



2nd International Policy Conference

“Facing Security Challenges: European and Israeli Perspectives”

Hôtel Salomon de Rothschild, Paris, November 9-11, 2019

Conference Program

Saturday, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

18:30-21:00 **Opening Reception: “The Fight against Extremism, Antisemitism, and the Delegitimization of Israel”**

On the Record

Welcoming:

Pierre Dassas, Chairman, ELNET-France

Larry Hochberg, Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

Keynotes:

MP Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Interior Ministry

Introduced by: Carsten Ovens, Executive Director, ELNET-Germany

MP Yair Lapid, Co-chairman, Blue and White party; Member of Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset; former Finance Minister and Security Cabinet Member

Hillel Neuer, Executive Director, UN Watch

Introduced by: David Siegel, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel

Sunday, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

09:00-09:40 **Opening Plenary: “Assessing the Strategic Landscape of the Middle East”**

On the Record

Welcoming:

Claude Grundman-Brightman, Board Member, ELNET-Israel

Keynote:

Amb. Dennis Ross, Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute

Conversation between:

Amb. Dennis Ross, Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute

Israeli speaker (TBA)

Moderator: Brig. Gen. (ret.) Michael Herzog, Director, Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD)



09:40-10:00 **Keynote Address: “The Developing Relations between Israel, Cyprus, Greece and Other Stakeholders”**

On the Record

MP Averof Neofytou, President of the Democratic Rally Party (DISY), Cypriot House of Representatives

Introduced by: Matthijs Schussler, Executive Director of ELNET-EU & NATO

10:00-10:15 **Keynote Address: “Democracy's Fight against Terrorism”**

On the Record

Justice Miriam Naor, Former President of the Supreme Court of Israel

Introduced by: Dr. Zahava Pfeifel, Board Member, ELNET-Israel

10:15-10:25 **Break**

10:25-11:40 **Breakout Sessions**

1. What Potential New Incarnations of Jihadism?

Chatham House

Dr. Marc Hecker, Director of Publications, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)

Dr. Karin von Hippel, Director-General, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Henrique Cymerman, Journalist; Middle East and International Affairs Expert; Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Moderator: Laurence Bindner, Founding Partner, JOS Project (Jihadoscope)

2. The U.S. Retreat from the Middle East: Implications for Israel

Chatham House

Benjamin Haddad, Director, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council

MP Ofer Shelah, Member, Knesset

Prof. Uzi Arad, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister

Amb. Dennis Ross, Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute

Moderator: Laure Mandeville, Journalist, Le Figaro

3. Europe’s Iran Dilemma

Chatham House

MEP Witold Waszczykowski, Vice Chair, Committee of Foreign Affairs, European Parliament; former Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs

James Sorene, Chief Executive Officer, Britain-Israel communications and research centre (BICOM)

Dr. Kenneth R. Weinstein, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hudson Institute

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Michael Herzog, Director, Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD)

Moderator: Pascaline Wagemans, Deputy Director, FSD



11:40-11:50 **Break**

11:50-13:05 **Breakout Sessions**

1. Upholding the Rule of Law in Countering Terrorism and Radicalization -

Chatham House

Muriel Melki, Lawyer; Director, Organisation Juive Européenne (OJE)

MP Claude Goasguen, Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, French National Assembly

Paweł Kuglarz, Independent Lawyer, Director of the School of Austrian Law at Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Marlene Mazel, Director, Foreign & Counter-Terrorism Litigation Department, Israeli Ministry of Justice

Moderator: Hans Thomas Kessler, Chairman, ELNET-Germany

2. Strengthening Europe-Israel Economic Ties & Building Bridges

On the Record

Roby Nathanson, General Director, Macro Center for Political Economics

Maj. Gen. Jamal Hakroosh, Head, Directorate for the Development of Policing Services for the Arab Israeli Community, Israel National Police & **Chief Superintendent Eran**

Shaked, Head, Partnership and Community Section, Directorate for the Development of Policing Services for the Arab Israeli Community, Israel National Police

Moderator: Amos Harel, Senior Defense Correspondent, Haaretz

3. Democracy and Extremism in the Information Age

Chatham House

Jean-François Copé, Former Minister of the Budget of France; Co-Author of "Would AI also kill democracy?"

MP Ronja Kemmer, Member, Study Commission of Artificial Intelligence, German Bundestag

Dr. Moran Yarchi, Head of Public Diplomacy program, Sammy Ofer School of Communications, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Moderator: Alexis Lacroix, Journalist; Editor in chief of Judaïques FM et Radio J.

13:05-14:30 **Lunch**



14:30-15:45

Breakout Sessions

1. Idealism vs. Realpolitik: Assessing New Regional Alliances in the Middle East

Chatham House

Dr. Elie Tenenbaum, Research Fellow, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)

Brig. Gen. (res.) Yosef Kuperwasser, Senior Project Manager on Regional Affairs, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA)

Dr. Joseph Draznin, Director General, Ministry for Regional Cooperation

Nadia Al Turki, President and Founder, International Academy of Media and Diplomacy (IAMD)

Moderator: Ralph J. Gerson, Board Member, ELNET-EU & NATO

2. Cybersecurity Challenges to Democracy

Chatham House

François Delerue, Research Fellow in Cyberdefense and International Law, IRSEM

Agnieszka Konkol, Policy Analyst

Prof. Eviatar Matania, Head of Security Studies Program, School of Political Sciences, Government and International Affairs, Tel Aviv University; Founder and former Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD), Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

Moderator: Jean-David Benichou, Board Member, ELNET-France

3. Fighting Boycott and Antisemitism

Chatham House

Vincent Chebat, NGO Monitor

Pierre Rehov, Filmmaker, Journalist and Novelist

MP Sharren Haskel, Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset

Ron Brummer, Executive Director of Operations, Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs (MSA)

Moderator: Eran Teboul, CEO, The Hetz

15:45-15:55

Break

15:55-16:10

Keynote Address: "Exposing the Antisemitic Nature of BDS"

On the Record

Adv. Tzahi Gavrieli, Acting Director-General, Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs (MSA)

Introduced by: Omri Attar, Chief Operations Officer, ELNET-Israel

16:10-16:25

Keynote Address: "Cyber Power, Cyber Security and Democracies – The Israeli Case"

On the Record

Prof. Eviatar Matania, Head of Security Studies Program, School of Political Sciences, Government and International Affairs, Tel Aviv University; Founder and former Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD), Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

Introduced by: Eric Edidin, Board Member, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)



- 16:25-17:25 **Plenary: “Strengthening Ties between Europe and Israel: ELNET’s Challenges and Successes”**
On the Record
Opening keynote:
MP Christian Schmidt, Member, German Bundestag; former Minister; former Deputy Minister of Defense
Keynotes:
MP Aurore Bergé, President, Friendship Group France-Israel, French National Assembly
Senator Philippe Dallier, President, Friendship Group France-Israel, French Senate
Senator Roger Karoutchi, French Senator
MP Meyer Habib, Vice-President, Foreign Affairs Commission, French National Assembly
MP Sharren Haskel, Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset
Hassen Chalghoumi, Imam, municipal Drancy mosque in Seine-Saint-Denis
Introduced by: Dr. Arié Bensemhoun, Executive Director, ELNET-France
Closing keynote:
Prof. Uzi Arad, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister
- 17:25-18:00 **Documentary: “Terror Racket and Corruption”** - Documentary (18mn) by **Pierre Rehov**, Filmmaker, Journalist and Novelist, followed by a debate
- 18:00-20:00 **Free Time**
- 20:00 **Gala Dinner**
On the Record
Welcome:
Pierre Dassas, Chairman, ELNET-France
Keynotes:
Minister Bruno Le Maire, French Minister of Economy
Elan S. Carr, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, U.S. State Department
Moderator: Andrew Hochberg, Board Member, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)
Remarks:
Larry Hochberg, Co-Founder and Chairman, FELNET

Monday, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

09:00-09:45 **Opening Plenary: “Addressing Sources of Instability in Europe and in the Middle East”**

On the Record

Conversation between:

MEP Sven Mikser, Member, Foreign Affairs Committee & Committee on Security and Defence, European Parliament; former Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Zohar Palti, Director, Policy and Political-Military Bureau, Israeli Ministry of Defense (MoD)

Moderator: Dr. Bruno Tertrais, Deputy Director, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)

09:45-10:15 **Keynote Addresses: “Combating New Forms of Antisemitism”**

On the Record

MEP Karoline Edtstadler, Chair of the Antisemitism Working Group, European Parliament; former State Secretary of Interior of Austria

David Wolpe, Rabbi, Sinai Temple in Los Angeles; Author; Columnist

Moderator: Serge Kranczenblum, Board Member, ELNET-France

10:15-10:30 **Break**

10:30-11:45 **Breakout Sessions**

1. Addressing the Challenges of Russian Power Projection

Chatham House

MP Natalia Pouzyreff, Member, Defense Committee, French National Assembly

H.E Michel Duclos, Special Advisor - Geopolitics, Institut Montaigne; former French Ambassador

Marek Matusiak, Senior Fellow, Center of Eastern Studies

Dr. Emmanuel Navon, School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, Tel-Aviv University; Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security (JISS)

Moderator: Julia Lisiecka, Research & Communications Manager, ELNET-Israel

2. Syria as a Microcosm of Middle Eastern Conflicts

Chatham House

Dr. Frederic Encel, Professor of Geopolitics

James Sorene, Chief Executive Officer, Britain-Israel communications and research centre (BICOM)

Dr. Jonathan Spyer, Executive Director of the Middle East Center for Reporting and Analysis (MECRA)

Moderator: Dr. Nir Boms, Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University



3. Iran and Israel on a Collision Course?

Chatham House

Dr. Jean-Loup Samaan, UAE National Defense College

Han Ten Broeke, Director of Political Affairs, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies

Amos Harel, Senior Defense Correspondent, Haaretz

Moderator: Isabelle Lasserre, Journalist, Le Figaro

11:45-12:00 **Break**

12:00-12:30 **Closing Keynote Address: “Europe, in Search of Direction”**

On the Record

Katharina von Schnurbein, Coordinator on combating Antisemitism, European Commission

Introduced by: Matthijs Schussler, Executive Director of ELNET-EU & NATO

Closing:

Larry Hochberg, Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)