"The Jewish Exemption Claim: Addressing Questions about Iranian-Jews during the Iran-Iraq War."

In this talk, Neda Bolourchi addresses the "Jewish Exemption Claim." In doing so, she examines two competing narratives about Jews during the Iran-Iraq War. On the one hand is an examination of the claim that the Iranian government exempted its Jewish population from war front service and Jewish communities did not serve in the Iranian military from 1980 to 1986 (75% of the war). On the other hand, she examines archives, governance reasons, and oral histories from war front participants that undercut the idea of an exemption and unsettle this decades long claim.

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