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18-19 May 2016

The 100-Year Anniversary of Sykes-Picot Agreement: Centenary reflections and contemporary relevance

Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Day One: The Historical Foundation of the Sykes-Picot and Endurance of the Post World War System

09.00-09.30 Gathering

09.30-10.00 Welcoming Session

As'ad Ghanem (School of Political Science, University of Haifa)

Michael Gross (Head of the School of Political Science, University of Haifa)

Eli Salzberger (Director, Haifa Center for German and European Studies)

10.00-11.45 Session 1: Sykes-Picot, The Middle East and the West: Historical Foundations and Theoretical Context

Moderator: Keren Sharvit (Program of Peace and conflict Management, University of Haifa)

Kies Ferro (Department of Middle Eastern History, University of Haifa)

The meaning of the Sykes-Picot agreement and its implication on the territorial division of the Arab Ottoman provinces after the World War I

Erdal Kaynar (Polonsky Academy, The Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem)

Hopes for a Just World-Order among the Ottoman-Turkish Elite in the Aftermath of the First World War

Benny Miller (School Of Political Science, University of Haifa)

"When Regional Orders Endure? And Why They Collapse? Regional Orders and the Case of the Sykes-Picot System"

11.45-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.15 **Session 2 – European Great Powers in the Middle East during the Founding Years**

Moderator: Ayelet Banai (School of Political Science and Haifa Center for German and European Studies, University of Haifa)

Erez Manela (Department of History, Harvard University)
Alternative visions: The Big Three and the Future of Greater Syria since World War I

Stefan Ihrig (The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Haifa Center for German and European Studies, The University of Haifa)
Another loser – Germany and the post-World War I order in the Middle East

13.15-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-16.10 **Session 3 – Local and Regional Factors and their contribution for Sustainability in the Post First World War System**

Moderator: Eli Salzberger (Director, Haifa Center for German and European Studies, University of Haifa)

Hiller Frisch (Department of Political Science, Bar Ilan University)
Iliya Harik Got it Right! Sykes-Picot, ISIS and the Durability of Arab States

Mohanad Mostafa (Political Science, Or Yehuda College)
The Transformation of the Moslem Brotherhood Movement – From Bana to Morsi

Uriel Abulof (Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University)
A Century of Misnomers: The Misreading of Nationalism in the Middle East

16.15-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17:30 **Keynote Speaker**

Moderator: As'ad Ghanem (School of Political Science, University of Haifa)

Joel Migdal (Robert F. Philip Professor of International Studies in the University of Washington's Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies)
US Policy in the Middle East

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Day Two: **The System of The Post First World War – Is it collapsing?**

09.30-11.15 **Session 4 – State-Less Peoples and Minorities as a Challenge to the Sykes Picot System**

Moderator: Stefan Ihrig (The van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Haifa Center for German and European Studies, The University of Haifa)

As'ad Ghanem (School of Political Science, University of Haifa)
Who are the Palestinians - Palestine and Palestinians since Sykes-Picot

Ayelet Banai (School of Political Science, Haifa Center for German and European Studies, University of Haifa)
Self-Determination and the Territorial Principle: The Case of Kurdistan

Onn Winkler (Department of Middle Eastern History, University of Haifa)
Ethnic and Religious Fragmentation and the Collapse of the Post First Cold War System

11.15-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 **Session 5 – Contemporary challenges to the Sykes-Picot System**

Moderator: Daphna Canetti (School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa)

Gideon Piger (Department of Geography and Human Environment, Tel Aviv University)
Sykes-Picot Heritage – A New Viewpoint

Gallia Lindenstrauss (The Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv)
Turkey and the Arab Awakening: Dilemmas of a Regional Power

Elie Podeh (The Hebrew University in Jerusalem)
Contemporary Challenges to the Sykes-Picot Paradigm: ISIS, Iraq and Syria

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-15.30 **Session 6 – The New World Order – Europe and the Middle East**

Moderator: Fania Oz-Salzberger (The Faculty of Law and Haifa Center for German and European Studies, University of Haifa)

A Special Talk by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel in Tel Aviv:

Mr. Lars Faaborg- Andersen
"Europe and the Middle East today"

15.30-17.30 Concluding Session/Round Table – 100 years of turmoil – from Sykes Picot to the Arab Spring and further...

Moderator: Benny Miller (School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa)

Shlomo Aveniri (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Gabriel Ben-Dor (University of Haifa)

James Baar (King's College London)