurant
825 Fourth Ave
San Diego, CA 92101
(Just East of Horton Plaza)



Join the San Diego World Affairs Council on Sunday, November 14th as we celebrate the Iranian culture, Persian style!

Come and experience the best Persian food in San Diego while listening to our guest for the evening, Ali Gheissari, Ph.D., as he answers questions about *The Use of Religion in the Iranian Political System*.

This Cultural Dinner will be at the award winning **Bandar Restaurant** in Downtown San Diego. Dinner will include a choice of either **ZERESHK POLO**, juicy chunks of charbroiled chicken tenderloin with mixed rice or, for our Vegetarians, **GHEIMEH BADEMJAN** A savory medley of eggplant, yellow split peas, onions, tomato based sauce and grilled vegetables (tomato, onion, bell pepper). **Be sure to RSVP early as space is limited!**

Dr. Gheissari is a professor of History and Religious Studies at the University of San Diego. He studied Law and Political Science at Tehran University followed by his graduate work in England where he received his doctorate in Middle East Studies from Oxford University. He has held academic appointments at Tehran University, Oxford and UCLA. He has also been a Visiting Professor at the Iranian Academy of Philosophy. Dr. Gheissari has published widely in both Persian and English, including a Persian translation of Immanuel Kant's *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Ethics* (1991), and *Iranian Intellectuals in the 20th Century* (published by the University of Texas Press, 1998). Most recently he has co-authored with Dr. Vali Nasr an article on Iran's Democracy Debate published in the *Middle East Policy* journal. Dr. Gheissari regularly travels to Iran for research and visit. His last visit there was in the summer of 2004.

For reservations, please call (619) 325-8200
or register on-line at <http://www.sdwac.com>

Cost is \$30 for WAC Members, Guests & Students
Please RSVP by November 12, 2004

