

After the Ayatollahs: Post-War Iran Scenarios

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Stephens is hosting a conference call for clients with Middle East analyst and former National Security Council senior director Michael Doran. Mr. Doran will discuss the war in Iran, prospects for opening the Strait of Hormuz and the post-war balance of power in the Middle East.

About the Speaker



Michael Doran is a senior fellow and director of the Center for Peace and Security in the Middle East at Hudson Institute. He specializes in Middle East security issues and co-hosts the Israel Update podcast.

In the administration of President George W. Bush, Mr. Doran served in the White House as a senior director in the National Security Council, where he was responsible for helping to devise and coordinate United States strategies on a variety of Middle East issues, including Arab-Israeli relations and U.S. efforts to contain Iran and Syria. He also served in the Bush Administration as a senior advisor in the State Department and a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon.

Mr. Doran received a B.A. from Stanford University and an M.A. and Ph. D. in Near Eastern studies from Princeton University. Before joining Hudson, Mr. Doran was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He has also held teaching positions at New York University, Princeton University, and the University of Central Florida. His latest book, *Ike's Gamble*, was published by Free Press in 2016. He appears frequently on television, and has published extensively in *Foreign Affairs*, the *American Interest*, *Commentary*, *Mosaic*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*.

Topics of Discussion

- The Iran War one month in: updates from the front
- Strategies to reopen the Strait
- Allied involvement and Gulf states' tolerance for conflict
- A new security system for the post-Islamic Republic Middle East
- Q & A with Mr. Doran

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