“The Study of Zoroastrianism: Past, Present, Future”

by

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On November 15, 2007 Professor Michael Stausberg one of the foremost scholars of Zoroastrianism gave a talk at the Dr. Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture at the University of California, Irvine. He was introduced by Dr. Touraj Daryaee, Professor of ancient Iranian history and culture at UCI. Professor Stausberg discussed the old, current and future avenues of the study of the Zoroastrian religion. He outlined the views on such themes as the Old Avestan texts, Younger Avestan, Pazand Studies to the study of gender. He also emphasized the neglect of scholars of Zoroastrianism in the study of Zoroastrian Persian texts and the modern Zoroastrian community. Dr. Nasrin Rahimieh the Director of the Center for Persian Studies as well as Dr. Kamron Jabbari the President of Mazda Publishers were present. Students and scholars as far as UCLA
and the Claremont Graduate University (Dr. Jennifer Rose) were in the attendees, as well as people from the Zoroastrian community and students.