Iran at Large:
The Global Emergence of a Regional Power?

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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Conference Program

Friday, April 1, 2011
(Plym Auditorium, Temple Hoyne Buell Hall)

11:00-11:10  **Introductory Remarks**
Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Ruth Watkin (Dean of the College of LAS, UIUC)

**Session 1:**  **Keynote Speech**
Chair: Bryan Endres (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

11:10-12:30  **Iran’s Global Strategy**
Arshin Adib-Moghaddam (SOAS)

12:30-2:00  **Lunch break**

**Session 2:**  **Iran in Global Perspectives**
Chair: Colin Flint (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

2:00-2:40  **Continuity and Change in Iran's Rivalry Patterns**
Paul Diehl (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Alexandru Balas (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Gary Goertz (University of Arizona)

2:40-3:20  **Ahmadinejad and the Doctrine of Madness in Foreign Policy**
Behrooz Ghamari (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

3:20-4:00  **Iran and the Global Economy**
Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

4:00-4:20  **Coffee break**
Conference on Iran’s Economy, 2010

**Session 3:** *Iran and the Middle East*

**Chair:** Merle Bowen (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

4:20-5:00 **Arab-Iranian Relations**
Mahjoob Zweiri (Qatar University)

5:00-5:40 **Iranian Revolution and the Arab World**
Asef Bayat (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

7:00-9:30 **Dinner** for invited guests at the Colonial Room, Illini Union
Wolfgang Schloer (Associate Provost and Director of IPS, UIUC)

Saturday, April 2, 2011
(Plym Auditorium, Temple Hoyne Buell Hall)

**Session 4:** *Iran, Central Asia, and Europe*

**Chair:** Richard Tempest (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

9:00-9:40 **Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia**
Andreas Wilde (University of Bonn)

9:40-10:20 **Iran and Russia**
Mark N. Katz (George Mason University)

10:20-11:00 **Iran and the European Union**
Bernd Kaussler (James Madison University)

11:00-11:20 **Coffee break**

**Session 5:** *Iran, Africa, and China*

**Chair:** Poshek Fu (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

11:20-12:00 **Iran’s Strategy in Africa**
Alex Vatanka (The Middle East Institute)

12:00-12:40 **Iran’s Relations with China**
John W. Garver (Georgia Institute of Technology)
12:40-1:40  Lunch break

**Session 6:**  *Iran and the Western Hemisphere*

*Chair:* Andrew Orta (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1:40-2:20  *Iran’s Strategy in Latin America*

Manochehr Dorraj (Texas Christian University)

2:20-3:00  *Iran and Brazil*

Paulo Sotero (Brazil Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center)

3:00-3:20  Coffee break

**Session 7:**  *Concluding Remarks*

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

3:20-4:00  *Iran’s Changing Role in the World*

Edward Kolodziej (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

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