



The Italian Embassy in Israel

Invitation

The Threat of Terrorism to the Stability in the Middle East

A two day conference organized by

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)

The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

&

The Embassy of Italy in Israel

With the support of the Municipality of Raanana

4 – 5 December 2008

The conference will take place at the

HaMishkan Center for Music and Arts

2A, Hapalmach St., RAANANA

All conference proceedings will be in English

Program

December 4, 2008:

09:00: Reception

09:30: Opening Remarks and Greetings

- Mr. Shabtai Shavit, Chairman, ICT Board of Directors, Former Head of the Mossad
- Ambassador Luigi Mattiolo, The Italian Ambassador to Israel
- Prof. Alex Mintz, Dean, Lauder School of Government, IDC, Herzlyia
- Mr. Nahum Hofri, Mayor of Raanana

10:15: Session One - The periphery as strategic threat

Chair: Prof. Alex Mintz, Dean, Lauder School of Government, IDC

Dr. Alessandro Politi, Nomisma, Director, Outpost for Strategic and Security Scenarios (OSSS): [Afghanistan and Pakistan: Regional and Global Influences](#)

Dr. Ely Karmon, senior research scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism: [What did al-Qaeda Achieve in the Middle East since the War in Iraq?](#)

Prof. Marco Lombardi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano: [Obl911 \(Osama Bin Ladin Nine Eleven\) asks, "do you want to chat"?](#)

Brig. General (ret.) Amnon Sofrin, research associate at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism: [Iran - A Strategic Challenge to Israel](#)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00: Session Two -The International Arena

Chair: Dr. Avishai Yaar, Culture Division Director, Raanana Municipality

Prof. Barry Rubin, Director, Global Research in International Affairs Center (GLORIA) of the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya: [The New U.S. President and the Middle East](#)

Prof. Vittorio Parsi, Dept. of International Relations, the Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Milan; Director for Master in Economy and Public Institutions Policies at ASERI, Milan: [Middle East as a challenge for European Union's international role](#)

December 5, 2008

09:30: Session Three -The Palestinian, Lebanese and Syria arenas

Chairman: Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Research Scholar, ICT

Dott. Antonio Maria Picasso, Middle East and Africa analyst for Ce.S.I.- Centro Studi Internazionali, Roma:

[Lebanese domestic politics and Italian Lebanese relations](#)

Diego Baliani, responsible for research on Middle East and Persian Gulf at the Military Centre for Strategic Studies (CeMISS) of the Italian Ministry of Defense:

[One year after Annapolis: The chances of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in the light of Hamas' control of Gaza"](#)

Dr. Col. (ret.) Eitan Azani, Deputy Director, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism: [Hezbollah from the second Lebanon war to the national unity government](#)

Col. (ret.) Jonathan Figchel, senior researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism: [New Global Jihad Offshoots in Gaza Strip and trends in the West Bank](#)

Col. (res.) Shlomo Mofaz, ICT research associate at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism:

[Syria and the Middle Eastern environment](#)

12:00 – 13:30 Closing panel: all the participants

For information and RSVP, please contact at: 09-9602823 or oritsw@idc.ac.il

Looking forward to seeing you,

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