

Alternative Futures for the Middle East

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Lasting reform will have to come from within Middle Eastern societies, a panel of American, Israeli, and Saudi experts said at an Asia Society forum.

Institute scholars Dennis Ross and Michael Herzog joined Saudi Prince Turki al-Faisal for a conversation on the future of the Middle East at the Asia Society in New York City. The discussion was moderated by Kevin Rudd, president of the Asia Society Policy Institute. Watch the full conversation above, and visit the [Asia Society website \(http://asiasociety.org/video/alternative-futures-middle-east-complete\)](http://asiasociety.org/video/alternative-futures-middle-east-complete) for more information about this event.

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*HRH **Prince Turki al-Faisal**, Saudi Arabia's former intelligence chief and one-time ambassador to Washington, addressed The Washington Institute's 2016 Weinberg Founders Conference in a pathbreaking [conversation on peace and security in the Middle East \(/policy-analysis/view/a-conversation-on-security-and-peace-in-the-middle-east\)](/policy-analysis/view/a-conversation-on-security-and-peace-in-the-middle-east) with retired IDF Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror, former national security advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu. ❖*

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