

PROVIDENCE, R.I. [Brown University] – As Rhode Islanders and concerned citizens around the world continue to monitor the landmark Iran nuclear deal and the recent Iranian missile tests, students at Brown University’s Watson Institute will join scholars and practitioners on Saturday in a negotiation simulation responding to allegations that Iran is violating the agreement.

In a week-long assignment that culminates in an all-day simulation on Saturday, students enrolled in the political science class “International Security in a Changing World” will act out a scenario in which the United Nations Security Council holds an emergency meeting because the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has possibly detected a covert enrichment facility in Iran, violating the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Organized by professors Nina Tannenwald and Nicholas Miller, students will be split into 13 delegations, responsible for responding to the allegations and recommending possible solutions in an effort to prevent a nuclear arms race. By the end of the negotiation on Saturday evening, the parties will either adopt a Resolution outlining the steps Iran must take to continue the sanctions relief, or failing to pass such a resolution, re-impose UN sanctions on Iran.

The goal of the simulation is for students to experience a high-stakes negotiation environment between competing states. Faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students from Brown, MIT, and Harvard will play the heads of state, while Ambassador Richard Boucher will play the UN Undersecretary-General for Disarmament and chair the negotiations. The former director of the American Institute of Physics will play the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Who

- Nearly 100 Brown University students
- **Nina Tannenwald**, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Watson Institute
- **Nicholas Miller**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Watson Institute
- **Ambassador Richard Boucher**
- Faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students from Brown, MIT, and Harvard University

What

An international security simulation based on a fictional scenario surrounding the Iran nuclear agreement.

When

Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where

Brown University

Barus & Holley Room 166

184 Hope Street

Providence, RI

This event is open to the press. Please rsvp to Kathryn_Dunkelman@Brown.edu.