Iranian Sports Symposium
June 25, 2017
Programme

8:45-9:30 Registration and coffee
9:30-9:35 Introduction: Dr John Curtis
9:35-10:00 Dr Vesta Sarkhosh Curtis: 'As fit as a king; sport in ancient Iran'
10:00-10:25 Prof. Houchang Chehabi: 'History of Polo'
10:25-10:50 Prof. Charles Melville: 'Polo in Persian Literature'
11:10-11:40 Coffee
11:40-12:05 Prof. Houchang Chehabi: 'Zurkhaneh'
12:05-12:30 'Zurkhaneh': Demonstration of the traditional Iranian sport
12:30-13:00 Mahyar Monshipour (Boxing champion) & Hamid Sourian (Wrestling champion): Panel discussion led by Mohammad Reza Hamidi (Sports Journalist - Keyhan)
13:00-13:30 Mansour Bahrami (Tennis player) in conversation with Mohammad Reza Hamidi
13:30-14:30 Lunch
   Book signing/memorabilia with sports personalities in the Library
14:30-14:55 Prof. Houchang Chehabi: 'History of football'
14:55-15:20 Kia Joorabchian (football agent) in conversation with Mohammad Reza Hamidi
15:20-15:30 Mehdi Mahdavikia (National footballer) in conversation with Pooria Jafereh of BBC
15:30-16:00 Tea
   'Zurkhaneh' demonstration in the garden
16:00-16:25 Shirin Gerami (Ironman & first and only female professional triathlete to represent Iran) in conversation with Mariam Motamed via Skype
16:25-17:00 Question and closing remarks