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ENGAGING IRAN:
PROSPECTS FOR EXPANDING U.S.-IRAN EXCHANGES

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For the past thirty years, the U.S.-Iran relationship has been characterized by unpredictability and missed opportunities. The lack of diplomatic relations put an end to a once thriving partnership between the two countries that included educational exchanges, scientific and technological cooperation, and mutual business opportunities.

With the language of engagement and dialogue now being advanced by the Obama administration, the potential for expanding people-to-people exchanges between the two countries is gaining greater attention. What are the prospects for fostering more interactions between Iranian and American academics, scientists, and medical and business institutions? What are the opportunities and the obstacles?

Join us as Asia Society Texas Center brings together three of Houston’s most respected leaders in the medical, business and education communities to discuss their views on the prospects ahead for renewing partnerships between the people and institutions of the U.S and Iran. Having recently returned from Iran, they will present their perspectives about a country that most Americans rarely have the opportunity to visit.

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