**Dialogues with the IWL Director:**

**“Iranian Women’s Leadership, Cyber Resistance and Democracy”**

A Conversation with Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh

IWL Consortium Scholar Rescue Fund Fellow

and Savitri Bisnath, Associate Director, Center for Women’s Global Leadership

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**Moderated by Alison R. Bernstein**

Director, Institute for Women’s Leadership

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4:00 p.m. Reception

4:30 p.m. Program

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