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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-Universität of Marburg)
Elisabeth Schulte (Dean, MACIE, Philipps-Universität 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-Universität 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-Universität Marburg and CESifo)

Oil Rents, Education and Women Participation in 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-Universität 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-Universität 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 Ghodduzi (Stevens Institute of Technology)

1520 – 1540 Coffee Break

1540 – 1700 Session 4: Diversification and Trust

Chair: Albrecht Fuess (Philipps-Universität 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-Universität 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 the 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-Universität 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-Universität 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, 2010-2014

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)
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