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**Seminar**

**THE MIDDLE EAST:  
FRAGILITY, CRISIS, AND NEW CHALLENGES  
FOR PEACE OPERATIONS**

**Program**

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## 37<sup>th</sup> International Peace Academy Vienna Seminar on Peacemaking and Peacekeeping

### The Middle East: Fragility, Crisis, and New Challenges for Peacekeeping

Sunday, 3 June

until 13:30	Check in at the Hotels
14:30 – 15:00	Transport from the hotels to the National Defense Academy
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Introductory Remarks by the Program Chairs</b>  Mr. Terje Rød-Larsen, President, International Peace Academy  General Raimund Schittenhelm, Commandant, Austrian National Defense Academy  Ambassador Jiří Gruša, Director, Diplomatic Academy Vienna
15:30 – 18:00	<b>Introductory Presentations: <i>Fragility and Crisis in the Middle East</i></b>  <b>Chair:</b> General Raimund Schittenhelm, Commandant, Austrian National Defense Academy  <b><i>The Middle East: Petrol, Politics and Prophets</i></b> Prof. Ghassan Salamé, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris  <b><i>The Middle East: A Fragile Reality of Interrelated Crises</i></b> Mr. Terje Rød-Larsen, President, International Peace Academy  <b><i>The Middle East: Regional Dynamics and Foreign Policies</i></b> Prof. Anoush Ehteshami, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University
	<b>Discussion</b>
18:00 –	<b>Reception and Dinner hosted by the Austrian Ministry of Defense</b>  <b>Dinner Address</b>  General Mag. Roland Ertl, Chief of Defense Staff, Austrian Ministry of Defense  <b><i>Europe and the Middle East</i></b> <u>H.E. Marc Otte (TBC)</u> , EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process



Monday, 4 June

Great Hall, Diplomatic Academy Vienna

09:00 – 10:45

Panel One: *The Political Scene*

**Welcome Note:**

Ambassador Jiří Gruša, Director, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

**Chair:** Minister Gerhard Reiweger, Deputy Director, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

**Panel:** *The Political Scene*

***The Arab-Israeli Conflict and its New Regional Environment***

Dr. Markus E. Bouillon, Senior Associate, Director Middle East & Special Programs, International Peace Academy (IPA) New York

***Iraq and Iran and Regional Ramifications***

Dr. Toby Dodge, Consulting Senior Fellow for the Middle East, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), and Reader in International Politics, Queen Mary University, London

***Political Islam, Radicalism, Terrorism and Questions of Engagement***

Dr. Roel Meijer, Post Doctoral Fellow, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, ISIM Amsterdam

**Discussion**

10:45 – 11:15

**Break**

11:15 – 13:00

Panel Two: *Peacekeeping: Military Components: Planning Strategy and Building Capacity in the Middle East*

**Chair:** Brigadier General Dr. Walter Feichtinger, Head, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, Austrian National Defense Academy

**Panel:** *Peacekeeping: Military Components: Planning Strategy and Building Capacity in the Middle East*

***Military Requirements and Rapid Response in ME Peacekeeping***

Colonel Dr. Andreas Stupka, Editor-in-Chief of the Austrian Journal for Military Science and Security Policy & former COS & DFC UNDOF

***Implementation: Strategic Military Cell / New York: Best Practices and their Applicability to the ME***

Dr. Renata Dwan, Coordination Officer, Peacekeeping Best Practices Section (PBPS), Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)

***Peacekeeping and the Privatization of Security***

Mr. James Cockayne, Associate, International Peace Academy, New York

**Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch**



14:00 – 15:30

**Panel Three: *Peace-Building I: DDR, SSR, and Policing***

**Chair:** Dr. Markus E. Bouillon, Senior Associate, Middle East & Special Programs, International Peace Academy (IPA)

**Panel:** *Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration in the ME*  
Dr. Gordon Peake, Associate, Libra Advisory Group

***Policing and Security Sector Reform in the Middle East***

Mr. Jonathan McIvor, Chief Superintendent, Operational Support Department Police Service of Northern Ireland

**Discussion**

15:30 – 16:00

**Break**

16:00 – 18:00

**Panel Four: *Peace-Building II: From Security to Development***

**Chair:** Dr. Helmut Böck, Head, Department for International Organizations, Austrian Ministry of European & International Affairs

**Panel:** *Relief, Reconstruction, Development and Building States in the ME*

Dr. Alexander Costy, Head of Coordination and Socio-Economic Affairs, UN Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO)

***Democratization, the Rule of Law, and State-Building in the ME***

Mag. Gudrun Harrer, Foreign editor of the Austrian newspaper “Der Standard” and lecturer of Modern Arab History at Vienna University and 2006 Special Envoy of the Austrian Presidency of the European Union in Baghdad

**Discussion**

18:00 – 18:30

Transport from the Diplomatic Academy to the Austrian Federal Ministry of European & International Affairs

18:30 –

**Reception and Dinner hosted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of European & International Affairs**

**Dinner Address:**

Introduced by H.E. Johannes Kyrle, Secretary-General, Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs

***Refugees, Peace-Building and State-Building in the Middle East***

Mrs. Karen Koning AbuZayd, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East – UNRWA



**Tuesday, 5 June**

**09:00 – 10:30**

**Panel Five: *Third-Party Involvement in the Middle East I***

**Chair:** Ambassador Dr. Ralph Scheide, Deputy Director General for Political Affairs, Director of the Department Near and Middle East, Africa, Federal Ministry for European and international Affairs, Vienna

**Panel:** ***Third Party Presences in the Middle East: Europe in the Field***  
Dr. Christian Berger, Head Crisis Management and Conflict Prevention Unit (EC)

***Third Party Presences in the Middle East: The UN***

Mrs. Lisa Buttenheim, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Director Asia and Middle East Division (DPKO)

***Third-Party Presences in the Middle East: The United States***

H.E. Jacob Walles, United States Consul-General in Jerusalem

**Discussion**

**10:30 – 11:00**

**Break**

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Panel Six: *Third-Party Involvement in the Middle East II***

**Chair:** Ambassador Dr. Ralph Scheide, Deputy Director General for Political Affairs, Director of the Department Near and Middle East, Africa, Federal Ministry for European and international

**Panel:** ***Third Party Presences: a View from the Region***  
H.E. Hisham Youssef, Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General, League of Arab States, Cairo

***Third Party Presences: An Outside Perspective***

Mr. Nicolas Pelham, International Crisis Group (ICG)

**Discussion**

**12:30 – 14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Concluding Panel: *What Future for Middle East Peace Operations***

**Chair and Moderator:**

Terje Rød-Larsen, President, International Peace Academy

**Panel:** Dr. Michael C. Williams (TBC), United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

H.E. Peter McRae, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, Canada

Dr. Geoffrey Aronson, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington D.C.

**Discussion**

**15:30 – 16:00**

**Seminar Conclusion**

Mr. Terje Rød-Larsen, President, International Peace Academy

Major General Johann Pucher, Defense Policy Director, Austrian Ministry of Defense

