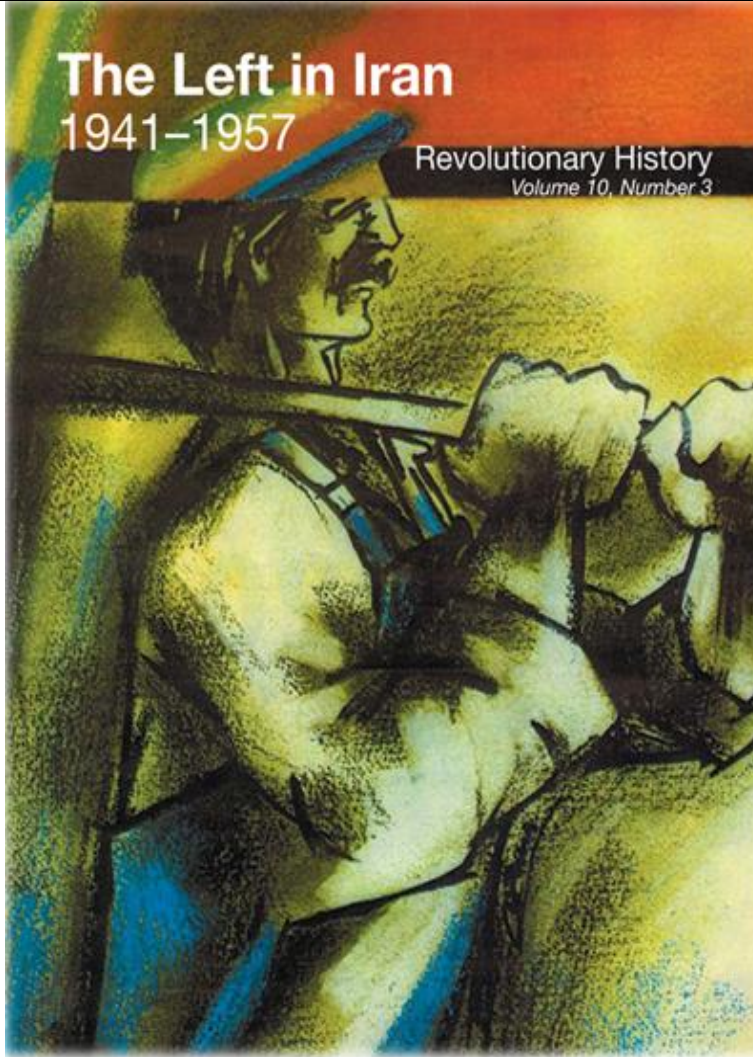


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Cosroe Chaqueri is a prolific author and editor. Amongst his works are: [Origins of Social Democracy in Modern Iran: The Armenians of Iran: The Paradoxical Role of a Minority in a Dominant Culture](#), [Articles and Documents: Beginning Politics in the Reproductive Cycle of Children's Tales and Games in Iran: The Russo-Caucasian Origins of the Iranian Left: The Soviet Socialist Republic of Iran, 1920-1921: Birth of the Trauma](#). He is now retired.

This book surveys Left history from 1941 up to 1957, focussing on the Tudeh Party, the only substantial left-wing organisation in Iran in these times.

It investigates the Tudeh Party's relationship with the labour movement in Iran, its place in the mass movement demanding the nationalisation of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, its attitudes towards the various governments of the country, its relationship with the Soviet Union and in particular its dealing with Moscow's attempt to establish a pro-Soviet autonomous government in Iranian Azerbaijan in 1945, its construction of a powerful clandestine organisation within the Iranian armed forces, and its failure to use this asset in opposing the coup against Mosaddeq. It discusses the various blunders and failures that had dogged the party over the years and had led to its almost total destruction after the Anglo-American coup d'état against Mohammad Mosaddeq's government in 1953 and the installation of the Shah's repressive regime.

Many original documents are included: Letter by the Chief of the Information Section of the Tudeh Party Organ (October 1942), British Ambassador's Directives to British Consular Offices Regarding the Tudeh Party (1943), Secret Soviet Instructions for a Separatist Movement in Northern Iran (July 1945), US State Department: Memorandum of the US Embassy on the Project to Proscribe the Tudeh Party (November 1948) Iranian Government: The Decree Suppressing the Tudeh Party (1949), Tudeh CC Against its Proscription and Oppression (July 1949), Declaration of the Tudeh Party CC in its Own Defence (1949), Tudeh: Dr Mosaddeq and the Oil Problem (May 1951), The Tudeh Against Mosaddeq (July 1951).

This is a second contribution towards the history of the left in Iran.

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A further volume is planned: **The Left in Iran, The 1958-1981**.

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