

A Brief Study of Iran through 5 Acclaimed Movies at MIT

*(A journey into some aspects of
Iranian history, society and culture
during past 5 decades)*

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Every SUNDAY during IAP 2009

(Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, & Feb. 1)

5pm sharp!

MIT Room 2-105 (Building 2)

"House of Sand and Fog"

(in English)

Era:

From the last decade of **Shah** reign to the 1st decade of **Khomeini** reign

Subject:

The life of some Iranian who were driven from riches into misery and poverty in exile
after the collapse of Shah regime.

Trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REodL9tT0Cg>

Review:

<http://www.cinemablend.com/reviews/House-of-Sand-and-Fog-192.html>

"Nimeh Penhan" ("Hidden Half")

(in Persian with English subtitle)

Era:

1st decade after revolution, during **Khomeini** reign

Subject:

Crushing of student activism by Iranian regime

Trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxIRINwosJw>

Review:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0277925/>

"Persepolis"

(in French with English subtitle)

1st & 2nd decade after revolution, during **Khamenei & Rafsenjani** reigns

Subject:

A vivid depiction of Islamic Revolution and its aftermath through the eyes of a young Iranian girl who is growing up in that era.

Trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PXHeKuBzPY>

Review:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persepolis_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persepolis_(film))

"Offside"

(in Persian with English subtitle)

Era:

Late 2nd to mid 3rd decades after revolution, during **Khatami** and **Ahmadinejad** reigns

Subject:

A sample of discrimination against woman

Watch also:

An important commentary by **Jafar Panahi** (the director) in the same DVD

Trailer:

http://www.metacafe.com/watch/450701/offside_trailer/

Review:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Offside_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Offside_(film))

"Santoori" (Music man)

(in Persian with English subtitle)

Era:

Late 3rd decade after revolution, during **Ahmadinejad** reign

Subject:

Social problems facing the young generation

Trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-nZcqB2G0w>

Review:

<http://www.cinemawithoutborders.com/news/126/ARTICLE/1456/2008-01-30.html>

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<http://student.mit.edu/searchiap/iap-9417.html>

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