

The War in Syria in 2019: Winners, Losers, and Shifting Alliances

Joint Conference held by the Moshe Dayan Center (MDC) and the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

INSS, 40 Haim Levanon Street, Ramat Aviv

14:00–14:10 Opening Remarks

Dr. Nir Boms, Syria Desk, MDC, Tel Aviv University

14:10–15:15 Session I

The Kurdish Chapter of the Syrian Civil War: Historical and Current Perspectives

Moderator: Jesse Weinberg, Syria Desk, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

Seth Frantzman, Jerusalem Post

Kurdish Players and Rivalries in Syria and Iraq: A View from the Ground

Yoram Schweitzer, INSS, Head of Program on Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict

The State of the Salafi-Jihadi Camp: The Impact of the American Withdrawal

Representative of Kurdish Forces, Kurdish Voice from Rojava

Future Kurdish Policy toward Syria and Iraq, and the Kurdish Perspective on the State-Building Project

This session is off the record

15:15–16:30 Session II (will be held in Hebrew)

Many Players, Many Interests: Russia, Iran, Turkey, and the Assad Regime

Moderator: Dr. Carmit Valensi, INSS, Head of the Syria Research Program

Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, Deputy Chairman of the Board of INSS, MDC Senior Research Fellow

The State of the Syrian State: Weakness, Fractures, and Foreign Interventions

Dr. Gallia Lindenstrauss, INSS, Senior Research Fellow

Turkey's Role in Syria: Here to Stay?

Amb. Zvi Magen, INSS, Senior Research Fellow

Russia in Northeastern Syria: Interests, Influences, and Achievements

Dr. Raz Zimmt, MDC and INSS Research Fellow

Iran in Syria: Between Vision and Reality

16:30–16:45 Coffee break

16:45–18:00 Session III (will be held in Hebrew) Regional Implications following Changes in the US Strategic Position

Moderator: Dr. Brandon Friedman, MDC, Director of Research

Amb. Dan Shapiro, INSS, Distinguished Visiting Fellow

The American Presence in Syria and Middle Eastern Outlook

Dr. Yoel Guzansky, INSS, Senior Research Fellow

The Perspectives of the Gulf States and other American Allies

Brig. General (res.) Udi Dekel, INSS, Managing Director

Israeli Strategic Dilemmas in the Changing Regional Order: Opportunities and Challenges

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