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How Should the U.S. Curb Iran's Nuclear Ambitions?
Panelists to Discuss Shift in U.S.-Iran Relations Under New Administration

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 19, 2009 — On Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM, the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, in partnership with MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, will host a debate on the Iranian nuclear threat – the second event of its National Discussion and Debate Series' 2009 season, "Priorities for a New President." The resolution: "*America cannot tolerate a nuclear Iran and must go to any lengths to prevent it.*" Moderated by **Margaret Warner**, Senior Correspondent of *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, the debate will take place at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC, and will be webcast live and archived at www.millercenter.org/debates.

Supporting the resolution:

- **Elliott Abrams**, former Deputy National Security Advisor for Global Democracy Strategy (2005–09); Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations
- **Joshua Muravchik**, Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute of the Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies

Opposing:

- **Martin Indyk**, Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; Ambassador to Israel (1995–97, 2000–01); Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs (1997–2000)
- **Karim Sadjadpour**, Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Produced for broadcast on PBS stations by MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, all of the events are webcast live and archived on the Miller Center's web site. More information, including biographies of the debaters, research, video, audio, transcripts, research, and middle- and high-school lesson plans, is also available online. The conversation continues online via interactive group pages on YouTube, MySpace, and Facebook.

During the spring of 2009, the series also will examine Affirmative Action and energy policies. The first event featured Gov. Edward G. Rendell and Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger, discussing how the federal government should balance infrastructure policy with energy, environmental, and economic priorities. It is online at www.millercenter.org/debates/infrastructure, and aired as another of PBS's *Blueprint America* programs: www.pbs.org/wnet/blueprintamerica/.

The five debates of the first season, in 2007–08, focused on U.S. troops in Iraq; privacy in post-9/11 America; religion in public life; health care; and immigration. Debaters included Frederick W. Kagan, Jessica Tuchman Mathews, Douglas W. Kmiec, Marc Rotenberg, Rev. Barry Lynn, Chuck Colson, Dick Armey, Regina Herzlinger, Tamar Jacoby, and Mark Krikorian. All of the debates are available on the Miller Center's web site.

The National Discussion and Debate Series aims to examine some of the most important issues facing our country in depth, and to contribute to the national conversation with a genuine, thoughtful give-and-take that will both enlighten people and provoke dialogue.

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