

Hamdani World Harmony Lecture Series Inaugural Event

# SHIRIN EBADI

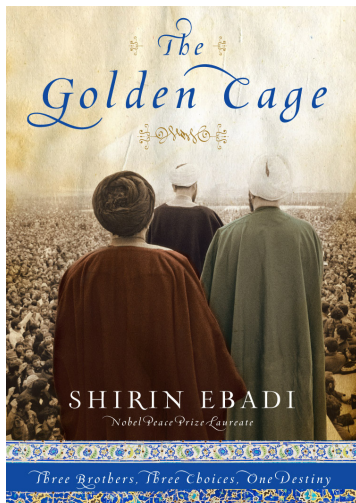
## The Role of Women in Promoting Peace and Democracy in the Middle East

Sunday, October 23 / 3:00 p.m. / Free  
UCSB Campbell Hall



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Shirin Ebadi, received the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for promoting human rights, in particular, the rights of women, children, and political prisoners in Iran. She was the first Muslim woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize and only the fifth Muslim to receive a Nobel Prize in any field. Dr. Ebadi was also one of the first female judges in Iran. She served as president of the city court of Tehran from 1975 to 1979, but was dismissed from her position after the Islamic Revolution in February 1979. After obtaining her lawyer's license in 1992, Dr. Ebadi entered private practice. She has taken on many controversial cases defending political dissidents and, as a result, has been arrested numerous times.



Dr. Ebadi has established or is closely affiliated with many non-governmental organizations including the Society for Protecting the Rights of the Child, the Defenders of Human Rights Center, the Nobel Women's Initiative, and the PeaceJam Foundation. She is the author of *Refugee Rights in Iran* (2008) and *Iran Awakening: One Woman's Journey to Reclaim Her Life and Country* (2007) which has been translated into forty languages. Her memoir, *The Golden Cage: Three Brothers, Three Choices, One Destiny*, was released in April, 2011.

Copies of *The Golden Cage* will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

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The Hamdani World Harmony Lecture Series has been established in loving memory of Dr. Sajjad and Mrs. Zakira Hamdani.

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