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## Editor's Introduction to the Special Issue on Iran

Co-editors Alp Ozerdem and Nergis Canefe

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**Biographical Note:** **Dr. Özerdem** specializes in conflict resolution, peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction. With over 20 years of field research experience in Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, El Salvador, Indonesia, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liberia, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan and Turkey, Dr. Özerdem has undertaken numerous research projects that were funded by the UK's Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) (faith-based conflict prevention); British Academy (youth and peacebuilding); US Institute of Peace (reintegration of ex-combatants); and various European Union funding schemes (conflict transformation and leadership).

**Nergis Canefe** a scholar trained in the fields of Political Philosophy, Forced Migration Studies and International Public Law with special focus on Critical Human Rights and state-society relations. She has over twenty years of experience in carrying out in-depth qualitative research with displaced communities and teaching human rights and public law globally. Her research experience includes working with the Muslim and Jewish Diasporas in Europe and North America, refugees and displaced peoples in Turkey, Cyprus, India, Uganda, South Africa, Bosnia and Colombia. She worked as the Associate Director of Center for Refugee Studies, York University between 2008-2013. She is an executive committee member of the IASFM (international Association for the Study of Forced Migration) since 2016 and the Vice-President of IASFM since 2018.

## Why Conversations?

As of May 2026, our journal embarks upon a journey of publishing an annual issue of *Conversations* on a topic that marks the year's events in a global sense concerning our focus and mandate. The inaugural issue is thus on Iran for the year 2026.

Using conversation as a narrative form—also referred to as dialogic storytelling—shifts the burden of the plot from the "all-seeing" and "all-knowing" narrator to the immediate, and subjective perspectives of the readers. In a dialogue-driven academic narrative, the reader isn't being told a story; they are "overhearing" one and at the same time invited to join in. This creates a unique kind of intimacy that standard academic prose lacks.

Despite the democratic significance of citizen talk about politics, academia has not considered how conversation is an essential part of our political and civic culture. The format of a conversation calls into question the presumed inability of talk to bridge political and social differences in periods of polarization and fragmentation, with direct implications for radical democratic resilience. Our emphasis of the literature on political conversation as a form of deliberation is based on the consideration of limitations of academic research. We strongly believe that peace and transitional justice scholarship would immensely benefit from taking into consideration what we know as individuals and our lives as active agents and communicators.

Indeed, there is a strong ethical dimension to conversation. This is an important issue for the future of engaged scholarship, where the quality of politics depends heavily on the quality of public discourse. Recently, university education has been criticized for fostering moral relativism. We believe that the experience of critical inquiry conducted through conversational dialogue can cultivate precisely those ethical characteristics required of participants in the public life of a deliberative democracy. We therefore invite political conversations in common academic spaces, correlated significantly with political participation, indicating that such

conversations are a vital component of actual democratic practice and formal deliberation.

A final word on Aristotelian *phrónêsis* and its relevance for engaged academic research. Aristotle's concept understood in the wider context of his thinking on intellectual and ethical virtues, is not primarily concerned with learning, inquiry, and research but with application, performance, or enactment. *Phrónêsis*' praxis-orientation invites dialogue and dialectics into scholarship, whose tasks have traditionally been fundamentally associated with learning, inquiry, and research. It is in this spirit that we invite 'conversationalists' to publish on our pages concerning issues of immediate importance and with critical impact on our lives at a global scale.

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