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HÖRSAAL OF CENTER FOR NEAR AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, PHILIPPS-UNIVERSITY OF MARBURG

Pre-Conference Event: June 16, 2016

1830-2000 Pre-Conference Evening Reception at Marburg Town Hall (All invited)
([Rathaus Marburg, Markt 15, 35037 Marburg](#))

Day One: June 17, 2016

0830 – 0900 Registration

0900 – 0920 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Hassan Hakimian (SOAS and IIEA Executive Secretary)
Albrecht Fuess (Director of CNMS, Philipps-University of Marburg)
Elisabeth Schulte (Dean, MACIE, Philipps-University of Marburg)

0920 – 1040 Session 1: Sanctions and the Dual Exchange Rate Environment

Chair: Massoud Karshenas (SOAS, University of London)

[Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies in a Dual-Exchange Rate Environment: The Case of Iran](#)

Hossein Tavakolian (Allameh Tabataba'i University and Monetary and Banking Research Institute)

Discussant: Ida Mirzaie (Ohio State University)

[Can International Sanctions Cause Stagnation: A Macroeconomic Analysis of International Sanctions on Iran's Economy](#)

Mohammad Rahmati (Sharif University of Technology), Ali Karimirad* (Sharif University of Technology), and Seyed Ali Madanizadeh (Sharif University of Technology)

Discussant: Kamiar Mohaddes (University of Cambridge)

1040 – 1100 Coffee Break

1100 – 1300 Session 2: Education, Women, and the Labor Market

Chair: Evelyn Korn (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Education and the Allocation of Time of Iranian Women](#)

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani* (Virginia Tech and the Brookings Institution) and Sara Taghvatalab (Christopher Newport University)

Discussant: Mohammad Reza Farzanegan (Philipps-University of Marburg and CESifo)

[Oil Rents, Education and Women's Participation in the Labor Market and Politics](#)

Mahsa Mesgarani* (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad) and Amirhassan Akbari Khalilabad (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad)

Discussant: Mahmoud Messkoub (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

[Social Protection and Gender in Iran: Assessing the Differential Impact of Social Protection Activities on Female-Headed versus Male-Headed Households](#)

Hadi Salehi Esfahani* (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Seyed Mohammad Karimi (University of Washington, Tacoma)

Discussant: Massoud Karshenas (SOAS, University of London)

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1520 Session 3: Household Consumption and Tehran Stock Exchange

Chair: Elisabeth Schulte (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Price Limit Performance: Evidence from Tehran Stock Exchange](#)

Samin Jalali* (Sharif University of Technology), Mohammad H. Rahmati (Sharif University of Technology), and Ali Ebrahim Nezhad (Boston College)

Discussant: Ahmed Badreldin (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Consumption Smoothing and Borrowing Constraints: Evidence from Household Surveys of Iran](#)

Majid Einian* (Sharif University of Technology and Monetary and Banking Research Institute) and Masoud Nili (Institute for Management and Planning Studies and Sharif University of Technology)

Discussant: Hamed Ghoddsi (Stevens Institute of Technology)

1520 – 1540 Coffee Break

1540 – 1700 Session 4: Diversification and Trust

Chair: Albrecht Fuess (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Economic Diversification in Iran: Policies between Convictions and Interests](#)

Miriam Shabafrouz (University of Duisburg-Essen and Goethe University Frankfurt)

Discussant: Björn Vollan (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Generalized and Institutional Trust in Iran](#)

Aysegul Kayaoglu Yilmaz (Istanbul Technical University)

Discussant: Hassan Hakimian (School of African and Oriental Studies)

1700 – 1830 IIEA Board Meeting (By invitation only)

1930 – 2200 Conference Dinner (Conference participants)

Day Two: June 18, 2016
0900 – 1100 Session 5: Firms, Productivity, and Growth

Chair: Sohrab Behdad (Denison University)

[Do Exporters Still Perform Better After Controlling for Selection? Evidence from Industrial Plants in Iran](#)

Kowsar Yousefi* (Institute for Management and Planning Studies), Fatemeh Zahra Sobhani (Institute for Management and Planning Studies), and Seyed Ali Madanzade (Sharif University of Technology)

Discussant: Florian Neumeier (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Measurement and Comparison of Industrial Infrastructure of SMEs among Iranian Provinces](#)

Mohammad Rahimpour (Kharazmi University), Almas Heshmati (Sogang University and Jönköping International Business School), Shaho Hajebi* (Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization), and Gholamreza Soleimani (Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization)

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

[The Role of Small Firms in Regional Growth: Evidence from Regional Data in Iran](#)

Iman Cheratian* (Academic Center for Education, Culture and Research and University of Mazandaran) and Saeed Ghorbani (Academic Center for Education, Culture and Research)

Discussant: Ida Mirzaie (Ohio State University)

1100 – 1120 Coffee Break
1120 – 1300 Session 6: Oil, Iran, and the World Economy

Chair: Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, University of London)

[Iran's Oil and Gas - Potential and Challenges](#)

Manouchehr Takin (International Oil and Energy Consultant)

[Oil Prices and the Global Economy: Is It Different This Time Around?](#)

Kamiar Mohaddes* (University of Cambridge) and M. Hashem Pesaran (University of Southern California and Trinity College, Cambridge)

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1600 **Session 7: Lessons from Economic History**
Chair: Christoph Werner (Philipps-University of Marburg)

[Nomadic Dynasties and the Decline of the Muslim World: Evidence from Iran, Iraq, and Central Asia \(1037-1505\)](#)

Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam (Hofstra University)

Discussant: Parvin Alizadeh (Boston University)

[The Political Economy of Petro-dollar Recycling in Iran and Saudi Arabia in the 1970s](#)
Ramin Nassehi (SOAS, University of London)

Discussant: Parvin Alizadeh (Boston University)

[A Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Trans-Iranian Railway: Was it a Reasonable Investment?](#)
Farshid Mojaver (University of California Davis)

Discussant: Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam (Hofstra University)

1600 – 1620 **Coffee Break**

1620 – 1740 **Session 8: Evaluating the Effects of the Cash Transfers Program**
Chair: Nadereh Chamlou (International Development Advisor)

[Cash Transfer as a Social Policy Instrument or a Tool of Adjustment Policy: From Indirect Subsidies \(to Energy and Utilities\) to Cash Subsidies in Iran, 2010-2015](#)

Mahmoud Messkoub (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

Discussant: Sohrab Behdad (Denison University)

[Abstention and Unconditional Cash Transfer Effects on the Tobacco Consumption: Evidence from Iran's Energy Subsidy Reform 2010 \(via Skype\)](#)

Gholamreza Keshavarz Haddad* (Sharif University of Technology) and Arin Shahbazian (Sharif University of Technology)

Discussant: Djavad Salehi-Isfahani (Virginia Tech and the Brookings Institution)

1740 – 1830 **IIEA Members Meeting and Closing Remarks**
Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, University of London)
Kamiar Mohaddes (University of Cambridge)
Nadereh Chamlou (International Development Advisor)
Fatemeh Etemad Moghadam (Hofstra University)

The speaker of papers with more than one author is identified by an asterisk (*).

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