No.	Themes	Suggested topics
1	Conceptual and Theoretical Debates on the State	• Transformations in the concept of sovereignty in the age of globalization and modern technologies • Challenges to sovereignty in the face of transnational powers and multinational corporations • The role of the state in confronting the post-truth conditions • Conceptual developments in legitimacy in the age of globalization and digitalization • The state and the question of political order in non-Western traditions • The state and national identity in Confucian thought and Chinese Marxism • Conceptual, philosophical, and civilizational rethinking of the state from the non-Western perspective
2	States and Modern Technologies at Global, Regional, and National (Iranian) Levels	• The role of the state in guiding innovation and economic development through investment in advanced technologies and infrastructure • The impact of digital technologies on the structure and functioning of states • The impact of new technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence and automation) on the labor market, and the role of the state in regulating employment policies • Ethical and political challenges in the use of AI by states for governance • The role of states in utilizing big data and artificial intelligence for policy design • The role of states in global competition over advanced technologies • States and political mobilization through modern technologies • The role of states in improving governance through digital communications
3	The state and economic development in the world and Iran today	• States in the global economic system and their interaction with international financial institutions • The regulatory power of states vis-à-vis multinational technology corporations • Data governance, digital regulation, and the role of states in the global platform economy • Digital government and the global economy: From digital national currencies to smart resilience • The role of the state in promoting domestic, international, and global value chains
4	The state and the processes of globalization, medialization, and cyberization in the world and in Iran today	• Changes in the state in response to globalization, migration, and economic crises • The impact of globalization on national sovereignty and the ability of states to regulate domestic policies • The role of states in international cooperation and confronting transnational challenges • The role of states in countering cyber threats and cyber warfare • States in regulating cyberspace and social networks • States in information warfare and its impact on democracy
5	The state, public services, and social redistribution	• New models of the welfare state in Western and non-Western countries • The role of the state in reducing economic and social inequalities • State policies to reduce economic and social inequalities • The role of states in international cooperation to deal with health crises

		• The impact of sanctions on states and their strategies to counter them • The impact of the pandemic on the role of states in the global economy
6	The state and democracy in the world and in Iran today	• The relationship between the state and democracy in the post-democracy era • Challenges such as populism, authoritarianism, and the decline of trust in democratic institutions • Reasons for the strengthening role of authoritarian states in the 21st century
7	States and security, war, and peace in the world and in Iran today	• Critique of traditional approaches to national security and emphasis on human dimensions of security • The role of states in establishing sustainable security in the new age • State policies to increase societal resilience against crises • Cooperation of states with international institutions to establish peace • States in proxy wars and their impact on regional security • The state and crisis management and conflict resolution
8	States and religious, ethnic, and racial identities in the world and in Iran today	• The relationship between the state and ethnic, religious, and cultural identities in multicultural societies • The role of the state in promoting gender equality and combating structural discrimination • Gender policies in different countries and their impact on social development
9	The state and human rights in the world and in Iran today	• The obligations of states regarding human rights and the challenges of their implementation • The role of international institutions in monitoring state performance in the field of human rights • New models of urban governance in developing and developed countries • Governance models in non-Western countries such as China, India, and Islamic countries
10	States, environmental issues, and migration	• The role of states in dealing with climate change and managing natural resources • The responsibility of states regarding climate change and the equitable distribution of resources • The role of states in the transition to clean energies and the reduction of pollutants • The role of states in global developments in renewable energies • The role of states in reducing conflicts caused by climate change • State policies for managing large-scale migrations