



The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Israel and the Moshe Dayan Center (MDC) for Middle Eastern and African Studies

Cordially invite you to attend the nineteenth virtual meeting of the Hiwar Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue

Hiwar

A KAS-MDC Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue

"PROMOTING PEACE AND TOLERANCE IN EDUCATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

WITH

MOHAMMED DAJANI (Palestine)

Former Weston Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and is Director of the Wasatia Academic Institute in Jerusalem.

ELDAD PARDO (Israel)

Author, textbook researcher and Director of Research, at IMPACT-se.

JULIANNE PUENTE (Jordan and the United States)

Head of School at the Albuquerque Academy and former Dean at King's Academy (Jordan).

AMR WAEL (United Arab Emirates)

Educational Consultant and School Development Director, UAE.

Moderator: **NIR BOMS**

THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023

16:00 - 17:30 (ISRAEL STANDARD TIME)

9:00 - 10:30 (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

VENUE: ZOOM

PROGRAM:

This meeting will be conducted in English.

16:00-16:05 **Opening remarks and brief introduction from Lina Michelsen, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and Moshe Dayan Center Hiwar staff**

16:05-16:10 **Dr. Nir Boms** introduces discussion and speakers.

16:10-16:50 **Discussion** between moderator and speakers.

16:50-17:30 **Q&A** from audience to speakers.

[Please RSVP here](#)

The link to the event will be sent to the email used to register.

To what extent are educators in the Middle East promoting peace? To what extent are they promoting tolerance? And is the promotion of peace and tolerance in education achieved by the same means? These questions will guide this month's Hiwar in which experts from across the region will discuss the questions and their implications for the region in both the short- and long-term. Panelists will consider how educators are promoting tolerance with regards to ethnic, racial and religious minorities in various countries throughout the region, and will present data about how these efforts are contributing to more peaceful relations on the ground. Panelists will consider efforts from various countries within the context of textbooks, experiential learning, and pedagogical philosophy more broadly. We invite you to join us on January 26, 2023 for what is sure to be an exciting discussion.

PANELISTS:

Dr. Mohammed Dajani is a Jerusalem-born scholar and peace activist. He is the Director of the Wasatia Academic Institute and the Jerusalem Studies and Research Institute. In 2007, he established the Wasatia movement to spread the call for moderation, tolerance, and brotherhood to tackle the ideological roots of extremism. In 2014, he became the center of a controversy when he led a group of 27 Palestinian students to the Nazi death concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland. They were the first group of students from Palestine to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. The trip to Auschwitz cost him his academic post at Al-Quds University. He received death threats, and his car was torched. He persists in his message of peace and reconciliation despite the current political challenges.

Julianne Puente is the Head of School at the Albuquerque Academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Prior to coming to the Albuquerque Academy, she spent more than a decade at King's Academy in Madaba, Jordan, essentially building the school from the ground up. Her work at King's Academy, which included interaction with students from all over the world, has provided her with a broad knowledge of developing a healthy, connected, kind and inclusive school culture. Before arriving at King's, Ms. Puente worked at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York in a variety of roles including kindergarten intern, history teacher, admissions counselor college counselor, dean, coach, and director of middle school life.

Dr. Eldad Pardo is the Research Director of IMPACT-se, and the author of "Predicting Revolutions: Iranian Cinema and the Islamic Revolution" (2010), and of many articles on Iran and Middle East issues. He earned his doctoral degree in History at UCLA. Dr. Pardo has headed two research groups at the Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace: "Religious Actors in Conflict Areas" and "Iran in Global Perspectives." He teaches at Hebrew University in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies and at the Rothberg School of International Students..

Dr. Amr Wael is an experienced educational consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the education management industry in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. He is skilled in English Language Teaching as a Second Language, educational technology, instructional design, and curriculum design and assessment. Dr. Wael is a school development program team leader in the United Arab Emirates with more than thirty-five school projects that had outstanding outcomes.

Moderator: Dr. Nir Boms is a research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University. He is the Chairman of the Syria Research Forum and the Gulf Israel Policy Forum, as well as the coordinator of the TAU Workshop on Israel and the Middle East and the Hiwar Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue. Dr. Boms received his doctorate from the University of Haifa, and among other publications, has written a book - *The Syrian War - Between Justice and Political Reality* (Cambridge University Press, 2020) - which is an edited volume on the Syrian War (2011 - 2019).

PLEASE NOTE

We cordially invite the audience to participate in thirty minutes of Q&A with the speakers following a round of opening remarks.