In one of the most hopeful moments of recent Middle East history, the leaders of Jordan and Israel met in the Wadi Araba desert a quarter-century ago to sign a formal peace treaty, take their long-clandestine relationship out of the shadows, and commit themselves to a truly warm peace. Since then, relations between Amman and Jerusalem have experienced important breakthroughs but also difficult blows, in terms of both their bilateral ties and the Palestinian issue. The result today is a relationship under deep strain, anchored by security and intelligence ties but suffering from a mix of popular hostility among Jordanians and perceived indifference among Israelis.

To discuss the past, present, and, most important, future of Jordan-Israel peace, its connection to regional issues, and its role in U.S. policy, The Washington Institute hosted a Policy Forum with:

**Jawad Anani**, Jordan's former deputy prime minister, foreign minister, chief of the Royal Court, and coordinator of the peace process negotiating team.

**Shimon Shamir**, dean of Israeli scholars on the modern Middle East, professor emeritus of Middle East history at Tel Aviv University, and Israel's first ambassador to Jordan.

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