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International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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Day One: March 8, 2018

0830 – 0845  Registration

0845 – 0900  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Leo Lucassen (International Institute of Social History)  
Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, University of London)  
Touraj Atabaki (International Institute of Social History)

0900 – 1050  Session 1: The Middle Class, Poverty, and Reforms  
Chair: Massoud Karshenas (SOAS, University of London)

[**Middle Class in Iran: Oil Rents, Modernization, and Political Development**](#)  
Mohammad Reza Farzanegan* (Philipps-University of Marburg)  
Pooya Alaedini (University of Tehran)  
Khayam Azizimehr (University of Tehran)

[**Iran’s Autonomous Reforms: Building State Capability**](#)  
Masoomeh Khandan* (Harvard University)  
Lant Pritchett (Harvard University)

[**Poverty Maps of Iran**](#)  
Majid Einian* (Sharif University of Technology)  
Davood Souri (Saman Bank)

Discussant: Nadareh Chamlou (International Development Advisor)

1050 – 1110  Coffee Break

1110 – 1300  Session 2: Firms, Productivity, and Growth  
Chair: Mahmoud Messkoub (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

[**Rash Credit Injection, Hasty Job Creation, and Firm Bifurcation in Iran’s Manufacturing, 2003-2013**](#)  
Hadi Salehi Esfahani* (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)  
Kowsar Yousefi (Institute for Management and Planning Studies)
**Working Capital, Misallocation and TFP: A Firm-level Analysis of Iranian Enterprises**
Amineh Mahmoudzadeh* (Sharif University of Technology)
Masoud Nili (Sharif University of Technology),
Farhad Nili (World Bank)

**Missing Middle or Missing R&D**
Mohammad H. Rahmati* (Sharif University of Technology)
Asal Pilehvari (Virginia Tech University)

Discussant: Hamid Mohtadi (University of Wisconsin and University of Minnesota)

1300 – 1430  Lunch

1430 – 1630  Session 3: Panel on Economic and Social History
Chair: Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, University of London)

Global Labour History Project
Touraj Atabaki (International Institute of Social History)

Oil Nationalization – Was the Timing Right, and Was it Done Right?
Nadareh Chamlou (International Development Advisor)

The Power of Family Capitalism during the Pahlavi Period 1940s-1970s
Ali Saeidi (University of Tehran)

1630 – 1645  Coffee Break

1645 – 1720  Session 4: Energy Markets
Chair: Hamid Mohtadi (University of Wisconsin and University of Minnesota)

On Quota Violations of OPEC Members
Hamed Ghoddusi* (Stevens Institute of Technology)
Masoud Nili (Sharif University of Technology)
Mahdi Rastad (California Polytechnic State University)

Discussant: Mohammad Reza Farzanegan (Philipps-University of Marburg)

1730 – 1900  IIEA Board Meeting (By invitation only)

1930 – 2200  Conference Dinner (Conference participants)
Day Two: March 9, 2018

0900 – 1010  Session 5: Education, Marriage, and Labour Markets
Chair: Parvin Alizadeh (Boston University)

University Establishment and Marriage: Evidence from the Expansion of Higher Education System in Iran during the 2000s
Seyed M. Karimi* (University of Washington Tacoma)
Golnaz Taghvatalab (Central Michigan University)

Female Labor Participation: A Structural Model Estimation
Shadi Farahzadi* (London School of Economics)
Mohammad H. Rahmati (Sharif University of Technology)

Discussant: Hadi Salehi Esfahani (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1010 – 1050  IIEA Members’ Meeting
Hassan Hakimian (SOAS, University of London)
Kamian Mohaddes (University of Cambridge)
Parvin Alizadeh (Boston University)

1050 – 1110  Coffee Break

1110 – 1300  Session 6: Monetary Policy, House Prices, and Public Investment
Chair: Touraj Atabaki (International Institute of Social History)

House Prices and Start-up of Industrial Firms
Hassan Gholipour Fereidouni (Swinburne University of Technology)

Monetary Aggregates and Policymaking in Iran
Reza Boostani (Central Bank of Iran)
Pouya Jabal Ameli* (Central Bank of Iran)
Hooman Karami (Central Bank of Iran)

How Public Investment Could Help Strengthen Iran’s Growth Potential: Issues and Options
Amir Sadeghi (International Monetary Fund)

Discussant: Ida Mirzaie (Ohio State University)

1300 – 1430  Lunch
1430 – 1540  Session 7: Climate Change, Firm Level Activity, and Security  
Chair: Kamiar Mohaddes (University of Cambridge)  

**Rainfall and Social Disputes in Iran**  
Mehdi Feizi* (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad)  
Najmeh Heidarzadeh Janatabadi (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad)  

**Dust Emissions and Manufacturing Firm Productivity: Comprehensive Evidence from Iran**  
Maliheh Birjandi Feriz (Yale University)  
Kowsar Yousefi* (Institute for Management and Planning Studies)  

Discussant: Hamed Ghodusi (Stevens Institute of Technology)  

1540 – 1600  Coffee Break  

1600 – 1700  Session 8: The Institute’s Activities and a Tour of the Institute’s Collections  
Chair: Touraj Atabaki (International Institute of Social History)  

Each presenter is allocated 20 minutes, the discussant has 15 minutes in total, and the remaining time of the session is for questions from the floor and open discussion at the end of the presentations.  

The speaker of papers with more than one author is identified by an asterisk (*).  

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