

**International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA)
Third International Conference on the Iranian Economy**

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

October 24-25, 2014

Conference Program

Friday, October 24, 2014

**Heights Room in Corcoran Commons
on Lower Campus, Boston College**

8:45-9:10 **Registration**

9:15-9:30 **Introductory Remarks**

Ali Banuazizi (Boston College, Conference Organizing Committee Co-Chair)

Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, IIEA Executive Secretary and Conference
Program Committee Co-Chair)

Hadi Salehi Esfahani (UIUC, Conference Program Committee Co-Chair)

Nader Habibi (Brandeis, Conference Organizing Committee Co-Chair)

Session 1: *Performance of Iran's Economy under International Sanctions*

Chair: Hassanali Mehran (Former Governor of the Central Bank of Iran)

9:30-10:15 **Oil Sanctions and the Global Economy: A Counterfactual Analysis**

Kamiar Mohaddes (University of Cambridge)

M. Hashem Pesaran (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Robert Blotvogel (International Monetary Fund)

10:15-11:00 **Sanctions Backfire: Did Exports Deflection Help Iranian Exporters?**

Jamal Ibrahim Haidar (Paris School of Economics)

Discussant: Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

11:00-11:25 **Coffee break**

Session 2: *Fiscal Reform and Merger Control in Iran*

Chair: Sohrab Behdad (Denison University)

11:25-12:10 **Export Constraint and Domestic Fiscal Reform**

Firouz Gahvari (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Seyed Mohammad Karimi (University of Washington, Tacoma)

Discussant: Hamed Ghoddusi (Stevens Institute of Technology)

12:10- 12:55 [Merger Control in Iran: Toward an Efficient Merger Control Regime in Iranian Competition Law](#)

Mohsen Nikbin (University of Tehran)

Discussant: Kamiar Mohaddes (University of Cambridge)

1:00-14:15 **Lunch**

Session 3: Panel on the Economic History of Iran

Chair: Vahid Nowshirvani (The Persian Heritage Foundation)

14:15-14:40 [Goals and Policies of the Central Bank of Iran, 1960-1978](#)

Hassanali Mehran (Former Governor of the Central Bank of Iran)

14:40-15:05 **Income Inequality & Social Mobility in Prerevolutionary Iran**

Ali Banuazizi (Boston College)

15:05-15:30 [The Political Economy of Macroeconomic Policymaking in Iran and Indonesia after the 1973 Oil Shock](#)

Ramin Nassehi (SOAS and Queen Mary University of London)

15:30-15:55 [Iranian Economy and the Contradictions of the Islamic Republic in Historical Perspective](#)

Massoud Karshenas (SOAS)

15:55-16:30 *Floor Discussion and Q&A*

16:45-18:45 **IIEA Board Meeting** (By invitation)

19:00-22:00 **Dinner** (Boston College)

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Corcoran Building, Boston College

Session 4: Economic Policies and Educational Outcomes in Iran

Chair: Nadereh Chamlou (Former Senior Advisor, The World Bank)

9:00- 9:45 [Evaluating the Impact of Iran's 1992 Education Reform on High School Dropout and Vocational Enrollment](#)

Ali Hashemi (Ashland University)

Mahdi Majbouri (Babson College)

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Tech)

Discussant: Moaven Razavi (Brandeis University)

9:45-10:30 **Incidence of Over-Education in Iran**

Nader Habibi (Brandeis University)

Gholamreza Keshavarz Haddad (Sharif University of Technology)

Discussant: Hassan Hakimian (SOAS)

10:30-10:55 **Coffee break**

Session 5: Female Empowerment and Wellbeing in Iran

Chair: Ali Banuazizi (Boston College)

10:55-11:40 **Rural Electrification and Female Empowerment in Iran**

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Tech)

Sara Taghvatalab (Virginia Tech)

Discussant: Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam (Hofstra University)

11:40-12:25 **Exploring Economic Wellbeing of Households Using Indirect Assessment Methods**

Moaven Razavi (Brandeis University)

Discussant: Parvin Alizadeh (Boston University, London Internship Program)

12:25-13:25 **Lunch**

Session 6: Labor Supply and Unemployment in Iran

Chair: Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam (Hofstra University)

13:25-14:10 **The Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Labor Supply: Evidence from Iran's Energy Subsidy Reform Program**

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Tech)

Mohammad Hadi Mostafavi Dehzoeei (Virginia Tech)

Discussant: Gholamreza Keshavarz Haddad (Sharif University of Technology)

14:10- 14:55 **Child Gender and Men's Labor Market Outcomes in Dotal Societies**

Hossein A. Abbasi (Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania)

Seyed Mohammad Karimi (University of Washington, Tacoma)

Discussant: Ali Hashemi (Ashland University)

14:55-15:20 **Coffee break**

Session 7: Plenary Panel

Chair: Hashem Pesaran (University of Southern California)

15:20-17:10 **Current Economic Policy in Iran**

Panelists:

Robert Blotvogel (International Monetary Fund)

Nadereh Chamlou (Former Senior Advisor, The World Bank)

Yadollah Dadgar (Beheshti University)

Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

17:10-18:10 **IIEA Members Meeting and Closing Remarks**

Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, IIEA Executive Secretary)

M. Hashem Pesaran (University of Southern California, IIEA President)

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