

Firuz Kazemzadeh

Firuz Kazemzadeh was born in 1924 in Moscow, Russia, where his father served for many years on the staff of the Iranian Embassy. After completing his primary and secondary education in Moscow, he came to the United States in 1944 and entered Stanford University, graduating With Great Distinction (Phi Beta Kappa), in 1946 and obtaining an MA in 1947. In 1950 Kazemzadeh received a Ph.D. in Russian history from Harvard.

Kazemzadeh has been a Fellow in Slavic Studies at the Hoover Institution, a consultant to the Department of State, and a Research Fellow at the Russian Research Center and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard. He taught at Harvard in 1954-1956, then moved to Yale where he was professor of history until his retirement as professor emeritus in 1992. At Yale Kazemzadeh served at various times as chairman of the Council on Russian and East European Studies, chairman of the Committee on Middle Eastern Studies, director of graduate studies in Russian and East European Studies Program, director of graduate studies in history, and Master of Davenport College. He has taught as visiting professor at Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Lewis and Clark College, and the University of Southern California Law School.

He is the author and co-author of books on Russian history and the history of Iran, among them *The Struggle for Transcaucasia, 1917-1921*; *Russia and Britain in Persia: A Study in Imperialism, 1864-1914*; and the section on Russo-Iranian relations in *The Cambridge History of Iran*. His articles and reviews have appeared in *The American Historical Review*, *The Russian Review*, *The American Slavic Review*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Leader*, *The New York Times Book Review*, and *World Order* of which he was editor from 1966 to 2000.

Kazemzadeh was a member of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom to which he was appointed for a two year term in 1998 by President Clinton and reappointed for another two year term by Senator Daschle.

Kazemzadeh is a Baha'i and, from 1963 to 2000, served as a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, the annually elected governing body of the American Baha'i community.

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Born: October 27, 1924, Moscow, USSR
Education: Primary and secondary schooling in Moscow.
BA (history) Stanford University, 1946 (with Great Distinction).
MA (history) Stanford University, 1947.
Ph.D. history) Harvard University, 1950

Academic positions held:

Junior Research Fellow in Slavic Studies, The Hoover Institution, 1949-1950.
Research Fellow, Russian Research Center and Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 1954-1956.
Instructor in History and Literature, Harvard University, 1955-1956.
Instructor in History, Yale University, 1956-1957.
Assistant Professor of History, Yale University, 1958-1961.
Associate Professor of History, Yale University, 1961-1967.
Professor of History, Yale University, 1967-92
Professor of History, Emeritus, Yale University, 1992-

Activities at Yale at various times):

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Russian and East European Studies Program.
Member, Council on Russian and East European Studies.
Chairman, Council on Russian and East European Studies (1974).
Director of Graduate Studies in History (1975-1976).
Member, Committee on Morse Fellowships.
Master of Davenport College (1976-1981)
Chairman, Committee on Middle Eastern Studies (1979-1983).
Director of Graduate Studies, Russian and East European Studies Program (1987-1990).

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa.
Morse Fellow, 1959-1960.
Ford Fellow in International Studies, 1966
MA Yale University (1967), *privatim*
Doctorate of Humane Letters, Parsons College, 1970.

Visiting appointments:

Visiting Lecturer, Harvard University, 1957, 1963.
Visiting Professor, Stanford University, 1967, 1973.
Visiting Professor, Lewis and Clark College, 1968, 1970.
Visiting Professor, Columbia University, 1968.
Visiting Professor, University of Southern California Law School, 1969.

Occasional lectures at academic institutions (partial listing)
University of Washington
Howard University
University of California at Los Angeles
Morgan State College
Emory University
Moscow State University
Moscow State University of Humanities
Moscow Institute of International Relations
New York State University

Memberships: American Historical Association.
American Association for the advancement of
Slavic Studies.
Association for Iranian Studies

Editor: WORLD ORDER (A Baha'i quarterly), 1966-2000

Publications (partial list):

Books:

The Struggle for Transcaucasia, 1917-1921
(Philosophical Library, 1952, NY)

*Russia and Britain in Persia, 1864-1914: A Study
in Imperialism* (Yale University Press) New
Haven, 1968)

Contributions to books:

"Ideological Crisis in Iran", *The Middle East
in Transition*, (Frederick Praeger, NY, 1958)

"Russia and the Middle East," *Russian Foreign Policy:
Essays in Historical Perspective*, (Yale University Press,
New Haven, 1962)

"Russian Penetration of the Caucasus," *Russian
Imperialism*, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, 1974.

"Soviet Iranian Relations: A Quarter Century of Freeze and
Thaw," *The Soviet Union and the Middle East: The Post
World War II Era*, (Stanford University Press, Stanford,
1974)

History of the World (chapters on pre-Revolutionary Russia
in volumes 1 and 2), (Gallery Books, New York, 1988)

"Iranian Relations with Russia and the Soviet Union to
1921," *Cambridge History of Iran*, vol. 7 (Cambridge
University Press, Cambridge, 1992)

"Central Asia's Foreign Relations: A Historical Survey,"
*The Legacy of History in Russia and the New States of
Eurasia*, (M.E.Sharpe, Armonk, 1994)

"A Baha'i Perspective on Tolerance, Human Rights, and Missions," *Sharing the Book*, John Witte and Richard C. Martin, editors (Orbis Books, New York, 1999)

"Reflections on Church and State in Russian History," *Proselytism and Orthodoxy in Russia*, John Witte and Michael Bourdeaux, editors (Orbis Books, New York, 1999).

Articles and/or Reviews at various times in:

Encyclopedia Britannica (15th ed.)
Encyclopedia Iranica
Speculum
The American Historical Review
The American Slavic Review
The Armenian Review
The Encyclopedia of Social Sciences
The Middle East Journal
The New Leader
The New York Review of Books
The New York Times Book Review
World Order
World Politics

Public Service: Member of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. (Appointed by President Clinton for a two year term in 1998 and reappointed for another term by Senator Daschle in 2000)

Baha'i activities:

Member, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the US (1963-2000), serving at various times as chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-general and secretary for external affairs.
Senior Adviser on External Affairs, 2000-

Taught at:

Geyserville Baha'i School, CA
Green Acre Baha'i School, ME
Louhellen Baha'i School, MI
Bosch Baha'i School
Landegg Institute, Switzerland
Tahirih Baha'i School, Netherlands
Laurentian Baha'i School, Canada
Italian Baha'i School
Irish Baha'i School, Waterford, Ireland

Testified on Behalf of the US Baha'i community before Senate and House committees on issues such as the ratification of UN conventions and treaties on genocide, torture, foreign policy issues, as well as on the persecutions of Baha'is in Iran.

Lectured on the Baha'i Faith in the US, Canada, Sweden, Britain, Ireland, Finland, Russia, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Albania, Australia, New Zealand.