

Program of the International Conference on Development Patterns and Emerging Transformations in West Asia

Opening Ceremony (13:30 - 15:00)

Recitation of the Holy Quran and the National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Scientific Secretary of the Conference: **Dr. Rahmat Hajimineh** (Associate Professor of International Relations, Islamic Azad University, East Tehran Branch)

Conference President: **Dr. Seyed Asadollah Athari** (President of the Iranian Association for West Asian Studies)

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Abdolkarim Hosseinzadeh (Vice President for Rural Development and Deprived Areas)

Prof. Mahmet Akif Kireççi (President of ECO Educational Institute, Ankara, Turkey)

Concepts and Theoretical Discussions (Hananeh Hall // Tuesday - 15:30 17:00)

Panel Manager: **Dr. Ghadir Nasri** (Head of the Middle East Scientific and Strategic Research Center)

- **Abbas Maleki** (Professor of Energy Policy, Sharif University of Technology) The Future of Energy Development in West Asia under Secondary Sanctions Pressure: The Case of Iran and Iraq

- **Afshin Zargar** (Associate Professor of International Relations, Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch) War and Nation-State Building in West Asia; Reasons for the Failure of Political Development in West Asia

- **Amir Dabiri Mehr** (Faculty Member, Institute for Political and Media Studies and Research, Andisheh and Ghalam) and **Haji Safar Tehrani** (PhD Student of International Relations, Researcher at the Institute for Political and Media Studies and Research, Andisheh and Ghalam) Post-12-Day War and Rethinking the Development-Oriented Governance Model in Iran

- **Tayebbeh Mohammadi Kia** (Assistant Professor, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies) Biocracy in Development Knowledge: An Emerging Concept

- **Roghieh Karamati Nia** (PhD in Russian Studies, Global Studies) Shanghai and BRICS Visa Initiative; Regional Development Outlook



National Security and Development (Hananeh Hall // 8:30 - 10:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Javad She'rbaf, Faculty Member of West Asian Studies Group, Faculty of World Studies

- **Mohammad Reza Dehshiri** (Professor of Political Science, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Faculty) Obstacles and Solutions for Sustainable Development in West Asia

- **Javad She'rbaf** (Faculty Member of West Asian Studies Group, Faculty of World Studies) The Impact of the Arms Race on the Development of Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Israel

- **Fatemeh Soleimani Pour Lak** (Assistant Professor of International Relations, Islamic Azad University, Chalous Branch) Drivers of Developmental State in West Asian Countries; Lessons for Iran

- **Ehsan Ejazi** (PhD in International Relations, Director of Israel-Palestine Department, West Asian Studies Association) and **Mehdi Lakzi** (PhD in Political Science, Executive Secretary and Director of Iran Studies Department, West Asian Studies Association) Protracted War; A Serious Challenge to Israel's Economic Development

- **Atefeh Safaei** (PhD Student in Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch) Good Governance and Development in West Asia: A Comparative Re-reading of Khwaja Nizam al-Mulk's Thoughts and Contemporary Development Theories



Governance and Development in West Asia (Hananeh Hall // 10:30 - 12:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Javad Salehi, Associate Professor of International Relations,
University of Tehran

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| - Bahram Amir Ahmadian (Visiting Professor, Allameh Tabataba'i University)
Governance in the Republic of Azerbaijan; A Small Structure with a Large Function |
| - Ayoub Mennati (Assistant Professor of Regional Studies, Ilam University)
and Lashkar Ali Akbar Hedaya (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Salahaddin University, Erbil) The Impact of Governance Models on Economic and Social Development in West Asia: A Comparative Analysis of the UAE and Saudi Arabia |
| - Ali Akbar Amini (PhD in Political Science, Faculty Member, Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch) and Roya Sarahi (Master's in Political Science – Researcher) Japan's Development Experience, a Model for West Asian Development |
| - Mohammad Nozari (PhD in Sociology, Islamic Azad University, Shahr-e-Reza Branch) The Impact of Cyber Wars and Artificial Intelligence on Governance Structures and Sustainable Development in West Asia |
| - Nazak Nobari (PhD in Business Management, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Head of Macro Structures and Secretariat of the Supreme Administrative Council, Administrative and Recruitment Organization of the Country) From Traditional Bureaucracy to Network Governance: A Comparative-Conceptual Analysis of Iran's Administrative System on the Path to Development |



International System and Great Powers (Hananeh Hall // 13:30 - 15:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Seyed Asadollah Athari (President of the Iranian Association for West Asian Studies)

- **Nozar Shafiei** (Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Tehran) Analysis of China's Role in West Asian Development
- **Majid Ostovar** (Associate Professor of Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Rasht Branch) and **Harmik Nazar** (PhD Student in Political Science, South Tehran Branch) The Look East Policy and the Continuation of Ideological Foreign Policy in Iran
- **Azim Karimi** (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Payame Noor University, Tehran) Multi-level Governance and Its Effects on the Development Process in West Asia
- **Siamak Bahrami** (Assistant Professor of International Relations, Islamic Azad University, Kermanshah Branch) Corridors and the Issue of Development in West Asia
- **Aref Bijan** (PhD in Regional Studies, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia) Russia's Strategic Culture in Shaping Collective Security Architecture and Regional Development in West Asia

Post-War Iran (Hananeh Hall // 15:30 - 17:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Seyed Abdolamir Nabavi, Associate Professor of Regional Studies, University of Tehran

- **Ebrahim Mottaghi** (Professor of International Relations, University of Tehran) Survival Strategy, Tactical Pragmatism, and Resistance in the Post-Aggression Era
- **Seyed Abdolamir Nabavi** (Associate Professor of Regional Studies, University of Tehran) Iran after the -12Day War; What Should Be Done for Development?
- **Mohammad Akram Nia** (Associate Professor, Army Command and Staff University) and **Seyed Reza Emadi** (Assistant Professor, Army Air Science and Technology University) Requirements for Enhancing the Deterrence of the Islamic Republic of Iran after the -12Day War
- **Alireza Soltani** (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch) Development Outlook in Light of Geopolitical Changes
- **Arezu Rahimi** (PhD in Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch) Redefining the Position of Development in Iran after the -12Day War
- **Ardeshir Pashang** (PhD in International Relations and Senior Researcher, Middle East Strategic Studies Center) Development, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Addressing Identity Confusion



Development Patterns in West Asia (Hall of Nations // 8:30 - 10:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Reza Dehghani, Associate Professor, Department of West Asian and African Studies, Faculty of World Studies

- **Rahmat Hajimineh** (Associate Professor of International Relations, Islamic Azad University, East Tehran Branch) and **Ehsan Yahyazadeh** (PhD student in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, North Tehran Branch) – The Impact of Educational Migration from the Global South on the Development Process in West Asia (A Comparative Study of Iran and Turkey)

- **Reza Dehghani** (Associate Professor, Department of West Asian and African Studies, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran) – Turkey's Defense Development Model and Its Impact on Sustainable Economic Growth

- **Siamak Kakaei** (PhD in International Relations and Turkey Researcher) – The Role of the Tourism Industry in Turkey's Sustainable Development: Patterns and Strategies

- **Elham Heydari** (Master's student in Turkish Studies, World Studies) and Hassan Sadeghian (PhD in Political Science and Visiting Professor, World Studies) – Using Digital Marketing Strategies in Developing Iran's National Brand by Leveraging Lessons Learned from Turkey

- **Mikail Sanjar** (PhD student in Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch) – Redefined National Security as an Obstacle to Development in West Asia; Case Study: Turkey



New Technologies (Artificial Intelligence) and the Development and Security Outlook in West Asia (Hall of Nations // 10:30 - 12:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Ali Gol Mohammadi, Assistant Professor, Department of South and East Asian Studies, Faculty of World Studies

- **Parham Pour Ramazan** (PhD in Political Science, University of Tehran) – Understanding the Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Romanticism of Development; Case Study: Gulf Cooperation Council Countries
- **Mehdi Miri** (PhD student in International Relations, Science and Research Branch) and **Amin Rafie** (Master's in International Relations, Imam Khomeini International University) – The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Engineering Public Opinion and Its Consequences on National Security and Development Process in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- **Ali Karami** (PhD student in Political Science, Science and Research Branch) and **Mohsen Roustaei** (PhD student in Political Science, Science and Research Branch) – Development Patterns and Offensive Security Building in West Asia: Threats and Opportunities in the Age of AI Competition
- **Gelareh Rastegar Nia** (PhD in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch) – The Space Technology Regime and New Development Patterns in West Asia
- **Farshid Fayaz** (PhD student in International Relations, Science and Research Branch) – The Possibility of Transforming the International System from the Perspective of Frequency-Based Paradigms
- **Mohsen Zamani** (PhD in Political Geography and Geopolitics, University of Tehran) and **Leila Vatankhah** (PhD in Women's Studies and Research, University of Religions and Denominations) Explaining the geopolitical factors that hinder sustainable development in West Asia



English Panel (Hall of Nations // 13:30 - 15:30)

Panel Manager: Dr. Maziar Mozaffari, Assistant Professor, Department of South and East Asian Studies, Faculty of World Studies

- **Elaheh Nourigholamizadeh** (Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran) – The Role of BRICS in Facilitating Sustainable Development in Latin America and West Asia
- **Maziar Mozaffari Falarti** (Assistant Professor, Department of South, East Asia & Oceanian Studies, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran) – Leveraging Smart Power for Geo-Economic Resilience: Iran's 'Look to the East' Policy and the Strategic Realignment with India in the Aftermath of the -12Day War
- **Henia Mobarak** (Researcher in International Relations, Kenya) – Resisting Imperialism and Reclaiming Sovereignty: The Geopolitical Struggle in the Horn of Africa and West Asia
- **Farnaz Noori** (Assistant Professor of Trans-Regional and Global Studies, University of Tehran) – Eco-towns and Sustainable Development in Arab West Asian Countries: Challenges Facing a Green Future
- **Ebrahim Meraji** (Director of US Studies Department, Iranian Association of West Asian Studies) and **Hassan Bahraini** (PhD student of Political Science and Iranian Studies, Islamic Azad University, Tehran South Branch) – The United States and Development in the Middle East: Dual Paths of Influence
- **Farzan Safri Sabet** (PhD Candidate, Faculty of World Studies) – India's Middle Eastern Policy in a Post12- Day War Climate in the Trump 2.0 Era



Regional and International Regimes and Institutions (Hall of Nations // 17:00 - 15:30)

Panel Manager: Dr. Bahareh Sazmand, Associate Professor of Regional Studies, University of Tehran

- **Zohreh Khanmohammadi** (Affiliate Faculty Member, Islamic Azad University, North Tehran Branch) – Revisiting Russia's Strategic Behavior in Relations with Iran from Development to Balance: From the Comprehensive Strategic Treaty to the -12Day Iran-Israel War
- **Momen Zalmi** (Professeeor of Sulaymaniyah World University, Kurdistan Region, Iraq) – British Hegemony versus Chinese Development: Linguistic Soft Power and Geopolitical Competition in the Middle East
- **Mohsen Abbaszadeh** (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Mazandaran) – Islamism, Post-Islamism, and Political Development: Paradigmatic Shift in Theory and Practice of Contemporary Islamic Movements
- **Hamid Yaghoubi** (PhD student and graduate of Regional Studies, University of Tehran) – Strategic Capacities of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Global Power Geometry with a Look at Iran's Membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- **Azad Valad Beigi** (Master's in Public International Law, Researcher / Erbil - Kurdistan Region of Iraq) – Governance of International Waterways and Development in West Asia from the Perspective of Public International Law (From Potential Conflict to an Opportunity for Peace and Cooperation)
- **Abuzar Pour Adib** (PhD student in Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Azadshahr Branch) – The Role of BRICS in Iraq's Development



Development Patterns in West Asia (Iran Hall // 8:30 - 10:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Khodayar Barari, Assistant Professor of Russian, Central Asian, and Caucasus Studies

- **Rebaz Ghorbani Nejad** (Associate Professor of Political Geography, Science and Research Branch) The role of the international corridor of the Belt and Road Initiative in regional convergence and infrastructure development in West Asia
- **Reza Fazlali** (PhD in Political Science, Islamic Azad University) Development based on legitimacy and solidarity
- **Mohammad Hosseini Pour** (PhD graduate in Political Science, Head of Development Studies Department, Iranian Association for West Asian Studies) New Syria and obstacles to creating a sustainable development ecosystem (case of governance underdevelopment)
- **Saeed Sadeghi** (Master's student in International Relations, Imam Khomeini International University) and **Ghorbanali Ghorbanzadeh Savar** (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Imam Khomeini International University) Political-security opportunities and challenges of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Look to the East policy
- **Shahrouz Barzegar** (PhD student in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, North Tehran Branch) Iran's accession to the FATF and its role in the economic development of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Unilateral and Multilateral Sanctions (Iran Hall // 10:30 - 12:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Rahim Bayzidi, Faculty Member, Strategic Research Institute

- **Rahim Bayzidi** (Faculty Member, Strategic Research Institute) and **Mostafa Rezvani Asil** (PhD student in National Security, Tehran) Trend analysis of smart economic sanctions against Iran: examining political and economic consequences
- **Hadi Torki** (PhD in International Relations) Development-oriented governance model of Bumsahat in facing Western unilateral sanctions
- **Mehdi Maher Tabar** (PhD student in Political Science, Science and Research Branch) Sanctions and challenges of economic growth: a comparative study of Iran and Lebanon
- **Zahra Maleki Adrani** (PhD student in Political Science, University of Tehran) The role of China's Belt and Road project in redefining geopolitics in West Asia
- **mohammad Sadegh Daneshjoo** (Master's degree, shahid beheshti University) From structural anomie to institutionalized distrust: an analysis of the erosi



Development and Non-Renewable Energies (Iran Hall // 13:30 - 15:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Garineh Keshishian Sirki, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch

- **Amir Mohammad Moghani** (PhD student in Energy Governance, University of Tehran) The role of Gulf countries in the future of global energy governance +

- **Ebrahim Rezaei Rad** (PhD candidate in International Relations, Science and Research Branch) Energy transition in West Asia and national security doctrine: strategic impact analysis on regional and transregional equations +

- **Hakem Ghasemi** (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Imam Khomeini International University), **Aryan asil** (Masters student in International), and **Mohammad Alam Aram** (Faculty member, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Takhar State University, Takhar Province, Taloqan, Afghanistan) West Asia in the transition phase from non-renewable to renewable energies; drivers and inhibitors +

- **Amir Ameri Kordiani** (PhD student in Political Science, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch), **Garineh Keshishian Sirki** (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch), and **Hassan Khodaverdi** (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch) Sustainable development of Makran coasts with emphasis on the energy sector and its effects on the economy of the West Asia region +

- **Masoumeh Alianpour** (PhD student in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch) and **Roghieh Shirzani** (PhD student in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch) Energy diplomacy in BRICS: opportunities and challenges of convergence for Iran with focus on the experience of Russia and China (2025–2015) +



Environment, Gender, and Development (Iran Hall / 15:30 - 17:00)

Panel Manager: Dr. Leili Isa Vand, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch

- **Leili Isa Vand** (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran Branch) How gender inequalities act as the main obstacle on the path of development? A case study of the status of women in development in Iran
- **Masoumeh Falahati** (PhD in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch) Climate change and development in West Asia; from water scarcity crisis to environmental resilience (a comparative study of Iran and Saudi Arabia's strategies in facing the water scarcity crisis)
- **Azita Feyzi Emamzadeh** (PhD in Political Science, Tehran Branch) Gender and development in West Asian and Middle Eastern countries
- **Saeed Zandieh** (PhD student in International Relations, Islamic Azad University, North Tehran Branch) Iran's environmental diplomacy regarding climate threats in the West Asia region
- **Sanaz bakefi** (PhD Student in Political Science, Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch) Development patterns and redistribution of political power in West Asia: a sociological analysis of the transition to authoritarian states

Closing Ceremony: Hananeh Hall // 17:00 - 18:00

Dr Abbas Akhondi, Member of the European Studies Department, Faculty of World Studies

Dr. Mehdi Lakzi (Report of the Executive Director of the Conference)

