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**A NEW ERA
IN EUROPE-ISRAEL RELATIONS**

PROGRAM

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WELCOME TO PARIS AND THE THIRD ELNET INTERNATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE (EIPC)

ELNET has become the premier Israel advocacy organization in Europe, with a network of thousands of European and Israeli leaders and policymakers. By educating political leaders in multiple countries on the benefits of strong relations between Israel and Europe, ELNET's programs have resulted in significant policy impact.

As Israel's largest trading partner, Europe also plays a pivotal role in international politics and diplomacy. As such, it is of critical importance to Israel. Russia's war in Ukraine has compelled Europe to reassess its defense posture, and many European countries look to Israel for national security cooperation. ELNET is well-positioned to provide this necessary bridge in these turbulent times.

Participating in EIPC will provide you with the unique opportunity to experience our programs firsthand in areas such as defense and energy cooperation, cybersecurity, and climate change, while working to counter Iran, expand the Abraham Accords, and fight Israel-related antisemitism.

ELNET is the only organization solely focused on strengthening ties between Israel and Europe.

We thank you for joining us and supporting our mission.



GOALS

The European Leadership Network (ELNET) will hold the third ELNET International Policy Conference in Paris on May 8-10, 2023. The goals of the event include:

- **Stimulating joint European-Israeli collaboration** on issues of key strategic importance and expanding the bilateral relationship to include new topics of cooperation.
- **Sharing success stories, challenges and experience** to the benefit of both Europe and Israel.
- **Building a community** of policy-makers, opinion leaders, experts and professionals who work towards strengthening Europe-Israel relations.

EIPC 2023

The conference will be preceded by an opening reception on the evening of May 8, followed by two days of plenaries, breakout sessions, and case studies on May 9-10. There will be approximately 70 speakers, including senior political figures, as well as leading public opinion makers, and 500 influential participants.

This year's conference will provide another exclusive opportunity to take a closer look at the shaping of Europe's Middle East policy and Europe-Israel relations. The conference will bring together experienced policymakers and experts from key European countries and Israel, as well as selected speakers from the U.S. and Arab countries, to engage in a frank

and open dialogue and address important policy areas of key interest to Europe and Israel.

The overarching theme of the conference is "A New Era in Europe-Israel Relations," and tailored sessions will specifically tackle policy areas such as new security challenges, the Ukraine war and its aftermath, Israeli-Arab normalization, the Russian threat, the Iranian threat, energy and food security, climate change, Israel-related antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel, and more. There will also be case studies showcasing promising new projects, business opportunities and groundbreaking technologies.

PREVIOUS EDITION

In 2019, prominent European leaders denounced antisemitism in all its forms and called for closer ties with Israel at the second ELNET International Policy Conference, the largest Europe-Israel policy conference to date.

Over 60 speakers and 400 participants, including decision-makers, opinion leaders and activists from more than a dozen countries attended the conference. The discussions addressed critical issues facing Israel, Europe and the global Jewish community, from antisemitism to the Iranian threat.

Elan. S. Carr, then Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the U.S. State Department, and Katharina von Schnurbein, the European Commission's Coordinator on combating Antisemitism, highlighted concrete

steps to address the growing antisemitism across Europe.

Minister Bruno Le Maire, French Minister of Economy addressed the growing Iranian threat: "Israel's security is vital to France's interest, it is non-negotiable. Iran wants to destroy the state of Israel – it is one of the articles of Iran's constitution. Israel's friends must be strong."

Other prominent speakers at past conferences included MEP Karoline Edtstadler, then Chair of the Antisemitism Working Group, European Parliament; MP Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Interior Ministry; MP Averof Neofytou, President of the governing Democratic Rally Party (DISY) at the Cypriot House of Representatives; MP Yair Lapid, then Co-chairman, Blue and White party; Member of Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset; former Finance Minister and Security Cabinet Member; Zohar Palti, then Director, Policy and Political-Military Bureau, Israeli Ministry of Defense; MP Sharren Haskel, then Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset; Hon. Irwin Cotler, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Dan Meridor, former Deputy Prime Minister of Israel; and Amb. Dennis Ross, Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute.

CONTEXT

COVID, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the U.S.-China rivalry are major geopolitical developments. Slowly but surely, the U.S. is disengaging from the Middle East and this new environment presents a real challenge to

Europe and Israel. At the same time, the Abraham Accords are modifying regional alliances. Israel could be a major strategic partner for Europe, particularly in high-tech, cyber, defense, military and energy.

Israel's relations with Europe are critical and must be strengthened. Europe is Israel's main partner in trade, science, and research. Great Britain and France are veto-wielding permanent members at the UN Security Council. Their respective fleets play a key role in both the Eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. Germany is a critical supplier of the Israeli Navy. The relationships between Israel and these countries are pivotal for maintaining stability in the region.

Moreover, the war in Ukraine has spurred European countries to increase their defense capacities, which opens new opportunities for cooperation with Israel. The war has also precipitated an energy and food crisis in Europe. Israel, together with the growing number of Arab countries that have normalized their relations with Israel, can help address this need.

At the same time, Iran's brutal internal repression, transfer of attack drones to Russia, regional aggression, and increasing nuclear violations require a united and vigorous response by like-minded countries.

It is in the foremost interest of Europe and Israel to nurture and expand their relations based on shared democratic values and strategic interests.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 8

17:00-19:30 **Opening Ceremony**
“Normalization in the Middle East, war in Europe: challenges and opportunities in a changing world order”
📍 Normandie room

19:30-21:00 **Cocktail reception** 📍 The Foyer

TUESDAY, MAY 9

09:00-10:30 **Plenary session 1**
“The Ukraine war and its aftermath, what security architecture for Europe?”
“Fire side talk with Eyal Waldman, Israeli high tech entrepreneur”
“Israel’s legitimacy: under assault in the international arena”
📍 Normandie room

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-12:30 **Breakout Sessions**

1. What strategy for a threshold Iran? 📍 Queen Mary B room
2. Drones and cybersecurity – Sharing technology to face common threats
📍 Queen Mary A room
3. The dividing line between criticism and rejection of Israel
📍 Lafayette room

12:30-13:50 **Luncheon** 📍 Normandie room

14:00-15:15 **Breakout Sessions**

4. Abraham Accords – Where is Europe? 📍 Queen Mary B room
5. From brain-dead to no-brainer: NATO revival and expansion
📍 Lafayette room
6. NGOs and education: how to stop hatred incitement?
📍 Queen Mary A room

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“Israel’s constitutional debate: majority rule vs. the rule of law?”
“The IHRA definition: still a long way to go”
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8. Constitutional controversies in Israel and Europe: comparative perspectives 📍 Queen Mary B room
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“Scanning Israel’s strategic horizon – The challenges and opportunities ahead”
“New European security challenges: Israel as a key partner”
“Cyber resilience”
“Israel at a crossroad – Turning challenges to opportunities”
📍 Normandie room

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Greetings:

Pierre DASSAS, Chairman, ELNET-France

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

Roundtable discussion:

Dr. Ebtessam AL-KETBI, President and Founder, Emirates Policy Center (EPC)

Sen. Roger KAROUTCHI, 1st VP of the Senate, President of the France-Israel Friendship Group, French Senate

Amb. Éric DANON, France Ambassador to Israel (via video conference)

Amb. Haim WAXMAN, Chargé d'affaires, Israel Embassy to France

Congressman Brad SCHNEIDER, U.S. representative for Illinois's 10th congressional district; Co-Chair, Abraham Accords Caucus, U.S. Congress (via video conference)

Moderation: **Dr. Kenneth R. WEINSTEIN**, Walter P. Stern Distinguished Fellow, Hudson Institute

Remarks: **Sen. Michał KAMINSKI**, Deputy Speaker of the Senate, Republic of Poland

Keynote speeches:

President Isaac HERZOG, President of Israel (video address)

MK Gideon SA'AR, Chairman of the 'New Hope' party; Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset; former Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister

MC: **Dr. Arié BENSEMHOUN**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-France

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Welcoming:

David SIEGEL, President of Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

Roundtable discussion:

David CATTLER, Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence and Security, NATO

Gen. John R. ALLEN, Retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan

Moderation: **Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos YADLIN**, Chair, ELNET’s Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD); President & Founder MIND Israel; former Head of Israel’s Military Intelligence; former Director, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

09:30-10:00 Fire side talk with Eyal WALDMAN, the Israeli high tech entrepreneur who made the 2nd biggest exit in Israel for more than 7 billion USD, led by **Sani SANILEVICH**, Board Member, ELNET-Israel

10:00-10:30 “Israel’s legitimacy: under assault in the international arena”

📍 Normandie room

Roundtable discussion:

Ellie COHANIM, Senior Fellow, Independent Women’s Forum (IWF); former U.S. Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, U.S. Department of State (via video conference)

MK Danny DANON, Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee; Member, Subcommittee for Intelligence and Secret Services, Knesset; Chairman of World Likud; former Permanent Representative of Israel to the UN

Amb. François ZIMERAY, Former French Ambassador for human rights; Lawyer to the ICJ

Moderation: **Catherine PEREZ-SHAKDAM**, Head of Policy & Communication, ELNET-UK

MC: **Carsten OVENS**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Germany

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Breakout Sessions

1. What strategy for a threshold Iran?

📍 Queen Mary B room

Benjamin HAUTECOUVERTURE, Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)

Amb. Joshua ZARKA, Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

Brig. Gen. Nimrod ALONI, Chief of Staff office, Israel Defense Forces (IDF); former Commander of the Gaza Division

Dr. Ebtesam AL-KETBI, President and Founder, Emirates Policy Center (EPC)

Moderation: **Behnam BEN TALEBLU**, Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)

2. Drones and cybersecurity – sharing technology to face common threats

📍 Queen Mary A room

Col. Jean-Christophe NOËL, Associate Fellow, IFRI

Yosi AVIRAM, Director of the Strategy Center, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD)

Anett NUMA, Head of Government Relations and Communications, Accelerate Estonia

Moderation: **Harold HYMAN**, Senior diplomatic editor, CNews

3. The dividing line between criticism and rejection of Israel

📍 Lafayette room

IN COOPERATION WITH COMBAT ANTISEMITISM MOVEMENT (CAM)

MP Stephan MAYER, Member, German Bundestag; former Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community (via video conference)

Lord Stuart POLAK CBE, Member, House of Lords; Founder, UK Abraham Accords Group

MK Dr. Tsega MELAKU, Member, Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, Knesset

Amit EFRATI, Deputy Director General for Combating Antisemitism and Building Community Resilience, Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs

Moderation: **Brig. Gen. (res.) Sima Vaknin GILL**, Member, Governing Board, Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM); former Director General, Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy

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12:30-13:50 Luncheon 📍 Normandie room

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4. Abraham Accords – Where is Europe?

📍 Queen Mary B room

Kerstin MÜLLER, Former State Secretary of Germany

Lord Stuart POLAK CBE, Member, House of Lords; Founder, UK Abraham Accords Group

Amb. Haim REGEV, Head of the Mission of Israel to the EU and NATO

Moderation: **Robert GREENWAY**, Executive Director, Abraham Accords Peace Institute (AAPI); Adjunct Fellow, Hudson Institute

5. From brain-dead to no-brainer: NATO revival and expansion

📍 Lafayette room

Dr. Benedetta BERTI, Head, Policy Planning, NATO

Dr. Bruno TERTRAIS, Deputy Director, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)

Amb. Ekkehard BROSE, President of the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS)

Tal GAT, Political Counsellor, Mission of Israel to NATO (via video conference)

Moderation: **Matthijs SCHÜSSLER**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-EU & NATO

6. NGOs and education: how to stop hatred incitement?

📍 Queen Mary A room

IN COOPERATION WITH NGO MONITOR

Opening by: **Susan WAGNER**, Board Member, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

Jean-Michel BLANQUER, Former French Minister of Education

Olga DEUTSCH, Vice President, NGO Monitor

Marcus SHEFF, CEO, Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se)

Moderation: **Omri ATTAR**, Chief Operations/Financial Officer, ELNET-Israel

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15:15-15:30 Plenary session 2

📍 Normandie room

Keynote speech: **Minister Bruno LE MAIRE**, French Minister of the Economy and Finance

15:30-15:45 “Israel’s constitutional debate: majority rule vs. the rule of law?”

Prof. Irwin COTLER, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Emeritus Professor of Law, McGill University; International Chair, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR) (via video conference)

Prof. Moshe KOPPEL, Chairman, Kohelet Policy Forum (via video conference)

Moderation: **Eric EDIDIN**, Board Member, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

15:45-16:30 “The IHRA definition: still a long way to go”

Roundtable discussion:

Rabbi David J. WOLPE, Max Webb Senior Rabbi of Sinai Temple

Dr. Felix KLEIN, Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Anti-Semitism

Katharina VON SCHNURBEIN, European Commission Coordinator on combatting Antisemitism

The Rt Hon Lord Eric PICKLES, UK Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues; Co-Chair, UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation

Amb. Dani DAYAN, Chairman, Yad Vashem

Moderation: **Rt Hon Joan RYAN**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-UK

MC: **Marta KUBICA**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Poland

16:30-16:45 Coffee break

16:45-18:00 Breakout sessions

7. How to deal with a failed state? The implosion of Lebanon and its regional implications

📍 Lafayette room

Dr. Jean-Loup SAMAAAN, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East Institute of the National University of Singapore

MP Fouad MAKHZOUMI, Member of the Lebanese Parliamentary Finance and Budget Committee; Founder of Makhzoumi Foundation

Amb. Joshua ZARKA, Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

Hanin GHADDAR, Friedmann Fellow, Program on Arab Politics, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (via video conference)

Moderation: **Maxime PEREZ**, Former French media Middle East correspondent

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8. Constitutional controversies in Israel and Europe: comparative perspectives

📍 Queen Mary B room

Dr. Emmanuel NAVON, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel

Rt Hon Lord Tom WATSON, Member, House of Lords; former Deputy Leader, Labour Party

Sylwia GREGORCZYK-ABRAM, Attorney-at-law and social activist; Co-Founder of the Justice Defense Committee and the Free Courts Foundation

Moderation: **Matthijs SCHÜSSLER**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-EU & NATO

9. The evolution of terrorist threats: perspectives from Europe, Israel and Morocco

📍 Queen Mary A room

Anne-Clémentine LARROQUE, Expert of Islamist ideology, French Ministry of Justice

Dr. Marc HECKER, Director of Research, IFRI

MK Merav BEN ARI, Member, National Security Committee, Knesset

Prof. El Mostafa REZRAZI, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Moderation: **Dr. Sarah PEREZ**, Research and Communication Manager, ELNET-France

18:00 Screening documentary: “Lies and Tears” 📍 Lafayette room

19:00-20:00 Cocktail reception 📍 The Foyer

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“Common future binding Europe and Israel”
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Greetings by:

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

Keynote speeches:

Reza PAHLAVI, Crown Prince of Iran (TBC)

Amb. Michael OREN, Former Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office and former Ambassador of Israel to the U.S.

Discussion:

Haim KORSIA, Chief Rabbi of France

Father Patrick DESBOIS, President of the Yahad-In Unum association

Imam Mohammad TAWHIDI, Vice Chairman, The Global Imams Council

Moderation: **Serge KRANCENBLUM**, Board Member, ELNET-France

Remarks:

MEP Antonio López-Istúriz WHITE, Chair, Delegation for relations with Israel, European Parliament

Introduced by **Hans Thomas KESSLER**, Chair, ELNET-Germany

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The Voice of Conscience Award

To: **Katharina VON SCHNURBEIN**, European Commission Coordinator on combatting Antisemitism

By: **Manuel VALLS**, Former French Prime Minister

Honorarium Hubert & Corinne LEVEN by Pierre DASSAS and Larry HOCHBERG

MC: **Dr. Arié BENSEMHOUN**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-France

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

09:00-09:20 Plenary session 3

📍 Normandie room

Keynote speech:

Scanning Israel's strategic horizon - the challenges and opportunities ahead?

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Dror SHALOM, Director of Pol.-Mil., Israeli Ministry of Defense

- Chatham House

09:20-09:25 Presentation of the Israel survey

By: Carsten OVENS, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Germany

09:25-09:50 "New European security challenges: Israel as a key partner"

Roundtable discussion:

Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos YADLIN, Chair, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD); President & Founder MIND Israel; former Head of Israel's Military Intelligence; former Director, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

MP Rihards KOLS, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Saeima of Latvia

09:50-10:15 "Cyber resilience"

Roundtable discussion:

Anett NUMA, Head of Government Relations and Communications, Accelerate Estonia

Yosi AVIRAM, Director of the Strategy Center, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD)

Moderation: Pascaline WAGEMANS, Director, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue

10:15-10:30 Keynote speech:

Israel at a crossroad - turning challenges to opportunities

Amb. Zvi VAPNI, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Israel

MC: Matthijs SCHÜSSLER, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-EU & NATO

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Breakout sessions

10. Europe, Israel and the U.S.-China contest

📍 Lafayette room

Dr. Frédéric ENCEL, Lecturer in Geopolitics, Sciences-Po, Paris

Dr. Alice EKMAN, Senior Analyst in charge of the Asia portfolio, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Dr. Emmanuel NAVON, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel

Moderation: Daniel SHADMY, Research and Communications Manager, ELNET-Israel

11. Israel, Europe, and the war in Ukraine: geopolitical dilemmas and humanitarian cooperation

📍 Queen Mary B room

Screening of documentary ELNET-Poland

MP Benjamin HADDAD, Spokesperson for the Majority Renaissance group, French National Assembly

Sen. Michał KAMINSKI, Deputy Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland

MK Boaz BISMUTH, Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset

Dr. Sarah-Masha FAINBERG, Senior Researcher and Head of Great Powers Research Program, Elrom Center for Air and Space Studies, Tel Aviv University

Moderation: Marta KUBICA, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Poland

12. How can new Middle East partnerships help Europe face its energy crisis and secure supply chains?

📍 Queen Mary A room

Dr. Marc-Antoine EYL-MAZZEGA, Director of the Energy & Climate Centre, IFRI

MK Oded FORER, Chair, Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs; Chair, Yisrael Beitenu, Knesset; former Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and for Development of the Periphery, Negev, and Galilee

Mithal AL ALUSI, former Iraqi MP and founder of the Democratic Party of the Iraqi Nation

Moderation: Dr. Nir BOMS, Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

12:30-13:50 Luncheon 📍 Normandie room

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13. Europe and Israel tackling climate change together

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Kerstin MÜLLER, Former State Secretary of Germany

Senator Pierre MÉDEVIELLE, VP Sustainable Development Committee, French Senate

Ayalon VANICHE, CEO of EDF Renewables Israel

Moderation: **Carsten OVENS**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Germany

14. International law & the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: exposing double standards

📍 Queen Mary B room

Prof. Wolfgang BOCK, Professor Emeritus, Giessen University

Natasha HAUSDORFF, Director, UK Lawyers for Israel

Col. (res.) Adv. Pnina SHARVIT BARUCH, Senior Researcher and Head, Program on Law and National Security, Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)

Moderation: **Aaron COHEN-GOLD**, Deputy Director, ELNET-UK

15. Digital innovation in healthcare & preparing for future health emergencies

📍 Queen Mary A room

IN COOPERATION WITH BRAINLAB

Dr. Axelle MENU, Medical Expert, Health Data Hub

Stefan VILSMEIER, CEO and Founder, Brainlab

Prof. Ran BALICER, Chief Innovation Officer, Clalit; Founding Director, Clalit Research Institute

Moderation: **Lea LEDWON**, Program Manager of the German Israeli Health Forum for Artificial Intelligence (GIHF-AI), ELNET-Germany

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

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16:00-16:30 Closing Plenary

“Are we ready for the new world order?”

📍 Normandie room

MEP Nicola BEER, Vice-President, European Parliament (video address)

Amb. Michael OREN, Former Ambassador of Israel to the United States

Minister Azir ALIU, Macedonian Minister of Information Society and Administration

MK Yair LAPID, Leader of the Opposition; former Prime Minister of Israel (video address)

MC: **Dr. Emmanuel NAVON**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel

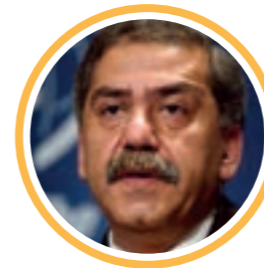
Closing remarks:

Larry HOCHBERG, Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET

Pierre DASSAS, Chairman, ELNET-France

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MITHAL AL-ALUSI

Former Iraqi MP and Founder, Democratic Party of the Iraqi Nation

Mithal Jamal Al-Alusi is an Iraqi politician, former member of the Iraqi parliament, and founder of the Democratic Party of the Iraqi Nation. A long-time supporter of peace with Israel and a recipient of the American Jewish Committee's (AJC) Moral Courage Award, he was sentenced in 2022 by an Iraqi federal court to seven years' imprisonment for "insulting the judiciary." Elected three times to parliament despite massive pro-paganda campaigns against him, al-Alusi has promoted human rights.



DR. EBTESAM AL-KETBI

President and Founder, Emirates Policy Center (EPC)

Dr. Ebtessam Al-Ketbi is the founder and president of the Emirates Policy Center, the UAE's leading foreign policy and security think tank. Dr. Ebtessam Al-Ketbi is the first female to lead an independent think tank in the Arab world. As the inaugural president of the Emirates Policy Centre since September 2013, Al-Ketbi provides strategic analysis that is used by governments and international institutions. Al-Ketbi has also been a professor of Political Science at United Arab Emirates University for 20 years and is a member of the Consultative Commission of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). She has a Ph.D. in Political Science from Cairo University.



GEN. (RET.) JOHN R. ALLEN

Former commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan

Allen's extensive contingency and combat operations include the Caribbean in 1994, the Balkans from 1995 to 1996, Iraq from 2007 to 2008, and Afghanistan from 2011 to 2013. From 2008 to 2011 he served as the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), the combatant command charged with the strategic responsibility for Central Asia and the Middle East. Immediately following his retirement from the military, Allen served as the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense on Middle East Security, where he led the security dialogue with Israel and the Palestinian Authority within the Middle East peace process. At the request of President Obama, Allen subsequently served as Special Presidential Envoy to the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL. General Allen is a Strategic Advisor to the Microsoft Corporation, a Senior Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a permanent member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the U.S. Naval Academy's Board of Visitors.

SPEAKERS



OMRI ATTAR

Chief Operations/Financial Officer, ELNET-Israel

Omri Attar acted as Chief Operations Officer at ELNET in 2016-19 and Chief of International Staff in 2015-16. He is the founder of the Europe Forum a leading thinking group of organizations based in Europe and Israel, and former Chief Spokesperson of the IDC Herzliya Student Union. He has a broad background in project management within non-profit organizations and NGOs. He holds an MA in Knowledge-based Policy, Educational, Social and Public Leadership, a BA in Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, and a Certificate of Third-Sector Management studies, as well as additional certification of Negotiation studies from Harvard Law School.



YOSI AVIRAM

Director of the Strategy Center, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD)

A Certified Lawyer and MBA, Mr. Aviram has joined the Cyber Directorate to establish and promote collaboration with international partners in the Cyber Domain with the Americas, Africa and West Europe. As a retired Israeli Air Force Aircrew, Lt. Col. Aviram has led the International Engagement Efforts to enhance cooperation on Civil Aviation Cyber Security at the National Task Force. Previously, Mr. Aviram served as a Diplomat in Canada, and as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Peru. Yosi has held leading positions in Strategic Planning, Organizational Development and Risk Management both in the Military and Civil domain.

SPEAKERS



PROF. RAN BALICER

Director and Founder, Clalit Research Institute

Prof. Ran Balicer is a physician, scientist, and executive, Chief Innovation Officer for Clalit - Israel's largest healthcare organization. He also serves as Founding Director of the Clalit Research Institute, the WHO Collaborating Center on Non-Communicable Diseases Research, Prevention and Control. Prof. Balicer is a Full Professor and Track Director of the MPH program at the Ben-Gurion University School of Public Health, and heads Israel's first and only Public Health/Data Sciences combined physician residency program, at Clalit. He has authored over 250 scientific publications, books and book chapters. He serves as Chair of the Israeli Society for Quality in Healthcare, and as a member of multiple national and international high-level committees. He serves as an Advisor to Governments and international public organizations. Since 2020, Prof. Balicer serves as Chairman of Israel's National Experts Team on COVID-19 Response. He has led globally recognized groundbreaking real-world studies on COVID-19 risk stratification, mitigation strategies, vaccine effectiveness, and safety.



MK MERAV BEN ARI

Member of the Knesset

MK Merav Ben Ari is a member of the Yesh Atid Party within the Twenty-fifth Knesset, who currently serves as a Member on the House Committee, the State Control Committee, the National Security Committee and the Committee on the Status of Women and Gender Equality. During her political career, which started in 2015, she advanced many programs for underprivileged populations, sponsored 14 laws that were passed in three readings, and worked constantly on social issues. Additionally she was voted the most socially conscious Member of the Coalition five consecutive times. Prior to joining politics she was also heavily involved with advancing social issues, within her position as a member of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa city council, where she held the "Echpat" portfolio for the advancement of children and youth at risk.



DR. ARIÉ BENSEMHOUN

Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-France

Dr. Arié Bensemhoun is the Chief Executive Officer of ELNET France since 2011. He is a dentist by profession and has made his career in the private sector as a consultant in communications, public relations and international relations, around the Middle East and strategic affairs. Dr. Bensemhoun plays a crucial role in the French Israeli relationship through his involvement at both the community and political levels.

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BEHNAM BEN TALEBLU

Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)

Behnam Ben Taleblu is a senior fellow at FDD where he focuses on Iranian security and political issues. He previously served as a research fellow and senior Iran analyst at FDD. Prior to his time at FDD, he worked on non-proliferation issues at an arms control think-tank in Washington. He has closely tracked a wide range of Iran-related topics. Frequently called upon to brief journalists, congressional staff, and other Washington-audiences, Behnam has also testified before the U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament. His analysis has been quoted in The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters, among others. He has contributed to or co-authored numerous articles and has appeared on a variety of broadcast programs. He earned his MA in International Relations from The University of Chicago, and his BA in International Affairs and Middle East Studies from The George Washington University.



DR. BENEDETTA BERTI

Head of Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary-General, NATO

Dr. Benedetta Berti is Head of Policy Planning in the Office of the Secretary-General at NATO. She is also an Associate Researcher at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy, and Strategy at Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, and a Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. An Eisenhower Global Fellow and a TED Senior Fellow, in the past decade Benedetta has held research and teaching positions at West Point, The Institute for National Security Studies, and Tel Aviv University, among others. Dr. Berti is the author of four books, including «Armed Political Organizations. From Conflict to Integration» (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).

SPEAKERS



MK BOAZ BISMUTH

Member of the Knesset

MK Boaz Bismuth joined the Knesset within the Likud party, in the recent elections of February 2023, and is the chair of the Special Committee for Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Abuse. Additionally he is a member of the House committee, a member on the Foreign Affairs committee, a member of the committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, and more. Prior to joining politics, MK Bismuth worked as a journalist, specializing in foreign affairs. He was the Editor-in-Chief of Israel Hayom (Israel's largest-circulation daily) and was the Paris correspondent for the Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth, where he specialized in war reporting and coverage from inside hostile Arab countries. Between 2004 to 2008, MK Bismuth served as Israel's Ambassador to the Arab country of Mauritania. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Bar-Ilan University, and in 1989 obtained a Master's degree in International Relations from the Sorbonne University in Paris.



JEAN-MICHEL BLANQUER

Former French Minister of National Education

Jean-Michel Blanquer is an expert in public law. A doctor of constitutional law, he holds degrees in philosophy and is a graduate from Sciences Po Paris. He previously served as the Director of the ESSEC Business School, the General Director of School Education and was a rector of an academic institution. He has also served as the Director of the Institute of Higher Studies of Latin America (IHEAL). Currently, he is the President of the think tank Le Laboratoire de la République.



PROF. WOLFGANG BOCK

Senior Fellow, The Hague Initiative for International Cooperation (thinc.)

Wolfgang Bock is a legal expert who studied Law and Political Science at several universities. He worked as a judge in civil and criminal matters and gained a doctorate in Law in 1993. He researched legal cultures in predominantly Islamic societies and human rights issues related to Islamic religious education. Bock obtained his postdoctoral degree in Public Law in 2004 and worked as a lecturer and associate professor. He also worked for the Hessian State Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Wiesbaden, focusing on Islamist extremism and terrorism. From 2012 to 2017, Bock worked at the Federal Academy for Security Policy as a Counsellor for Constitutional and International Law, teaching and writing on Constitutional Law, Security Law, Islam, Islamic Cultures, and Policies and Legal Cultures in the MENA region.

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DR. NIR BOMS

Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

Dr. Boms is a research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University. He is the Chairman of the Syria Research Forum and the Gulf Israel Policy Forum, as well as the coordinator of the TAU Workshop on Israel and the Middle East and the Hiwar Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue. He received his doctorate from the University of Haifa. He holds MA degrees in the fields of Political Science and Judaic Studies from the University of Maryland. He also teaches at the Hebrew University. He is a fellow at the International Institute for Counter Terrorism in Herzliya; a member of the board of the Israeli Council on Foreign Relations and the Institute for monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education. He Co-Founded CyberDissidents.org (now Movements.org) and the Tiyul-Rihla project. He served as the Vice President of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD) and prior to that as the Academic Affairs Liaison at Israel's Embassy in DC.



DITMIR BUSHATI

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania

Prior to his political career Mr. Ditmir Bushati was a civil society leader and a Founding Director of the European Movement in Albania. He then served as Director of Legal Approximation at the Albanian Ministry of European Integration. In that capacity he was part of the team negotiating the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union (SAA). Mr. Bushati has worked as Advisor on European Affairs to the Deputy Prime Minister, as Legal Advisor to the Constitutional Court, the Office of the President of the Republic of Albania and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Mr. Bushati has lectured on European Law and the EU enlargement process at different institutions and universities in Albania and Kosovo. He has published numerous scientific papers and articles in areas related to the EU enlargement process, public international law and European law.

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AMB. EKKEHARD BROSE

President, Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS)

Ambassador Ekkehard Brose has been President of the Federal Academy for Security Policy since October 2019. Prior to this assignment, he served as Special Envoy for Crisis Prevention and Stabilisation at the Federal Foreign Office, which included co-chairing the Working Group on Stabilisation of the international Coalition to Defeat ISIL. From 2014 to 2016, Mr. Brose was the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Iraq, after spending one year as Visiting Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin. He served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to NATO in Brussels from 2010 to 2013, and from 2007 to 2010 as Minister and Head of the Department for Economic and Scientific Affairs at the German Embassy in Moscow. From 2000 to 2007, he held positions at the Federal Foreign Office as Director in the European Directorate-General, and as Head of Division both in the Political Directorate-General and in the European Directorate-General. He was Deputy Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of NATO in Brussels between 1996 and 2000. Mr. Brose joined the Federal Foreign Office in 1984.



DAVID CATTLER

NATO Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence and Security

David Cattler has been NATO's Assistant Secretary-General for Intelligence and Security since December 2019. Prior to his current appointment, he was a senior national and defense intelligence official of the United States. He has significant experience at the national, joint, and service levels, Mr. Cattler has advised the President, Director of National Intelligence, civilian agencies, military leaders, and operational forces. He began his career as a naval surface warfare officer. Mr. Cattler earned academic degrees from the United States Naval Academy and Georgetown University. He also is a graduate of the National Intelligence University, the US Naval War College, and was a Senior Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI: Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest. He has been awarded The Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana (Third Class) from the President of Estonia; DNI Distinguished Service Award; Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency's Distinguished Service Award, among others.

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ELLIE COHANIM

Senior Fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD)

Ellie Cohanim serves as US Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the U.S. Department of State. Deputy Special Envoy Cohanim helps inform and carry out policies and related initiatives that aim to counter global anti-Semitism at the State Department. Prior to her appointment, Deputy Special Envoy Cohanim was Senior Vice President and Special Correspondent for the Jewish Broadcasting Service (JBS), where she handled on-air reporting and anchored the broadcast of major international gatherings such as the Israel President's Conference live from Jerusalem; the Jerusalem Post Conference live from New York; the AIPAC Policy Conference; and dozens of other global gatherings. Previously, she was an executive at Yeshiva University; the Jewish Theological Seminary; and UJA-Federation of New York.



AARON COHEN GOLD

Deputy director, ELNET-UK

Aaron Cohen-Gold joined ELNET UK as its Deputy Director earlier this year. Prior to joining ELNET, Aaron spent several years as a Government Affairs consultant having previously worked as Public Affairs Manager for the University of Cambridge and in various roles for three UK Members of Parliament. In addition to this, Aaron has been part of the World Jewish Congress Jewish Diplomatic Corps since 2019 and an active Deputy of the Board of Deputies of British Jews since 2021. In these roles he has addressed the UN Human Rights Council and other international fora for their track record delegitimising Israel as the world's only Jewish State.

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PROF. IRWIN COTLER

Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Emeritus Professor of Law, McGill University; International Chair, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR)

Irwin Cotler is the International Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, an Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and long-time Member of Parliament, and an international human rights lawyer. A constitutional and comparative law scholar, Professor Cotler intervened in landmark Charter of Rights cases in the areas of free speech, freedom of religion, minority rights, peace law and war crimes justice. He initiated the first ever comprehensive reform of the Supreme Court appointment process and helped make it the most gender representative Supreme Court in the world. A leading Parliamentarian on the global stage, he has been Chair of the Inter Parliamentary Group for Human Rights in Iran; Chair of the Inter Parliamentary Group of Justice for Sergei Magnitsky; Chair of the All Party Save Darfur Parliamentary Coalition; Chair, Canadian section, of the Parliamentarians for Global Action and Member of its international council.



MK DANNY DANON

Member of the Knesset, Chairman of the World Likud

Ambassador Danny Danon served as Israel's 17th Permanent Representative to the United Nations from October 2015 to May 2020. He currently serves as Chairman of the World Likud. With over twenty years of experience representing Israel overseas and within the public sector, Ambassador Danon has developed a reputation as one of Israel's most ardent defenders. At the UN, Danon became the first Israeli to lead a UN committee when he was elected Chairman of the Sixth (Legal) Committee in 2016. The following year, he served as Vice President of the General Assembly for its 72nd (2017-2018) session. During his tenure, Danon has spearheaded numerous resolutions and efforts that changed Israel's standing at the UN. Prior to assuming his role as Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Ambassador Danon held senior positions in Israel's Cabinet, including Minister of Science and Technology and Deputy Minister of Defense.

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AMB. ÉRIC DANON

Ambassador of France to Israel

Eric Danon is the current Ambassador of France to Israel with 36 years of experience in Foreign Affairs and the private sector. He is a recognized expert in strategic threats, nuclear issues, counter-terrorism, and illicit trafficking. Danon has held various positions, including Deputy Director General for political and security affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CEO of the French High Council for Strategic Education and Research. He was also Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Danon holds a Ph.D. in Physics and is a graduate from Sciences Po Paris and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration. He is a Knight of the French *Légion d'Honneur* and the *Ordre National du Mérite*.



PIERRE DASSAS

Founder and President, ELNET-France

Pierre Dassas is President of The Global Governance Foundation (Geneva, Switzerland), Founder and President of ELNET France. He is also President of Africa Alive Foundation (Geneva, Switzerland) and administrator of the Hudson Institute (Washington, D.C., USA). Since 1992, Pierre Dassas has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France (CRIF). He is currently Chairman of the Executive Board of Dassas Advertising & Public Affairs (Paris, France). In 1980 he created Dassas Communication and ICOM (New York, NY, USA), which has been ranked as the world's leading private advertising group since the 2000s. He was previously Marketing Director of Colgate Palmolive in New York and Paris, before joining Société Nouvelle d'Information et de Publicité (SNIP) as Managing Director. Pierre Dassas is a graduate of the École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales and the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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DANI DAYAN

Yad Vashem Chairman

Dani Dayan is the Chairman of Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Prior to his position at Yad Vashem, he served as Israel's Consul General in New York. Previously, he served as Chairman of the YESHA Council and before that as Chairman of the Board and CEO of Elad Software Systems Ltd., a company he founded. In addition, Dayan volunteers as the Head of the Advisory Board of Nefesh B'Nefesh and, until his posting in New York, was a member of the Yad Vashem Council.



FR. PATRICK DESBOIS

President, Yahad-In Unum Association

Patrick Desbois is a French Catholic priest who serves as the president of the Yahad-In Unum association, which conducts research in Eastern Europe on Jewish and Roma victims of the Einsatzgruppen and other German units during World War II. The association has collected over 6,500 testimonies from witnesses and identified more than 2,700 execution sites in countries such as Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Latvia, and Lithuania. In 2015, Father Desbois launched the Action Yazidis initiative to gather evidence of the genocide of Yazidis by ISIS in Iraq and to assist survivors. Since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, he has been collecting testimonies from victims of the war with a team of four volunteers in Western Europe and a dozen mediators on the ground, one of whom is in Irpin, the town next to the Boutcha massacre, to prove Russian crimes.

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OLGA DEUTSCH

Vice President, NGO Monitor

Olga graduated from the University of Belgrade and University of Munich with degrees in banking, insurance, and finance. She was awarded a Fellowship with the Ford Motor Company, graduating as a Community Leader at the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University in New York. Before making Aliya in 2009, she served as the Chairperson of the European Union of Jewish Students, an umbrella organization for 34 national unions. In 2008, she received the International Leadership Prize from the American Jewish Committee. Over the past 12 years, Olga has held senior positions in the private sector in Europe and Israel.



ERIC EDIDIN

Board Member, Friends of ELNET

Eric Edidin co-founded Archer Capital Management in 2006. Previously, he was a Managing Director at York Capital Management, member of Morgan Stanley Capital Partners global investment team, and member of the Blackstone Group's restructuring advisory team. Mr. Edidin is a board member of the JDRF of Los Angeles, a trustee of the Washington Institute, and member of the investment committee of the Jewish Communal Fund of NY. He received a B.A. degree with highest distinction from the University of Michigan, and an M.B.A from Harvard Business School.



AMIT EFRATI

Deputy Director General for Combating Antisemitism and Building Community Resilience

Amit Efrati is an accomplished Israeli civil servant. He currently serves as Deputy Director General for Combating Antisemitism and Building Community Resilience at the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, and previously served as Deputy Director General at the Israeli Ministry of Regional Cooperation. Efrati holds a bachelor's degree in Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy, and two master's degrees in Public Policy, Government and International Relations and Affairs from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has just pursued a doctoral degree in Public Policy and Government from the same institution. Throughout his career, Efrati has been committed to advancing Israeli interests in the region through partnerships and collaboration with neighboring countries. Efrati's expertise in policy and government, and his dedication to public service make him a valuable asset to the Israeli government.

SPEAKERS



DR. ALICE EKMAN

Senior analyst, EUISS

Alice Ekman has been the Senior Analyst in charge of the Asia portfolio at the EUISS since September 2019. She covers foreign policy and security developments in the Asian region - including in China, the Korean Peninsula, Japan, India, and ASEAN. At the EUISS, Alice also manages regular 'Track 1,5' dialogues with the EU's partners in Asia and coordinates the EU member committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP EU).

Alice was formerly Head of China Research at the French Institute of International Relations (Ifri) in Paris. She has also been a Visiting Scholar at Tsinghua University (Beijing), at National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei), and at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies (Seoul). She holds a Master in International Relations, Economics, and Anthropology (China focus) from the London School of Economics and a Ph.D. in International Relations from Sciences Po and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.



DR. FRÉDÉRIC ENCEL

Lecturer in Geopolitics, Sciences Po Paris

Dr. Frédéric Encel is a French writer and scholar of Geopolitics. He received his MA from the Centre de recherches et d'analyses géopolitiques at the University of Paris VIII in 1992. He remained there studying under Yves Lacoste and earned his PhD in Geopolitics in 1997. He teaches International Relations at Sciences Po Paris and at the Paris School of Business. Author of «Les Voies de la puissance» published by Odile Jacob in 2022 and «Petites Leçons de diplomatie» published by Editions Autrement in 2023.»



DR. MARC-ANTOINE EYL-MAZZEGA

Director of the Center for Energy and Climate, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri)

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega joined Ifri's Center for Energy & Climate as a Director in September 2017. Prior to joining IFRI, he spent six years at the International Energy Agency (IEA), notably as Russia & Sub-Saharan Africa Programme Manager where he conducted oil and gas market analyses and was responsible for institutional relations with these countries and regions. He also held various other positions, such as at the Robert Schuman Foundation, where he was in charge of a Ukraine observatory. A French and German national, he holds a Ph.D. from Sciences Po Paris in international relations.



DR. SARAH MASHA FAINBERG

Senior Researcher, Head of Great Powers Research Program at Tel Aviv University's Elrom Center for Air and Space Studies

Dr. Sarah-Masha Fainberg is Senior Researcher and Head of Great Powers Research Program at Tel Aviv University's Elrom Center for Air and Space Studies where she focuses on Russian and Chinese policy in the MENA region. In addition, she serves as Lecturer in the MA Program for Security and Diplomacy Studies at Tel Aviv University and Adjunct Professor of Israeli Affairs at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She previously served as Policy and Strategic Issues Adviser at Israel's Ministry of Defense and Research Fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv (Russia Program). A graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, she holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Comparative Politics from Sciences Po, Paris.



MK ODED FORER

Member of the Knesset, Chairman of the 'Israel Beitenu' party faction, Chairman of the Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Committee

Oded Forer is an Israeli politician who currently serves as a member of the Knesset for Yisrael Beiteinu since 2022, previously serving from 2015 to 2021. He also was the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and Minister for the Development of the Periphery, the Negev and the Galilee from 2021 to 2022.

Mk Forer served as a Captain at the reserve duty (Commanding Officer of a 6 «Dabur» Patrol boats flotilla), and a training officer at the navy academy.

Forer was the founder and Co General Director of an organizational development consulting firm. The company consults with Public-Private Partnership projects (PPP).

In 2011, He joined Yisrael Beitenu. He initiated and established the party's youth division – Tzeiri Beitenu, which he headed until 2013. That year, Forer was appointed Director General of the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption.

As a Director General, Mk Forer pushed to encourage 'Aliyah' to Israel, he initiated a special plan to absorb immigrants from France and led the government initiative for a national program to promote the integration of Ethiopian immigrants.



SYLWIA GREGORCZYK-ABRAM

Attorney-at-law and social activist

Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram works with NGOs on developing a civic society and protecting the rule of law and systemic changes in the justice system. Co-founder of the Justice Defense Committee and Free Courts that monitor and archive political pressure on judges and lawyers, giving them legal aid. Regularly participates in legislative processes in Parliament as an expert in parliamentary Constitutional Governance and Reform of the Justice System groups. She also regularly participates in European Commission meetings, where she presents a civic and expert view of the changes taking place in the Polish justice system.

Sylwia represents national and sexual minorities, refugees, victims of violence and police brutality before courts. She also represents Supreme Court judges before EU Court of Justice and European Court of Human Rights in key proceedings on the independence of courts and judges. Originator and executor of the "Constitution Week" civic campaign, an educational project held regularly in schools throughout Poland, for raising Constitutional and human rights awareness among children. The winner of the «Golden Paragraph» in the category of the best lawyer in Poland, in 2016 she received the Pro Bono Lawyer of Year Award, she was also included in the Forbes ranking of «The most influential women in Poland» for 2020. In 2021 she was a fellow at Yale University as part of The Maurice R. Greenberg World Fellows Program.



MP BENJAMIN HADDAD

Member of the France-Israel friendship group, French National Assembly

Benjamin Haddad has been an MP for Paris since 2022. He is the President of the France-Ukraine friendship group, the spokesperson for the ruling Renaissance party and a member of the France-Israel friendship group at the National Assembly. He is actively working on creating a caucus on the Abraham Accords. He is a member of the Law Commission and the European Affairs Commission. He is an expert in transatlantic relations and a former Director of the Europe Department at the Atlantic Council in Washington D.C. He has also worked at the Hudson Institute.

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NATASHA HAUSDORFF

Director, UK Lawyers for Israel

Natasha Hausdorff is a barrister in London and a Director of UK Lawyers for Israel. She holds law degrees from Oxford and Tel Aviv Universities and was a Fellow in the National Security Law Programme at Columbia Law School. Natasha previously worked for Skadden Arps, in London and Brussels and clerked for the President of the Israeli Supreme Court, Chief Justice Miriam Naor, in Jerusalem. She speaks frequently on international law, foreign affairs and national security policy.



BENJAMIN HAUTECOVERTURE

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Benjamin Hautecouverture is a Senior research fellow for deterrence and arms control issues at the *Fondation pour la recherche stratégique* (FRS), France. He is a senior fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, in Ottawa.

His areas of focus have included the study of strategic relations between states, nuclear deterrence, nonproliferation and disarmament in the field of weapons of mass destruction and conventional weapons, the nuclear proliferation phenomenon and nuclear proliferation crises, for twenty years. He is also working on nuclear security, the NPT review process, the chemical weapons prohibition regime and the European Union security and defense challenges and prospects, including the various EU security strategies.

He is the author of several books and publishes articles on major international security issues.

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DR. MARC HECKER

Director of Research and Communications, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri)

He is also the Editor-in-Chief of *Politique étrangère*, and a research fellow at the Security Studies Center. He holds a PhD in political science from University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and taught for several years at Sciences Po. In 2019, Marc Hecker was appointed to assess the French deradicalisation programme. His evaluation report was published in 2021 and is available on Ifri's website. He co-authored a book titled *La Guerre de vingt ans. Djihadisme et contre-terrorisme au XXI^e siècle* which is both a history and strategic assessment of the global war on terror. This book was awarded several prizes in France.



LARRY HOCHBERG

Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET

Larry Hochberg is an internationally renowned lay leader and philanthropist who served as National Chairman of the Friends of the IDF, National Officer of AIPAC, and held national leadership positions with the UJC, UJA, the Annual and Israel Emergency Campaigns of Chicago's Jewish United Fund. Mr. Hochberg chaired the Advisory Committee of the American Jewish Committee's Chicago chapter and served on the Dean's Council of Northwestern University. He is the founder, CEO and chairman of Sportmart Inc. acquired by Sports Authority.



HAROLD HYMAN

Senior Diplomatic Editor, CNews

Harold Hyman is a Senior Diplomatic Editor. He graduated from Columbia University with a degree in international affairs. He has been a journalist in Paris since 1988, specializing in international diplomacy and international cultural relations. He began his journalism career writing for French and Spanish newspapers, and went on to radio journalist on French radio stations Radio France International and Radio Classique. He currently covers international and American news as a broadcast journalist at CNews, a French TV news network in Paris, France.

SPEAKERS



SEN. MICHAŁ KAMINSKI

Deputy Speaker, Polish Senate

Born on March 28, 1972, in Warsaw. He is a graduate of Johann Wolfgang Goethe XLIX High School in Warsaw, the Warsaw University Department of International Relations (BA in 2008) and the Warsaw Academy of International Relations and American Studies (MA in 2014). Mr Kaminski is the Deputy Marshal of the Tenth Term Senate (since 12 November 2019), Senator of the Tenth Term Senate, Sejm Deputy of the Third, Fourth and Eight Term as well as Member of the European Parliament of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Term. He co-founded the State Thought Institute think-tank, co-authored the book "End of the Law and Justice" and authored a thriller "August 15". In 1999, in a journalistic questionnaire, he was named the best public speaker in the Parliament. He was the director of radio stations in Łomża and Bydgoszcz. He is fluent in Russian, English and German.



SEN. ROGER KAROUTCHI

First Vice President, French Senate

Roger Karoutchi is the first Vice President of the French Senate. As the President of the France-Israel friendship group and Vice President of the France-Morocco friendship group, he works to develop partnerships between the countries signatories of the Abraham Accords and the French Senate. He was first elected a Member of the European Parliament from 1997 to 1999 and then became Senator. He was also a former Secretary of State to the French Prime Minister (2007-2009), in charge of Relations with the Parliament. After serving as the Permanent Representative of France to the OECD, he came back as a Senator in 2011. He supported the resolution against antisemitism presented by MP Sylvain Maillard to endorse the IHRA definition, stating that antizionism is a form of antisemitism.



THOMAS KESSLER

Lawyer, ELNET Board member

Hans Thomas Kessler is an attorney specializing in real estate, finance and infrastructure. He has advised countless real estate investors and owners, financial institutions, construction and engineering companies. Throughout his career, Hans Thomas Kessler has worked for several leading law firms. His studies of law and political science led him to the universities of Frankfurt, Lausanne, Geneva and Strasbourg. In addition, Hans Thomas Kessler holds an LL.M. from the London School of Economics and worked as a visiting lecturer at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

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DR. FELIX KLEIN

Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Antisemitism

Dr. Felix Klein was born in Darmstadt in 1968. He has served as Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Antisemitism since May 2018. He began his diplomatic career as desk officer for South America and served abroad in Jaunde, Cameroon and Milan, Italy. From 2007 to 2018, he held various posts at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, lastly as Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organizations and Issues relating to Anti-Semitism.

Outside of work, Dr. Klein is passionate about classical music. He is currently a member of the Berlin Diplomatic String Quartet, which focuses on performing works by Jewish composers.



MP RIHARDS KOLS

Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Latvian Parliament

Rihards Kols is a Member of the 14th Saeima (the Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia. Prior to his re-election in 2022 – his third term in the Saeima –, Mr Kols served as Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima and as the Representative of the Saeima to the OECD. He is Deputy Chair of the "National Alliance" political party and serves in the National Guard, part of the armed forces of Latvia. Mr Kols is a Millennium Fellow at the Atlantic Council, senior member at the European Leadership Network, Member of the Board of the NGO "European Movement in Latvia".

Before his current duties, Mr Kols has also served as Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima, a Member of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima and a Member of the Parliament. Rihards Kols also served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Culture of Latvia, worked as an international affairs analyst at the Latvian British Chamber of Commerce and interned at the Royal Institute of International Affairs "Chatham House" at the Russia and Eurasia Programme.

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PROF. MOSHE KOPPEL

Chairman, Kohelet Policy Forum

Prof. Moshe Koppel is a member of the department of Computer Science at Bar-Ilan University and serves as chairman of the Kohelet Policy Forum. He received his PhD in mathematics from Courant Institute and did post-doctoral work in Princeton. His work on authorship attribution is used widely in commercial, legal and security applications. Koppel has also published two books and many articles on Rabbinic literature, with special emphasis on logic and probability. He also co-founded and co-edited the journal Higayon, which is devoted to these topics. Koppel's political activity includes co-drafting two proposed constitutions for Israel, including a joint proposal with Michael Eitan, formerly chairman of the Knesset's Constitution and Law committee.



CHIEF RABBI HAÏM KORSIA

Chief Rabbi of France

Chief Rabbi Haïm Korsia entered the Séminaire Israélite de France (SIF) when he was 17 years old, where he met his mentor Rabbi Emmanuel Chouchena. While studying at the seminary, Korsia served as a rabbi in Le Mans and Paris. He earned degrees in military strategy, ethics, and management and a PhD in contemporary history on the life of Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan. He was appointed to various leadership roles, including Secretary General of the Association of French Rabbis and Director of the French Air Force Chaplaincy. Korsia has authored numerous publications on ethical questions, societal issues, and interfaith dialogue. In 2014, he was elected Chief Rabbi of France, and in 2017, earned a PhD in Management Sciences from the University of Paris-Saclay.

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MARTA KUBICA

Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Poland

Marta Kubica is the Chief Executive Officer of the Warsaw office of the European Leadership Network (ELNET), where she fosters diplomatic relationships between Israel and CEE countries. Marta is currently focused on developing diplomatic initiatives that promote Israel's innovative solutions in the field of crisis management, with the goal of aiding Ukrainian refugees and building community resilience in Central & Eastern Europe.

With over 18 years of experience, Marta applies her educational background in Jewish studies and political science to forge meaningful people-to-people ties between Israel and the European countries under her purview, which include Poland, the V4, the Baltics, and Finland. Prior to joining ELNET, Marta built her diplomatic knowledge by supporting top officials at the Embassy of Israel in Poland and the Embassy of the United States in Warsaw. During this time, she developed valuable skills by liaising with state and local governments in the business, academic, and religious communities.



SERGE KRANCZENBLUM

Founder and President, IQ-EQ

Serge Kranczenblum is the founder and president of the international financial services group IQ-EQ. He is also co-founder and president of the European life insurance group Gatsby & White. As a leader of several professional associations and a member of the Haut Comité de la Place Financière he has contributed to the development of the Luxembourg financial center for more than 30 years. Serge is a member of the board of directors of several international investment funds and family offices.



ANNE-CLÉMENTINE LARROQUE

Expert of Islamism and Analyst, French Ministry of Justice

Anne-Clémentine Larroque is a graduate of Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence and holds a Master in Medieval History. She taught history for seven years in deprived neighbourhoods. Since July 2016, she has been working for the Ministry of Justice, first as a specialized assistant for the Anti-Terrorist Department (DAT) of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Paris Court of Appeal, and then since March 2020 for the Anti-Terrorist Unit of the Paris Judicial Court. She has published several books including *The Identity Hole*, on the repressed memory of the mercenaries of Islam (PUF, 2021).

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SÉBASTIEN LECORNU

French Minister of Defense

Sébastien Lecornu began his career as an advisor to the Secretary of State for European Affairs and later to the Minister of Agriculture. In 2017, he was appointed as the Secretary of State for the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, followed by Minister Delegate for Territorial Communities in 2018, co-leading the Grand National Debate. He was then appointed as the Minister of Overseas France in July 2020, where he over saw the management of the COVID-19 crisis. Since May 2022, he has been serving as the Minister of the Armed Forces in the government of Elisabeth Borne. Alongside his political career, Lecornu is a reserve colonel in the national gendarmerie and has been awarded various honors and awards.



LEA LEDWON

Program Manager GIHF (German Israeli Health Forum for Artificial Intelligence), ELNET-Germany

Lea Ledwon has extensive experience in the German healthcare system. Before she was responsible for the communication work of several clinics, she headed the office of the Freundeskreis der Charité. During her stay in Israel for several years, she worked at the Peres Center for Peace. She holds a BA in Government, Diplomacy and Strategy from Reichman University IDC Herzliya and an MA in Peace & Conflict Management Studies from the University of Haifa. At ELNET she heads the German Israeli Health Forum for Artificial Intelligence (GIHF-AI).



BRUNO LE MAIRE

French Minister of Economy and Finance

Bruno Le Maire currently holds the position of Minister for the Economy and Finance in Elisabeth Borne's government under Emmanuel Macron's presidency. He began his career as Foreign Affairs Adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2002, he became Strategic Affairs Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and then was appointed Adviser to the Minister of Interior in 2004. In 2005, he joined the Prime Minister's office, first as an advisor, then as the Chief of Staff from 2006 to 2007. In June 2007, he was elected MP of the Eure. In December 2008, he was appointed Minister of State for European Affairs before being appointed of Agriculture and Fisheries in June 2009. He graduated from Ecole Normale Supérieure, Sciences Po Paris and école nationale d'Administration (ENA). He holds a Ph.D. in French language and Literature.

SPEAKERS



STEPHAN MAYER

Member of the German Bundestag

Stephan Mayer is a member of the German Bundestag since 2002. From 2007 to 2010, Stephan Mayer served as a Chairman of the THW Landesvereinigung Bayern e.V., from 2010-2018 he was the President of the THW-Bundesvereinigung e.V., since 2010, he is Chairman of the Board of the Stiftung Technisches Hilfswerk. From March 2018 until the end of the 19th parliamentary term, he held the position as Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Minister of the Interior, Construction and Home Affairs. Since the 15th electoral period, Stephan Mayer is a member of the Parliamentary Group of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses (PKM) of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag. Since 2017, he is the First Deputy Chairman of the Group of Expellees, Repatriates and German Minorities of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag. Full member of the Legal Affairs and Sports Committee and deputy member of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag. Sports policy spokesman for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag.



SEN. PIERRE MÉDEVIELLE

Vice-President of the Sustainable Development Committee, French Senate

Pierre Médevielle is a Senator from Haute-Garonne. Before his election, Senator Médevielle used to practice as a pharmacist. He currently is the Vice President of the Parliamentary office for the evaluation of scientific and technological choices in the Senate. Focused on medical issues, the Parliamentary office is particularly active on the evolution of the health data regulation, their protection and cyber security. As a member of the Committee for Territorial Development, Senator Médevielle also deals with the issues of agriculture and sustainable development on a regular basis.



DR. TSEGA MELAKU

Member of the Knesset

Dr. Tsega Melaku is a member of the Likud Party, who joined politics in the recent elections in February, 2023 with a strong emphasis on social and equality issues. As such she is a member of the committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, a member of the committee for Education, Culture and Sports, member of the Labor and Welfare Committee, member of the Special Committee for Bridging Social Gaps in the Periphery, and more. Dr. Melaku made Aliya from Ethiopia by herself at the age of 16, and after graduating from high school has been very active in journalism, within her army service and private life. She worked in Israeli mainstream television in Radio, and is also the author of a book dealing with racism within the Israeli Society. She holds a PhD in Political science and Journalism.



DR. AXELLE MENU

Medical Expert, Health Data Hub

An experienced physician, specialized in medical information and medical informatics, Dr Menu-Branthomme has been committed for more than 20 years to the development, sharing and facilitation of access to health data, in the service of the general interest in France. She has coordinated numerous multilateral partnerships within the AP-HP and then on behalf of the State (Agence technique de l'information sur l'hospitalisation (ATIH) and Agence régionale de santé (ARS) d'Ile-de-France). Dr Menu-Branthomme is responsible for promoting the development of medical culture and the understanding of public health issues among the Health Data Hub teams. She also contributes, within the French health ecosystem, to the development of a culture of health data and its reuse for research and innovation.



KERSTIN MÜLLER

Former German Federal Minister of the Foreign Office

Kerstin Müller is a member of the German advisory board of Elnet, the European Leadership Network, since 2021 and in this role strongly committed to strengthening the German-Israeli relations and fighting Antisemitism in Europe. Since May 2022 she has been announced as one of the members of the "National Regulatory Control Council of Germany".

Furthermore she is working as Senior Associate Fellow at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), which is one of Germany's well known think tanks, as an expert for Israel and the Middle East since 2019. From 2013 to 2018 she lived for five years in Tel Aviv and served as the Director at the Israel office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Israel. Kerstin Müller has been for 19 years, from 1994 to 2013, a member of the German national Parliament for the Party Alliance 90/The Greens. During this time she was for eight years, from 1994 to 2002, parliamentary group leader. From 2002 to 2005 she served as the Minister of State in the Federal Foreign Office. From 2005 to 2013, as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, she was foreign policy spokeswoman for the parliamentary group of Alliance 90/The Greens. Kerstin Müller studied law in Cologne and in Clermont-Ferrand in France.



DR. EMMANUEL NAVON

Chief Executive Officer, ELNET - Israel

Dr. Emmanuel Navon is a renowned scholar, practitioner of foreign affairs, and expert on Europe-Israel relations. Dr. Navon has taught at Tel Aviv University, Reichman University and the IDF's National Security College. His latest book *The Star and the Scepter: A Diplomatic History of Israel* is a definitive study of Israel's international relations. Previously, he was a consultant for Arttic Israel, focused on securing European funding and partnerships for Israeli R&D; CEO of BNIC, a nonprofit dedicated to training business leaders on pro-Israel advocacy in Europe; and founding partner of a consulting group promoting Israeli agriculture and energy projects in Africa. Navon holds a BA in Government Affairs from Sciences-Po Paris and a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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COL. (RET.) JEAN-CHRISTOPHE NOËL

Research Fellow, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri)

Jean-Christophe Noël is a Research Fellow at Ifri's Security Studies Center. He was previously an officer in the French Air Force. After serving as fighter pilot, he held various positions on the General Staff, mainly dealing with policy or strategy issues. He was also Deputy Chief of Staff of the French Air Chief of Staff from 2006 to 2009; a Military Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC, in 2009; as well as an expert on political and military affairs for five years at the Center of Analysis, Planning and Strategy (CAPS) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 2012 and 2017.



ANETT NUMA

Head of Government Relations and Communications, Accelerate Estonia

Anett Numa works as the Head of Government Relations and Communications in Estonia's Governmental Innovation Lab - Accelerate Estonia and focuses on enhancing an excellent collaboration between the public and private sector to create a comprehensive and supportive environment. With Accelerate Estonia she seeks solutions that turn global challenges into new market opportunities and also provide new economic opportunities for Estonia. In her position she makes sure decision makers will be shaped for the great change and all necessary doors will be opened for businesses. She previously has worked as a Cyber Defence Policy Adviser in the Ministry of Defence of Estonia. Her main focus was shaping cyber defence policies and helping to build a substantial collaboration between different countries in countering and tackling cyber threats both in NATO and the EU. She also worked as a Digital Transformation Adviser in e-Estonia Briefing Centre and advised governments around the world about digitalisation processes based on Estonian experience. Additionally Ms. Numa runs her own consulting business to help people to become an excellent public-speakers and also providing personal-branding courses.

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H.E. MICHAEL OREN

Former Ambassador of Israel to the United States

Amb. Michael is a Statesman, historian, soldier and author, who served as Israel's former ambassador to the United States. Within this position he interacted with the White House, Congress, the Pentagon, and the CIA, and dealt with crucial strategic issues such as the Iron Dome defense system and the Iran nuclear threat. Following his service in the US, he was elected to the Knesset, where he headed a classified committee on international affairs and served as Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, in charge of diplomacy. He was a visiting professor at Harvard, Yale, and Georgetown and received fellowships from the US State Department and the British and Canadian governments. Additionally, he has written numerous books and is a prominent figure in the media, serving as Middle East analyst for both CNN and CBS news. Amb. Oren holds four degrees in Middle East history and has received four honorary doctorates.



CARSTEN OVENS

Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Germany

Carsten Ovens, born 1981, studied Business Administration and International Business in Hamburg and Sydney. Since March 2019, he has headed the German office of the European Leadership Network (ELNET). Together with ELNET, he founded the German Israeli Network of Startups & Mittelstand (GINSUM) in 2020 and the German Israeli Health Forum for Artificial Intelligence (GIHF-AI) in 2021. Both projects are funded by the German government. He has more than a decade of experience in business development and management consulting throughout Europe. He has also spent many years teaching and researching at leading universities. In addition to his professional career, he has been active in politics for nearly two decades. From 2015-2020, he served as a member of the Hamburg State Parliament, responsible for science, digital economy and international relations.

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REZA PAHLAVI

Crown Prince of Iran

Reza Pahlavi is the oldest son of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the last Shah of Iran, and his wife Farah Diba. Before the Islamic Revolution in 1979, he was the crown prince and the last heir apparent to the throne of the Imperial State of Iran. Today, Pahlavi resides in Great Falls, Virginia. Pahlavi is the founder and leader of the self-styled National Council of Iran, an exiled opposition group, participates in the Iranian democracy movement, and is a prominent critic of Iran's Islamic Republic government.



CATHERINE PEREZ-SHAKDAM

Head of Policy of Communication, ELNET-UK

An expert on the Middle East with a special focus on the Islamic Republic of Iran and Yemen, Catherine has over a decade experience as a researcher, commentator, and political analyst. Her commentaries have been published in prominent publications including the Jerusalem Post, Politico, The Times of Israel, the Independent, and the Daily Express. In 2022 she made the headlines in Iran for having successfully infiltrated the regime and secured audiences with high-ranking officials including President Ibrahim Raisi and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.



MAXIME PEREZ

Former French media Middle East correspondent

Maxime Perez is an expert in crisis communication and influence. He worked for 15 years as a correspondent for the French media in the Middle-East, especially for security affairs. He covered the Second Lebanon war and military conflicts between Israel and the Palestinian factions. In 2020 he served as an adviser to the President of the French Senate, Gérard Larcher.

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DR. SARAH PEREZ

Head of Research and Communications, ELNET-France

She is an expert in Middle East security issues and cyberwarfare. She wrote a book on the technological war between Iran and Israel (Éditions François Bourin, 2015). She has researched Israel's soft power and the concept of economic peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Previously, she worked as a security consultant.



RT HON THE LORD ERIC PICKLES

United Kingdom Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues

Rt Hon the Lord Eric Pickles, a member of the House of Lords since 2018, is the UK Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues. He served as the Member of Parliament for Brentwood and Ongar (1992-2017), Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party (2003-2009) and the Chairman of the Conservative Party (2009-2010). In Parliament he held numerous positions, including Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2007-2009), Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2010-2015) and the Minister for Religion (2012 - 2015). He is the President of the Enterprise Forum, Chairman of Conservative Friends of Israel in the House of Lords, Chair of The Government's Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, Vice President of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and Co-Chair of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation.

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LORD STUART POLAK CBE

Founder, UK Abraham Accords Group and Member, House of Lords

Lord Polak had been awarded a CBE for political services in 2015 and was subsequently elevated to the House of Lords. In 1984, he began his career working for the Board of Deputies of British as Education Director and in 1989 he was appointed as the second Director of Conservative Friends of Israel in 1989, a position which he held until 2015 when he was made honorary president. Since being a member of the House of Lords, Lord Polak sat on the European Union Committee until 2019 and the EU Justice Sub-Committee until 2021 and currently sits on the Adult Social Care Committee. He founded the UK Abraham Accords Group and initiated the European Friends of Israel, and has also continuously raised issues regarding Israel, the proscription of Hezbollah and Hamas and the destabilising activities of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps



MP NATALIA POUZYREFF

Member of the Defense and Armed forces Committee, French National Assembly

A graduate engineer from the École supérieure d'optique (IOGS), Natalia Pouzyreff worked with Thales and Airbus from 1986 to 2006. As Eurocopter representative for China, she lived in Beijing from 2006 to 2009.

Natalia Pouzyreff joined LREM in 2016. In parliament, she serves on the Defense Committee. In addition to her committee assignments, she is a member of the French-Chinese Parliamentary Friendship Group and the French-British Parliamentary Friendship Group.

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MEP ANTONIO LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE

Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Israel, European Parliament

Antonio López-Istúriz White is a Member of the European Parliament (MEP), representing the Spanish centre-right People's Party (Partido Popular). He is also Secretary Treasurer of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES) and the Secretary General of the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI). Between 2002 and 2022 he served as Secretary General of the European People's Party (EPP). López-Istúriz White has been in Brussels since 1997, when he worked as an assistant to the People's Party delegation at the European Parliament. He held this position until 1999, when he was called by then-President of the Spanish Government José María Aznar to become his personal advisor for almost four years. In 2002, he returned to Brussels upon his election as Secretary General of the European People's Party. Two years later, he was elected MEP, holding the two positions up to April 2022. Since January 2008, López-Istúriz White has been Secretary Treasurer of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies.

As an MEP, he is the Chairman of the Delegation for Relations with Israel. He sits on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and is a substitute on the Subcommittee on Security and Defence. López-Istúriz White is also a Member of the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula as well as a substitute for the Delegation for Relations with the United States.



MP FOUAD MAKHZOUMI

Member of the Lebanese Parliamentary Finance and Budget Committee

Mr. Makhzoumi has been the Executive Chairman of Future Pipe Industries Group since 2003 and he is also currently its Chief Executive Officer. He has also been the Executive Chairman of Future Group Holdings since 1982.



AMB. HAIM REGEV

Ambassador of Israel to the EU and NATO

Ambassador Haim Regev is the Head of the Mission of Israel to the EU and NATO. Before that, he was Head of the Middle East and Peace Process Division in Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs from August 2016 to August 2021. In addition, between May 2020 and June 2021, Amb. Regev served as Chief of Staff for Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gabi Ashkenazi. In his last mission overseas (2004 to 2008), Amb. Regev served as Counselor for Congressional Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington DC. Ambassador Regev joined Israel's Foreign Service in 1994. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Mission in Muscat, Oman (1996 to 1998), and as Deputy Consul General to Florida in Miami (1998 to 2001). In Jerusalem, Amb. Regev served in the Department for Middle East Economic Affairs (2001 to 2004), and as Director of the Coordination Department in the office of the Director General (2013 to 2016). He holds a BA in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies and MBA with honours, both from Tel-Aviv University.



PIERRE REHOV

Filmmaker, journalist and novelist

Pierre Rehov is a writer, reporter and documentary filmmaker covering the conflicts in the Middle East. Since 2000, he has produced and directed more than 20 films that have taken him to war zones such as Jenin, Gaza and Iraq. His films are factual, produced with mostly exclusive footage and have been recognized as essential by many organizations and media. Whether tracing the exodus of Jews from Arab-Muslim countries after 1948, the propaganda tools put in place by the Palestinian Authority, the point of view of terrorists, or the corruption of the Palestinian leadership, Rehov has never ceased to meet essential witnesses from the Palestinian street to Israeli prisons, and to denounce the resolutely anti-Israeli bias of certain media, pseudo-humanitarian organizations and the United Nations. Among his most famous films: «The Road to Jenin», «War Crimes in Gaza», «Suicide Killers» and «Jerusalem Unveiled». «Lies and Tears», which will be presented by Elnet, is the result of a four-month investigation into the death of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.



EL MOSTAFA REZRASI

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

El Mostafa Rezrazi is a Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South. He is an Affiliate Professor at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University. He got his Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo (1998), and a Doctorate from the University of Mohammed V (2014). He is a member of the steering Committee of the National Program of deradicalization and was appointed since 2021 a Co-Chair of the Working Group on Foreign Terrorist Fighters and Returnees. He is the executive director of the Moroccan Observatory on Extremism and Violence, and Director of the African Center for Asian Studies. He is serving as a lecturer at the Collège Royal de l'Enseignement Militaire Supérieur, and a visiting Professor at the University Mohammed V. He is active in various research groups and advisory boards, and the president of the Moroccan Association for Asian Studies. He has served in numerous Japanese universities, the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) in Abu Dhabi, and Princeton University.



SACHA ROYTMAN DRATWA

CEO, Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM)

Sacha Roytman-Dratwa serves as the CEO of CAM. Prior to joining CAM, Sacha led the Digital Advocacy Unit at the World Jewish Congress. At the WJC, Sacha led the #WeRemember Campaign for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the world's largest digital educational campaign. He previously worked for Rimon Cohen Sheinkman, a leading PR firm in Israel, as the director of digital media communication, and prior to that commanded the Israel Defense Forces' New Media Operations team. Sacha holds a bachelor's degree in Interactive Communications from the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.



RT HON JOAN RYAN

Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-UK

Joan Ryan was the UK Member of Parliament for Enfield North for 18 years. Joan served as a member of the government for 5 years as a government whip and as a minister in the Home Office. In July 2007 she was appointed as the Prime Ministers Special Representative to Cyprus and was appointed as a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council. Joan resigned from the Labour Party in February 2019 citing the antisemitism crisis that was overwhelming the party under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn and his refusal to action or condemn it. In June 2019 Joan was appointed as the Honorary President of Labour Friends of Israel, having been the organisation's Chair since 2015.

SPEAKERS



MK GIDEON SA'AR

Former Israeli Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister

Gideon Sa'ar is Chairman of the 'New Hope' party, and a Member of Knesset, representing the 'National Unity' (HaMachane HaMamlachi) faction. Sa'ar serves as a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Policy and Public Diplomacy. He held the position of the Likud faction parliamentary chair for six years. In the 17th Knesset, Saar served as deputy speaker of the Knesset, and sat as chairman of the Committee on the Status of Women. In 2009, he was appointed minister of education and a member of Israel's Security Cabinet. In 2013, he was appointed minister of the interior. In 2014, he resigned from his positions in Knesset and government. During this time Saar joined the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) as a senior fellow until 2016. In 2019, he was re-elected to the Likud list for the 21st and 22nd Knessets. He served as a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Policy, and as a member of the Subcommittee on Secret Services and Intelligence. In the 23rd Knesset, Saar serves as a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, and subcommittees including the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Secret Services, as well as on the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee.



DR. JEAN-LOUP SAMAN

Senior Research Fellow, Middle East Institute of the National University of Singapore

Jean-Loup Samaan is a senior research fellow at the Middle East Institute of the National University of Singapore, as well as a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Middle East Security Initiative. He is also an associate research fellow with the French Institute of International Relations. Prior to that, Samaan was a policy analyst at the Directorate for Strategic Affairs of the French Ministry of Defense (2008-2011), research advisor at the NATO Defense College (2011-2016), and associate professor in strategic studies at the UAE National Defense College in Abu Dhabi (2016-2021).



SANI SANILEVICH

Board Member, ELNET-Israel

Sani Sanilevich is a businessman and an entrepreneur. He served as advisor and campaign manager for Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu between 2006-2009. He is an Israeli Navy officer in the rank of a captain, and voluntarily served as a commanding officer of two Israeli special police force units. Sanilevich is also a farmer and winemaker.

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BRAD SCHNEIDER

Chair, Abraham Accords Caucus, U.S. Congress

Brad Schneider represents Illinois's 10th District in the United States House of Representatives. He is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He has previously served on the House Judiciary and Small Business committees. Prior to being elected to Congress, Brad spent more than 20 years in business and management consulting, helping both large and family-owned businesses address the challenges of a changing economy and plan for the future. At home, Brad has deep ties to the community, including service with organizations such as the Jewish United Fund, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and others. Brad earned a BS in industrial engineering and his MBA from Northwestern University.



MATTHIJS SCHUSSLER

Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-EU & NATO

Matthijs Schüssler is the Chief Executive Officer of ELNET EU&NATO in Brussels. He started his career as an attorney at law at Loyens & Loeff in Amsterdam and was admitted to the Dutch bar association. As an attorney at law Matthijs focused on international corporate M&A, private equity and real estate work, with a special focus on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and general corporate representation. After several years as an attorney at law, Matthijs served as legal advisor and secretary of the national board of the Christian Democratic Party in the Netherlands (CDA). Whereafter he moved to Brussels to the European Parliament, to work as head of office for a Dutch Member of Parliament for the European People's Party (EPP). In this capacity, he dealt with big legislative files in the Transport and Budget Committee, trade agreements in the International Trade Committee and the China Delegation.



DANIEL SHADMY

Research and Communications Manager, ELNET-Israel

Daniel Shadmy has extensive experience in the field of diplomacy and Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining ELNET, Daniel held several positions at the Israeli MFA. Such as Political Adviser at Israel's Mission to the United-Nations in New-York, Political Officer at the Embassy of Israel in London and most recently as Congressional Affairs Officer at the Embassy of Israel in Washington D.C. Daniel holds a double Major B.A. in International Relations and Chinese Studies from INALCO University in Paris and an M.A. in Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution from Reichman University in Herzliya.

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BRIG. GEN. (RET.) DROR SHALOM

Director of Policy & Political-Military Bureau at the Israeli Ministry of Defense

Brig.Gen. Shalom served in the Israeli Defense Intelligence (IDI) of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) for three decades in various leading positions within the Research and Analysis Division (RAD) of the IDI and gained unique knowledge and extensive expertise in a wide range of Middle Eastern intelligence and strategic affairs (primarily Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Palestinians) and participated in various aspects of Arab-Israeli negotiations. During his service he served also as a personal aide to the IDI chief, Head of the Palestinian Affairs Department in the RAD, Chief Instructor at the Israeli Natitoanl Defense Academy and Deputy Head of the RAD. Between 2016 to 2020 Brig.Gen. Shalom was Head of the RAD.

Upon retirement, Brig.Gen. Shalom was awarded a special commendation from the IDF Chief of Staff recognizing his contribution to the IDF and to the State of Israel. After his retirement from active service, in November 2020 Brig.Gen. Shalom joined the Washington Institute for Near East Policy as a visiting military fellow and orchestrated the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) national security assessment for the year 2022.



MARCUS SHEFF

CEO, Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se)

Marcus Sheff is CEO of IMPACT-se. A student leader in the UK in the 1980s, he worked as a newspaper political reporter, editor and as a foreign correspondent. He established a communications firm in Israel that became the leader in its field. Subsequently, he became an executive for global communications firms Dow Jones International and Advanstar Inc. He was the Executive Director at The Israel Project from 2007-2014. He is non-executive chairman of a specialist biologicals company. He has spoken at the United Nations and the European Parliament, and briefed governments and legislatures around the world. He has appeared on CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, BBC, and many other networks, published in multiple foreign policy outlets and quoted in the New York Times, Washington Post and other print media. He was named a J100 most influential people in the Jewish world.

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PNINA SHRAVIT BARUCH

Senior research fellow, Head of the program on law and national security, the Israel Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

Pnina Sharvit Baruch is a senior research fellow and the head of the program on law and national security at the Israel Institute for National Security Studies (INSS). She retired from the Israel Defense Forces in 2009 with the rank of Colonel after twenty years in the International Law Department, heading the Department from 2003. In this capacity she was responsible for advising the government on issues relating to international law. During the years 1993-2006, Pnina served as a member of Israel's delegations to the negotiations with the Palestinians. In 2000, she also participated in the negotiations with Syria as the legal advisor of the security committee. After 2009 Pnina taught courses on public international law and on the legal aspects of the Israel - Arab conflict in the law faculty of the Tel-Aviv University. In recent years she has participated in several track II negotiations with Palestinian counterparts. Pnina is one of the founders and an active member of Forum Dvorah - Women in Foreign Policy and National Security. She is vice president of the international association of Jewish lawyers and jurists (IJL) and the president of the Israeli section of the International Women Forum (IWF).



BENHMAN TALEBLU

Senior Fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD)

Behnam Ben Taleblu is a senior fellow at FDD where he focuses on Iranian security and political issues. Behnam previously served as a research fellow and senior Iran analyst at FDD. Prior to his time at FDD, Behnam worked on non-proliferation issues at an arms control think-tank in Washington. Leveraging his subject-matter expertise and native Farsi skills, Behnam has closely tracked a wide range of Iran-related topics including: nuclear non-proliferation, ballistic missiles, sanctions, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the foreign and security policy of the Islamic Republic, and internal Iranian politics. Frequently called upon to brief journalists, congressional staff, and other Washington-audiences, Behnam has also testified before the U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament.

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IMAM MOHAMMAD TAWHIDI

Vice-President, The Global Imams Council

Imam Mohammad Tawhidi is an Islamic scholar, educator, best-selling author, speaker, and current Vice President of The Global Imams Council. He has dedicated his life to ideologically tackling the spread of Islamic extremism and has delivered speeches at conferences, parliaments, mosques, Islamic centers, churches, synagogues, temples and universities across the Middle East, Europe, America, Asia, and Australia. He is licensed by Islamic leaders of the highest order to lead and represent the Muslim community. Tawhidi enjoys healthy international diplomatic relationships with numerous governments and provides regular advice on counterterrorism. Imam Tawhidi was publicly ordained as an Islamic authority in the Holy City of Qum, Iran, by the Senior Grand Ayatollah Shirazi in 2010. He was recognized by the Senate of Canada on Wednesday June 13th of 2018, and is fluent in Arabic, English and Farsi.



DR. BRUNO TERTRAIS

Deputy Director, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)

Bruno Tertrais is Deputy Director of the Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS) and an Adviser for Geopolitics at *Institut Montaigne*. His areas of expertise include international relations, strategic and military affairs, nuclear deterrence and non-proliferation, US policy and transatlantic relations, security in the Middle East and in Asia. He was previously a Senior Research Fellow at FRS, a Visiting Fellow at the RAND Corporation, a Special Assistant to the Director of Strategic Affairs at the Ministry of Defense, and the Director of the Civilian Affairs Committee at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He was a member of the Commissions on the White Paper on Defense and National Security appointed by President Sarkozy (2007) and Hollande (2012).

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MANUEL VALLS

Former French Prime Minister

Born in Barcelona (Spain), Manuel Valls was first elected mayor of Evry in 2001, before taking on the mandate of MP for Essonne, until 2012. A Minister of the Interior from 2012 to 2014, he was then appointed Prime Minister by François Hollande in 2014, until 2016. He was at the origin of the state of emergency declared after the terrorist attacks of November 13, 2015, in Paris. In 2017, he joined Emmanuel Macron and his En Marche party and was re-elected an MP. He ran for office in the Barcelona mayoral elections in 2019, where he was a municipal councilor until early 2021. Since leaving office, Manuel Valls has remained active in French politics, regularly commenting on current events and the state of the country's political landscape. He has also published several books, including «Le courage guidait leurs pas» (Courage guided their steps.) in March 2023.



AYALON VANICHE

CEO, EDF Renewables Israel, Solar and Wind Energy

Ayalon Vaniche is the CEO of EDF Renewables Israel, a subsidiary of the French utility EDF dedicated to renewable energies. He graduated as an Engineer from the French Ecole Polytechnique and holds a Business and Public Administration degree from the Corps des Mines. He started his career as a civil servant in the Paris Region. He then became a personal advisor of the Minister of National Education, Research and Technology, and Head of the Department of technology and financing for innovation. In 1999, Ayalon joined McKinsey & Co where he became an Associate Partner. For 12 years, he advised the top management of major industrial companies and banks on their strategy and organization projects, before joining EDF group in 2011. Since then, Ayalon manages the sustained growth of EDF Renewables in Israel, through the development, financing, construction and operation of clean electricity projects.

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AMB. ZVI VAPNI

Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the State of Israel

Ambassador Zvi Vapni is the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the State of Israel, Isaac Herzog since 2021. Prior to this he served in the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs for over 30 years, where he held various senior positions. He served as Head of the North American Bureau within the ministry, served as Ambassador of Israel to the Philippines and to Slovakia, where he witnessed significant growth in the two nations' relationship, and was appointed the Diplomatic Advisor to the National Security Council, in the Prime Minister Office. Additionally, Vapni held various positions on behalf of the ministry in the United States. He was appointed the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Consulate General of Israel in Atlanta. He performed his mandatory military service in the IDF Intelligence Corps. He holds a BA in Jewish and European History from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a M.A., also from the Hebrew University.



STEFAN VILSMEIER

Founder, President and CEO, Brainlab

Stefan Vilsmeier is the founder, president and CEO of Brainlab. At the age of 15, he got his first computer: A Commodore 64. At 16, he wrote a book on 3D software, which sold 50,000 copies in its first year and secured him an invitation to join a specific computer project at the University of Vienna. During that project, Mr. Vilsmeier was introduced to computer- and magnetic resonance tomography. He wanted to leverage the precision depicted in those images to enable better surgery. After just 20 days on campus as a computer science student at the Technical University of Munich, he dropped out and founded Brainlab to focus on digitizing surgery.

Since those early beginnings in 1989, Brainlab has evolved into an international leader in medical technology with almost 2500 employees in 25 offices around the globe. The company has installed intelligent software and intuitive hardware for use in surgery, radiotherapy and digital operating room integration in over 6000 hospitals worldwide.

SPEAKERS



KATHARINA VON SCHNURBEIN

Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life, European Commission

Katharina von Schnurbein was appointed European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life in 2015. Prior, she worked for five years a part of the advisory team to European Commission President, responsible for the dialogue with churches, religions and non-confessional organisations as well as civil society organisations and think tanks in Germany. After her studies she worked for the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee at the German Bundestag. She started working for the European Commission in 2002 as press officer for the EU Delegation in Prague.



PASCALINE WAGEMANS

Director, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD)

Pascaline Wagemans is the Director of ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD), which holds annual Strategic Dialogues between Israel and key European countries (France, Germany, the UK, Spain, Italy, and Poland), as well as with the EU and NATO. Before that, she was the Deputy Director of the FSD (2017-2022), Project & Research Manager at the FSD (2014-2017), Project & Research Coordinator at the European Leadership Network (ELNET) (2013-2014), and an evidence-based consultant (2010-2011) and Business Analyst (2008-2009) at IMS Health, a leading global information and technology services company. Ms. Wagemans holds an MA in Conflict Resolution and Mediation from Tel Aviv University and an MA and a BA in Business Engineering from Solvay Business School.



EYAL WALDMAN

Chairman, Waldo Holdings; former President and CEO, Mellanox Technologies

Mr. Waldman is the chairman of Waldo Holdings. He has been the Co-founder, President, CEO and Board member of Mellanox Technologies since March 1999, a semiconductor company which went public on Nasdaq in 2007 and was acquired by NVIDIA in 2020 for more than \$7B. From 1999 to 2013, he served as Mellanox's chairman of the board. From 1993 to 1999, Mr. Waldman served as Vice President of Engineering and was a Co-founder of Galileo Technology, Ltd., a semiconductor company. From 1989 to 1993, he held several positions at Intel Corporation. He serves on the board of directors of several private and public companies. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Technion. In 2016, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Technion.

SPEAKERS



RT HON TOM WATSON

Member, House of Lords

Tom Watson is a Sunday Times best-selling author and member of the House of Lords. He is a former government minister under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown and was deputy leader of the labour party between 2015 and 2020.

Tom also Chairs UK Music, the umbrella body for the UK's talented songwriters and musicians, publishers, managers and record companies. Since entering the Lords in December 2022, Tom's policy interests include cleaning up our rivers and seas. He is a member of the Lords Horticulture Select Committee and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Morocco.



RABBI DAVID J. WOLPE

Max Webb Senior Rabbi, Sinai Temple

Rabbi David Wolpe is the Max Webb Rabbi Emeritus of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. He will be a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University for the 23/24 academic year. A senior adviser to the Maimonides fund and the author of 8 books, Rabbi Wolpe has written for the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Atlantic and many other outlets, and been a columnist for TIME, the Jerusalem Post, SAPIR, and the New York Jewish Week among other journals and newspapers.



HAIM WAXMAN

Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel in France

Haim Waxman is a diplomat who has held various critical positions in Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He previously served as the Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations. Waxman has over three decades of diplomatic experience, including as Deputy Director-General for United Nations and International Organizations (2020-2022) and Head of Foreign Affairs Studies at the Israel National Defense College (2014-2018). He has also held various positions in the MFA, including Director of the Non-Proliferation Department and Export Control Department. Waxman holds a Bachelor's degree in Russian and General Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Tel-Aviv.

SPEAKERS



DR. KENNETH R. WEINSTEIN

Walter P. Stern Distinguished Fellow, Hudson Institute

Kenneth R. Weinstein is the Walter P. Stern Distinguished Fellow at Hudson Institute. From 2011 through 2020, Dr. Weinstein served as president and CEO of Hudson. He has written widely for publications including the Wall Street Journal, Le Monde, and the Yomiuri Shimbun. In 2006, he was decorated with a knighthood in arts and letters by the government of France and serves on the boards of nonprofit organizations in the US, Europe and Asia, including the board of directors for ELNET-France. From 2017 until 2020, Dr. Weinstein chaired the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the oversight body for US Agency for Global Media. He is the co-editor of The Essential Herman Kahn: In Defense of Thinking (Lexington Books, 2009). In March 2020, he was nominated by President Trump to serve as US ambassador to Japan. Weinstein is a Senior Advisor with the Brunswick Group, and the Founding Chair and President of the Indo-Pacific Forum.



MAJ. GEN. (RET.) AMOS YADLIN

Chair, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD)

Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin is Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center. He has served as the Executive Director of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) at Tel Aviv University over the past decade, from November 2011 to May 2021. As the head of INSS, he positioned the Institute as a leading think tank. Maj. Gen. (ret.) served in the Israel Defense Forces for 40 years, eight of which he was a member of the IDF General Staff. From 2006-2010, he served as the IDF's chief of Defense Intelligence. Prior to that, he served as Israel defense attaché to the United States. In February 2002, he earned the rank of major general and was named commander of the IDF Military Colleges and the National Defense College. Maj. Gen. (ret.) Yadlin, a former deputy commander of the Israel Air Force, has commanded two fighter squadrons and two airbases. He has also served as Head of IAF Planning Department (1990-1993). He accumulated about 5,000 flight hours and flew more than 250 combat missions behind enemy lines. He participated in the Yom Kippur War (1973), Operation Peace for the Galilee (1982), and Operation Tamuz - the destruction of the Osirak nuclear reactor in Iraq (1981).

SPEAKERS



TAMAR ZANDBERG

Former Israeli Environmental Protection Minister

Tamar Zandberg was the Environmental Protection minister in 2021-2022. Her focus was climate change mitigation and adaptation, leading Israel to unprecedented achievements. During her term, Israel adopted a net zero GHG emissions target by 2050, adopted climate law for the first time in Israel's history, and promoted investments of billions of shekels in climate adaptation, nature based solutions and climate technology and innovation. Zandberg was first elected to the Knesset in 2013, representing the Meretz party, which she later also chaired. She was a member of the Economy Committee and the Interior & Environment Committee, in which she chaired a sub-committee for the sustainability of the sea and shores; She co-chaired the Socio-Environmental Caucus in the Knesset, and is winner of the "Green Globe" for special environmental activity of the Israeli Environmental movement. Prior to joining politics, Zandberg served as a City Council Member in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, where she was a member of the local Planning Committee and an advocate for affordable housing and sustainable transportation.



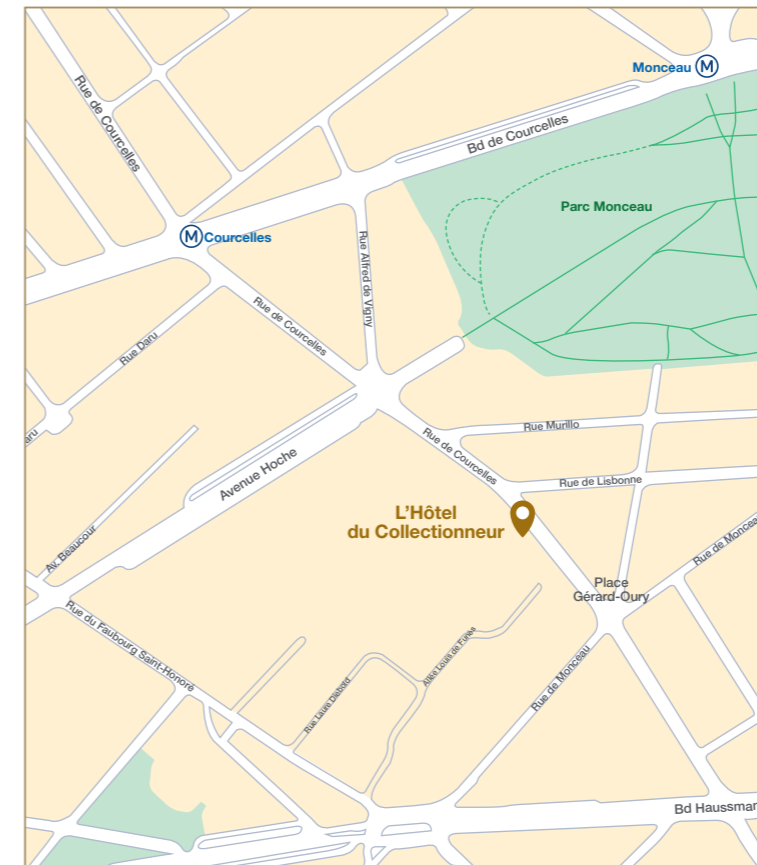
AMB. FRANÇOIS ZIMERAY

Lawyer to the ICJ, Former French Ambassador for human rights

François Zimeray is a prominent human rights lawyer registered in Paris, Geneva, and at the International Criminal Court. He served as the French Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights for five years and notably led the French delegation at the Durban II conference. In 2013, he was appointed as the Ambassador to Denmark and survived a terror attack while participating in a meeting to support cartoonists and human rights activists. As a Member of the European Parliament, Zimeray played a significant role in the preparatory debates on the European Charter of Fundamental Rights. He is also known for his support to a balanced approach of the situation between Israel and the Arab countries. Zimeray launched the first parliamentary enquiry commission on EU funding on PA and against hatred in the Palestinian textbooks.

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