

"Iran and the US under Obama "

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Trita Parsi is the founder and president of the National Iranian American Council and an expert on US-Iranian relations, Iranian politics, and Middle East politics. Dr. Parsi is the 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. He is the author of *Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Iran, Israel and the United States* (Yale University Press 2007). Dr. Parsi was born in Iran but moved with his family at the age of four to Sweden in order to escape political repression in Iran. He moved to the United States as an adult and studied foreign policy at Johns Hopkins' School for Advanced International Studies where he received his Ph.D. He founded NIAC to provide a non-partisan, non-profit organization through which Iranian Americans could participate in American civic life. Dr. Parsi has followed Middle East politics through work in the field and extensive experience on Capitol Hill and at the United Nations. He is frequently consulted by Western and Asian governments on foreign policy matters. He has worked for the Swedish Permanent Mission to the UN, where he served in the Security Council, handling the affairs of Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan and Western Sahara, and in the General Assembly's Third Committee, addressing human rights in Iran, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Iraq. He has served as an adjunct professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS and is currently an adjunct scholar at the Middle East Institute.

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