

PHYSICS 280
Spring 2012
Iran Nuclear Situation

Thursday, March 8, 2012
330pm, 356 Armory

The following is a description of Professor Clifford Singer's Iran Simulation:
(Physics 280 students will participate in Week #1)

The exercise involves rounds of negotiation, one in 2012 and one in 2013 after the U.S. and French presidential elections. Government leaders will also decide on possible military actions and responses after each negotiation round. The Iranian team will negotiate without comment from their Supreme Leader, who will accept or reject any negotiated settlement but will agree to any recommended military action that has the assent of Iran's president and responsible military chief. (That is the Defense Minister for conventional military forces and Jafari for other uses of force.) EU and US teams will meet in the same room with conversations audible to all but may pass notes available only to one or more other persons. Israeli and Iranian teams will meet in separate locations and communicate in person only with Baroness Ashton from the EU, except at one Foreign Ministers conference each year that all others will observe.

1. Participants will be divided at random into teams taking on some of the roles below. The French and U.S. presidents may change roles with their leader of the opposition at the start, by mutual agreement. Team members prepare a menu of possible course of actions to be reviewed after spending a week studying the capabilities known to advisors and statements of politicians.
2. In week 2, for 2102 participants will spend up to 15 minutes in discussion, up to 30 minutes in Foreign Ministers conference, and up to another 15 minutes in follow-up discussion. An agreement signed on to by the European, US, and Iranian heads of state may be presented to the Supreme Leader for approval or rejection at any time. Military action can occur at any time. The rest of the class period will be a discussion of the process.
3. In week 3, the week 2 exercise will be repeated after change of presidents in the United States and France.

Physics 280 students will be expected to write a summary report to receive extra credit.

See ECEO-C prompt for requirements and guidance.

Key Personnel

Israel

Prime Minister: Benjamin Netanyahu (Likud)

Foreign Minister: Avigdor Lieberman (Yisrael Beiteinu)

Defense Minister: Ehud Barack (Labor Party, Independence)

Chief of Staff of Israel Defense Forces: Benny Gantz (Infantry, paratroopers)

Minister of Intelligence and Atomic Energy: Dan Meridor (Likud)

Iran (Supreme Leader and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces: Ali Khamenei)

President: Mahmoud Ahadinejad

Foreign Minister: Ali Akbar Salehi

Nuclear Negotiator: Saeed Jalili

Defense Minister: General Ahmad Vahidi

Commander of the Army of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution: Mohammed Ali Jafari:

European Union

President of France: Nicolas Sarkozy (Union for a Popular Movement)

Leader of Main Opposition Party for 2012 Election: François Hollande (Socialist Party)

UK Prime Minister: David Cameron (Conservatives)

UK Deputy Prime Minister: Nick Clegg (Liberal Democrat)

German Chancellor: Angelika Merkel (Christian Democratic Union)

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Baroness Catherine

Ashton (UK Labor Party, former Under-Secretary of State and Leader of the Lords)

United States

President: Barack Obama (Democrat)

Republican Presidential Nominee in 2012: Mitt Romney or Rick Santorum

Secretary of State: Hillary Clinton (Democrat)

Secretary of Defense: Leon Panetta (Democrat)

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Gen. Martin Dempsey (Army)