Abbas Maleki, Robert E. Wilhelm Fellow at the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Associate Professor of Energy Policy at Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, will give a talk entitled "Iran's Foreign Policy and its Future" on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 4:30pm in Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall. The talk will be given as part of the Einaudi Center's Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series.

Abbas Maleki is a senior associate of the Belfer Center's International Security Program at Harvard University. He also serves as Director General of the International Institute for Caspian Studies and Chairman of the Research Center for Scientific, Technological, and Industrial Policy Making.

In addition to his academic work, Abbas Maleki has a distinguished record in public service. He served as Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran from 1988 to 1997, and was one of the members of negotiating team for ending Iran-Iraq War from 1987 to 1992. Recently, he was appointed as a member of the Network of Global Agenda Councils of the World Economic Forum (Davos) for 2011-12.

He has several publications on energy policy, energy security, public policy, Iran's foreign policy, Iran's Islamic Revolution, Central Asia, Transcaucasia, and Caspian Studies. He serves on the editorial board of the Central Asia and The Caucasus Journal and the Journal of Central Asia and Caucasus. Additionally, he co-authored Reading In Iran Foreign Policy After September 11 (2008). His most recent work, Iranian Foreign Policy: Past, Present and Future Scenarios, is due out November 2012.

The talk is organized by the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies and co-sponsored by the Team Iran-Cornell and the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs.

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