

Call for Papers for the Second Annual Conference of Arab Strategic and Policy Research Centers: The Palestinian Cause and the Future of the Palestinian National Movement

December 7-9, 2013

The Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies will convene its Second Annual Conference of Strategic and Policy Studies Research Centers in the Arab World from December 7 to December 9, 2013 in Doha. The 2013 meeting will focus on “The Cause of Palestine and the Future of the Palestinian National Movement”. The conference organizers chose this theme because the Palestinian cause is “pivotal in the formation of Arab consciousness” and a top priority for Arab research institutes. In addition to providing a select group of Arab politicians and academics the chance to meet, the conference will also host representatives from a number of policy research institutes in China and India. These guests will provide insight to their countries’ positions on the question of Palestine and issues of imperialism, as well the repercussions of the Arab revolutions on institutions concerned with policy, strategic, military, and economic affairs in their respective countries. Notably, the Arab revolutions and the attendant changes have set the stage for the rise of a new regional environment, and allowed for the possibility of a new set of international alliances and regional blocs to replace the order that has reigned over the previous 20 years. The conference sessions will be divided into the following sub-themes:

The Trajectory toward a Palestinian National Entity

- The Transformations Affecting the Modern Institution of Palestine
- The Palestinian Diplomatic Corps in the aftermath of the 2000 Intifada and the Institutionalization of Negotiations
- The Failure of the Two-state Solution and Available Alternatives
- Transformation of the Palestinian Security Establishment
- The Palestinian Autonomous Authority: Social and economic policies
- The Policies behind Foreign Funding and International Aid

From a National Liberation Movement to a Base of Resistance: Transformations within the Palestinian Armed Struggle

- Strategic Transformations within the Palestinian Resistance since the 2000 Intifada
- The Palestinian Resistance and the Diplomacy of Weapons
- The Experience of Governing the Gaza Strip

- Ramallah versus Gaza: Models of a new Palestinian city

Israeli Colonialism over the Past 10 Years

- Israeli Settlement and Urban Policies
- Transformations within Israeli Colonialism since the 2000 Intifada
- Disciplinary Mechanisms Deployed against Palestinian Society
- Mechanisms for the Containment of the 1948 Palestinians

Palestinian Refugees and their Affairs: Palestinians out of the Bounds of Politics

- Palestinian Refugees in their Countries of Residence
- Palestinian Identity in the Diaspora: Practice and rhetoric

Palestinian Society under Occupation: The Political and Social Movement

- New Protest Movements
- Social Protest on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
- Civil Society Institutions within the Political and Social Process
- Palestinians behind the Green Line (1948 Palestinians) and Resistance to Israelization
- The “New Palestinian” and Economic and Social Reformation

The Arabs and Palestine: Before and After the Arab Spring

- Arab States’ Relations with Israel before and after the Arab Spring
- Israeli Infiltration into Arab Cities
- The Israeli Attitude toward the Arab Revolutions
- The Ascendancy of political Islamists: Implications for the relations with Israel
- Arab-Israeli peace agreements: Present Realities and the Future
- Palestinians in the Arab Public Imagination and Arab Public Opinion
- The Impact of the Arab Spring on the Arab-Israeli Conflict

The Transformation of Israeli Society and Politics from the Right to the Extreme Right

- Transformations within Israeli Society since the 2000 Intifada
- The Development of Israeli Political and Social Forces

- The Israeli Lobby Abroad
- The Relation of Israeli Society to Colonialism

Submitted papers must meet the Center's guidelines for academic submission, and will be subject to peer review before approval by the organizing committee. Papers should be no less than 6,000 words in length. The deadline for submission of an abstract, which will serve as a research proposal, is May 25, 2013, and completed drafts must be submitted no later than September 30, 2013.

Researchers interested in participating in this Conference should liaise with ACRPS Researcher Nerouz Satik: nerouz.satik@dohainstitute.org