

## 2012 Weinberg Founders Conference

### Navigating the New 'New Middle East': Challenges for U.S. Policy

May 2, 2012



In-Depth Reports

**F**rom May 4, through Sunday noon, May 6, The Washington Institute explored the full range of Middle East policy challenges at the 2012 Weinberg Founders Conference, which brought together policymakers, diplomats, journalists, experts, and private citizens for a lively weekend of discussion and debate.

Watch plenary sessions of the conference online, including a keynote addresses by Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough; Naguib Sawiris, founder of Egypt's Free Egyptians Party; and a special roundtable discussion of U.S.-Israel relations with Robert Blackwill, David Makovsky, Dennis Ross, Amos Yadlin.

**Keynote Address featuring Naguib Sawiris (/policy-analysis/view/islamists-liberals-and-the-future-of-egypt) founder, Free Egyptians Party.**

**Iran Policy Options: Prevention, Containment, and the Nuclear Challenge (/policy-analysis/view/iran-policy-options-prevention-containment-and-the-nuclear-challenge)**

Featuring Colin Kahl, former deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Middle East; and Jamie Fly, former director for nonproliferation, National Security Council. Moderated by Amb. Dennis Ross, counselor, Washington Institute.

**After bin Laden: Is the War on Terror Over? (/policy-analysis/view/after-bin-laden-is-the-war-on-terror-over)**

Debate featuring Peter L. Bergen, author of *The Long War*, gold prize winner, 2011 Washington Institute Book Prize; and Juan Zarate, former deputy national security advisor. Moderated by Matthew Levitt, director, Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, Washington Institute.

**Syria, U.S. Leadership, and the Direction of Change in the Middle East (/policy-analysis/view/syria-u.s.-leadership-and-the-direction-of-change-in-the-middle-east)**

Panel discussion featuring Fouad Ajami, senior fellow, Hoover Institution; Peter David, Washington bureau chief, Economist; and Amb. Theodore Kattouf, former envoy to Syria. Moderated by Robert Satloff, executive director, Washington Institute.

**U.S.-Israel Relations in a Changing Middle East (/policy-analysis/view/u.s.-israel-relations-in-a-changing-middle-east)**

Panel discussion featuring Amb. Robert Blackwill, former deputy national security adviser; Amb. Dennis Ross, former NSC senior director and currently counselor, Washington Institute; Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin (IDF, Ret.), former head of Israeli defense intelligence. Moderated by David Makovsky, director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process, Washington Institute.

## **Closing Address featuring Denis McDonough (</policy-analysis/view/remarks-by-denis-mcdonough>) , assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor.**



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