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PUBLIC LECTURE BY  
**Christopher de Bellaigue**

at The Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7

7.00pm, Tuesday, 14 February 2012

*A licensed bar will be open from 6.00pm*

‘Something extraordinary was happening. A centralised, modern government of men with French PhDs was being challenged by gangs of cutthroats while the army and police looked on.’ The day was August 19, 1953 – when Muhammad Mossadegh, Iran’s nationalist prime minister, succumbed to an Anglo-American coup in favour of the Shah. How did it happen? What combination of forces worked against the septuagenarian prime minister as his dream of a truly independent Iran collapsed around him? Now, to celebrate the publication of Christopher de Bellaigue’s new book, *Patriot of Persia: Muhammad Mossadegh and a very British coup*, the author presents a thrilling account of this crucial event in the history of relations between the Middle East and the West. ‘Everyone with a radio tuned in... When would Mossadegh call his supporters onto the streets to sweep the trash away?’

Christopher de Bellaigue is one of our leading experts on modern Iran. His previous books have been shortlisted for the Royal Society of Literature’s Ondaatje Prize and the Orwell Prize.

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