



cordially invite you to a conference

Iran in a New Strategic Era in the Middle East

Thursday | March 2, 2017 | at the Institute for National Security Studies

The conference will be held in Hebrew, simultaneous translation to English will be available

8:30 Arrival / Gathering

9:00 **Welcome - Opening Remarks**

Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
Prof. Meir Litvak, Director, Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University (TAU)

9:15 **Session 1: Superpowers**

Guest Lecture: "Shifting Global Power Relations"

Prof. Uzi Arad, Visiting Senior Fellow, INSS

9:45 **Panel: Iran and the United States - what can be expected from the Trump administration**

Moderator: Mr. Ehud Yaari, Senior Arab Affairs Commentator, Channel 2

Participants: Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

Mr. Mark Dubowitz, CEO, Foundation for Defense of Democracies

The Hon. Mary Beth Long, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies

(this panel will be conducted in English)

11:00 Intermission / Coffee Break

11:20 **Session 2: Iran as a Regional Power**

Chair: Dr. Carmit Valensi, Research Fellow, INSS

"The Strengthened Russia - Iran-Assad Axis"

Dr. Ephraim Kam, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

"Iran vs Saudi Arabia: Ideological and Strategic Rivalry"

Prof. Meir Litvak, Director, Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, TAU

12:15 **Panel: Iran-Iraq-Turkey: Common Interests, Strategic Rivalry**

Moderator: Mr. Amos Harel, Military and Defense Analyst, Haaretz

Participants: Prof. Uzi Rabi, Director, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, TAU

Prof. Ofra Bengio, Principal Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, TAU

Dr. Gallia Lindenstrauss, Research Fellow, INSS

13:15 Lunch Break

14:15 **"Iran after the Nuclear Deal: Nuclear and Missile Realms"**

Dr. Ephraim Asculai, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

14:45 **Session 3: Iran: Internal Struggles**

Chair: Dr. Ephraim Kam, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

"Ideological Debates within Iran on Foreign Policy - Khamenei's Double Message"

Prof. (Emeritus) David Menashri, Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, TAU

"The Impact of Societal-Cultural Factors on Foreign Policy"

Dr. Raz Zimmt, Research Fellow, INSS and Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, TAU

15:30 **Concluding Remarks: Implications for Israel**

Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Yadlin, Executive Director, INSS

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