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The United States and Iran
From Manufactured Crisis to the Brink of War

The event will be moderated by Professor David Yaghoubian of the History Department

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Is an independent investigative journalist and historian who has focused for the past two decades on the U.S. national security state during and after the Cold War. He is the author of four books, including Perils of Dominance: Imbalance of Power and the Road to War in Vietnam (2005) and Manufactured Crisis: The Untold Story of the Iran Nuclear Scare (2015). He has completed a new book with John Kiriakou, Iran Crisis: From CIA Coup to the Brink of War to be published by Skyhorse Books in February.

Dr. Porter was Saigon bureau chief for Dispatch News Service in 1971 while carrying out research for his doctoral dissertation at Cornell University. He was also Co-Director of the anti-war research and education group, Indochina Resource Center in Washington, D.C. from 1974 through 1976. He wrote regularly for Inter Press Service on U.S. wars and interventions in the greater Middle East from 2004 through 2014 and has written dozens of in-depth investigatory stories on Middle East-related issues for a number of on-line news outlets, including The Nation, Foreign Policy, Truthout, Truthdig, Le Monde Diplomatic and The American Conservative. In 2012 he was the winner of the U.K.-based Gellhorn Prize for Journalism, awarded for the best journalistic writing that exposes government lies and deception (named for U.S. foreign correspondent Martha Gellhorn).