

**AFTER THE SANCTIONS,
INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK
FOR FUTURE FRANCO IRANIAN TRADE**

**SEMINAR
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75015 PARIS**

The Vienna agreement reached in July 2015, relative to nuclear capacity in Iran, created much expectation, economically, diplomatically and culturally. In this light, this seminar will allow participants to reconsider certain aspects of the France - Iran relationship. It will bring together French and Iranian diplomats, academics and researchers, lawyers and judges, and representatives of the business world interested in investment opportunities in Iran

Now that the international sanctions regime is lifted, what are the constraints and the keys for deal-making in Iran? What is the legal Iranian context today? How can it evolve to encourage foreign investment in the country? Our sessions will be devoted to in-depth investigation of these questions with the aim of setting the stage for constructive economic relations with Iran.

PROGRAM

8.30 AM : Welcome Coffee

9.00 AM – Opening - Mr Antoine GARAPON, General Secretary of the Institut des hautes études sur la Justice

9.05 AM – Introduction – Mr Adrien PINELLI, Head, Middle East Department, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Ms. Marie PARET**, Drafter Iran, Middle East Department, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9.30 AM to 11.00 AM: First round table

After the sanctions: deal-making in Iran

Chair and Discussant: **Mr Hamid GHARAVI**, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi international (*introduction - 10 min*)

- What were the consequences of international economic sanctions on the business climate between foreign and domestic investors? Feedback - **Dr Mohsen MOHEBI**, Head of the Center of International Legal Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CILA) (*15 min*)
- What are the components of deal-making in Iran? Constraints and keys of cultural understanding - **Mrs Fariba ADELKHAH**, Research Director at the Fondation nationale des sciences politiques, Sciences Po Paris, anthropologist specialized on Iran (*15 min*)

DISCUSSION

Coffee break

11.15 AM to 1.00 PM: Second round table

Outline the future: what legal context for economic relationship with Iran?

Chair and Discussant: **Mr François NICOULLAUD**, International Policy Analyst, former Ambassador of France in Teheran (*introduction – 10 min*)

- Understanding the Iranian state structure and the legal and judicial culture in Iran? - **Ms. Amitis DURRANI**, Senior Partner at Durrani International Law Firm, Teheran (*15 min*)
- Considering economic and legal prospects: which framework to encourage the future foreign investments in Iran – **Dr Moshkan MASHKOUR**, Lawyer, Legal advisor, Sanglaj International Consultants (*15 min*)

Reactions of the private sector

DISCUSSION

13h15 – 13h30 - Summary – Mr Kianoch DORRANI, Centre d'Analyse de prévisions et de stratégie, MAEDI

Cocktail buffet lunch at the Ministry

