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2014 Weinberg Founders Conference

Martin Indyk, U.S. special envoy for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, diagnosed the collapse of recent peace talks in a frank keynote address to the Institute's 2014 Weinberg Founders Conference. Watch his remarks and download a transcript. Also view other sessions, with speakers including Sen. Tim Kaine, former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak, and former French ambassador to Washington Jean-David Levitte.

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Martin Indyk, special envoy for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations; vice president and director, foreign policy program, Brookings Institution (on leave)

Moderator: **Robert Satloff**, executive director, TWI

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Tim Kaine, United States senator (D-VA); chair, Senate subcommittee on the Near East

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Elizabeth Rosenberg, director, Energy, Environment and Security Program, Center for a New American Security

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Ehud Yaari, Lafer international fellow and commentator, Israeli TV 2

Aaron Y. Zelin, Richard Borow fellow, TWI

Moderator: **Matthew Levitt**, Fromer-Wexler fellow and director, Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, TWI