

Asia Society Texas Center Presents Iran at the Crossroads

A Reading With Iranian Novelist in Exile Farnoosh Moshiri

Thursday
August 20, 2009

6:30 p.m. Doors open
7:00 p.m. Program

Herring Hall
Rice University
6100 Main
Houston, TX 77005

Free for ASTC Members
\$10 for Non-Members

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Iranian President
Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
took the oath of office for a
second term this month
amid continuing protests
against what many see as a
fraud-tainted vote.



To explore events unfolding
in Iran, Asia Society Texas
Center hosts novelist Farnoosh Moshiri, whose books
and life reflect the political traumas of her native
country since the 1979 revolution.

As a budding playwright in Tehran, Moshiri saw
friends and colleagues imprisoned by the Khomeini
government. Fired from her job, her play banned,
she fled Iran in 1983, spending years as a refugee in
Afghanistan and India before making her way in
1987 to Houston. Her novels *At the Wall of the
Almighty*, *The Bathhouse*, and *Against Gravity* and
her short-story collection *The Crazy Dervish* and the
Pomegranate Tree explore the suffering of those
imprisoned and brutalized in the Islamic Republic.
In addition to commenting on the election, Moshiri
will answer questions and read from her work.