



School of Nano Science



IPM Condensed Matter &
Statistical Physics Group

Weekly Seminar

The Conference of the Birds:

An Old Artistic Concept Making Sense in Modern Sciences

Invited speaker: *Dr. Marzieh Zare*

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Abstract:

In this talk, I will discuss scientific aspects of an old Persian story, Simorgh, in the book of *The Conference of the Birds*. The story is fulfilled with artistic and philosophical metaphors that make sense in two hot topics of the contemporary modern sciences i.e. cognitive science and complexity science. The poet addresses some humanity's bygone concerns and fundamental questions about self, the quality that shapes a person's uniqueness, and essential existence. The sophisticated language used in the poem contains allusions, symbols, and implications that are interpreted in five main topics. We think that the story deserves to be the touchstone for questions on the nature of the mind, including the profound question of humanity's search for self and meaning of life.

Wednesday, 5 Dey 1397 (Dec 26, 2018), 14:00-15:00

Seminar Room (classroom A), Farmanieh Building, IPM