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Sanctions and the Iranian Political Economy: Lessons and the Ways Forward

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PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Welcome to the International Symposium on „Sanctions and the Iranian Political Economy: Lessons and the Way Forward“

Save the Date: **22 November 2013, 09:00 - 18:00**
Venue: Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), Hörsaal

The comprehensive energy and financial sanctions imposed on Iran by the UN, the United States, and the European Union together with other countries have affected different aspects of the Iranian economy such as foreign exchange rates, inflation, domestic and foreign investment, imports, industrial production and overall economic growth. Targeting the key component of Iranian economy namely oil revenues, the international authorities hope to increase the economic costs of Iranian political conduct.

The case of sanctions against Iran is a highly controversial topic in both academic and policy forums. This complex issue with different short and long term effects on the political economy of Iran and the Middle East deserves a thorough scientific and objective analysis. We propose a one day interdisciplinary workshop with international experts in the field of Iranian political economy to discuss and analyze the multilateral aspects of sanctions for Iran and the world both from theoretical and empirical points of view. The workshop aims to be a serious forum for Iran experts, opening and developing new cooperation schemes for joint academic research projects on the political economy of Iran.

Mohammad Reza Farzanegan and Christoph Werner

Additional Discussants:

Morgane Colleau (Exeter), Ghassan Dibeh (Beirut), Evelyn Korn, Emad al-Din S. Hokamaee, Johanna von Borstel and Christian Neugebauer (Marburg)

9:15-9:30	Welcome Stefan Weninger
9:30-10:00	Introductory Remarks by the Organizers
10:00-10:45	Historical and Comparative Aspects of Sanctions Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, United Kindom)
10:45-11:15	Break
11:15-12:00	Power Balance, Economic Sanctions, and Rent Seeking in Iran Kjetil Bjorvatn (NHH, Norway)
12:00-12:45	Consequences of Sanctions for both EU Energy Security and Iranian Oil and Gas Sectors Clément Therme (University of Geneva, Switzerland)
12:45-13:45	Break
13:45-14:30	Religion, the State, and Economic Sanctions Alireza Naghavi (University of Bologna, Italy)
14:30-15:15	Could Iranian Sanctions Work? ‘Yes’ and ‘No’, but not ‘Perhaps’ Sajjad Faraji Dizaji (Tarbiat Modares University, Iran)
15:15-15:45	Break
15:45-16:30	International Sanctions and the Iranian Shadow Economy Mohammad Farzanegan (CNMS, Germany)
16:30-18:00	Panel Discussion