

Paul Salem Intervention

The Middle East is going through the most turbulent and unstable period in its recent history. Several states have collapsed, civil wars have left hundreds of thousands dead and millions displaced, and terrorist groups have taken advantage of ungoverned space to mount an existential challenge to social and political orders. the US led invasion of Iraq in 2003 , the arab uprisings of 2011, and the unfettered competition between Iran, the gulf countries and Turkey have created a perfect storm of instability and conflict. Salem will review the various phases of the Middle East regional order that have led us to where we are today, but he will focus on presenting the necessary elements and phases of building a new regional order that is essential for winding down ongoing civil and proxy wars, reclaiming ungoverned space from terrorist groups, and providing the regional context for security, stability and economic progress.