

**“Iran and Russia after the U.S. Withdrawal from the JCPOA:
Opportunities and Barriers to Cooperation”**

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	Time	Speaker	Subject
Welcome Speech	9:00 - 9:05	Davoud Gharayagh-zandi , Dean of Institute for Regional Studies (IRS), Shahid Beheshti University	Introduction
Opening Address	9:05 - 9:30	Seyed Mahmoud Reza Sajjadi , Former Iran’s Ambassador to Russia (2008-2013)	"Sanctions: An Ocean of Opportunities for IRI & RF"
Panel (1) Iran and Russia Bilateral Relations 9:00 – 12:15 Moderator: Ali Sanaei	9:30 - 9:45	Elahe Koolaee , Director of Department of Regional Studies, University of Tehran, Faculty of Political Science	"Geopolitical Necessities of Expanding Iran- Russia Relations"
	9:45 - 10:00	Andrey Korotayev , Head of the Laboratory for Sociopolitical Destabilization Risks Monitoring, National Research University Higher School of Economics	"Iran – Russia Relations within the Context of Regional Hegemony Struggles in the Middle East"
	10:00 - 10:20	Coffee Break	
	10:20 - 10:35	Davoud Gharayagh-zandi , Dean of Institute for Regional Studies (IRS), Shahid Beheshti University	"Iran and Russia after US Exit from JCPOA; Possibilities and Prospects"
	10:35 - 10:50	Leonid Issaev , Associate Professor, Department for Asian and African Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics - Saint Petersburg	"Prospects for Russian-Iranian Cooperation in the Middle East"
	10:50 - 11:05	Hamid Reza Azizi , Assistant Professor, Research Institute for Regional Studies (IRS), Shahid Beheshti University	"The U.S. Exit from the Iran Deal and the Prospect of Russian-Iranian Cooperation in Syria"
	11:05 - 11:20	Yuri Barmin , Expert, Russian International Affairs Council	"Russia’s Balancing Act Between Iran and Israel"
	11:30 - 11:40	Summary and Conclusion by Ali Sanaei	
	11:40 - 12:15	Q&A	
	Lunch Break		12:15 - 14:00

Panel (2) Iran-Russia Regional and International Cooperation 14:00 – 16:00 Moderator: Julia Sveshnikonva	14:00 - 14:15	Bahador Aminian , Professor of the School for International Relation, Iran’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	"Regional Cooperation between Iran and Russia"
	14:15 - 14:30	Alisa Shishkina , Research Fellow, Faculty for Social Science, National Research University Higher School of Economics	"Mutual cooperation of Russia and Iran in Central Asia: challenges and opportunities"
	14:30 - 14:45	HeidarAli Masoudi , Assistant Professor, Research Institute for Regional Studies (IRS), Shahid Beheshti University	" Possibilities in US-Russian Relations and Iranian Approaches "
	14:45 - 15:00	Nikolay Kozhanov , Research Fellow, Faculty for Social Science, National Research University Higher School of Economics	"Russia and Iran in Central Asia: Prospects and Challenges for Cooperation"
	15:00 - 15:15	AliReza Noori , Assistant Professor, Research Institute for Regional Studies (IRS), Shahid Beheshti University	"The US Factor in Iran-Russia Relations in Regional and International Contexts"
	15:15 - 15:30	Nikita Filin , Associate Professor, Faculty of History, Political Science, and Law, Russian State University for Humanities	"Relations between the European Union and Iran after the United States withdrawal from JCPOA"
	15:30 - 15:40	Summary and Conclusion by Julia Sveshnikonva	
	15:40 - 16:00	Q&A	
Closing speech	16:00 - 16:05	Davoud Gharayagh-zandi , Dean of Institute for Regional Studies (IRS), Shahid Beheshti University	