

CFR-INSS New York Hybrid Symposium

Assessing a Year of War in the Middle East

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (EST)

In-Person Breakfast

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (EST)

Session I: U.S. Strategy Toward Iran

Panelists will focus on how the new administration in Washington might shift the U.S. approach to Iran and the ways in which Iran is shaping the war in Gaza.

[Elliott Abrams](#), Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations (*speaking virtually*)

[Nazanin Boniadi](#), Human Rights Advocate; Actor; 2023 Sydney Peace Prize Laureate; CFR Member

[Assaf Orion](#), Senior Researcher and Director, Diane and Guilford Glazer Israel-China Policy Center, Institute for National Security Studies; Former Strategic Division Head, IDF General Staff's Planning Directorate (2010–15)

Presider: [Steven A. Cook](#), Eni Enrico Mattei Senior Fellow for Middle East and Africa Studies and Director of the International Affairs Fellowship for Tenured International Relations Scholars, Council on Foreign Relations

Introductory Remarks: [Michael Froman](#), President, Council on Foreign Relations

9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (EST)

In-Person Coffee Break

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (EST)

Session II: The 'Day After' and Future of the Peace Process

This session will honor Ambassador Martin Indyk's legacy with a discussion of the day after in Gaza and the potential for a renewed peace process.

[Salam Fayyad](#), Visiting Senior Scholar and Lecturer, and Daniella Lipper Coules '95 Distinguished Visitor in Foreign Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; Distinguished Fellow, Brookings Institution; Former Prime Minister (2007–13) and Minister of Finance (2002–05; 2007), Palestinian Authority

[Richard Haass](#), President Emeritus, Council on Foreign Relations; Senior Counselor, Centerview Partners

[Itamar Rabinovich](#), Vice-Chair, Institute for National Security Studies; Distinguished Nonresident Fellow, Brookings Institution; Former Ambassador to the United States (1993–1996) and Head of Peace Negotiations with Syria (1993–1996), Israel (*speaking virtually*)

[Mara Rudman](#), James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professor and Director, Ripples of Hope Project, Miller Center, University of Virginia; CFR Member

Presider: [Janine Zacharia](#), Carlos Kelly McClatchy Lecturer, Stanford University; CFR Member

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (EST)

In-Person Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EST)

Session III: Strategic Lessons From One Year of War

Panelists will discuss strategic lessons from the multi-front conflict in the Middle East, focusing on Gaza, Lebanon, and other flashpoints of regional escalation, while also addressing the tension between Israel's military and political objectives.

[Audrey K. Cronin](#), Trustees Professor of Security and Technology; and Director, Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology; CFR Member

[Tamir Hayman](#), Executive Director, Institute for National Security Studies; Former Chief, IDF Intelligence Directorate (2018–21)

[Robert Pape](#), Professor of Political Science and Director of the University of Chicago Project on Security and Threats, University of Chicago

Presider: [Elise Labott](#), Edward R. Murrow Press Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST)

In-Person Lunch

This hybrid symposium is on the record. It will take place in person and be offered virtually via Zoom.

**All times listed are Eastern Standard Time. **