ARMS CONTROL IN (AND BEYOND) THE MIDDLE EAST

New-Med Conference

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THE INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (IPIS), TEHRAN

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

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With the support of
8:45-9:15  Registration of participants

9:15-09:45  Introductory Remarks

SEYED KAZEM SAJJADPOUR, IPIS
LORENZO KAMEL, University of Turin and Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome
NICOLO RUSSO-PEREZ, Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin

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
KAYHAN BARZEGAR, Center for Middle East Studies

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, Rome

Panelists  RABAT JAJI, 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, Rome
SEYED KAZEM SAJJADPOUR, IPIS

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