

Suzanne Maloney

Professional Experience

The Brookings Institution

Washington, DC

Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy program, 2020 to present

Deputy Director, Foreign Policy program, 2015 to 2020

Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy, 2007 to present

Olin Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2000 to 2001

Brookings Research Fellow, 1998 to 1999

- Lead the premier center of independent policy-relevant scholarship exploring challenges to international peace and security, with an unparalleled track record of impact.
- Provide strategic leadership for 35 senior scholars and 100+staff and affiliates, with responsibility for ensuring high quality, impactful research, secure the program's financial sustainability, and oversight of all aspects of its human resources management, communications, fundraising, and operations.
- Represent the Foreign Policy program in a variety of institutional and public-facing activities.
- Frequent commentator in national and international media and conferences; testify before Congress; brief policymakers; engage with government, non-profit organizations, and corporations.
- Research political and economic issues in Iran and the Persian Gulf. Write and edit multiple books, edited volumes, journal articles, op-eds, and short and long-form articles.
- Prior roles entailed founding, editing and managing Brookings' Middle East blog and leading the Brookings Scholars' Advisory Committee (2012-2016.) Represented scholars on institution-wide Steering Committee and in deliberations on research, policies, and strategic planning.
- Serve on External Research Council for the National Intelligence Council, 2024 to present.

School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor, 2012 to 2018

U.S. Department of State

Washington, DC

Advisor to Undersecretary for Political Affairs, 2009-2011

Contribute to speech writing, analysis, and long-term strategy development on Iran.

Policy Planning Staff Member, 2005 to 2007

Provided policy analysis and recommendations on Iran, Iraq, the Gulf, and broader Middle East issues. U.S. Department of State, Meritorious Honor Award, 2007.

Council on Foreign Relations

Washington, DC

Project Director, *Task Force on US-Iran Relations*, 2003 to 2004

Managed research, convening, and authorship of detailed report for task force co-chaired by Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski and Dr. Robert Gates.

ExxonMobil Corporation

Houston, TX and Washington, DC

Middle East Advisor, 2001 to 2004

Responsible for government relations related to all corporate activities in the Middle East. Provided risk analysis; helped shape business strategy; drafted press materials; coordinated outreach activities.

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

Medford, MA

Coordinator, *Kuwaiti Foreign Service Training Program*, 1994 to 1996

Designed and managed long-term, intensive educational program for Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

International Human Resources Development Corporation (IHRDC)

Boston, MA

Manager, *Instructional Programs*, 1992 to 1994

Oversaw worldwide training programs for petroleum industry consulting firm.

Education

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University Medford, MA

Awarded International Security Studies Program Dissertation Fellowships, 1997-99; Southwest Asia Program research grants, 1999, 1998, and 1991; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the study of Arabic, 1991-92; Charles Francis Adams Scholarship, 1990-91.

Ph.D. in Law and Diplomacy, 2000

Dissertation: Patronage, Politics and Social Justice: Parastatal Foundations and Post-Revolutionary Iran

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, 1992

MA Theses: Tribal Politics and State Formation in Afghanistan, 1889-1929

The Post-Soviet Oil Business in Russia: Analysis of Three Joint Ventures

International Center for Persian Studies Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Completed Persian language studies at institute affiliated with Tehran University, 1998 and 1999 under auspices of American Institute of Iranian first academic exchange program between the United States and Iran since the 1979 revolution.

The School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London London, UK

Certificate in Persian, 1998-99. Conducted intensive language studies and doctoral research with support from the National Security Education Fund (now Boren Fellowship.)

The American University in Cairo Cairo, Egypt

Arabic Language Institute, Summer 1991. Studied modern standard and colloquial Egyptian Arabic.

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, with Distinction in International Relations, 1990

Awarded Norman D. Palmer Award for best international relations thesis, 1990, and Women's Faculty

Association's Alice Paul Award for outstanding female student, 1990; Paul F. Miller Scholarship, awarded for academic and extracurricular excellence, 1989-90; Violet Cabeen Scholarship, 1987-88; Dean's List.

Books and Monographs

Iran At 40: Retrospectives on the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Editor. Brookings Institution Press, January 2020.

Iran's Political Economy Since the Revolution. Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Which Path to Persia? Options for a New American Strategy Toward Iran. With Kenneth M. Pollack, Daniel L. Byman, Martin S. Indyk, Michael E. O'Hanlon. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

Iran's Long Reach: Iran as a Pivotal State in the Muslim World. Washington: U.S. Institute of Peace, 2008.

Time for a New Approach? Council on Foreign Relations Task Force Report on Iran, 2004.

Testimony

- "Tehran's Shadow Army: Addressing Iran's Proxy Network in the Middle East," Senate Foreign Relations Committee," February 28, 2004.
- "Iran's Escalating Threats: Assessing U.S. Policy Toward Iran's Malign Activities," House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, September 14, 2023.
- "Increasing the Effectiveness of Non-Nuclear Sanctions against Iran," House Committee on Financial Services, joint hearing of the Monetary Policy and Trade and the Terrorism and Illicit Finance Subcommittees, April 4, 2017.
- "Terror Financing Risks of America's \$1.7 Billion Cash Payments to Iran," Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, September 21, 2016.

- “Fueling Terror: The Dangers of Ransom Payments to Iran,” U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, September 8, 2016.
- “Major Beneficiaries of the Iran Deal: The IRGC and Hezbollah,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, September 17, 2015.
- “Elections in Iran: The Regime Cementing Its Control,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, June 18, 2013.
- “Progress of the Obama Administration’s Policy Toward Iran,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, November 15, 2011.
- “Iran Sanctions: Options, Opportunities, and Consequences,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, December 17, 2009.
- “Minimizing Potential Threats from Iran: Assessing Sanctions and Other U.S. Policy Options,” U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, July 30, 2009.
- “Iran: Recent Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 22, 2009.
- “Iran at a Crossroads?” U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, June 24, 2009.
- “Advancing Religious Freedom and Human Rights in Iran,” The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, February 21, 2008.
- “Iran: Reality, Options and Consequences,” National Security and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, November 8, 2007.

Selected Guest Lecture and Presentations

Have provided expert presentations at academic and policy events, including the American Political Science Association, American Enterprise Institute, Aspen Institute, Atlantic Council, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, Center for Naval Analysis, Center for a New American Security, Council on Foreign Relations, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Freedom House, Harvard University, Institute for Middle East Peace and Development, Library of Congress, Middle East Institute, Middle East Studies Association, National Defense University, National Foreign Trade Council, National Intelligence Council, New York University, Nixon Center, New York University, Pluralism Foundation, RAND, Rice University, SAIS/Johns Hopkins University, Tufts University, University of Maryland, University of Utah, U.S. Institute of Peace, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, University of Virginia, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Woodrow Wilson, multiple chapters of the World Affairs Council, Yale University, various corporations, government contractors, and private consulting firms.

Media

Actively engaged with the print and broadcast media, featured in or on the following publications and media: ABC, BBC, CBS, CNN, Fox News, NBC, NPR, VOA, the PBS NewsHour; *Associated Press*, *The Atlantic*, *Bloomberg*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Politico*, *Reuters*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*.

Book Chapters, Reports, Journal Articles, and Papers

[“The Middle East’s Dangerous New Normal,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2025.

[“Iran’s Order of Chaos,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2024.

[“After the Iran Deal: A Plan B to contain the Islamic Republic,”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (March/April 2023).

[“Dreams of Westphalia: Can a grand bargain solve the Middle East’s problems?”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (January/February 2020).

[“Iran and the headscarf protests,”](#) Brookings report with Eliora Katz, January 24, 2019.

[“1979: Iran and America,”](#) Brookings report, January 24, 2019.

“Managing risk: Nuclear weapons in the new geopolitics,” The Brookings Interview with Madelyn R. Creedon, Robert Einhorn, Kate Hewitt, Bonnie Jenkins, Bruce Jones, Michael E. O’Hanlon, Jung H. Pak, Frank A. Rose, and Strobe Talbott, February 2019.

“The New Geopolitics of the Middle East: America’s Role in a Changing Region,” The Brookings Interview, with Jeffrey Feltman, Samantha Gross, Martin Indyk, Bruce Jones, Kemal Kirisci, Bruce Riedel, Natan Sachs, Amanda Sloat, Angela Stent, and Tamara Cofman Wittes, Brookings Foreign Policy Report, January 2019.

“The Roots and Evolution of Iran’s Regional Strategy,” Atlantic Council paper, September 2017.

“U.S. Public Diplomacy Toward Tehran,” in Geoffrey Wiseman, ed., *Isolate or Engage: Adversarial States, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Public Diplomacy*. Stanford University Press, 2015.

“Geopolitics of Natural Gas Case Study: Iran,” paper published by Harvard University’s Belfer Center and Rice University’s Baker Institute Center for Energy Studies, March 2014.

“Broaden the Approach to Iran,” in *Big Bets and Black Swans: A Presidential Briefing Book*, The Brookings Institution, January 2014.

“Thinking the Unthinkable: The Gulf States and The Prospect of a Nuclear Iran,” Brookings Institution Middle East Memo 27, January 2013.

“Engagement with Iran: The Sequel,” *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, January 2013.

“Iran Surprises Itself and the World: A New President May Take His Country in a New Direction,” The Brookings Essay, September 2013.

“Turning Tehran,” *Big Bets and Black Swans: A Presidential Briefing Book*, The Brookings Institution, January 2013.

“Keeping Iran in Check: The Next President Must Focus on Achievable Goals,” Campaign 2012 Policy Brief, April 2012.

[“How to Contain a Nuclear Iran,”](#) *The American Prospect*, March 5, 2012.

“The Self-Limiting Success of Iran Sanctions,” *International Affairs*, November 2011, with Ray Takeyh.

“The Economic Dimension: The Price of Freedom,” in *The Arab Awakening*, by Kenneth Pollack et. al., November 2011.

“Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the UAE: The Nervous Bystanders,” chapter in *The Arab Awakening*, by Kenneth Pollack et. al., November 2011.

“Iran: The Bogyman,” chapter in *The Arab Awakening*, by Kenneth Pollack et. al., November 2011.

“Tehran and Washington: A Motionless Relationship” (published in English on the web and in French in print and on the web), *Politiques Etrangères*, September 2011.

“Getting China to Sanction Iran,” *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2011, with Erica Downs.

“The Revolutionary Economy,” Chapter in *The Iran Primer*. Washington: U.S. Institute of Peace, November 2010.

“The Economics of Influencing Iran,” [Saban Center Middle East Memo](#) 16, March 22, 2010.

“Sanctioning Iran: If Only It Were So Simple,” *Washington Quarterly* December 2009/January 2010.

“The Gulf’s Renewed Oil Wealth: Getting It Right This Time?” *Survival* 50: 6, December 2008-January 2009, 129-150.

“Refashioning Iran’s International Role,” with Ray Takeyh, in *Powers and Principles: International Leadership in a Shrinking World*, eds. Michael Schiffer and David Schorr. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2009.

- “Access to World Petroleum and Human Rights Policies in the Middle East,” in *Power Politics: Energy Security, Human Rights and Transatlantic Relations*, ed. Esther Brimmer. Washington, DC: Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University, 2009.
- “Pathway to Coexistence: A New U.S. Policy toward Iran,” with Ray Takeyh, in *Restoring the Balance: A Middle East Strategy for the Next President*, eds. Richard N. Haass and Martin S. Indyk. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2008.
- “U.S. Policy Toward Iran: Missed Opportunities and Paths Forward,” *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, 32:2, Summer 2008, 25-44.
- “Diplomatic Strategies for Dealing with Iran: How Tehran Might Respond,” in *Iran: Assessing U.S. Strategic Options*, eds. James N. Miller, Christine Parthemore, Kurt M. Campbell. Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, September 2008.
- “The U.S. and Iran: Back to Containment?” *Current History*, Volume 106, Number 704, December 2007, 440-2;
- “Fear and Loathing in Tehran,” *The National Interest*, Number 91, September/October 2007;
- “Engage Iran,” *Democracy Journal*, co-authored with Ray Takeyh, Number 6, Fall 2007;
- “Iran’s Post-Revolutionary Economy,” in *Guns, God, and Globalization: Religious Radicalism and International Economy (International Political Economy Yearbook, Vol. 13)*, eds. Mary Ann Tetreault and Robert Denemark. Boulder, CO: Lynne Reinner, 2004.
- “Change and Identity in Iranian Foreign Policy,” in *Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East*, eds. Shibley Telhami and Michael Barnett. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001.
- “The U.S. and Iran: From Containment to Coexistence,” Brookings Institution *Policy Brief* 87, August 2001.
- “The Rentier Dilemma and Iran’s Windfall Oil Revenues,” *Eghtesad-e Iran (Iran’s Economy)*, periodical, Tehran), Spring 2001.
- “Bonyads and Privatization in Iran,” *Goft-o-gu (Dialogue: A Quarterly Review)*, Tehran), Winter 1379 (2000/2001).
- “Symposium: U.S. Policy Toward Iran,” *Middle East Policy*, Volume 8, Number 1, March 2001.
- “Agents or Obstacles? Parastatal Foundations and Challenges for Iranian Development,” in *Iran’s Economy: Dilemmas of an Islamic State*, ed. Dr. Parvin Alizadeh. London: I.B. Tauris, 2000.
- “Elections in Iran: A New Majlis and A New Mandate for Reform,” *Middle East Policy*, Volume 7, Number 2, June 2000: 59-66.
- “Outwitting a Superpower: Iranian-Soviet Negotiations, 1945,” Working Paper of the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation, 1991.

Commentary

- [“How America Can Prevent War Between Israel and Iran,”](#) Foreign Affairs, April 18, 2024.
- [“Six Months On, What is the Impact of the War in Gaza,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, April 6, 2024.
- [“Why Hasn’t the Israel-Hamas War Escalated? Just Wait,”](#) with Tobin Harshaw, *Bloomberg*, October 28, 2023.
- [“Iran is positioning itself to benefit from the Israel-Gaza conflict,”](#) *Financial Times*, October 17, 2023.
- [“The End of America’s Exit Strategy in the Middle East,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, October 10, 2023.
- [“What is the Fallout of Russia’s Wagner Rebellion,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, June 27, 2023.
- [“Lessons from Ukraine,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, February 24, 2023.
- [“Around the Halls: Brookings Experts on Biden’s Performance in the Middle East,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, February 3, 2023.
- [“Around the Halls: Assessing the 2022 National Security Strategy,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, October 14, 2022.
- [“Around the Halls: Implications of Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, February 24, 2022.

[“Around the Halls: The Taliban Retake Afghanistan,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, August 16, 2021.

[“Around the Halls: What to Watch in Biden’s Week of Summits in Europe,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, June 7, 2021.

[“Around the Halls: How Leaders and Publics Around the World Are Reacting to Events at the Capitol,”](#) January 8, 2021.

[“Selling the Revolution To Iran’s Next Generation,”](#) *War on the Rocks*, September 9, 2020.

[“Around the Halls: Experts Analyze Normalization of Israel-UAE Ties,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, August 13, 2020.

[“Iran’s Leaders Have a Problem They Can’t Fix,”](#) *The Atlantic*, January 19, 2020.

[“Iran knows how to bide its time. Don’t expect immediate retaliation for Soleimani,”](#) *Washington Post*, January 3, 2020.

[“Iranian protesters strike at the heart of the regime’s revolutionary legitimacy,”](#) November 19, 2019.

[“Why Iran’s leadership thinks escalation can pay off,”](#) *Washington Post*, September 18, 2019.

[“Boris Johnson can use his affinity with Trump to calm the crisis over Iran,”](#) *The Guardian*, July 24, 2019.

[“Iran’s Threats Are an Attempt to Negotiate,”](#) *Politico*, July 23, 2019.

[“As Trump moves to cut off Iran’s oil revenues, what’s his endgame?”](#) April 22, 2019.

[“What both Trump and his critics get wrong about the IRGC terrorist designation,”](#) April 11, 2019.

[“Iran’s foreign minister stays on—But with a difficult mandate,”](#) *Foreign Policy*, February 28, 2019.

[“After 40 years, is Iran’s revolution unravelling?”](#) February 12, 2019.

[“What to read to understand the 1979 Iranian revolution,”](#) with Eliora Katz and Keian Razipour, January 28, 2019.

[“The Iranian revolution—A timeline of events,”](#) with Keian Razipour, January 24, 2019.

[“Around the halls: Brookings experts react to Secretary of State Pompeo’s speech in Cairo,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, January 10, 2019.

[“Sanctions are coming”—but Trump has no achievable end game for Iran,”](#) November 5, 2018.

[“Trump wants a bigger, better deal with Iran. What does Tehran want?”](#) August 8, 2018.

[“Iran isn’t taking Trump’s Twitter bait—for now,”](#) *The Atlantic*, July 26, 2018.

[“Trump tightens the screws on Iran’s oil,”](#) June 29, 2018.

[“The Trump administration’s Plan B on Iran is no plan at all,”](#) May 22, 2018.

[“After dumping the nuclear deal, Trump has no strategy for Iran,”](#) May 9, 2018.

[“As Trump mulls the Iran deal’s fate, a three-ring circus ensues,”](#) May 2, 2018.

[“Trump, promising hellfire in Syria, blinked. Why that could bode well for the Iran deal,”](#) April 18, 2018

[“What should the Senate ask Secretary of State nominee Mike Pompeo?”](#) With multiple Brookings colleagues, April 11, 2018

[“Trump’s new national security team likely spells disaster for the Iran nuclear deal,”](#) April 2, 2018.

[“Trump’s 1st State of the Union: His moment to provide clarity on Iran and Middle East policy,”](#) FixGov, January 29, 2018.

[“To help Iran’s protestors, keep the nuclear deal intact,”](#) Unpacked, January 9, 2018.

[“Trump can help Iran’s protestors by rejecting his own Iran policies,”](#) January 3, 2018.

[“A strategy for the post-ISIS Middle East,”](#) with Michael E. O’Hanlon, *Wall Street Journal*, November 8, 2017.

[“To certify or not to certify? That’s not the question,”](#) October 10, 2017.

[“ISIS attacks Iran and accusations fly,”](#) June 9, 2017.

[“Will the Iran nuclear deal survive? Time, and sanctions, will tell,”](#) with Emma Borden. May 30, 2017.

[“What will Rouhani’s repeat mean for Iran and Washington?”](#) May 22, 2017.

[“State of Iran’s race: Rouhani v. Raisi,”](#) May 18, 2017.

[“Under Trump, U.S. policy on Iran is moving from accommodation to confrontation,”](#) May 11, 2017.

[“Is Rouhani going rogue?”](#) May 10, 2017.

[“Who will rule Iran? Tehran’s presidential election foreshadows succession politics,”](#) May 3, 2017.

[“He’s back! Ahmadinejad \(re\)enters the electoral fray,”](#) April 12, 2017.

[“First, they came for the Iranians,”](#) February 1, 2017.

[“Rafsanjani proved that pragmatism couldn’t moderate Iran,”](#) January 13, 2017.

[“So you want to be a diplomat? CEOs need not apply,”](#) *Wall Street Journal*, December 12, 2016.

[“Trump could gut the Iran deal—but it was vulnerable all along,”](#) (also on [The Atlantic](#)), November 17, 2016.

[“Clinton’s intrinsic realism,”](#) *The Cipher Brief*, September 29, 2016.

[“Disarming Iran: A story of cybersabotage and sanctions,”](#) *The New York Times*, September 28, 2016

[“Iran and the “ransom”: It’s not about the money,”](#) August 19, 2016.

[“To really capitalize on the Iran deal’s successes, Washington and Tehran need to move beyond it,”](#) July 14, 2016.

[“The Iran deal, one year out: What Brookings experts are saying,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, July 14, 2016.

[“Iran’s arbitrary arrests hurt it more than “Westoxication” ever could,”](#) July 12, 2016.

[“The political implications of transforming Saudi and Iranian oil economies,”](#) with Emma Borden, June 16, 2016.

[“Is the Iran deal unraveling? Think again.”](#) May 20, 2016

[“Deception and the Iran deal: Did the Obama administration mislead America, or did the Rhodes profile?”](#) May 11, 2016.

[“Past is prologue? Saudi Arabia’s clumsy oil diplomacy,”](#) April 21, 2016.

[“Election fallout: What Iran’s vote means for hope and change \(and Washington\)”](#) March 4, 2016.

[“Who’s who in Iranian politics,”](#) With Emma Borden, February 26, 2016.

[“Iran at the polls: Why today’s vote is \(and isn’t\) important,”](#) February 26, 2016.

[“Iran’s Guardians’ Council has approved a record-low percentage of candidates. What will that mean for the upcoming vote?”](#) With Emma Borden, February 24, 2016.

[“How Iran’s political dynamics conflict with hype over elections’ influence,”](#) *Wall Street Journal*, February 21, 2016.

[“And then there was one: Tehran still has one Iranian-American behind bars,”](#) February 18, 2016.

[“Talking about Tehran on Capitol Hill should not be a boys’ club,”](#) January 29, 2016.

[“The art of doing business with Iran,”](#) January 27, 2016.

[“Iran is a dangerous actor in a volatile area of the world,”](#) *The New York Times*, January 21, 2016.

[“Done deal: As the Iran nuclear agreement is implemented, sanctions and prisoners are released,”](#) Sunday, January 17, 2016.

[“Long way to go on U.S.-Iran ties,”](#) *CNN*, January 14, 2016.

[“Hot and cold: Understanding Iran’s response to the spat with Saudi Arabia,”](#) January 13, 2016.

[“Buying Nikes in Tehran: The life and death of sanctions in photos,”](#) with Emma Borden, December 18, 2015.

[“Toughness triangulated: Hillary Clinton’s policy on the Middle East,”](#) December 12, 2015.

[“Secretary of State John Kerry talks peace process, ISIS, and Iran at the 2015 Saban Forum,”](#) December 7, 2015.

[“Israeli Defense Minister Ya’alon urges U.S. leadership on ISIS and warns of a resurgent Iran,”](#) December 4, 2015.

- [“The Iran deal is a done deal — but the debate on Iran must go on,”](#) September 9, 2015.
- [“London calling: What the reopening of the British embassy in Iran means for the nuclear deal,”](#) August 25, 2015.
- [“Elevate the debate: A former U.S. negotiator bridges the partisan divide on the Iran nuclear deal,”](#) August 17, 2015.
- [“Un-sanctioning Iran: What the nuclear deal means for the future of sanctions,”](#) August 3, 2015.
- [“For the U.S. and Iran, a nuclear accord upends old assumptions,”](#) July 15, 2015.
- [“Debating the deal: Understanding five core issues at stake in an Iran nuclear accord,”](#) July 8, 2015.
- [“Spies, lies, and Iran: An American reporter goes on trial for espionage in Tehran,”](#) May 27, 2015.
- [“Dissing the deal: Iran’s supreme leader throws the nuclear agreement into new uncertainty,”](#) April 10, 2015.
- [“Marathon Iran nuclear talks yield a milestone agreement — but the deal is not yet done,”](#) April 2, 2015.
- [“A soft deadline for the Iranian nuclear talks and a moment of truth for Obama’s diplomacy,”](#) March 30, 2015.
- [“Around the halls: The developing situation in Yemen,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, March 27, 2015.
- [“Letters to the ayatollah, the sequel: The Republican letter to Iran’s leaders reflects strategy as well as spite,”](#) March 10, 2015.
- [“Bibi and the bogeyman: What drives opposition is not the details of a nuclear deal, but Iran’s rehabilitation,”](#) March 5, 2015.
- [“Falling oil prices — Is Iran the biggest loser? And what does it mean for nuclear talks?”](#) February 3, 2015.
- [“Domestic Politics and Diplomacy Toward Tehran: Congress and the Real Threat to an Iranian Nuclear Deal,”](#) January 20, 2015.
- [“Martin Indyk and Naftali Bennett: A Fierce Contest of Ideas on Israel and the Peace Process at the 2014 Saban Forum,”](#) December 8, 2014.
- [“In a Speech to the 2014 Saban Forum, Vice President Joe Biden Plays the Mensch and Tries to Dispel ‘Malarkey,’”](#) December 8, 2014.
- [“At the 2014 Saban Forum, Israeli Labor Party Leader Herzog Declares ‘I Will Lead Israel in a Different Direction,’”](#) December 8, 2014.
- [“Addressing America’s Challenges in the Middle East, Hillary Clinton Backs Diplomacy with Iran,”](#) December 7, 2014.
- [“Saban Forum 2014: Americans and Israelis Discuss a Tumultuous Middle East,”](#) December 5, 2014.
- [“For the Iranian Nuclear Talks, a Deadline Reveals a Deadlock,”](#) November 25, 2014.
- [“In Praise of ‘Ferocious Arguments’ — And of Colleagues Like Michael Doran,”](#) November 14, 2014.
- [“Letters to the Ayatollah: Why Obama’s Latest Outreach to Iran’s Supreme Leader Was A Mistake,”](#) November 7, 2014.
- [“Thirty-Five Years After Hostage Crisis, Tehran Faces Another Choice Between Revolution and Realpolitik,”](#) November 4, 2014.
- [“Reading Between the Red Lines: An Anatomy of Iran’s Eleventh-Hour Nuclear Negotiating Strategy,”](#) October 16, 2014.
- [“What Rouhani’s Week in New York Means for Nuclear Diplomacy with Iran,”](#) September 30, 2014.
- [“Twenty Questions for Iranian President Hassan Rouhani,”](#) September 23, 2014.
- [“The Boys Are Back in Town: Iran’s Annual Charm Offensive Begins Amidst Fading Hopes for a Deal,”](#) September 19, 2014.
- [“Iran’s Supreme Scorn: True to Form, Khamenei Blasts US-Led Campaign against ISIS,”](#) September 16, 2014.
- [“In Obama’s ISIS Speech, Iran Goes Unspoken: Ally, Adversary or Both?”](#) September 11, 2014.
- [“Rouhani Report Card: A Year of Economic Stabilization and Suspense,”](#) August 19, 2014.
- [“Rouhani Report Card: More Prudence Than Hope for Iran’s Domestic Politics,”](#) August 12, 2014.

- [“Rouhani Report Card: A Year of Diplomatic Breakthrough and Breakdown,”](#) August 5, 2014.
- [“Rouhani’s Rocky First Year: A Report Card,”](#) August 4, 2014.
- [“Imprisoning Americans: Iran’s Outrageous Arrest of Another Dual National,”](#) July 28, 2014.
- [“The Khamenei Hold-Out: Enrichment Impasse Likely to Defer Deadline for Iran Nuclear Talks,”](#) July 16, 2014.
- [“Fifteen Years After the 18th of Tir: The Legacy of Student Protests That Shook Iran,”](#) July 10, 2014.
- [“A Cold Shoulder in the Cold War: Iran’s Foreign Minister Snubs a Saudi Invite,”](#) June 5, 2014.
- [“Why Obama Shouldn’t Tout Iran As Proof of Multilateral Muscle,”](#) May 28, 2014.
- [“The Overlooked Upsides to a Tough Round of Iran Nuclear Talks,”](#) May 19, 2014.
- [“Talking to Tehran: Why the Nuclear Issue Is the Only Topic on the Agenda,”](#) May 9, 2014.
- [“With His Eyes on the Nuclear Prize, Rouhani Hedges on Human Rights,”](#) May 1, 2014.
- [“Javier Solana on Iran: ‘The Challenge Is Big, But A Solution Is Possible’,”](#) April 16, 2014.
- [“Appeals But No Apologies for Iran’s United Nations Envoy: The Show Will Go On,”](#) April 15, 2014.
- [“Diplomats and ‘Our Difficult History’: Tehran’s Proposed UN Envoy is a Rare Rouhani Blunder,”](#) April 8, 2014.
- [“In Sanctions Exit Strategy, Iran’s ‘Second Foreign Minister’ Takes Center Stage,”](#) April 4, 2014.
- [“A Former U.S. Negotiator Maps the Iran End Game,”](#) March 31, 2014.
- [“Reassuring Riyadh: The Enemy of My Enemy Is \[Fill In the Blank\],”](#) March 27, 2014.
- [“Three Reasons Why Russia Won’t Wreck the Iran Nuclear Negotiations,”](#) March 25, 2014.
- [“Oops, He Did It Again: Iran’s Supreme Leader Questions the Holocaust,”](#) March 21, 2014.
- [“Why ‘Iran Style’ Sanctions Worked Against Tehran \(And Why They Might Not Succeed with Moscow\),”](#) March 21, 2014.
- [“In Sanctions Exit Strategy, Iran’s ‘Second Foreign Minister’ Takes Center Stage,”](#) March 13, 2014.
- [“Expanding U.S. Energy Supplies: The Not-So-Secret Weapon in Iran Sanctions Success,”](#) March 7, 2014.
- [“As Nuclear Talks Resume, Iran’s Supreme Skeptic Dismisses Prospects for Diplomacy,”](#) February 17, 2014.
- [“After Thirty-Five Years, Iran’s Revolution Finds a Fragile Equilibrium,”](#) Brookings Markaz, February 11, 2014.
- [“Will Obama ‘Double Down’ On Iran – Or Will Nuclear Talks End In A ‘Nightmare’?”](#) January 24, 2014.
- [“Six Myths About Iran Sanctions,”](#) Brookings Markaz, January 13, 2014.
- [“Will The New Iran Last The New Year?”](#) Brookings Markaz, January 2, 2014.
- [“Netanyahu Lauds ‘The Indispensable Alliance’ And Raises The Bar For Iran Nuclear Talks,”](#) Brookings Markaz, December 9, 2013.
- [“President Obama Urges Saban Forum: Don’t Underestimate Political Shift In Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, December 8, 2013.
- [“Israeli Foreign Minister on Iran: If You Want To Shoot, Shoot; Don’t Talk,”](#) Brookings Markaz, December 7, 2013.
- [“Saban Forum 2013 Begins, Discussing U.S.-Israel Relations in a Dynamic Middle East,”](#) Brookings Markaz, December 6, 2013.
- [“Brookings Experts On Fallout From Iran Deal For The Gulf, The Peace Process And Beyond,”](#) Brookings Markaz, December 5, 2013.
- [“Brookings Scholars Weigh In On The Nuclear Deal With Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 28, 2013.
- [“Saved by the Deal: How Rouhani Won the Negotiations and Rescued His Regime.”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, November 27, 2013.
- [“Finally, A Deal Is Done: Anything Is Possible, But Nothing Is Inevitable,”](#) November 24, 2013.
- [“As Nuclear Talks Inch Forward, Iran’s Supreme Leader Tacks Right With A Blistering Speech,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 22, 2013.

- [“Kenneth Pollack Explains How To Assess An Iranian Nuclear Deal,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 17, 2013.
- [“Beyond Geneva: Michael O’Hanlon Outlines Requirements For A Comprehensive Nuclear Deal With Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 15, 2013.
- [“Iran Nuclear Talks End In Frustration: Brookings Scholars Respond,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 11, 2013.
- [“Washington And Tehran Find That A Nuclear Breakthrough Is Hard To Do,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 11, 2013.
- [“Kenneth Pollack In The Press On Iranian Nuclear Negotiations,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 11, 2013.
- [“Suspense And A Hint Of Hope In Iranian Nuclear Talks,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 8, 2013.
- [“Perspectives On Today’s Nuclear Negotiations With Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 7, 2013.
- [“Iran And The Legacy Of The Embassy Seizure,”](#) Brookings Markaz, November 3, 2013.
- [“Former U.S. Official Makes The Case For A “Good” Nuclear Deal With Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, October 29, 2013.
- [“Iran Nuclear Talks Herald A Beginning, Not A Breakthrough,”](#) Brookings Markaz, October 18, 2013.
- [“Iranian Aftershocks: Washington And Tehran Face An Uncertain Diplomatic Landscape,”](#) Brookings Markaz, October 10, 2013.
- [“Yes, Iranians Wear Jeans: Pitfalls Of Public Diplomacy With Iran,”](#) October 8, 2013.
- [“The Rouhani Tsunami: A Presidential Phone Call Offers Another Iranian Surprise,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 28, 2013.
- [“Tehran Takes Manhattan: Takeaways From A Historic Week,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 27, 2013.
- [“The Handshake Shakeoff: A Disappointing Day For Iran-U.S. Diplomacy,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 24, 2013.
- [“As UN Session Begins, Another Iranian President Weighs In,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 24, 2013.
- [“Another Oped Overture From Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 24, 2013.
- [“Will They Or Won’t They? Odds On A U.S.-Iranian Presidential Photo Op,”](#) September 23, 2013.
- [“Tehran Turns On The Charm Offensive, On Steroids,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 20, 2013.
- [“If Iran’s Supreme Leader Wants ‘Heroic Flexibility,’ He Should Meet Iran’s Real Heroes,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 20, 2013.
- [“Washington Confronts The “Unthinkable”: Ken Pollack On Containing A Nuclear Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 18, 2013.
- [“America and Iran: Backchanneling In Plain Sight,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 15, 2013.
- [“Tehran’s Take On The U.S. Debate On Syria,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 13, 2013.
- [“The Iran Fallacy: Seeing Damascus, Thinking Tehran,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, September 11, 2013.
- [“The Frenzy Over Tehran’s Tweets: Interpreting Iran’s New Public Diplomacy,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 6, 2013.
- [“It’s Official: Washington’s Favorite Iranian Takes On The Nuclear File,”](#) Brookings Markaz, September 5, 2013.
- [“Chemical Weapons And Claims of Hypocrisy: Iran’s Facebook Foreign Minister Tackles Syria,”](#) Brookings Markaz, August 30, 2013.
- [“Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea: Syria Presents Iran’s Moderates With Tough Choices,”](#) Brookings Markaz, August 28, 2013.
- [“In Crafting A Nuclear Deal With Iran, Mossadegh Still Matters,”](#) Brookings Markaz, August 19, 2013.
- [“Iran’s New President Starts Off With A Familiar Strategy,”](#) Brookings Markaz, August 6, 2013.
- [“Washington Reads Rouhani’s Nuclear Exposé,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 17, 2013.
- [“Washington And The Art Of A Nuclear Deal With Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 15, 2013.
- [“Tehran’s Take On Egypt’s Revolutionary Coup,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 12, 2013.

- [“An Insider’s Advice On Next Steps For Nuclear Negotiations With Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 10, 2013.
- [“Remembering Iran’s Student Protests, Fourteen Years Later,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 9, 2013.
- [“A \\$60 Sentence For An Infamous Iranian Official,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 3, 2013.
- [“Iran, Syria, And The Sectarian Challenge,”](#) Brookings Markaz, July 1, 2013.
- [“Iran And The End Of The Ahmadinejad Era,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 28, 2013.
- [“Paying To Play: Iran’s Faux Opposition,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 27, 2013.
- [“Bridging The Gulf? Iran And A Changing GCC,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 25, 2013.
- [“Despite Election Outcome, Obstacles To An Iranian Nuclear Deal Persist,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 21, 2013.
- [“Election Revives Washington’s Wariness Of Iranian Moderates,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 20, 2013.
- [“You Say Rowhani, I Say Rouhani: The Official Guide To Spelling The Next Iranian President’s Name,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 18, 2013.
- [“Pundits Chime In On Iran Election Outcome,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 17, 2013.
- [“Why Rouhani Won – and Why Khamenei Let Him,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, June 16, 2013.
- [“Prudence And Hope Prevail: Iran Election Reflects Desire For Change,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 16, 2013.
- [“Iran Surprises Yet Again; Strong Showing By Rouhani Forecasts Historic Shift,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 14, 2013.
- [“Today, Let Them Not Be Forgotten: Iran’s Captive Candidates,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 14, 2013.
- [“What To Read On Iran This Week: Elections Edition,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 14, 2013.
- [“State Of Play As Iran’s “Epic” Campaign Grinds To An End,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 13, 2013.
- [“The Great Satan Goes To The Ballot Box In Iran,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 13, 2013.
- [“Iran’s Election: It’s The Economy, Basiji \(Or Is It The Sanctions?\)”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 12, 2013.
- [“Ahmadinejad’s Next Act,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 12, 2013.
- [“Iran’s Election Goes Nuclear,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 10, 2013.
- [“The Clash Of Iran’s Culture Warriors,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 6, 2013.
- [“Rouhani Goes To Isfahan: Why Iran’s Elections May Yet Get Interesting,”](#) Brookings Markaz, June 4, 2013.
- [“Iran’s Election: The Men Who May Be Also-Rans,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 30, 2013.
- [“Will Iran’s Presidential Election Prove A Jalili Juggernaut?”](#) May 29, 2013.
- [“What To Read On Iran This Week,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 24, 2013.
- [“The Legacy of Reform in Iran, Sixteen Years Later,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 23, 2013.
- [“The Outside-In Campaign Strategy of Iran’s Nuclear Negotiator,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 22, 2013.
- [“Iran’s Guardians Versus The ‘Grey Eminence’,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 21, 2013.
- [“America and Iran: Wrestling with Ghosts,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 20, 2013.
- [“Why Iran’s Presidential Election Matters,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 20, 2013.
- [“Welcome to Iran @ Saban,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 20, 2013.
- [“And They’re Off: The Campaign for a New Iranian President Has Begun,”](#) Brookings Markaz, May 13, 2013.
- [“Around the Halls: Israel’s Airstrikes in Syria,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, May 7, 2013.
- [“Noruz and the Unofficial Start of the Iranian Presidential Election,”](#) Brookings UpFront, March 20, 2013.
- [“Make-or-Break for the U.S. and Iran,”](#) *Huffington Post*, November 8, 2012.
- [“Ahmadinejad’s Last Words at the U.N. General Assembly,”](#) Brookings UpFront, September 27, 2012.
- [“Following in Chris Stevens’s Footsteps,”](#) *The American Prospect*, September 14, 2012
- [“The Impact of the Parliamentary Elections in Iran,”](#) Brookings UpFront, March 2, 2012.
- [“Egypt after Year One,”](#) February 7, 2012

- [“Around the Halls: Egypt One Year after Mubarak,”](#) Brookings UpFront, with multiple Brookings colleagues, February 7, 2012.
- “Iran Sanctions Bite, but Will They Work?” *BBC News*, January 6, 2012.
- “Obama’s Counterproductive New Iran Sanctions,” *Foreign Affairs*, January 5, 2012.
- [“The United States and Iran: The Arab Awakening Changes Everything,”](#) Brookings UpFront, January 4, 2012.
- “Iran’s Nuclear Power Plan: Threat or Distraction?” *CNN Security Clearance*, September 16, 2011.
- “In Iran, Ahmadinejad’s Fall and America’s Loss,” *New York Times*, June 15, 2011, with Ray Takeyh.
- [“What Bin Laden’s Death Means for Iran,”](#) Brookings UpFront, May 3, 2011.
- “Iran’s Economy in the Shadow of Regional Upheaval,” USIP *Iran Primer*, February 28, 2011.
- “Iran Will Benefit From This Arab Spring,” *Financial Times*, February 24, 2011.
- “Tehran’s Hubris May Now Know No Bounds,” *Financial Times*, December 1, 2010.
- “Sanctions will not cure Iran’s nuclear ambitions,” with Ray Takeyh, *Financial Times*, June 10, 2010.
- [“Around the Halls: Obama’s First Year in Foreign Policy,”](#) with multiple Brookings colleagues, January 14, 2010.
- [“The Iran Hostage Crisis: 30 Years Later,”](#) Brookings UpFront, November 4, 2009.
- [“Obama’s Announcement About Iran’s Secret Enrichment Facility,”](#) Brookings UpFront, September 25, 2009.
- “Misreading Tehran,” *The National Interest*, June 26, 2009.
- “The Show Must Go On,” *Foreign Policy*, June 24, 2009.
- “Clerical Error: Can Iran’s Reformers Exploit Fissures in the Regime?” *Foreign Affairs*, June 19, 2009.
- “What to Read on Iranian Politics,” *Foreign Affairs*, June 12, 2009.
- “An Absurd Outcome,” *The Daily Beast*, June 13, 2009.
- “Iran: Look Closely, Something is Happening,” *Oil 6*, June 2009, 18-21.
- “U.S. Elections and Iran,” *Middle East Economic Survey*, November 3, 2008.
- “Time to Start Talking to Tehran,” *Newsweek International*, co-authored with Ray Takeyh.
- “Why the Iraq War Won’t Engulf the Middle East,” *International Herald Tribune*, co-authored with Ray Takeyh and Steven Cook, June 28, 2007.
- “Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Revives Iranian Right,” *Pacific News Service*, June 26, 2001.
- “A reformer’s popularity in Iran,” *The Boston Globe*, March 14, 1999.