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The Iranian Opposition and U.S. Foreign Policy: Prospects for Regime Change

This panel will address the challenges faced by the Iranian opposition in trying to bring about regime change from within and enact democratic reforms in Iran. Special attention will be paid to the recent massacre of Iranian dissidents detained at Camp Ashraf in Iraq and the implications for U.S. foreign policy in the context of the Syrian crisis as well the forthcoming nuclear negotiations with Tehran. The panel will also address ongoing efforts by scholars and former senior U.S. policy officials to correct the record on Iran's organized resistance by challenging misconceptions and errors of fact that have been used to promote a policy of engagement with the Iranian regime.