

Russia and Iran: Approaches Towards Security and Economic Development in the South Caucasus Region

31 July (Wednesday)

12:00-14:00 (Moscow Time)

12:30-14:30 (Tehran Time)

Skyroom

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12:00–12:10 Welcoming Remarks

Andrey KORTUNOV, Academic Director, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

Mohammad Sadegh EMAMIAN, Co-Founder of Governance and Policy Think Tank (GPTT), Assistant Professor in Public Policy and Regulation Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic)

12:10–13:50 Working Session & Discussion

Issues for Discussion:

- *«3+3» Format as the Basis of the Negotiating Platform for Regional Security;*
- *Role of Non-Regional Actors on Normalization Process and Transport Communications Launching in the South Caucasus: Views from Russia and Iran;*
- *Transport Communications Unlocking in the South Caucasus: World Crossroad Project (Armenia) vs Zangezur Transport Corridor Project (Azerbaijan);*

- *The Importance of North-South ITC in Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Between Russia and Iran*
- *The threat of extremism and racial issues in the Caucasus region*

Moderator:

Milan LAZOVICH, RIAC Program Coordinator

Speakers:

Sergey MARKEDONOV, Leading Research Fellow, Center for Euro-Atlantic Security, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University

Ruhollah MODABER, Senior Expert on Eurasian issues, Leading Research Fellow

Stanislav PRITCHIN, Head of Central Asia Sector, Center for Post-Soviet Studies, IMEMO RAS

Ahmad KAZEMI, Faculty Member of Islamic Azad University Central Organization, Law Department, Senior Author and Researcher in the field of Caucasus and Eurasia

Discussants:

Lana RAVANDI-FADAI, Senior Researcher, Central Eurasia Research Center, Institute of Oriental Studies of the RAS

Stanislav TKACHENKO, Professor, European Studies Department, Saint-Petersburg State University

Alina VERNIGORA, Junior Research Fellow, Group of Risk Assessment, Center for Strategic Planning Studies, IMEMO RAS

Mahmoud SHOURI, Deputy Director of the Institute of Iran-Eurasia Studies (IRAS), Senior Expert on Eurasian issues

Dariush SAFARNEJAD, Professor, Senior Expert on Eurasian issues and International Relations

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Closing Remarks