



International Peace Academy

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***THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE GLOBAL AGENDA –
THEMES, TRENDS AND LINKAGES***

The Thayer Hotel, West Point, New York

May 1 - 4, 2006

PROGRAMME CHAIR

Terje Rød-Larsen

President, International Peace Academy

DRAFT AGENDA

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Tuesday, May 2, 2006

- 09:00 - 10:45 Panel 1 Trends and Issues in the Contemporary Middle East**
- Chair** **H.E. Ms. Kirsti Lintonen**, *Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations (conf.)*
- Speakers**
- Economic Trends and Political Implications: Oil and Transition in the Middle East**
Mr. Kevin Rosser, *Head of Oil and Gas Consulting, Control Risks Group, London (conf.)*
- Transition to Democracy**
Dr. Azza Karam, *Senior Advisor, Regional Programme UNDP, Regional Bureau for Arab States (RBAS) (conf.)*
- Conflict and Coexistence: Islam, the Middle East, the West**
Dr. Shamil Idriss, *Deputy Director, Alliance of Civilizations (conf.)*
- Discussion**
- 10:45 - 11:15 Coffee and Tea Break**
- 11:15 - 13:00 Panel 2 Israel and Palestine: Prospects for Peace**
- Chair** **H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald**, *Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations (conf.)*
- Speakers**
- Prospects for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: The Palestinians After Hamas' Victory**
Dr. Markus E. Bouillon, *International Peace Academy (conf.)*
- Prospects for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: Israel After the Elections**
Dr. Gabriella Blum, *Learned Hand Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (conf.)*
- The Israeli-Palestinian Track and the Role of the International Community**
Dr. Clayton Swisher, *Director of Programs, The Middle East Institute, Washington DC (conf.)*
- Discussion**
- 13:00 - 15:00 Lunch**

15:00 – 16:00 Introduction to Breakout Groups 1-4

Chair **Dr. Elizabeth Cousens**, *Vice President, International Peace Academy (conf.)*

Presenters **1. Israel and Palestine**
Dr. Markus E. Bouillon, *International Peace Academy (conf.)*

2. Syria and Lebanon
Dr. Reinoud Leenders, *University of Amsterdam (conf.)*

3. Iraq
Dr. Babak Rahimi, *University of California, San Diego (conf.)*

4. Iran
Mr. Karim Sadjadpour, *International Crisis Group (conf.)*

16:00 – 18:00 Breakout Groups 1-4, parallel coffee and tea breaks

19:00 - Reception and Dinner

Guest speaker: **The Middle East on the Global Agenda: A Saudi Perspective on Themes, Trends, and Linkages**
H.R.H. Prince Turki al-Faisal, *Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United States (conf.)*

