Symposium Program

Shifting Iran-US Relations:
Return to Status Quo Ante or New Alignments in the Middle East Region?

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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Introductory Remarks
9:15-9:30 am

Hadi Salehi Esfahani, CSAMES Director
Clifford Singer, ACDIS Director

Keynote Speech: Iran and the US: Domestic Politics and External Relations
9:30-10:45 am

Trita Parsi, Founder and President of the National Iranian American Council

Coffee Break
10:45-11:00 am

Panel 1: On the Viability of Iran’s Nuclear Deal (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, JCPOA)
11:00 am-12:20 pm

Chair: Clifford Singer, ACDIS Director

Frederick Lamb, Professor of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Matthias Grosse Perdekamp, Professor of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Lunch Break
12:20-1:30 pm

Panel 2: Iran-US Relations: Domestic, Regional, and Global Perspectives
1:30-3:30 pm

Chair: Asef Bayat, Catherine and Bruce Bastian Professor of Global and Transnational Studies at the Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Shireen Hunter, Research Professor at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
Kevan Harris, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California-Los Angeles
Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, Professor, Departments of History and Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Concluding Discussion
3:30-4:00 pm