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The Iran Nuclear Deal: What It Is and What Comes Next Video Conference

Video Conference Discussion featuring

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About the Topic

Earlier this year, the United States along with its international negotiating partners (the United Kingdom, Russia, France, China, Germany, and the European Union)—known as the P5+1—successfully agreed upon a deal with Iran to prevent the country from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

If implemented successfully, this deal will both enhance national security and the global standing of the U.S., while opening up a new chapter in relations with Iran—one of the U.S.'s longest standing adversaries. Yet, new tensions may erupt with some close allies, including Israel and Gulf states, who are suspicious of Iran's intentions.

During this video conference, Joel Rubin will explore how the Obama administration will navigate these dynamics at home and abroad. Following his remarks, students will have the opportunity to ask questions during a moderated discussion.

Joel Rubin is the President of the Washington Strategy Group, an advisory firm on foreign policy issues. He is a frequent commentator on foreign policy and national security issues for major print and television news outlets such as CBS, BBC, the Washington Post, and Politico. Until recently, Rubin served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs at the State Department. In this role he managed State Department engagement with the House of Representatives on all foreign policy issues. He has previously worked for non-governmental organizations such as the Ploughshares Fund, a foundation dedicated to preventing nuclear proliferation, and the National Security Network, a progressive foreign policy media organization. Rubin also served as an award-winning national security aide to two senior Democratic Senators, and a career officer for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Rubin holds a Masters degree from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelors degree from Brandeis University.

