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US-Iran Conflicts: Confrontation or Negotiation?

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US-Iran conflicts, political impasses, rhetorical threats, and repeated economic sanctions vis-à-vis Iran's nuclear power facilities and its alleged involvement in the ongoing Iraq war are topics of great concern. This timely program is intended to distinguish the myth from reality by illuminating and facilitating a meaningful and balanced discussion. Such discussions can help lead to a more factual understanding of this volatile situation. Prominent and knowledgeable Middle East/Iranian experts, with diverse perspectives, will explore and debate the pros and cons of establishing a formal dialogue or escalating the confrontation between the United States and Iran within a collegial setting.

Panelists:



Christopher A. Preble is the director of foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute. Preble was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy and is a veteran of the Gulf War, having served onboard USS Ticonderoga (CG-47) from 1990 to 1993. He is the author of [*Exiting Iraq: Why the U.S. Must End the Military Occupation and Renew the War against Al Qaeda*](#), which examines U.S. strategic interests in Iraq. Preble's work has been published in major publications including *USA Today*, the *Financial Times*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *New Republic*, *Reason*, *Political Science Quarterly*, the *National Interest*, and the *Harvard International Review*. He has also appeared on many television and radio news networks including CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News Channel, NPR, Voice of America, and the BBC.



Eli Lake is a senior reporter for the *New York Sun* whose work focuses on national security, diplomacy, the Middle East and intelligence. He is a prolific writer and has traveled to several Middle Eastern countries, including Israel, Iran and Iraq and has conducted extended reporting tours in Iraq as an embedded reporter with the military.



Richard Rupp is Associate Professor of Political Science and Interim Department Head of History and Political Science at Purdue University Calumet. His research and teaching interests focus on American Foreign Policy. He is the author of *NATO after 9/11: An Alliance in Continuing Decline* (Palgrave McMillan).



Peter N. Kirstein is professor of history at Saint Xavier University, Chicago. A peace and academic freedom activist, he has debated Victor Davis Hanson on the Iraq War and David Horowitz on the Iraq War and academic freedom. His monograph, *Anglo Over Bracero: The History of the Mexican Worker in the United States from Roosevelt to Nixon* was nominated for the David D. Lloyd Prize at the Truman Library Institute.

Moderator:



Yahya Kamalipour, Director of the Center for Global Studies, Professor and Head of the Department of Communication and Creative Arts, Purdue University Calumet. His areas of interest and research include globalization, international communication, and media impact. Kamalipour has a dozen published books and is the founder and managing editor of *Global Media Journal*, founder and president of Communication Association, and co-founder and co-editor of *Journal of Globalization for the Common Good*.

Light Refreshments will be provided

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