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Asia
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Seminario
della Visiting Professor

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MAPPING SAFAVID URBANISM:

Capitals, Sacred Cities, and Frontiers

Palazzo Corigliano
Antisala degli Specchi
IV piano

Course Overview: A six-session exploration of Safavid Iran through its major cities-imperial capitals, sacred centers, port hubs, and frontier zones. The course examines how urban space, kingship, religion, and global networks shaped the Safavid world

Martedì
21 aprile
ore 16-18

**From Qazvin to Isfahan:
The Safavid Urban Vision**
Imperial ideology, architectural
symbolism, and the making
of a new capital

Venerdì
24 aprile
ore 10-12

**Northern Gateways:
Tabriz and Ardabil**
Dynastic origins, Sufi memory,
and early political geography.
(CSACTI LECTURE)

Martedì
5 maggio
ore 16-18

**Sacred Geographies:
Mashhad, Najaf, Karbala**
Pilgrimage, shrine economies,
and Shi'i devotional landscapes

Mercoledì
6 maggio
ore 12-14

**Maritime Horizons:
Bandar Abbas**
Port urbanism, global trade,
and Indian Ocean connections

Martedì
12 maggio
ore 16-18

**Cities at the Edge:
Yerevan and Qandahar**
Frontier governance, multi-ethnic
life, and imperial competition

Martedì
19 maggio
ore 16-18

**Safavid Cities
in Global Perspective**
Comparative reflections across
Eurasia and the Indian Ocean world

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Le lezioni saranno rivolte anche agli studenti
di AF e MAA (2CFU per altre attività formative)