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Regional Impacts of the Iran War Workshop

Friday, October 30, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Pyle Center
University of Wisconsin

8:30 am - 08:45 am – Welcome and Introduction

8:45 am - 10:15 am – Panel 1: Internal Effects

Peyman Asadzade, "War and the Future of State-Society Relations in Iran"
Daniel Tavana, "Between Collapse and Consolidation: Understanding Iran's Divided Public"
Zep Kalb, "Social spending and redistributive politics in Iran"

10:15 am - 10:30 am – Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm – Panel 2: Regional Effects

Juan Pinon Del Rio, "External Conflict, Internal Boundaries: The War with Iran and the Limits of Shia Belonging in Bahrain"
Kelly Stedem, "The Future of Lebanon's Shia"
Emad Alhammadin and Antea Enna, "Jordan at regional Crossroad: The Effects of the 2026 US-Iran War on Jordan Security Strategy"

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm – Panel 3: International Effects

Hyeran Jo, "War and Alignment: What the Iran War Teaches Us about Wartime Alignment" (co-authors: Efe Tokdemir, Erman Ermihan, and Zhengyu Xiao)
Nasir Almasri, "Why States Keep Fighting: Regeneration, Endurance, and the Wars on Iran"
Roya Izadi, "War and Militarization of Domestic Economies: Lessons for the Iran–U.S–Israel. Confrontation"

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm – Break

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm – Panel 4: Economic and Ecological Effects

Michael Christopher Low, "Water Wars"
Andrew M Leber, "The Data Must Flow: The Gulf's AI Drive Navigates the War
Javier Guirado Alonso, "Infrastructure in troubled waters. How the Iran crises are driving a battle for trade corridors in the Gulf"

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm – Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Participants and Discussants

Emad Al-hammadin, Jordan University

Nasir Almasri, Wellesley College

Javier Guirado Alonso, Kennesaw State University

Peyman Asadzade, Bowdoin University

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