“The 2017/2018 Iranian Revolt: Causes, Comparative Characteristics, and Consequences”

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ABSTRACT:
The talk will discuss the revolt that shook Iran at the turn of the year, marking a watershed moment in the Islamic Republic's almost 40-year history. Firstly, it will elaborate on its causes, both socio-economic and political, as reflected in its slogans and demands. Secondly, taking into account the revolt's social base - the "middle-class poor" (Asef Bayat)-, it will provide a comparative analysis to the 2009 Iranian Green Movement and the 2010/11 Arab Uprisings. Finally, it will discuss the revolt's consequences and offer an outlook for future developments.