



The Sykes-Picot Agreement a Century Later: a New Order for the Middle East?

Friday May 20th – Saturday May 21st, at 9:30
Maison du Futur, Bikfaya

09:00 – 09:30 Arrival and registration
09:30 – 10:00 Welcoming address by **President Amine Gemayel** from MdF and **Peter Rimmel** from the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Friday May 20 / Session 1 - Sykes Picot in its Historical Context: the Art of the Possible

Moderator: **Carole Dagher, Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Lebanon in France**

10:00 – 11:05 **Dorothee Shmid**, Head of the Turkey / Middle East Program, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI, France).
Doris Carrion, Research Associate at the Middle East and North Africa Program, Chatham House (London, UK).
Hassan Mneimneh, Principal at Middle East Alternatives (Washington, USA).
Discussion
11:05 – 11:20 *Coffee break*

Session 2 - What if there was no Sykes Picot? A Counter-Factual Reflection

Moderator: **Sami Aoun, Professor at Sherbrooke University**

11:20 – 12:25 **Joseph Maila**, Professor of international relations at ESSEC France, former President of the Catholic University of Paris.
Steven Heydemann, Janet W. Ketcham Chair in Middle East Studies, Smith College.
Yuri Zinin, Ph.D. Senior Researcher in the Civilizations' Partnership Center of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).
Discussion
12:25 – 14:00 *Lunch Break, Keynote speaker*
James Barr, author on the Middle East

Session 3 - Retrospective and Prospective: Syria and Lebanon

Moderator: **Paul Salem, Vice President for Policy and Research at the Middle East Institute**

14:00 – 15:05 **Andrew Tabler**, Martin G. Gross Fellow in the Program on Arab Politics at the Washington Institute for Near East Studies.



Roger Dib, Former Minister, Founder and Director of the Near East Consulting Group.

Amr el Azm, Associate Professor of Middle East History and Anthropology in Shawnee State University.

Discussion

15:05 – 15:20

Coffee Break

Session 4 - Retrospective and Prospective: Jordan and Palestine

Moderator: **John Bell**, Director of the Middle East and Mediterranean Program, Toledo Center

15:20 – 16:25

Marwan Moasher, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Washington, USA) (Skype).

Nabil Amr, Former Minister in the Palestinian National Authority.

Mahmoud Soueid, Former Director of the Institute of Palestine Studies.

Discussion

Saturday May 21 / Session 5 - Retrospective and Prospective: Iraq

Moderator: **Hassan Mneimneh**, Principal at Middle East Alternatives

10:00 – 11:05

Maysoon Al-Damluji, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Parliamentary Culture and Media Committee, spokesperson of Al Wataniya Bloc, Iraq.

Rend Al Rahim, Former Iraqi Ambassador to the United States.

Raid Juhi Alsaedi, Inspector General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Iraq and Legal Advisor.

Discussion

11:05 – 11:20

Coffee break

Session 6 - A New Sykes-Picot for the Region?

Moderator: **Jihad El Zein**, Writer and Journalist

11:20 – 12:45

Nassif Hitti, Former Arab League Ambassador to Rome and the Vatican

Burhanettin Duran, General Coordinator, Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA, Turkey).

Paul Salem, Vice President for Policy and Research in the Middle East Institute (Washington, USA).

Discussion and Closing Remarks

12:45 – 14:30

Lunch Break, Keynote speaker

Ayad Allawi, Former Vice President of Iraq and Former Interim PM