

# "A British Perspective in Negotiating with Iran"

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This is the second lecture in a series being hosted by the Middle East Studies at Marine Corps University entitled "Framing the Iranian Challenge".

Mr. Simon Shercliff holds a bachelor's degree in natural science from Cambridge University. After working for two years as a volunteer Chemistry teacher in a government school in Tanzania, on the Voluntary Services Overseas program, he then returned to the UK to join the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). He worked in Iran for three years from May 2000 as a political officer in the British Embassy, having first learned Farsi to an operational level. On leaving Iran in July 2003, he spent a short period in the Iraq unit in the FCO in London, before deploying to Baghdad in September 2003 as the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Iraq. He was awarded the OBE for his work in Iraq. He returned to London in May 2004 to work in the FCO Press Office, as a spokesman for Iran and Iraq issues. He arrived in Washington as a First Secretary working on counter proliferation issues, with a focus on Iran, in November 2006. He spent three months as a political officer in the British Embassy in Kabul between November 2007 and February 2008, before returning to Washington where he became the First Secretary Foreign Security and Policy for the British Embassy.

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