

Robert Steele

Professional Appointments

- 2023–Present Postdoc, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences.
- 2021–2022 Visiting Research Fellow, Department of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- 2019–2021 Jahangir and Eleanor Amuzegar Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Iranian Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles.

Education

- 2018 **PhD** in Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter.
- 2015 **MPhil** in Middle Eastern Studies, University of Manchester.
- 2013 **MA** in International Relations of the Middle East, University of Exeter.
- 2011 **BA** in Ancient History, University of Wales.

Publications

Books

Robert Steele, *Pahlavi Iran's Relations with Africa: Cultural and Political Connections in the Cold War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024.

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, *Towards the Great Civilization*, ed. Robert Steele. London: I.B. Tauris, 2024.

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet and Robert Steele eds., *Iran and Global Decolonisation: Politics and Resistance After Empire*. London: Gingko Library, 2023.

Robert Steele, *The Shah's Imperial Celebrations of 1971: Nationalism, Culture and Politics in Late Pahlavi Iran*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2020.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet and Robert Steele, "Introduction: Iran and Global Decolonisation," in *Iran and Decolonisation: Politics and Resistance After Empire*, ed. Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet and Robert Steele, 1–28. London: Gingko Library, 2023.

Robert Steele, "Iran and the Ogaden War, 1977–78," in *Iran and Decolonisation: Politics and Resistance After Empire*, 237–271. London: Gingko Library, 2023.

Marziyeh Bazayr and Robert Steele, "'The Shah's House Became the People's House': Narrating Iran's Modern History at the Pahlavi Dynasty Museum," *Iranian Studies* 56, no. 3 (2023): 497–521.

Robert Steele, "Iran's Golden Age of Tourism: The Development of the Travel Industry in the Late Pahlavi Period (c. 1960-1979)." *Journal of Tourism History* 14 no. 3 (2022): 239–262.

Robert Steele, “Crowning the ‘Sun of the Aryans’: Mohammad Reza Shah’s Coronation and Monarchical Spectacle in Pahlavi Iran.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 53, no. 2 (2021): 175–193.

Robert Steele, “Two King of Kings: Iran-Ethiopia Relations under the Shah and Haile Selassie.” *The International History Review* 43, no. 6 (2021): 1375–1392.

Robert Steele, “The Keur Farah Pahlavi Project and Iranian-Senegalese Relations in the 1970s.” *Iranian Studies* 54, no. 1-2 (2021): 169–192.

Robert Steele, “The Pahlavi National Library Project: Education and Modernization in Late Pahlavi Iran.” *Iranian Studies* 52, no. 1–2 (2019): 85–110.

Robert Steele, “Pahlavi Iran on the Global Stage: The Shah’s 1971 Persepolis Celebrations.” *The Age of Aryamehr: Late Pahlavi Iran and its Global Entanglements*, ed. Roham Alvandi, 110–146. London: Gingko Library, 2018.

Reviews

Ali Mirsepassi, *The Discovery of Iran: Taghi Arani, A Radical Cosmopolitan*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2021. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 2024.

Shaul Bakhash, *The Fall of Reza Shah: The Abdication, Exile, and Death of Modern Iran’s Founder*. I.B. Tauris, 2021. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 2024.

Jessica Chapman, *Remaking the World: Decolonization and the Cold War*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2023. H-Diplo Roundtable, April 2024.

Stephanie Cronin ed. *Crime, Poverty and Survival in the Middle East and North Africa: The ‘Dangerous Classes’ since 1800*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2019. *Middle Eastern Studies* 60, no. 1 (2024): 185–160.

Ramin Jahanbegloo ed. *Mapping the Role of Intellectuals in Iranian Modern and Contemporary History*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020. *Middle Eastern Studies* 59, no. 4 (2023): 682–685.

Teaching

UCLA

2021-2022 History of Iran under the Pahlavis (1921–1979).

2022 Modern Iran: From the Fall of Isfahan to the Rise of Reza Shah (1722–1925).

Events Convened

2024 “The Cultural History of Late Pahlavi Iran.” International Workshop, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 4–5 July.

2021 “Iran and Global Decolonization.” Program of Iranian Studies (UCLA) together with Professor Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet (UPenn) (online).

“History and Historiography of Pahlavi Iran.” Program of Iranian Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (online).