

# No Middle Ground on the JCPOA?

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The narrow road to diplomacy with Iran after Trump

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**Diplomacy between the United States and Iran is the best way to promote U.S. and international security and prevent another war in the Middle East. In this briefing, panelists will discuss the politics of Iran diplomacy, the damage done over the last four years, and why there's no middle ground between Trump's "maximum pressure" policy and support for JCPOA reentry.**

## Panelists



**MANA  
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### RAPID RESPONSE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR, MOVEON

Mana Kharrazi is a community leader and organizer with 13+ years of experience in racial justice, identity-based, and youth leadership movement work. Formerly, as executive director of Iranian Alliance Across Borders (IAAB), Mana trained and developed over a thousand young leaders to build capacity within their communities. Mana led IAAB during its legal battle against the Muslim Ban, IAAB v Trump, the first legal challenge to Muslim Ban 3.0. The lawsuit succeeded in obtaining an injunction in October, 2017 and won in the Fourth Circuit in February, 2018 until the Supreme Court ultimately upheld the Ban in June. Prior to leading IAAB, Mana was a Field Organizer at Amnesty International USA.



**JAMAL ABDI**

### PRESIDENT, NATIONAL IRANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL (NIAC)

Jamal Abdi joined NIAC as Policy Director in 2009, directing NIAC's efforts to monitor policies and legislation and to educate and advocate on behalf of the Iranian-American community. He has served as President of NIAC since August 2018, and also serves as the Executive Director of NIAC Action. Previously, Abdi worked in the US Congress as a Policy Advisor. As one of a small number of Iranian Americans working on the Hill, he served as a Congressional advisor, liaison, and expert on foreign affairs, immigration, and defense. Prior to coming to DC, Abdi worked in his home state of Washington as a field organizer for national Congressional elections, coordinating grassroots campaign efforts.



**Dr. NADER  
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### DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dr. Nader Hashemi is the Director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the Josef K. Korebel School of International Studies. He obtained his doctorate from the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. Previously, he was an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Northwestern University and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the UCLA Global Institute. His intellectual and research interests lie at the intersection of comparative politics and political theory, in particular debates on religion and democracy, secularism and its discontents, Middle East and Islamic politics, democratic and human rights struggles in non-Western societies and Islam-West relations. For more information see his website: [www.naderhashemi.com](http://www.naderhashemi.com)

## Moderator



**ERICA FEIN**

### ADVOCACY DIRECTOR, WIN WITHOUT WAR

Erica Fein is the Advocacy Director at Win Without War, engaging policymakers, the NGO community, the media, and grassroots partners to advance a progressive foreign policy and national security agenda. Her career has centered in and around Congress and foreign policy issues. Previously, she served as Director of Government Affairs and Nuclear Weapons Policy Director at Women's Action for New Directions where she led campaigns to limit the excessive U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal. She also handled national security, foreign policy, veterans affairs, and other issues as a legislative assistant to former Congressman John D. Dingell.