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From Animal Rights to Ritual: The Dog in Zoroastrianism

Dogs were and still are highly esteemed by Zoroastrians, who included them among the beneficent creatures of Ahura Mazdā. Since antiquity, as manifest in the Avestan texts, Zoroastrianism exhorted its believers to respect, protect and take good care of dogs, as they would have done with their human fellows. In this presentation, I will analyze the role of dogs in Zoroastrian law, rituals and myths, and how these shaped the Zoroastrian narrative in dialog with other religious traditions of several historical periods.

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10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Zoom Event

<https://uci.zoom.us/j/97439290627?pwd=Vk96MlZiThJtL1BvU1l1MEZWd2JSUT09>



“The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus”, Folio from a Fahnama (Book of Omens)