

Palestinian Elections: Renewal or More of the Same?

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President Abbas's recent decree calling for Palestinian parliamentary elections in November comes a few weeks after Fatah conducted its own party elections, and in the midst of Hamas internal elections and the formal dissolution of Gaza's government. With polls showing the Palestinian public losing faith in both camps, what internal dynamics will shape their actions in the lead-up to voting day? How should the United States, Arab governments, and Israel react to these developments in light of the delayed transition process led by President Trump's Board of Peace? Most important, do these various elections represent a genuine political renewal that will produce fresh leaders and policies, or are they merely intended to project a facade of reform while focusing on internal housekeeping?

To discuss these questions, The Washington Institute is pleased to announce a virtual Policy Forum with Neomi Neumann and Ibrahim Dalalsha, moderated by Gilbert Foundation Senior Fellow Ghaith al-Omari.

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