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# IRAN: CURRENT DEVELOPMENT

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

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13. 4. 2023

18:00

Room 217

Faculty of Arts

Charles University

Náměstí J. Palacha 1

Praha 1

The Department of Middle Eastern Studies of Charles University would like to cordially invite you to a panel discussion on the topic of "Iran – Current Development". Five speakers will take part in the panel, including distinguished guest Dr Afshin Shahi. The panel will address Iran's human rights issues by highlighting the country's legal transgressions or its activities in the international arena and suggesting possible solutions.



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## TOPICS OF THE PANEL

- Human rights issues in Iran and the challenges faced by activists and civil society organizations
- Iran's relations with the West, Russia, and China
- The impact of sanctions and international pressure on Iran's domestic and foreign policies
- Role of the International Community in promoting and protecting human rights in Iran

## FORMAT

- Introductory word (at 6 PM)
- Presentations by the speakers
- Discussion
- Concluding remarks (around 8 PM)

## ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

### *Chair of the Panel:*

**Dr Zuzana Křihová** is a Persian language and Iranian Studies Associate Professor at the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Charles University, Czechia.

### *Speakers:*

**Dr Afshin Shahi** is Middle East Politics & International Relations Senior Lecturer at Keele University, UK. He is a renowned expert on Iran's foreign policy and international relations. He has written extensively on the subject and has appeared on various media outlets to provide expert commentary on Iran's regional and global role. He will provide insights into Iran's relations with the West, the Gulf states, China and Russia that be invaluable in understanding the complexities of Iran's foreign policy.

**Sara Sepahvand**, and

**Aryan Monfarednik**, both Iranian student activists and students at Charles University, will discuss the human rights situation in Iran and provide insights into the domestic situation in Iran as well as the state of current protest activities. Aryan will share his experiences as a student activist in Iran and provide an on-the-ground perspective on the current political and social climate in the country.

**Matouš Horčíčka**, PhD. Student, Department of the Middle East, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, will discuss the role of the Iranian Constitution as a legal pillar of the authoritarian regime in Iran. The Iranian Constitution has been the basis for the legal framework in Iran since its adoption in 1979, however, the Constitution has been criticized for serving as a tool to legitimize the authoritarian regime, suppress dissent and the activities of opposition groups as well as the rights of the people to express themselves freely.

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