

# Iran Nuclear Negotiations: An Emerging Deal in Geneva?

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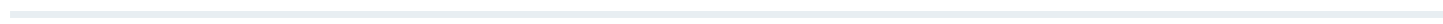
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"The idea that Iran can negotiate with the United States and be recognized as a responsible member of the international community just fills the House of Saud with complete dread."

As the P5+1 countries approach a deal on Iran's nuclear enrichment program, veteran Gulf analyst [Simon Henderson \(/experts/view/henderson-simon\)](#) assesses the significance of the talks for the United States, Israel, and the Gulf countries. Henderson, the Institute's Baker Fellow and director of the [Gulf and Energy Policy Program \(/about/research-programs/gulf-and-energy-policy-program/\)](#), explains why Saudi Arabia and Israel have been sharply critical of the emerging agreement. An expert on Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, Henderson discusses a possible arrangement for Islamabad to provide the Saudis with a nuclear weapons capability -- with dire consequences for nuclear proliferation in the region and beyond.

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