
ARMS CONTROL IN (AND BEYOND) THE MIDDLE EAST



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Venue: Amir Kabir Hall | IPIS conference building
Aghai St. Bahonar Ave. Tajrish
Tehran

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AGENDA

8:45-9:15 *Registration of participants*

9:15-09:45 **Introductory Remarks**

SEYED KAZEM SAJJADPOUR, IPIS

LORENZO KAMEL, University of Turin

NICOLÒ RUSSO-PEREZ, Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin

ARMANDO BARUCCO, Policy Planning Unit, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

09:45-10:00 **Setting the Stage**

TARJA CRONBERG, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

10:00-11:30 **Session I – The Rising Orders of the Middle East**

The Middle East has gone through drastic changes since 2011. There are many ongoing and unsettled disputes, crises and challenges which have deeply affected not only the people and countries of the region but also the neighboring areas, including but not limited to Europe, and the world politics at large. Rivalries among regional and extra-regional players have made the Middle East a main chessboard for power politics. This session will look into the rising trends in the region, will try to unfold possible regional orders and will discuss positions of major stakeholders in this framework.

Chair **SAEED KHATIBZADE**, IPIS

Panelists **SAIDEH LOTFIAN**, Tehran University

BERND W. KUBBIG, Goethe University, Frankfurt

SARAH BOUKRI, Institut Marocain de Relations Internationales, Casablanca

MOHAMMAD SHEIBANI, IPIS

Open debate

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:15 **Session II – New Forms of Conflict and Arms Control in the Middle East**

This session will look into the security challenges and conflict dynamics in the Middle East region with particular regard to three major issues: the latest developments in the ongoing conflicts and their regional reverberations; the future of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JPCOA) and the prospect for regional arms control, including the EU-sponsored proposal for a Weapons-of-Mass-Destruction (WMD) Free Zone in the Middle East; the changing political alignments and the role played by external powers. The panel and the subsequent debate will aim to explore the concrete possibilities of new forms of international cooperation involving Iran that can contribute to lessening the tensions between rival actors and paving the way for a concerted management of conflict situations.

Chair **ETTORE GRECO**, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Panelists **RABAT JAZI**, Arms Control & Non-proliferation Department, Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

CORALIE PISON HINDAWI, American University of Beirut

MARC FINAUD, The Geneva Centre for Security Policy

SAEED KHATIBZADE, IPIS

Open debate

13:15-13:45 **Concluding Remarks**

TARJA CRONBERG, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

SAHIL SHAH, European Leadership Network, London

LORENZO KAMEL, University of Turin and Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

SEYED KAZEM SAJJADPOUR, IPIS

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13:45-15:00 Lunch | End of the Conference

