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Iranian Studies Unit Third Annual Conference

Iran's Look East Policy

6-7 September 2023

Timetable

Day 1, Wednesday, 6 September 2023

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:15	Opening Remarks Speaker Mehran Kamrava
10:15-11:15	Keynote Lecture A Conceptual Framework for Understanding Iran's Interaction with the East Moderator: Mehran Kamrava Speaker Seyed Mohammad Kazem Sajjadpour
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	Panel 1: Iran's Look East Policy Moderator: Mohamad Hamas ElMasry Diana Galeeva: Iran's "Look East" Policy and the Emerging New World Order Olivia Glombitza: The Islamic Republic of Iran's Approach to the East: Symbolic Politics and Popular Culture in Iran's Foreign Policy Kadhim Hashim Niama: Strategy, Ideology, Pragmatism, and Tactics in Iran's "Look East" Policy
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Panel 2: Iran's Look East Policy and the Arab World Moderator: Marwan Kabalan Harith Hasan: "Pivot to the East" in Iraq: The Iranian influence and the Chinese Alternative Huda Raouf: Egypt's Response to Iranian Foreign Policy and Calls for Rapprochement

15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 3: Iran-Russia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Nikolay Kozhanov</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Li-Chen Sim: The Russian Challenge to Iran's Look East Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abdolrasool Divsallar : The Perception of Russia in Iran's Military-Industrial Complexes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eric Lob* and Mazaher Koruzhde*: A Risk-Seeking Iran: Explaining Iran's Military Support for Russia in the Ukraine War</p>

* Attending online

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Day 2, Thursday, 7 September 2023

<p>9:00-10:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 4: Iran-China</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Aicha Elbasri</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jonathan Fulton: China and Iran: Partners in Revisionism</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Niloufar Baghernia: China's Position in Iran's Look East Policy: Neoclassical Realist Perspectives</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Degang Sun and Sarvenaz Khanmohammadi: The China-Iran 25-year Strategic Agreement and the Strategic Rebalance of the Gulf</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jianwei Han: China's Cognition and Response to Iran's "Look East" Policy: An Explanation of Partner-Community Framework</p>
<p>10:15-10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>10:30-11:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 5: Iran, India, Malaysia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Steven Wright</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chuchu Zhang: China and India as Rising Asian Transactionalist Players in the Middle East: A Case Study of Iran</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deepika Saraswat: From Bilateralism to Regionalism: Transformation of Iran's 'Look East' Policy under Raisi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rowena Abdul Razak: Consistency Through Instability: Malaysian-Iranian Relations from the Pahlavis to the Islamic Republic</p>
<p>11:30-11:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:45-13:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 6: Iran, Central Asia, South Caucasus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Omar Ashour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Banafsheh Keynoush: Conflicts in Iran's Northern Corridors: National Security, Regional Order, and Implications for its Look East Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bayram Sinkaya: Iran – Azerbaijan Relations under the Shadow of Pan-Turkist Challenges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hessam Habibi Doroh: Iran-Turkmenistan Relations: Geostrategic Dynamics under the New Regional Order</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gawdat Bahgat: Iran and the South Caucasus</p>

13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 7: Economy, Sanctions, Trade, Energy Sector</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Ayat Hamdan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zahra Karimi: The Impact of Iran's Turn towards the East on Its Economic Performance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karim Eslamloueyan: The Effects of Sanctions, Complexity, and World Trade Uncertainty on the Trade Relationship Between Iran and Major Asian Countries</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cyrus Ashayeri: How Can Iran Learn from Sustainable Energy Initiatives in ASEAN?</p>
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 8: Look East Policy Risks and Challenges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Emad Kaddorah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mahmood Monshipouri* and Javad Heiran-Nia: Counterbalancing the West: The Risks of Iran's Eastern Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shireen Hunter*: Why Has Iran's "Look East" Policy Failed?</p>
16:15-16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mehran Kamrava</p>

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