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This world is like bitumen, we have all got stuck in it  
but it will dissolve, when the fire of love arrives

این عالم چون قیرست پای همه بگرفته  
چون آتش عشق آید این قیر همی‌درد  
(Rumi)

I pondered all these things, and how men fight and lose the battle, and  
the thing that they fought for comes about in spite of their defeat, and  
when it comes turns out not to be what they meant, and other men have  
to fight for what they meant under another name.

(William Morris)





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## Abbreviations

AIOC	Anglo-Iranian Oil Company
APOC	Anglo-Persian Oil Company
CIR	Council of the Islamic Revolution
FMI	Freedom Movement of Iran
IICHS	Institute for Iranian Contemporary Studies
IISH	International Institute of Social History
IMINICO	Iranian Marine International Oil Company
IPMD	Iran Petroleum Museum and Documents
IRDC	Islamic Revolution Documents Centre
IRGC	Islamic Revolution Guards Corps
IRP	Islamic Republic Party
LMDCIR	Library, Museum and Document Centre of Iran Parliament
NA	Nationaal Archief
NIDC	National Iranian Drilling Company
NIOC	National Iranian Oil Company
NLAI	National Library and Archives of Iran
OPEC	Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSCC	Oil Strikes Coordinating Committee
SAVAK	Sazman-e ettela'at va amniyat-e keshvar

## Transliteration

In transliterating Persian words to English, I have used the guidelines of the Iranian Studies journal published by the Association for Iranian Studies. Most importantly, this means that ع is written as ‘; غ as gh; ق as q; ژ as zh; خ as kh; چ as ch; and ش as sh. In the case of well-known names and terms, however, I have used their prevalent form. Instead of writing ‘Ali Shari‘ati, for instance, I have used Ali Shariati, and Khomeini and not Khomeyni. The names of Iranian months and organisations are written with capital letters to make them recognizable (e.g. Farvardin and Komiteh-ye Eskin-e Asibdegan-e Jang).

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