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# Women, Life, Freedom: a conversation about Iran's women-led revolution

We are at a pivotal time in history. Since September 2022, following the death of Jina (Mahsa) Amini in police custody in Iran, uprisings have started across the country, leading to the first women-led revolution in Iranian history. Jina was a 22-year-old woman from the Kurdish region of Iran, arrested by the so-called morality police due to "inappropriate" hijab. As of today, there are records of over 440 deaths (including at least 63 children) and over 18,000 mass arrests of citizens, academics, human rights activists, artists, university and high school students by the Islamic Republic regime. Unfortunately, those arrested are in danger of persecution.

We would like to invite you to join us at a webinar jointly hosted by Melbourne School of Population and Global Health and the Australian Global Health Alliance, instigated by Australian Iranian academics. We will have a conversation with leading female Iranian academics about this revolution and its importance for Iran, women, and human rights everywhere.

## Guest speakers:



**Dr Negar Partow**

Senior lecturer in security studies  
at Massey University



**Dr Hoda Afshar**

Documentary photographer



**Ms Tiba Bonyad**

PhD candidate in reproductive justice at  
Manchester School of Social Sciences

## Moderators:



**Dr Selina Namchee Lo**

Executive Director, Australian Global  
Health Alliance



**Prof Nancy Baxter**

Head of Melbourne University's School of Population  
and Global Health

**Free event and open to all**

**12 December 2022, 10:00AM - 11:30AM AEDT**

**Register at:** <https://tinyurl.com/s2v2puvu2>

# Full Bio's

## **Dr Negar Partow**

Negar is a senior lecturer at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies in Massey University. Negar's research focuses on the dynamics of religion and politics and its impact on national and regional security. She teaches on human security and philosophies of security and is a Middle East regional expert. Negar has published on human security and the United Nations, civil rights and religio-political states. She is a regular media commentator on topics related to human rights and the Middle East security environment.

## **Dr Hoda Afshar**

Hoda was born in Tehran, Iran (1983), and is now based in Naarm (Melbourne), Australia. She completed a Bachelor's degree in Fine Art- Photography in Tehran, and her PhD. thesis in Creative Arts at Curtin University. Hoda began her career as a documentary photographer in Iran in 2005, and since 2007 she has been living in Australia where she practices as a visual artist and lectures in photography and fine art. Through her art practice, Hoda explores the nature and possibilities of documentary image-making. Working across photography and moving-image, she considers the representation of gender, marginality, and displacement.

## **Ms Tiba Bonyad (she/her)**

Tiba is a PhD candidate at the Department of Sociology, the University of Manchester, England. Her doctoral project examines the gendered biopolitics of human egg provision in Iran. She holds an MA in Gender Studies from Central European University and an MSc in New Media - Communication Studies from the Free University of Brussels. Tiba received two BA degrees in Sociology and Communication Studies from the University of Tehran, Iran. She engages her academic interest with activism, contributing to Iranian feminist journals and collaborating with feminist collectives in Iran and beyond. She has professional experience with international non-profit organisations in Brussels and Dublin.

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## **Dr Selina Namchee Lo**

Dr Lo has nearly three decades experience in global and international health with qualifications in medicine (University of Melbourne), tropical medicine (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) and a Masters in Public and International Law (University of Melbourne). She has worked for Médecins Sans Frontier in Asia and Geneva, Clinton Foundation, and consulted for WHO and United Nations University. She is currently also Consulting Editor (Global and Planetary Health Commissions) for The Lancet medical journal where she was previous Senior Editor based in London and Beijing.

## **Professor Nancy Baxter**

Dr. Nancy Baxter obtained her MD from the School of Medicine at the University of Toronto and then completed her PhD in Clinical Epidemiology from the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Toronto. She trained extensively as a medical physician and completed her board certification in colon and rectal surgery. Dr. Baxter is the Head of the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health. She continues to maintain her appointment as Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. She is a scientist with the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the Cancer Theme Group with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.