

Challenges of Mediation by Qatar: The Wars in Iran, Gaza, and Afghanistan



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This event will have a special lecture by Prof. Ghassan Elkahlout, Director of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies (CHS) in Doha and Qatar; Prof. Ghassan is a prominent scholar on mediation by Qatar and he will share mediation efforts by Qatar on the wars in Iran and Gaza, as well as Qatari mediation on Afghan war and discuss future cooperation between Qatar and Japan. (This is the first event in "Qatar Mediation Lecture Series" 2026.)

Initial Remarks

Mr. Hirofumi Miyake

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Keynote Speech

Prof. Ghassan Elkahlout

Director of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies (CHS) in Doha, Qatar

"Qatar's Mediation in an Age of Regional War: Lessons from Gaza, Iran, and Afghanistan."

Q and A

Prof. Ghassan Elkahlout

Commentator: Dr. Masayuki Akahori

Commentator/ Planning and Moderator: Prof. Daisaku Higashi

Professor, Director at Sophia Institute of International Relations, Sophia University



Mr. Hirofumi Miyake



Dr. Masayuki Akahori



Prof. Daisaku Higashi

Registration



Zoom



In-person

Date: Tuesday, **October 6**, 2026 19:10 ~ 21:10

Venue: Room 2-1702, Building #2, 17th Floor

Language: Japanese / English (Simultaneous interpretation is available only via Zoom)*

Open to public / Registration required for online attendee / Admission free

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