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UM PROFESSOR EXPLORES DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IN IRAN

MISSOULA —

Mehrdad Kia, associate provost for International Programs at The University of Montana, will speak on Iranian history, recent events and implications for democracy in Iran at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.

Kia, who grew up in the Iranian capital of Tehran and is a celebrated teacher of Middle Eastern and Central Asian studies, will discuss the contested June presidential election and post-election upheaval in Iran.

His lecture, "The Democratic Revolution in Iran and Its Implications on the Middle East and the Larger Islamic World," will illustrate how, in light of Iranian history, the re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will play a part in not only the future of Iran, but also the region and the Islamic community.

The center is located at 519 S. Higgins Ave.

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