

POST-SANCTIONS IRAN: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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The conference will aim at debating the political, economic, social and security challenges and opportunities for foreign and domestic private sector in a post-sanctions Iran. It will discuss the new Iranian economic and financial framework following the lifting of the sanctions, the current government policies to engage business actors and the impact of regional and global changing dynamics.

09.30 09.45 | OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks by Prof. Mário Caldeira

Opening remarks by Ambassador Seyyed Kazem Sajjadpour

10.00 11.00 | SESSION I : IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL : CONTENT AND PHASES

An overview of the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action); Challenges Ahead
Arianeh Tabatabaei, George Washington University

JCPOA and the roadmap for Lifting Iran's sanctions
Aniseh Tabrizi, King's College, London

11.00 11.30 | COFFEE BREAK

11.30 13.00 | SESSION II : ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Iran Oil and Gas After the Nuclear Deal

David Ramin Jalilvand, Friedrich Eibert Foundation, Berlin

Iran's New Energy Policies and Opportunities

Amir Zamaninia, Vice Minister, Iran's Ministry of Oil

Trade and Business Challenges and Opportunities

Rouzbeh Parsi, EIRG (Europe Iran Research Group), Stockholm

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13.00 15.00 | LUNCH

15.00 16.00 | SESSION III : JCPOA AND ITS POLITICAL AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR IRAN

Implications for Iran's Foreign and Security Policy

Kazem Sajjadpour, Head of Policy Planning, Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Iran and the ME Region

Dina Esfandiary, King's College, London

16.00 16.30 | COFFEE BREAK

16 :30-17 :30 | SESSION IV : IRAN- EUROPE/US RELATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE JCPOA

Iran and Europe

Ellie Geranmayeh, ECFR(European Council for Foreign Relations), London

Iran and US

Saeed Khatibzadeh, IPIS, Berlin

18.00 | CONCLUSIONS AND FINAL REMARKS

THE SPEAKERS

Ariane Tabatabai is a visiting assistant professor of Security Studies at the Georgetown Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Dr. Tabatabai received her Ph.D. in War Studies from the Department of War Studies, King's College London. She holds an M.A. in International Peace and Security with Distinction from the Department of War Studies, King's College London and a double B.A. in Political Science and Cinema and Cultural Studies from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Aniseh Tabrizi holds a MA in International Relations from Syracuse University, NY and an MA in Politics from Università degli Studi di Perugia. She is a former Fulbright Scholar and her project is currently funded via King's Continuation Scholarship. She is an Associate Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations and a Teaching Assistant for the BA modules "Conflict and Diplomacy" and "Contemporary Security Issues".

David Ramin Jalilvand is a research fellow with the Berlin Centre for Caspian Region Studies (BC CARE) at the Free University of Berlin. He holds an MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Science and authored this study as an external expert to the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's MENA Sustainable Energy Programme. His doctoral research examines the role of the energy sector in the political economy of Iran and seeks to assess whether the country is undergoing a transformation from a rentier to a rather non-rentier industrial state.

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Rouzbeh Parsi, director of the European Iran Research Group, was a Senior Research Fellow/Senior Analyst at the EUISS between June 2009 and July 2013. Rouzbeh's research interests included the domestic political developments of Iran and their foreign policy implications, governance and political culture in Iran and Iraq, and regional relations. He also worked on the development and change of political concepts that while universal are also locally embedded, e.g. modernisation, religion, nationalism and secularisation.

Kazem Sajjadpour, Adviser to Iran's Minister of Foreign Affairs on Strategic Issues (Head of Policy Planning), on Iran's role in the Middle East and the country's approach to globalization, development and security. He is a former Ambassador for the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations in Geneva. Dr.Sajjadpour received his Ph.D. in political science from George Washington University and was a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard. He has taught at the College of International Relations of Tehran University, as well as at Azad University and Iran's National Defense University. Dr. Sajjadpour is a regular contributor to the online journal Iranian Diplomacy.

Dina Esfandiary is a MacArthur Fellow at the Centre for Science and Security Studies at King's College London. She was a Research Associate in the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament programme of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London from October 2009. Her research focuses on security, relations between states and non-proliferation in the Middle East, including Iran and Syria's WMD programmes. Dina holds Masters Degrees from Kings College London and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

Ellie Geranmayeh is a policy fellow for the Middle East and North Africa Programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). She focuses on European foreign policy in relation to Iran, particularly on the nuclear and regional dossiers in addition to Iran's domestic politics. Geranmayeh closely followed and advised on the nuclear negotiations between Iran and world powers from 2013-2015 during which time she authored "Détente with Iran; how Europe can maximise the chances of a final nuclear deal" (ECFR, 2014). Geranmayeh regularly advises governments and business across Europe and is published and quoted widely by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, The Guardian, Foreign Affairs and Politico amongst others.

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