

International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) Inaugural Conference on Iran's Economy

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Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 December 2011

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (SOAS)

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08:30–09:00 Registrations (Tea/coffee available)

(Please note that for joint papers, only one author will be presenting)

9:00-9:20	Welcome & Introductory Remarks Hassan Hakimian (SOAS) Hashem Pesaran (Cambridge University) Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
9:20-11:20	SESSION 1: OIL REVENUES, RENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH Chair: Massoud Karshenas (SOAS)
9:20-10:00	<u>Oil Revenues, Political Power and Economic Growth in Iran: Theory and Evidence</u> Mohammad Reza Farzanegan (Dresden University of Technology & ZEW Mannheim, Germany), Kjetil Bjorvatn (Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Norway) & Friedrich Schneider (Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria) <i>Discussant:</i> Kamiar Mohaddes (Cambridge University)
10:00-10:40	<u>An Estimation of the Amount of Rent in the Economy of Iran as an Oil-Exporting Country</u> Zahra Kaviani & Masoud Nili (Sharif University of Technology, Tehran) <i>Discussant:</i> Massoud Karshenas (SOAS)
10:40-11:20	<u>The Impact of Oil Income on Occupational Choice: Production versus Rent Seeking</u> Elham Yadollahi (Kayson Company, Tehran) & Masoud Nili (Sharif University of Technology, Tehran) <i>Discussant:</i> Hashem Pesaran (Cambridge University)
11:20-11:40	Coffee Break

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11:40-13:00	SESSION 2: AGRICULTURE Chair: Parvin Alizadeh (London Metropolitan University)
11:40-12:20	<u>Pistachio Price Risk Management across Different Countries</u> Saeed Yazdani (University of Tehran) & Habibeh Sherafatmand (Azad University, Tehran) <i>Discussant:</i> Tinoush Jamali Jaghdani (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
12:20-13:00	<u>Demand for Irrigation Water from Depleting Groundwater Resources in Pistachio Production: Case Study from Iran</u> Tinoush Jamali Jaghdani & Bernhard Brümmer (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen) <i>Discussant:</i> Saeed Yazdani (University of Tehran)
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	SESSION 3: FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS Chair: Hassanali Mehran (Former Governor of the Central Bank of Iran)
14:00-14:40	<u>Inflation-Stock Return Puzzle in Iran, a Markov Switching Approach</u> Mohamad Ghaziaskar (University of Waterloo) <i>Discussant:</i> Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
14:40-15:20	<u>Non-Performing Loans and Financial Soundness Indicators in Iran's Banking System</u> Parastoo Shajari (Money & Banking Research Centre, Tehran) & Hooshang Shajari (Isfahan University) <i>Discussant:</i> Hassanali Mehran (Former Governor of the Central Bank of Iran)
15:20-16:00	<u>Measuring the Value of Security Services Connection: Case of IRGC-Owned Firms</u> Mohammad Jahan-Parvar (East Carolina University) and Saeed Ghasseminejad (Baruch College, CUNY) <i>Discussant:</i> Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:45	SESSION 4: PANEL ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND THE IRANIAN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY Chair: Hormoz Naficy (Petroventures Advisory Ltd) Speakers: Hormoz Naficy (Petroventures Advisory Ltd) Manuchehre Takin (Centre for Global Energy Studies) Mohammad Ali Ala (Imperial College)
19:30-22:30	CONFERENCE DINNER Keynote Speaker: Hashem Pesaran (Cambridge University)

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Thursday 8 December 2011**9:10-10:30****SESSION 5: EDUCATION, SCHOOLING AND CHILD LABOUR**

Chair: Nader Habibi (Brandeis University, Boston)

9:10-9:50

Determinants of Child Labour and School Attendance: Evidence from Iranian Households

GholamReza Keshavarz Haddad & Mohsen Seifi Kafshgari (Sharif University of Technology, Tehran)

Discussant: Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

9:50-10:30

Equality of Opportunity in Education in Iran

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Discussant: Nader Habibi (Brandeis University, Boston)**10:30-11:00****Coffee Break****11:00-13:00****SESSION 6: FEMALE WORK FORCE, WAGES, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN IRAN – JOINT SESSION WITH PERSIAN GENDER NETWORK (PGN)**

Chair: Fatemeh Moghadam (Hofstra University)

11:00-11:40

Decomposition of Gender Wage Differentials in Iran: An Empirical Study Based on Household Survey Data

Seyed Moaven Razavi & Nader Habibi (Brandeis University, Boston)

Discussant: Parvin Alizadeh (London Metropolitan University)

11:40-12:20

Female Labour Force Participation and Economic Instability of 1994-95 in Iran

Mehdi Majbourni (Babson College)

Discussant: Parvin Alizadeh (London Metropolitan University)

12:20-13:00

Gender and Entrepreneurship in Iran

Roksana Bahramitash (Montreal University), Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Jennifer Olmsted (Drew University)

Discussant: Jaleleddin Jalali (Institute for Management and Planning Studies, Tehran)**13:00-14:00****Lunch**

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14:00-16:00 **SESSION 7: GENDER INCLUSION AND JOB CREATION: TOWARDS A NEW DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM**

PLENARY SESSION – PERSIAN GENDER NETWORK (PGN)/THE WOLRD BANK

Chair: Nadereh Chamlou (The World Bank)

Keynote Speakers:

Camila Batmanghelidjh (Kids Company, London)

Cecilia Lopez (International Centre for Social and Economic Studies, Bogota)

Panellists:

Massoud Karshenas (SOAS)

Sara Bazoobandi (Nomura Securities)

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Golnar Mehran (Al-Zahra University, Tehran)

Haleh Esfandiari (The Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars)

16:00-17:20 **SESSION 8: EXCHANGE RATE, TRADE AND SANCTIONS**

Chair: Mahmoud Messkoub (International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague)

16:00-16:40 ***Implications of Sanctions on Iranian Economic Relations with the EU***

Aniseh Bassiri Tabrizi (Kings College, University of London)

Discussant: Hassan Hakimian (SOAS)

16:40-17:20 ***Studying the Impacts of Exchange Rate Variations on Prices, GDP, Export and Import of Different Economic Sectors in Iran (a CGE Approach)***

Masoom Fouladi & Hedieh Setayesh (University of Tehran)

Discussant: Mahmoud Messkoub (International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague)

17:20-17:55 **PLENARY SESSION: IIEA'S RESEARCH STRATEGY AND FUTURE AGENDA**

Panel discussion: Hashem Pesaran; Hassan Hakimian; Hadi Salehi Esfahani; Hassanali Mehran; Nadereh Chamlou

17:55-18:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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