



**SSZ Circular
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SSZ will periodically circulate and maintain a listing of upcoming events related to Zoroastrianism organized by various Zoroastrian Associations, academic departments and other institutions around the world. If interested, please forward all relevant details (speaker name with her/his brief bio, date, time, Zoom links and other applicable information) to Meheryar N. Rivetna at mrivetna@comcast.net. The information and recordings of such events, when available, will be posted on the SSZ website www.s-s-z.org.

Upcoming Scholastic Events Related to Zoroastrianism

February 2024

**NAMC
Institute of Zoroastrian Studies**

*The Achaemenid Dynasty
by
Ervad Cawas Desai*

Date: February 17, 2024-March 9, 2024

Time: Saturdays, 11:00 am EST/10:00 am CST (United States)

**Registration required. Please register at the link below to attend this event. (Ctrl+Click to follow link).
The Zoom link will be provided to all registrants.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/c3vyA0B1Xz>

Learn about their battles, challenges, and influence of their Mazdayasni and Zoroastrian faith on their administration, religious practices, trade, and treatment of religious minorities. Discover and compare religious practices during pre-Zoroastrian and Zoroastrian Dynasties with our present-day practices.

**Ancient Religion in contemporary Context:
Zoroastrian minority in modern Iran**

with

Dr. Paulina Niechciał

Date: February 9, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm EST/3:00 pm CST (United States)

Registration required. Ctrl+Click link below to register and receive Zoom log-in information

<https://iu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvcOuqjkoGdYjSNMUdtb7fZ6WoSHePk6f#/registration>

Dr. Niechciał is Assistant Professor in the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilizations at the Jagiellonian University, Poland and Visiting Scholar at the Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies at the University of Rochester, NY.

Dr. Niechciał's research interests include Iranian and Zoroastrian culture from a sociological and anthropological perspective. Her doctoral dissertation analyzed the construction of Zoroastrian collective identity as a minority in Iran.

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The Birth of the Younger Avesta

by

Meheryar N. Rivetna

Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Time: 2:00 pm EST/1:00 pm CST (United States)

Registration not required

Zoom link: To attend this event, Ctrl+Click to follow link below or use Meeting ID/Passcode

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82432181448?pwd=Mjh5dDJHOFJ2SmNBMXJqeXZqdNRTQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 3218 1448

Passcode: NAMCIZS

The presentation will provide a thought-provoking and historical perspective on how politics and power contributed to the creation of the Younger Avesta

Meheryar Rivetna is the author of *Zarathustra: The Man and the Message*. He has published numerous articles on the Zoroastrian religion and its history in the FEZANA Journal, Chehreh Nama and Parsiana.

California Zoroastrian Center

Heaven and Hell in Mazdayasna

by

Mr. Navid Mansourian

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024

Time: 11:00 pm PST/2:00 pm EST

Registration: Not Required

Zoom Link:

Meeting ID: 999 612 6477

Passcode: 9090

This talk will explore whether the conventional ideas of Heaven and Hell are compatible with Mazdayasna per the Gathas.