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A Constructivist Analysis"**

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Following the Islamic Revolution of 1979, the foreign policy of Iran changed dramatically from a status quo pro-Western to a revolutionary anti-Western one. This change can be best understood on the basis of a significant identity change that was itself the result of discursive changes and the dominance of the "movement discourse" and the "movement identity" that had emerged in the course of the revolution. During the last twenty five years, however, the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been subject to significant changes which can be seen in its definitions of interests and hence of situations, foreign policy behavior, as well as the language it uses in international arena – though the degree of change is not the same in all areas or relations. This dynamism can be understood if the impact of "state identity," international discourses, and interactions at the system level are taken into consideration.

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Dr. Moshirzadeh has published many books in Persian. She is the author of *Social Movements: A Theoretical Introduction* (2001), *From a Social Movement to a Social Theory: History of Feminism* (2002), *An Introduction to Women's Studies* (2005), and *Theories of International Relations* (forthcoming). She has edited the books *Caspian Sea: An Overview* (2002) and *Dialogue of Civilizations* (2005), and has translated some of the major IR texts into Persian, including Hans Morgenthau's *Politics among Nations* and Alexander Wendt's *Social Theory of International Politics*.

Her articles on international relations, feminism, Iran's foreign policy, and dialogue of civilizations have been published in Persian and English journals, including *Siasat Khareji* (*Foreign Policy*), *Majalleh Daneshkadeh Hoghoogh va Olum Siasi* (*Journal of the Faculty of Law and Political Science*) and *The Iranian Journal of International Affairs*. Some of her articles on dialogue of civilizations, cultural studies, and women's studies have appeared in edited volumes in Persian and English.

Dr. Moshirzadeh's *From a Social Movement to a Social Theory: History of Feminism* won the Women's Library Prize in 2005.