

Iran: Rising Power in the Middle East

Conference Program

Thursday, October 13, 2016 | 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

George H.W. Bush Conference Center, Beckman 404



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Conference Schedule

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9:30 AM	Welcoming Remarks
10 AM	<p>Panel 1: Iran and the World</p> <p>Moderator: Amb. Bernd Fischer, Chapman University</p> <p>Dr. Mohsen Milani, “Iran’s Regional Standing One Year After the Nuclear Deal”</p> <p>Dr. Majid Rafizadeh, “Iran’s current role in the region, Iran’s upcoming presidential elections, and Iran’s domestic politics”</p> <p>Joseph Cirincione, “The Policy and Politics of the Iran Nuclear Deal”</p>
11:30 AM	<p>Lunch</p> <p><u>Local Suggestions in the Chapman Community</u></p> <p>On Campus</p> <p>Starbucks – Beckman Hall 1st FL</p> <p>Einstein Bros. Bagels – Argyros Forum</p> <p>Jamba Juice – Argyros Forum</p> <p>Qdoba Mexican Grill – Argyros Forum</p> <p>Off Campus</p> <p>Bruxie – 292 N. Glassell St (3 min. walk)</p> <p>Subway – 505 N. Glassell St (3 min. walk)</p> <p>Rutabegorz – 264 N. Glassell St (4 min. walk)</p> <p>Blaze Pizza – 101 S. Glassell St (9 min. walk)</p>

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1:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Panel 2: Impact of the JCPOA on Iran</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Dr. Nubar Hovsepian, Chapman University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Hooshang Amirahmadi, “The JCPOA and the Iranian Economy”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Mehrzad Boroujerdi, “Iranian Domestic Opposition to the JCPOA”</p>
2:30 PM	Break
2:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Panel 3: Regional News on the JCPOA</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Dr. James J. Coyle, Chapman University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Mohammad Reza Amirkhizi, “The JCPOA and the status of the 5+1’s commitments”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alireza Nader, “Iran’s Relations with the ‘Powers’”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Camelia Entekhabifard, “Persian Gulf countries’ objections to the JCPOA; their worries and frustrations concerning Iran’s behavior in the region”</p>
4:15 PM	Closing Remarks

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In alphabetical order

Hooshang Amirahmadi
Rutgers University



Hooshang Amirahmadi holds a Ph.D. in planning and international development from Cornell University and is a professor of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. In academic year 2008-2009, he was a Senior Associate Member at Oxford University, U.K. Professor Amirahmadi is the founder of the University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies and has served as its director for many years. He is the founder and president of the American Iranian Council (AIC) (www.US-Iran.org), president of Caspian Associates, Inc. (www.caspian-associates.com), and was a candidate for President in the eleventh presidential elections in Iran in 2012. Dr. Amirahmadi is the author of *The Political Economy of Iran under the Qajars, Revolution and Economic Transition: The Iranian Experience*, and three other books in Persian on civil society, industrial policy, and geopolitics of energy.

Mohammad Reza Amirkhizi
University of California, Irvine



His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Reza Amirkhizi received his Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver. He currently is a lecturer in international studies, University of California-Irvine. Previously, he has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran, as Director-General for International Affairs, Director General for International Economic and Social Affairs, and as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna, Austria. Dr. Amirkhizi has also held a number of high-level positions with the United Nations.

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Mehrzaad Boroujerdi
Syracuse University

Mehrzaad Boroujerdi is Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He also serves as the Provost Faculty Fellow for Internationalization as well as the O’Hanley Faculty Scholar. He is the author of *Iranian Intellectuals and the West: The Tormented Triumph of Nativism* (Syracuse University Press, 5³³⁰), and is currently working on a fourth book manuscript on the political elite of post-revolutionary Iran. Dr. Boroujerdi was the President of the International Society for Iranian Studies (2012-2014).



Joseph Cirincione
Ploughshares Fund

Joe Cirincione is the president of Ploughshares Fund, a global security foundation. He is the author *Nuclear Nightmares: Securing the World Before It Is Too Late*, *Bomb Scare: The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons* and is the author or editor of five other books on nuclear weapons and national security policy. He has also published hundreds of articles on these topics and is widely cited in the media.

Joe serves on the Secretary of State’s International Security Advisory Board and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He worked for nine years in the U.S. House of Representatives on the professional staff of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Operations.

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Camelia Entekhabifard
NYC-based Journalist

Camelia Entekhabifard is an Iranian journalist, news analyst and columnist who writes primarily on Iranian foreign policy issues with a focus on the Iranian nuclear negotiations and agreement. She also writes on Middle Eastern regional issues to include the crisis in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, and the political and security situation in Afghanistan. She has since and continues to report on Iran and Afghanistan for AP, Reuters, Le Monde Diplomatique, al-Jazeera, New York Times, the Huffington Post, al-Arabiya, al-Hayat, al-Ahram Weekly, Sharq Al-Awsat, among many others. She is a regular news commentator and frequently appearing on Al-Arabiya, Sky News, Alaraby TV, BBC, CNN and other news channel. Camelia holds a master's degree from New York University’s School of Journalism and another master's degree from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs. Currently she lives in New York City and Dubai.



Mohsen Milani
University of South Florida

Dr. Mohsen Milani is an internationally recognized scholar of the Middle East. He is the Executive Director of the Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies, and Professor of Politics at the University of South Florida. He served as a research fellow at Harvard, Oxford, and Foscari University (Italy). Professor Milani has authored more than 70 publications, including many in top peer-reviewed academic and respected journals. His book, *The Making of Iran’s Islamic Revolution* (second edition), has been used as required reading in many universities. His most recent publications include: “Iran in a Reconnecting Eurasia” and “Iran and Russia’s Uncomfortable Alliance.” His latest research project is a book about Iranian foreign policy.

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Alireza Nader
RAND Corporation

Alireza Nader is a senior international policy analyst at the RAND Corporation and author of *The Days After a Deal With Iran: Continuity and Change in Iranian Foreign Policy*. His research has focused on Iran's political dynamics, and Iranian foreign policy. Nader's other RAND publications include *Israel and Iran: A Dangerous Rivalry*; and, *Saudi-Iranian Relations since the Fall of Saddam: Rivalry, Cooperation, and Implications for U.S. Policy*. Prior to joining RAND, Nader served as a research analyst at the Center for Naval Analyses. Nader received his M.A. in international affairs from The George Washington University.



Majid Rafizadeh
Harvard University

Dr. Majid Rafizadeh is a political scientist, Harvard scholar and president of the International American Council on the Middle East. He serves on the board of Harvard International Review, Harvard International Relations Council, at Harvard University. Harvard-educated, Rafizadeh earned a Doctorate (Ph.D) in government and international affairs, Masters in global and international studies, Masters in communication and journalism, Masters in linguistics and teaching, and bachelors degree in linguistics. His writings and analyses regularly appear on academic and non-academic outlets.

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