The James E. Rogers College of Law, in collaboration with the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Presents:

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Judicial Forbearance Advocacy
Conflict and Mediation in Iranian Criminal Courts

Iran’s criminal justice system affords victims of crime the right of retributive sanctioning. At the same time, the law encourages victims to forgo that right. The penal code also compels judicial officials to attempt to achieve reconciliation. However, the law provides little guidance, either to victims or judicial officials, on how to bring about reconciliation. This talk explores Iran’s victim-centered criminal justice system through an examination of judges’ roles in mediation and further reflects on the relationship between forbearance and rights in criminal justice. Register here.

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