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### Report

*“I am convinced of the universality of the Oedipus complex, and the struggle for power and control it represents while embodying within it the universal fear of castration; however the culturally specific element seems to be the reaction to this fear. My premise is that the Iranian collective fantasy is anchored in an anxiety of disobedience that wishes for an absolute obedience. The sons desiring to rebel know unconsciously that if they do so they might get killed, and so in a way they settle for the fear of castration. I find that this is characteristic of the traditional cultures [...]*

*Meanwhile, the Greek culture seems to be about taking over and substituting power, their collective fantasy allowing deviation and elimination of the father in response to the fear of castration, to gain power and control.”*

(Gohar Homayounpour, *Doing Psychoanalysis in Tehran*, MIT Press, 2012, Pages 54-55).

Andrea Baldassarro, Scientific Secretary of the Psychoanalytic of Rome (CpdR), Italian Psychoanalytical Society, opens the debate and presents Gohar Homayounpour, training psychoanalyst, supervisor of the Freudian Group in Tehran and author of the book *Doing Psychoanalysis in Tehran*.

The meeting is part of “Geography of Psychoanalysis”, an international project coordinated by Lorena Preta. The project is born while Lorena was the director of “Psyche”, the Italian review of culture and psychoanalysis.

The aim of the project “Geography of Psychoanalysis” is to improve the research and the study of the progress and contaminations that psychoanalysis is living beyond the borders in which it is grown and diffused.

The participants to the debate are: Gohar Homayounpour, Lorena Preta, Tiziana Bastianini, Scientific Secretary of the Italian Psychoanalytical Society who coordinates the meeting, Giancarlo

Bosetti, Director of RESET a political and cultural review, Sylvia Ronchey, Full Professor of Byzantine Civilization, University of Rome Tre, Italy.

Gohar Homayounpour is born in Paris from Iranian parents. She studied in Canada and Boston where she was the youngest training student of the psychoanalytic Institute.

Gohar now lives in Tehran where she works privately and in public service like psychoanalyst. She has built the psychoanalytic Institute in Tehran.