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The Center For Applied Negotiations (CAN)

A Farewell to Arms

Disarming Militant Groups in Northern Ireland

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Institute for National Security (INSS)
40 Haim Levanon Street, Tel Aviv

We are pleased to invite you to a talk with **Rev. Dr. Gary Mason**, advisor to loyalist combatants, about building internal consensus towards a political solution of the conflict in Northern Ireland. Dr. Mason will share his experience working with paramilitary groups there and offer insights on the process needed to move from violent struggle to political negotiation.

11:00-11:05	Introductory Remarks Col. (res.) Gilead Sher, Director of the Center for Applied Negotiations, INSS
11:05-12:30	Dr. Benedetta Berti interviews Rev. Dr. Gary Mason During the interview, video excerpts of conversations with ex-paramilitaries from Northern Ireland will be shown
12:30-13:00	Questions and Answers

The public is invited. Limited seating is available. The event will be held in English.
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Bios:



Rev. Dr. Gary Mason has spent 25 years as a Methodist pastor in Belfast and has played an integral role in the Northern Irish peace process. Dr. Mason is a close advisor to Protestant ex-combatants on the civilianization efforts of paramilitaries. He was instrumental in facilitating negotiations with paramilitaries and government officials, and in 2007 his contribution was formally recognized by the Queen. He holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Ulster, a graduate degree in Theology from Queens University, and a BA in Business from the University of Ulster.



Dr. Benedetta Berti is a research fellow at INSS, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, and the Kreitman Post-Doctoral Fellow at Ben Gurion University. Her research is related to political violence and conflict in the Middle East. She focuses specifically on political integration of armed groups, democratization, and rule of law. She is the author of *Armed Political Organizations: From Conflict to Integration* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013) which analyzes political activism of armed groups in the Palestinian territories, Lebanon, and Northern Ireland.



Attorney Gilead Sher (IDF col., res.) leads the Center for Applied Negotiations (CAN) at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS). He was Israel's co-Chief and Chief Negotiator at the 2000 Camp David summit and the 2001 Taba talks. Sher served as Prime Minister Barak's chief of staff and policy coordinator. He was a visiting lecturer at Philadelphia's Wharton School, heads the law firm Gilead Sher, Kadari & Co. Law Offices, and serves as Chairman of the Board of Sapir Academic College.