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9:15-9:30 am  Introductory Remarks

Hadi Salehi Esfahani, Director of Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Clifford Singer, Director of The Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security

9:30-10:45 am Keynote Speech
Iran and the US: Domestic Politics and External Relations
Trita Parsi, Founder and President of the National Iranian American Council

10:45-11:00 am  Coffee Break

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

12:20-1:30 pm  Lunch Break

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

3:30 – 4:00 pm  Concluding Discussion

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