

# 2014

## Middle East Program Year in Review



Middle East Program

Events, Meetings & Publications in 2014

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## Middle East Program Activities 2014

### ***Publications***

#### **Occasional Papers Series**

- ❖ ["MENA Women in the Reformist Process: A Retrospective"](#) Various Authors (Spring 2014)
- ❖ ["Democratic Transitions and the Problem of Power"](#) Marina Ottaway (Spring 2014)
- ❖ ["Iran, the Next Five Years: Change or More of the Same?"](#) Various Authors (Spring 2014)

#### **Viewpoints Series**

- ❖ ["Can the Iran Nuclear Issue be Resolved?"](#) Bijan Khajepour (No. 49, January 2014)
- ❖ ["The Hague Tribunal and the Hariri Assassination"](#) Amal Mudallali (No. 50, January 2014)
- ❖ ["Egypt's Referendum: The Constitution is not the Issue"](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 51, January 2014)
- ❖ ["Reflections on Iran's Tumultuous Revolution: 35 Years Later"](#) Shaul Bakhash (No. 52, February 2014)
- ❖ ["Iraq: Tackling Corruption and Sectarianism is More Critical than the Outcome of Elections"](#) Joseph Sassoon (No. 53, March 2014)
- ❖ ["Iranian Nuclear Talks Plow Ahead"](#) Michael Adler (No. 54, March 2014)
- ❖ ["Egypt: The Closing of the Political Space"](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 55, June 2014)
- ❖ ["Rouhani: Mixed Bag One Year Later"](#) Shaul Bakhash (No. 56, June 2014)
- ❖ ["Lebanon without a President: Can Lebanon Weather the Neighborhood Storm?"](#) Basem Shabb (No. 57, June 2014)
- ❖ ["The Jordanian Regime and the Muslim Brotherhood: A Tug of War"](#) Tareq Al Naimat (No. 58, July 2014)
- ❖ ["Turkey after Erdogan's Non-Victory"](#) Henri Barkey (No. 59, August 2014)
- ❖ ["Barbarians: ISIS's Mortal Threat to Women"](#) Various Authors (No. 60, August 2014)
- ❖ ["Rouhani and the Potential Failure of Nuclear Talks"](#) Farideh Farhi (No. 61, September 2014)
- ❖ ["A New Chapter in the Tangled U.S.-Saudi Relationship"](#) David Ottaway (No. 62, September 2014)
- ❖ ["We Bomb ISIL: Then What?"](#) Marina Ottaway (No. 63, September 2014)
- ❖ ["The Coming Tunisian Elections: What Will be the Role of Women?"](#) Lilia Labidi (No. 64, October 2014)
- ❖ ["A Bloodless Transition: Tunisia's Legislative Elections"](#) Robert Worth (No. 65, November 2014)
- ❖ ["Iran and the Syrian and Iraqi Crises"](#) Jubin Goodarzi (No. 66, November 2014)
- ❖ ["What Next For Iran and the P5+1"](#) Various Authors (No. 67, November 2014)

## Books

- ❖ [“Iran’s Nuclear Chess: Calculating America’s Moves”](#) Robert S. Litwak (July 2014)

## Other Publications

- ❖ [“MENA Women: Opportunities and Challenges in 2014,”](#) Various Authors (March 8, 2014)

## Meetings and Events

### January

- ❖ January 10: “[Of Plots and Corruption Scandals: The Crisis of Turkish Politics](#)” with the Global Europe Program
- ❖ January 15: “[Congress and Foreign Policy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly](#)” (Inaugural Michael Van Dusen Lecture Series)
- ❖ January 30: “[Quo Vadis Egypt?](#)”
- ❖ January 30: “[Arab Spring or Arab Autumn: Women’s Political Participation in the Arab Uprisings and Beyond](#)” with CARE and the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative

### February

- ❖ February 10: “[Iran’s Tumultuous Revolution: 35 Years Later](#)”
- ❖ February 18: “[Our Summer in Tehran](#)” film screening
- ❖ February 24: “[Water, Conflict, and Peacebuilding in Development: Lessons for Practitioners](#)” with the Environmental Change and Security Program and Global Sustainability and Resilience Program

- ❖ February 25: “[Civil Society in Afghanistan: Spark or Stumbling Block for Stability?](#)” with the Asia Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity

### March

- ❖ March 5: “[Iran’s Nuclear Deal: The Road Ahead](#)”
- ❖ March 18: “[Whither the Peace Process: A Conversation with Palestinian Authority Lead Negotiator Saeb Erekat](#)”
- ❖ March 20: “[The Future of Syria: A Conversation with Robert Ford](#)”
- ❖ March 24: “[Obama’s Trip to Reassure Riyadh: Mission Impossible?](#)”
- ❖ March 26: “[Iran, the Next Five Years: Change or More of the Same?](#)”

### April

- ❖ April 8: “[Beyond the Arab Spring: U.S. Engagement in a Changing Middle East](#)” with the U.S. Institute of Peace

*Meetings and Events, continued*

- ❖ April 9: “[Is Foreign Policy Bipartisanship Alive on Capitol Hill?](#)” with the Asia Program, China Environment Forum, and History and Public Policy Program
- ❖ April 14: “[The Arab Spring and the State of Egypt’s Antiquities](#)”
- ❖ April 17: “[European-Israeli Relations: Structural Problems](#)”
- ❖ April 18: “[Party Politics, Religion, and Women’s Leadership](#)” with the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative
- ❖ April 29-30: “[Women and Youth in Modern Iran: A Film Festival](#)” with the Search for Common Ground

**May**

- ❖ May 1: “[The OneVoice Movement: Toward a Two-State Solution](#)” with OneVoice
- ❖ May 12: “[Film Screening: Precious Life](#)”
- ❖ May 13: “[The Rubik’s Cube™ of a Final Agreement](#)” with the U.S. Institute of Peace, RAND, the Arms Control Association, the Center for a New American Security, the Stimson Center, the Partnership for a Secure America, and the Ploughshares Fund (held at USIP)
- ❖ May 22: “[The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: Why it Matters](#)”
- ❖ May 22: “[The Good Spy: The Life and Death of Robert Ames](#)” with the History and Public Policy Program

**June**

- ❖ June 4: “[Religious Intolerance in Pakistan and the Plight of Religious Minorities](#)” with the Asia Program
- ❖ June 9: “[Shaping the Future? The Role of the Regional Powers in Afghanistan and Pakistan](#)” with the Asia Program
- ❖ June 10: “[Nuclear Flashpoints: U.S.-Iran Tensions Over Terms and Timetables](#)” with the U.S. Institute of Peace, RAND, the Arms Control Association, the Center for a New American Security, the Stimson Center, the Partnership for a Secure America, and the Ploughshares Fund
- ❖ June 11: “[Lebanon without a President: Can Lebanon Weather the Neighborhood Storm?](#)”
- ❖ June 16: “[What to Expect from the al-Sisi Presidency](#)”
- ❖ June 17: “[The Future of Religious Minorities in the Middle East](#)”
- ❖ June 23: “[The Iranian Nuclear Deal and the Impact on its Neighbors](#)”

**July**

- ❖ July 7: “[Whither the Palestinians](#)” (Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Middle East Forum)
- ❖ July 8: “[Iran Sanctions: What the U.S. Cedes in a Nuclear Deal](#)” with the U.S. Institute of Peace, RAND, the Arms Control Association, the Center for a New American Security, the Stimson Center, the Partnership for a Secure America, and the Ploughshares Fund (held at USIP)



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- ❖ July 11: “[In the Mainstream: Religious Extremism in the Middle East and North Africa](#)” with the International Civil Society Action Network
- ❖ July 21: “[Iran’s Nuclear Chess: Calculating America’s Moves](#)”
- ❖ July 28: “[Nutrition and the Continuum of Care: Pre-Conception to the Post-Natal Period](#)” with the Maternal Health Initiative, Asia Program, and Global Sustainability and Resilience Program

**August**

- ❖ August 25: “[Turkey, Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government](#)” with the Global Europe Program

**September**

- ❖ September 10: “[Having Faith in Diplomacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Distinguishing Between Noises and Signals](#)” with the Global Europe Program
- ❖ September 11: “[Turkey’s Presidential Elections 2014](#)” with the Global Europe Program
- ❖ September 15: “[Social Media and Social Activism: The cases of Brazil, Iran and Mexico](#)” with the Brazil Institute and Mexico Institute
- ❖ September 17: “[Track-Two Diplomacy toward an Israeli-Palestinian Solution, 1968-2014](#)”
- ❖ September 17: “[Iran and Its Neighbors: Regional Implications for U.S. Policy of a Nuclear Agreement](#)” with the Iran Project

- ❖ September 17: “[Deal or No Deal: How to Negotiate Successful Nuclear Agreements](#)” with the Asia Program, NKIDP, and NPIHP
- ❖ September 22: “[Turkey after the Elections: Identity, Democracy and Foreign Policy](#)” with the Global Europe Program
- ❖ September 22: “[Lessons of Iran-Contra: Behind the Scenes of Ronald Reagan’s Iran Gambit, 1985-86](#)” with the History and Public Policy Program
- ❖ September 24: “[Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul](#)” with the Global Europe Program
- ❖ September 29: “[An Assessment of President Rouhani’s Visit to the United States](#)”

**October**

- ❖ October 6: “[The History of the Future of Syria](#)”
- ❖ October 7: “[The End of Greatness: Why America Can’t Have \(and Doesn’t Want\) Another Great President](#)”
- ❖ October 9: “[ISIS and the End of the Middle East as We Know It](#)” with the Global Europe Program
- ❖ October 17: “[Building Peace Over Water in the Lower Jordan Valley: A Sister Cities Coalition](#)” with the Environmental Change and Security Program, Urban Sustainability Lab, and Global Sustainability and Resilience Program
- ❖ October 21: “[Iranian Policy toward the Iraqi and Syrian Crises](#)”

- ❖ October 22: “[The Rise of Global Anti-Semitism](#)” with the Global Europe Program (Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Middle East Forum)
- ❖ October 23: “[Israel and the Region: A Conversation with Yossi Alpher](#)” (Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Middle East Forum)
- ❖ October 31: “[Freeing Yazidi Women: Combating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Slavery Revival Project](#)”
- ❖ October 31: “[Impact of Low Oil Prices: Petro Power or Petro Poverty?](#)” with the Kennan Institute, Latin American Program, Africa Program, and Canada Institute

#### **November**

- ❖ November 4: “[Saddam Husayn and Islam: Ba’thi Iraq 1968-2003 from Secularism to Faith](#)”

- ❖ November 12: “[Prospects for a Nuclear Agreement with Iran: A Discussion in Honor of Michael Adler](#)”

- ❖ November 21: “[Tunisia after the Elections: Can a Viable Coalition be Formed?](#)”

#### **December**

- ❖ December 1: “[Jerusalem in Crisis? A Conversation with Danny Seidemann](#)” (Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Middle East Forum)
- ❖ December 4: “[A Conversation with May Rihani](#)”
- ❖ December 9: “[A Conversation with Vian Dakhil](#)”
- ❖ December 11: “[Can We Ultimately Defeat ISIL?](#)”

