

*York Centre for Asian Research*  
*South and Central Asia Project*

*Workshop Eight*



*Iranian-American Relations:*

*Prospects for Normalization*

Relations between Iran and the United States have been in a cold war mode since the 1979 Iranian revolution. For 35 years, confrontation between the two countries has been a permanent variable of international politics in Eurasia. In 2013, following the election of Hassan Rouhani as President of Iran, both sides have taken tentative steps toward normalization of their relations. This is not the first time that the two countries have shown interest in reducing tensions between them. The current process may once again be derailed by the logic of conflict. But it is also possible that the normalization trend might gain momentum, with important implications for the region and the world. This workshop, eighth in the South and Central Asia Project series, will examine the following questions:

**What goals are pursued by the US and Iran in the process toward normalization of their relations?**

**What are the real results so far?**

**What are the main obstacles to normalization?**

**What might be regional and global consequences of improved US-Iranian relations?**

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*1:00 p.m.*

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