

Symposium Program

**Shifting Iran-US Relations:
Return to Status Quo Ante or New Alignments in the Middle East Region?**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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The Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security (ACDIS)
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Introductory Remarks

9:15-9:30 am

Hadi Salehi Esfahani, CSAMES Director

Clifford Singer, ACDIS Director

Keynote Speech: Iran and the US: Domestic Politics and External Relations

9:30-10:45 am

Trita Parsi, Founder and President of the National Iranian American Council

Coffee Break

10:45-11:00 am

Panel 1: On the Viability of Iran's Nuclear Deal (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, JCPOA)

11:00 am-12:20 pm

Chair: **Clifford Singer**, ACDIS Director

Frederick Lamb, Professor of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Matthias Grosse Perdekamp, Professor of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Lunch Break

12:20-1:30 pm

Panel 2: Iran-US Relations: Domestic, Regional, and Global Perspectives

1:30-3:30 pm

Chair: **Asef Bayat**, Catherine and Bruce Bastian Professor of Global and Transnational Studies at the Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Shireen Hunter, Research Professor at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Kevan Harris, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California-Los Angeles

Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, Professor, Departments of History and Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Concluding Discussion

3:30-4:00 pm