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## **IRAN IN THE WORLD: OLD CHALLENGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CHANGING MIDDLE EAST**

The Middle East has undergone significant changes in the past two decades, with a number of new challenges emerging. Iran, as a key player in the Middle East, has not been shielded from these changes. The toppling of the Taliban in Afghanistan brought US troops onto Iran's doorstep, the Arab revolutions have undermined Iran's ally in Syria, and the growing sectarian tension between Sunni and Shia communities has presented difficult questions for Iranian policy makers. All of this has taken place against a new international setting, where Iran is now seeking relief from sanctions over its nuclear program.

### **Speakers include:**

**Alireza Miryousefi Aval** - Director of the Center for Middle East Studies, Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran and former-spokesman for the Iranian Mission to the UN in New York,

**Professor Amin Saikal** - Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Australian National University.

**Dr. Mostafa Zahrani** - Director-General of the Institute for Political and International Studies and former-diplomat at the Iranian mission to the UN in New York and negotiator on the Iran-Iraq peace deal.

**Dr. Naser Ghobadzadeh** - Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University.

**Ms. Ziba Farzinnia** - Director of the East Asia Studies Group at the Institute for Political and International Studies.

**Registration fee - \$72.00 / \$50.00 (student rate)**

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