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LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH AT 7:30 P.M.

at *La Maison Française*

Free admission, however, a reservations is **required**.

"Deep inside the Iranian Civil Society Today"

by

Fariba Hachtroudi

About the lecture

After 30 years of exile, and political and humanitarian engagement, Fariba Hachtroudi went back to Iran, to discover what was behind the political and religious contradictions widely echoed by observers, medias, and writers. Dr. Hachtroudi will share with the audience her observations, her hopes, and her fears for the future of Iran - a future with a global impact far beyond the Middle Eastregion. A series of photographs by Laurent Peters of her Iranian travels will be shown to illustrate the lecture.

Biography

Fariba Hachtroudi was born in 1951 in Tehran in a family of scholars and professors.

Fariba's father, Mohsen Hachtroudi, was a learned scholar, often called the "Ommar Khayyam" of contemporary Iran. As a well-known French educated mathematician, philosopher and poet, Mr. Hachtroudi was considered a moral authority for generations of Iranians. Mohsen Hachtroudi fought his entire life for the promotion of democracy, social justice (most notably women's rights) and secularism. Fariba's mother, Robab Hachtroudi, was a professor of humanities and Persian literature.

Fariba Hachtroudi received her doctorate (Ph.D.) in art and archeology in Paris in 1978. She lived in Sri Lanka from 1981 to 1983, where she taught at the University of Colombo while doing research on the Theravada Buddhism.

In 1995, Fariba decided to create a humanitarian association free of political affiliations. MoHa, the association for the foundation of Mohsen Hachtroudi, focuses its work on education and secularism - conditions that are essential for the respect of women's rights and the promotion of democracy. MoHa assists Iranian refugees worldwide. After her last trip to Iran in 2006, Fariba Hachtroudi hopes to be able to register her foundation in Iran in order to help the youth inside the country, thus fulfilling a goal of her father.

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Le Chill sur les Traces de Neruda
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