

## Opening Comments:

### Symposium *political economy of sanctions*

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## Background on the Symposium

The symposium is organized within the research project of Prof. **Sajjad Dizaji** (Tarbiat Modares University in Tehran), funded by Gerda Henkel Foundation on **Economic Sanctions and Conflict Resolution (2018-20)**.

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# The main goal(s) of the Symposium

- To understand the sanctions as economic tool for political goals.
- To understand the multiple effects of sanctions, ***not only*** on the political institutions and economic growth ***but also*** on civil society, health and education.
- Our focus is beyond case of Iran. We examine theory of sanctions and empirical evidence on its socio-economic impacts.

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## SPEAKERS:

**Kjetil Bjorvatn** (NHH, Norway), "Power Balance, Economic Sanctions, and Rent Seeking in Iran"

**Sajjad Faraji Dizaji** (Tarbiat Modares University, Iran), "Could Iranian Sanctions Work? 'Yes' and 'No', but not 'Perhaps'"

**Mohammad R. Farzanegan** (CNMS, Germany), "International Sanctions and the Iranian Shadow Economy"

**Hassan Hakimian** (SOAS, United Kingdom), "Historical and Comparative Aspects of Sanctions"

**Alireza Naghavi** (University of Bologna, Italy), "Religion, the State, and Economic Sanctions"

**Clément Therme** (University of Geneva, Switzerland), "Consequences of Sanctions for both EU Energy Security and Iranian Oil and Gas Sectors"

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Speaker: Dr. Matthew  
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Common Fallacies of Economic Sanctions:  
Lessons from the MENA Region

Dr Hassan Hakimian  
Director – London Middle East Institute, SOAS  
CNMS, Philipps-Universität Marburg  
4 June 2019

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Symposium on the Political Economy of Climate Change and Natural Disasters with Reference to Iran and the Arab World



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1 November 2019, 15:30 – 18:00

2 November 2019, 09:00 - 12:30

Deutschhausstr. 3, 35032 Marburg, Room: +1/1090



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### Organizer:

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Reza Farzanegan, Economics of the Middle East Research Group,  
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## Prof. Dr Peter A.G. van Bergeijk: **Why does our opinion on the success of sanctions change so often?**

- Professor of International Economics and Macroeconomics
  - International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
  - **Erasmus University, the Netherlands**
  - (co) Author/editor of 29 books and 200+ articles
  - **Key research interests:** de-globalization, sanctions, economic diplomacy



# Our Speakers in 2019 Symposium

## Esfandyar Batmanghelidj: **The ins and outs of Iranian industrial resiliency under sanctions**

- **Founder and Publisher of Bourse & Bazaar**, a media company that supports business diplomacy.
- **Founder of the Europe-Iran Forum**, the leading annual gathering for business, government and civil society leaders
- Esfandyar holds a **B.A. in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies** from **Columbia University**.





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## Mansoob Murshed: **Macroeconomic effects of trade sanctions**

- **Professor of the Economics of Peace and Conflict**
  - International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
  - **Erasmus University, the Netherlands**
    - 80+ refereed articles
    - (co) author/editor of 7 books
    - 70 chapters in edited books



# Our Speakers in 2019 Symposium

## Maysam Behravesh: **Why post-JCPOA Iran is experiencing an upsurge in state repression?**

- **PhD Candidate in Political Science at Lund University, Sweden**
  - **Research Fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), Lund University**
- MA (Summa cum laude) in International Relations from the University of Tehran (2011)
  - **Research Areas:** Security studies, Nuclear politics, Terrorism and Radicalization, Middle East and South Asia (with special emphasis on Iran and Pakistan)



## Our Speakers in 2019 Symposium

### **Sajjad F. Dizaji: The political and military impact of oil sanctions in the Middle East**

- **Assistant Professor of Economics, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran**
  - **Research Fellow of Gerda Henkel Foundation (2018-20)**
- **PhD in Economics, Tarbiat Modares University (2012)**
  - **MS Economics, University of Tehran (2007)**
- **BA in Theoretical Economics at University of Tabriz (2005)**





## Our Speakers in 2019 Symposium

**Mohammad R. Farzanegan: The effects of international sanctions on military spending of Iran: A synthetic control analysis**

- **Professor of Economics of the Middle East, CNMS (2012- )**
- **Postdoc : TU Dresden & ZEW Mannheim (2010-12), AvH**
- **Dr.rer.pol in Economics, TU Dresden (2006-09), DAAD**
- **MS in Energy Economics, University of Tehran (2000-2003)**
- **BA in Theoretical Economics, Allameh Tabataba'i University (1995-1999).**



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