

Dear Sir/Madam,

The DGAP's Middle East and North Africa program and MEIA Research cordially invite you to a panel discussion on

Human Rights in Iran – Subordinated to a successful Realpolitik?

Monday February 20, 2017, 6–8 pm

DGAP, Rauchstr 17, 10787 Berlin (Dohnanyi-Saal)

Introduction: **Dina Fakoussa**, Head of MENA Program, DGAP

Panelists: **Dr. Anicée van Engeland-Nourai, LL.M.**
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Chair: **Dr. René Rieger**, Chairman MEIA Research

The conclusion of the Iran nuclear treaty in July 2015 and its entry into force the following January had a significant impact on both German and European politics *vis-à-vis* Iran and media coverage of the Islamic Republic. Prior to the treaty, the majority of media reports on Iran's domestic and foreign policies had been highly critical. In the same vein, the vast majority of German and European foreign policy-makers had been critical of Iran's support of terrorist organizations and other internationally destabilizing actions as well as the regime's dire human rights record. Ever since the deal was concluded, however, the focus has shifted to lucrative trade and investment opportunities. This panel discussion seeks to shed light on the currently subordinated human rights situation in Iran, with a focus on restricted political participatory rights, freedom of expression, and religious freedom.

Please RSVP to mena@dgap.org. We are very much looking forward to seeing you and welcoming you to a small reception afterwards.

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