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Biography



Dr. Ali Gheissari is a Visiting Associate Professor with joint appointments in the departments of History and Theology & Religious Studies. He has been teaching at USD since 1997. Most of his higher education took place in Iran and England. He began his studies at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tehran University, then went on to Essex University for graduate work on the sociology of knowledge focusing on Continental philosophy and Critical Theory. Gheissari completed his doctoral work on intellectual history at the Faculty of Oriental Studies and at St Antony's College, Oxford University. His research interests focus on theories and methods of historiography with special focus on the history and sociology of ideas; his substantive area of research is on the Middle East in general and Iran in particular. His book *Iranian Intellectuals in the Twentieth Century* (published by the University of Texas Press), deals with various intellectual responses to the impact of Western ideas and cultural trends. He is currently working on a critical edition of an early 20th century manuscript relating to the Iranian social history during the Constitutional movement.