



SEMINAR PROGRAMME:

‘Iran: Is Confrontation Inevitable - Prospects and Options?’

Wednesday 9th March 2011
4pm-6.30pm

venue:

Committee Room 4A
House of Lords
London SW1A 0PW

(Entry is via Cromwell Green Visitors’ Entrance – please allow a little extra time to get through security)

Chairman

Lord Lothian, Chairman of Global Strategy Forum
Former Shadow Foreign Secretary and Chairman of the Conservative Party

SPEAKERS

Dr Jack Caravelli

Director for Non-Proliferation, White House National Security Council Staff (1996-2000)

Professor Christopher Coker

Professor of International Relations at LSE and Head of Department

Mr Elbridge Colby

Research Analyst, Center for Naval Analyses

Mr Peter Jenkins CMG

UK Ambassador to the IAEA (2001-2006)

Rt Hon Lord Lamont of Lerwick

Chancellor of the Exchequer (1990-1993), Chairman, British-Iranian Chamber of Commerce

Dr Alan Mendoza

Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Henry Jackson Society

Mr Sadeq Saba

Head, BBC Persian Service

Professor Philippe Sands QC

Barrister and Law Professor

Rt Hon Jack Straw MP

Home Secretary (1997-2001); Foreign Secretary (2001-2006); Justice Secretary (2007-2010)

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4pm WELCOMING REMARKS

Lord Lothian
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4.05pm OPENING ADDRESS

‘Iran in Perspective – What Should Western Strategy Be?’

Rt Hon Jack Straw MP
Home Secretary (1997-2001); Foreign Secretary (2001-2006); Justice Secretary (2007-2010)

FIRST SESSION: THE POLITICAL, NUCLEAR, DIPLOMATIC AND LEGAL CONTEXT

4.20pm Sadeq Saba
Head, BBC Persian Service
‘Reporting Iran: How Iran Sees Itself – And How Iranians See Themselves’

4.30pm Dr Jack Caravelli
Director for Non-Proliferation, White House National Security Council Staff (1996-2000)
‘Iran’s Prospects for Becoming A Nuclear Weapons State: Technology and Timelines’

4.40pm Peter Jenkins CMG
UK Ambassador to the IAEA (2001-2006)
‘Seven Years of Nuclear Negotiations: From Breakthrough to Impasse’

4.50pm Professor Philippe Sands
Barrister and Law Professor
‘The Use of Force in International Law: The Iranian Challenge’

5pm Q&A

SECOND SESSION: OPTIONS FOR THE WESTERN POLICY RESPONSE

- 5.20pm** **Professor Christopher Coker**
Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Head of Department
'Europe, the US, Russia and China: Divergent Approaches Towards Iran?'
- 5.30pm** **Dr Alan Mendoza**
Executive Director and Co-Founder, The Henry Jackson Society
'What if Diplomacy Fails – What Should Our Response Be?'
- 5.40pm** **Elbridge Colby**
Research Analyst, Center for Naval Analyses
'Designing a Plausible and Practical Containment Regime'
- 5.50pm** **Rt Hon Lord Lamont of Lerwick**
Chairman, British Iranian Chamber of Commerce
'Formulating An Effective British Policy Towards Iran'
- 6pm** **Q&A and audience remarks**
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- 6.25pm** **Chairman's concluding remarks**
- 6.30pm** **Close**
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