

The 2016 HOUSHANG POURSHARIATI IRANIAN STUDIES BOOK AWARD

Competition Guidelines

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The Middle East Studies Association invites nominations for the 2016 Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award. Nominations can be made by either the publisher or the author. Although there is no limit on the number of titles that authors or publishers may submit, we ask that they exercise discretion in the selection of books nominated. Below is a list of criteria that should be met:

1. Books must be non-fiction scholarly monographs based on original research published in English* between April 1, 2014, and March 31, 2016. Authors need not be members of MESA.
*Works translated from other languages into English will also be considered, but will be judged by the same rigorous standards as those for works submitted in English.
2. Subject matter must deal with Iran and the work must seek to advance knowledge and scholarship on Iranian society, culture, and history from ancient times to the present and as addressed by the fields of literature, philosophy, social studies, art, science, and other disciplines. The purview of these works should be clearly that of an Iranist. The works considered should demonstrate substantive understanding of the social and political experiences of the Iranian people and their civilization and their contribution to and influences on the world at large.
3. Works not eligible include edited collections and compilations, proceedings of symposia, new editions of previously published books, bibliographies, dictionaries, and textbooks.
4. Nominations and delivery of books must be made by April 10, 2016 to be eligible for the 2016 competition.

The author of the winning book will receive \$2000 and a certificate of award. Honorable mentions also receive a certificate of award. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the 50th MESA Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts held November 17-20. As well, the results will be posted on MESA's website and in *Issues in Middle East Studies*, the Association's newsletter.

TO NOMINATE A BOOK

Deadline: April 1, 2016

1. Send a letter of nomination by April 1 and one copy of the book by April 11 to the Awards Coordinator at the MESA Secretariat.

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In the letter, for each book nominated, please include the full title, author's full name, publisher, and publication date.

2. Send one copy of the book(s) to each of the following three readers on the Book Award Committee. Books must reach readers by **April 11, 2016**.

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