

**International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA)  
Fifth International Conference on the Iranian Economy  
March 8-9, 2018**

**International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

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**Day One: March 8, 2018**

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**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 Ghodduzi\* (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)**

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**Day Two: March 9, 2018**

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**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)

Kamiar 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 (\*).

**Pre-registration is required**, so please fill in the [registration form](#) and follow the instructions within the form for submission.

For online **payment of the admission fee** (Academic: £70.00; Standard: £200.00; Student: £20.00), please visit the [SOAS Online Store](#), where you can pay the appropriate fee using a debit or credit card.

Note that admission for **academics and students residing in Iran is complimentary (no fee)**, but the [registration form](#) needs to be completed.

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