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The Sixth Crisis: Iran, Israel, America and the Rumours of War
with
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18:15 Reception with cash bar
19:00 – 20:15 Lecture and discussion

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There have been five central crises in America’s post–World War II encounter with the Middle East, and the Obama administration now faces a sixth. Iran’s progress toward a nuclear weapons capability, and the prospect of Israel launching air strikes to stop it, are ingredients for a conflict that could ruin any hopes for fostering peace in the region. The Sixth Crisis explores the fraught linkages between the Iranian nuclear challenge, the increasing likelihood of an Israeli preventive strike, the continuing Israel–Palestine tragedy, and President Obama’s efforts to recast America’s relations with the world’s Muslims.

The authors, Steven Simon, a former senior official on President Clinton’s National Security Council Staff and Dana Allin, a leading authority on international politics, lay out in clear and accessible detail the technical and political dimensions of Iran’s nuclear program, and the ongoing diplomacy to stop it. They show how Israel’s panic about Iran’s nuclear threat, combined with Israeli policy toward the Palestinians, is undermining Jerusalem’s alliance with America. Tehran, meanwhile, is exploiting tensions between Arab regimes fearful of a nuclear Iran and an Arab public that is both angry about the plight of the Palestinians and resentful of Israel’s nuclear monopoly. The status quo is a path to disaster, and the hopes that President Obama has inspired are threatened by the toxic mixture of Israeli–Palestinian stalemate and Iran’s nuclear ambitions.