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Arab-Israeli Conflict: Israel/Jordan Trust to Enhance Defense and Security Cooperation Seminar

9 – 12 August 2021



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Dear NESACenter Seminar Participant:

Welcome to the Near East South Asia (NESACenter) Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University!

Congratulations on your selection to participate in the NESACenter's virtual "Strengthening Israel-Jordan Trust to Enhance Defense & Security Cooperation Seminar". We have planned an intensive program covering a wide variety of issues. This seminar will devote considerable attention to assessing ways to establish peace and security cooperation between Israel and Jordan.

Israel and Jordan are major non-NATO allies of the United States. Since 1994, the peace between Jordan and Israel has been never a warm one. Although differences exist toward the Palestinian issue, Israelis and Jordanians have mutual interests in achieving regional stability. The rise of Iranian and Turkish influence in the Middle East, Energy and Water Security, countering violent extremist organizations, and using unmanned aerial vehicles to fight the coronavirus pandemic present opportunities for Israelis and Jordanians to strengthen trust and enhance security cooperation. This seminar seeks to explain and analyze these issues. By hearing different viewpoints, participants will have a firm basis to explore ways to advance cooperation and strengthen trust as a strategic national interest for all parties.

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- Identify where Jordanian and Israelis interests and goals align and where they diverge
- Analyze the role of the United States in bridging gaps
- Assess opportunities to build trust and strengthen mutual cooperation
- Recognize the importance of respecting the 1994 peace treaty
- Consider options to improve bilateral relations
- Explore opportunities for water, energy, cybersecurity, and AI collaboration
- Create strategies to counter violent extremist organizations

The seminar is designed to offer a unique forum for discussing strategic issues directly with your counterparts from the NESACenter Region, U.S. government officials, subject-matter experts, scholars, and advisors. We know that you will take full advantage of the opportunity to have open and candid discussions with other seminar participants. Over time we have found that the best seminars result when the participants engage with our speakers and each other and that interaction enriches the seminar experience and ideas that participants take home.

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I wish you the most rewarding experience and hope to meet you in person here in Washington, DC in the near future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry A. Wolff".

TERRY A. WOLFF
LTG, USA (Ret)
Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies

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Monday, 9 August (All times are listed in EDT)

All discussions will be held off-the-record, under Chatham House rules of non-attribution. All Participants are urged to contribute to the discussion in all sessions.

- 0630 – 0645 **Course Director’s Welcome and Seminar Overview**
Dr. Michael Sharnoff, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0645 – 0700 **Academic Dean’s Welcome**
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- 0700 – 0715 **Directors’ Welcome**
LTG Terry A. Wolff, USA (Ret.), Director, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0715 – 0730 **Break**
- 0730 – 0900 **Session 01: Jordan-Israel Peace at Twenty-Seven: Past, Present, and Future**
Moderator: *Dr. Michael Sharnoff, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies*
Speaker: *Dr. Asher Susser, Professor Emeritus of Middle Eastern History, Tel Aviv University*

This session will examine the origins of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel, discuss where the bilateral relationship is today, and present options to ensure the survival of this very important diplomatic achievement in the years ahead.

Readings:

25 years on, remembering the path to peace for Jordan and Israel

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2019/10/23/25-years-on-remembering-the-path-to-peace-for-jordan-and-israel/>

There may not be any celebrations, but the Israeli-Jordanian peace agreement has endured for 25 years

<https://www.mei.edu/publications/there-may-not-be-any-celebrations-israeli-jordanian-peace-agreement-has-endured-25>

The Regional Stakes of Sourred Israeli-Jordanian Relations

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/middle-east-north-africa/eastern-mediterranean/jordan/regional-stakes-soured-israeli-jordanian-relations>

Jordan After Trump: Between Hope and Uncertainty in the Middle East

<https://rusi.org/commentary/jordan-after-trump-between-hope-and-uncertainty-middle-east>

0900 – 0915 **Break**

0915 – 0930 **Alumni and Media & Communications Brief**

Speaker: *Ms. Nancy Luong, Media, and Communications, NESACenter for Strategic Studies*

0930 – 1100 **Session 02: The United States Strategic Relationship with Israel and Jordan**
Moderator: **Dr. Michael Sharnoff**, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
Speaker: **Mr. David Schenker**, Taube Senior Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

This session will provide a broad overview of the United States' strategic relationship with Israel and Jordan. It will examine how the relationship has evolved, the challenges facing both countries and efforts by Washington to support both countries and help achieve regional stability.

Readings:

The Future of U.S.-Jordan Relations and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Under Biden

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/29263/the-future-of-us-jordan-relations-and-the-israel-palestine-conflict-under-biden>

U.S. Security Cooperation With Jordan

<https://www.state.gov/u-s-security-cooperation-with-jordan/>

U.S. Relations With Israel: Bilateral relations fact sheet:

<https://www.state.gov/u-s-relations-with-israel/>

Redefining Security in Jordan-U.S. Relations

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/redefining-security-jordan-us-relations>

1100 **Day concludes**

Tuesday, 10 August

0630 – 0700 **Participants’ Connection Check & Rollcall**

0700 – 0845 **Session 03: Drones and Border Security**

Moderator: ***Dr. Michael Sharnoff***, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Speaker: ***Professor David Des Roches***, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

The smuggling of conventional arms and of chemical and biological weapons from Syria; narcotics trafficking; cross-border tunnels; and extremists abroad returning to their countries of origin pose security concerns to the stability of Jordan and Israel. This session will examine lessons learned on how the United States has used drones along the border with Mexico to strengthen border and security cooperation between Jordan and Israel.

Readings:

Amy Zegart, “Cheap Fights, Credible Threats: The Future of Armed Drones and Coercion,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* (2020, v.43, 1)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/epub/10.1080/01402390.2018.1439747?needAccess=true>

Israel, Jordan among Mideast countries deploying drones in virus response

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-jordan-among-mideast-countries-deploying-drones-in-virus-response/>

Jordan: US security assistance and border defense capacity building

<https://www.mei.edu/publications/jordan-us-security-assistance-and-border-defense-capacity-building>

The “smarter” wall: How drones, sensors, and AI are patrolling the border

<https://www.vox.com/recode/2019/5/16/18511583/smart-border-wall-drones-sensors-ai>

0845 – 0900 **Break**

0900 – 1045 **Session 04: Transnational Threats and Countering Violent Extremists**

Moderator: ***Dr. Michael Sharnoff***, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Speaker: ***Dr. Saud Al-Sharafat***, former Brig. Gen in the Jordanian General Intelligence Directorate and founder and chairman of the Shorufat Center for the Study of Globalization and Terrorism

Violent extremist organizations, radicalization and homegrown terrorism threatens the security and stability of Jordan and Israel. This session will discuss ways for Jordan and Israel to protect their borders against violent extremist organizations and other transnational security threats to promote long-term stability in the region.

Readings:

Women can play influential role in countering violent extremism

<http://www.jordantimes.com/news/local/women-can-play-influential-role-countering-violent-extremism%E2%80%99>

Assessing Jordan's National Strategy to Combat Violent Extremism

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/assessing-jordans-national-strategy-combat-violent-extremism>

Counter-terrorism Expert: Israel Has Homegrown ISIS Threat in Hand

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/israel-has-homegrown-isis-threat-in-hand-says-expert-1.5390904>

Israelis target ISIS fighters in Egypt as part of covert counterterrorism pact

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/israelis-target-isis-fighters-in-egypt-as-part-of-covert-counterterrorism-pact/2018/02/03/9b853bcc-091b-11e8-8777-2a059f168dd2_story.html

1045 **Day concludes**

Wednesday, 11 August

0630 – 0700 **Participants' Connection Check & Rollcall**

0700 – 0845 **Session 05: Energy and Water Security in Jordan and Israel**

Moderator: **Dr. Michael Sharnoff**, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Speaker: **Dr. David Katz**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at University of Haifa

Joint energy projects in the Dead Sea and in other areas are strategically important to Jordan and Israel. The transfer of Israeli technology to Jordan and the sharing of the Yarmouk waters are also of mutual concern. This session will explain and analyze how renewable energy and water sharing projects can provide socio-economic benefits to Israel and Jordan, create opportunities for security cooperation and help both countries achieve their climate mitigation goals.

Readings:

The Road to Energy Security in Jordan and Israel

<https://environment-review.yale.edu/road-energy-security-jordan-and-israel>

Don't Politicize Water

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/09/17/water-cooperation-middle-east/>

Coping with Water Scarcity in the Jordan River Basin

<https://tcf.org/content/report/coping-water-scarcity-jordan-river-basin/>

Natural Gas Discoveries and Israel's Energy Security

<https://gjia.georgetown.edu/2020/05/25/natural-gas-discoveries-and-israels-energy-security/>

Jordan, Israel, and Palestine in Quest of Solving the Energy Conundrum

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2021/02/25/jordan-israel-and-palestine-in-quest-of-solving-the-energy-conundrum/>

0845 – 0900 **Break**

0900 – 1045 **Session 06: Maritime Security**

Moderator: **Dr. Michael Sharnoff**, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Speaker: **Dr. Ian Ralby**, Founder and CEO, I.R. Consilium

Communication links between Aqaba and Eilat seaports are critical to prevent accidents. This session will discuss the importance of sea security in and around Eilat, Aqaba, the Red Sea and Dead Sea, and offer strategies to help improve cooperation and trust.

Readings:

The Strategic Implications of Israel's Turn to the Sea

<https://warontherocks.com/2019/09/the-strategic-implications-of-israels-turn-to-the-sea/>

Red-Dead Sea Water Conveyance Project – Implications and Remedies

<https://www.ecomena.org/red-dead-sea-project/>

Factors of success and failure for transboundary environmental cooperation: projects in the Gulf of Aqaba

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKewjR2Y_xubfvAhXVFlkFHffVCvc4ChAWMA6BAgGEAM&url=https%3A%2F%2Fportman.net.technion.ac.il%2Ffiles%2F2012%2F07%2FPortman_2017_Teff_seker_RSMPP_Factors-1.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2xyhj7-H14N7yPt-R9eZg

1045 **Day concludes**

Thursday, 12 August

0630 – 0700 **Participants' Connection Check & Rollcall**

0700 – 0845 **Session 07: Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence**

Moderator: **Dr. Michael Sharnoff**, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Speaker: **Mr. Simon Handler**, Assistant Director of the Cyber Statecraft Initiative, Atlantic Council
Mr. Wyatt Hoffman, Research Fellow, Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Georgetown

Hacking and leaking sensitive information by state and non-state actors creates damaging effects to national security. Although Artificial Intelligence (AI) can contribute to the number of cyber-threats, it can also be used to detect and mitigate them. This session will examine and will address how AI-powered cybersecurity solutions can help both countries counter these threats and contribute toward regional stability.

Readings:

Jordan adopts sweeping cybersecurity legislation

<https://www.mei.edu/publications/jordan-adopts-sweeping-cybersecurity-legislation>

Israel–Arab peace accord fuels hope for surge in scientific collaboration

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02688-5>

Israel finds an AI system to help fight in cities

<https://www.c4isrnet.com/battlefield-tech/2020/02/05/israel-finds-an-ai-system-to-help-fight-in-cities/>

The Cybersecurity 202: Now that Trump's out of the nuclear deal, Iran may flex cyber muscle

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-cybersecurity-202/2018/05/09/the-cybersecurity-202-now-that-trump-s-out-of-the-nuclear-deal-iran-may-flex-cyber-muscle/5af1d96030fb042db57973cb/>

0845 – 0900 **Break**

0900 – 1045 **Session 08: Weaponizing Disinformation**

Moderator: **Dr. Michael Sharnoff**, Associate Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Mr. Michael Sexton, Senior Editorial Strategist, Synack

Information and social media weaponization are a complex challenge that weakens trust in government and institutions, can incite violence. Recently, misinformation has sowed division and created confusion regarding election results, the Coronavirus pandemic, and the vaccine. This session will identify misinformation and disinformation, analyze how it can be weaponized, and offer strategies to counter and curb the spread of disinformation.

Readings:

Jordan: Coronavirus and the media

<https://en.ejo.ch/ethics-quality/jordan-coronavirus-and-the-media>

As vaccinations lag, Israel combats online misinformation

[https://apnews.com/article/israel-misinformation-coronavirus-pandemic-local-governments-museums-462b98e0ff0d7d5bf4400c84a61047b2#:~:text=JERUSALEM%20\(AP\)%20%E2%80%94%20After%20surging,Now%2C%20officials%20are%20fighting%20back.](https://apnews.com/article/israel-misinformation-coronavirus-pandemic-local-governments-museums-462b98e0ff0d7d5bf4400c84a61047b2#:~:text=JERUSALEM%20(AP)%20%E2%80%94%20After%20surging,Now%2C%20officials%20are%20fighting%20back.)

Weaponizing social media: Heinz Experts on troll farms and fake news

<https://www.heinz.cmu.edu/media/2018/October/troll-farms-and-fake-news-social-media-weaponization>

How weaponizing disinformation can bring down a city's power grid

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0236517>

How Covid conspiracies, 'fake news' and misinformation spread in 2020

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-55348574>

How Logically Helps Governments Fight Misinformation

<https://www.govtech.com/sponsored/How-Logically-Helps-Governments-Fight-Misinformation.html>

1045 **Conclusion of Seminar**

Deploy Exit Survey for Participants

Due back NLT 5PM EDT 18 August 2021



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NESA Center Biographies

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<i>LTG (Ret.) Terry A. Wolff</i>	<i>Director, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i>
<i>COL (Ret.) David Lamm</i>	<i>Deputy Director, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i>
<i>Dr. Roger Kangas</i>	<i>Academic Dean, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i>
<i>Dr. Michael Sharnoff</i>	<i>Course Director, Associate Professor, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i>
<i>Professor David Des Roches</i>	<i>Associate Professor, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i>



LTG (RET.) TERRY A. WOLFF
Director, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

LTG (Ret) Terry Wolff has been the Director of NESACenter since June 2014. He retired from the U.S. Army in February 2014 after completing over 34 years of service. During his tenure as the Director of NESACenter he also served 39 months (Nov 15-Feb 19) as the Deputy Special Presidential Envoy (DSPE) for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

LTG (Ret) Wolff's final military assignment was as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5 for the Joint Staff from September 2011 until December 2013.

LTG (Ret) Wolff commanded at every level from platoon to armored division. He spent nearly ten years in Germany and served three tours in Iraq commanding the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, and the United States Division-Center (1st Armored Division).

He has extensive experience in Washington, DC working military strategy and policy matters as well as interagency affairs: first on the Joint Staff as a Colonel; then nearly two years on the National Security Council as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan; over two years as the Joint Staff J-5; and three years as the DSPE for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

Commissioned from the Military Academy in 1979 with a BS in Engineering, he has master's degrees in international Affairs from Catholic University, the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, and the Naval War College.



COL (Ret.) DAVID W. LAMM

Deputy Director

David W. Lamm, a native of Hamburg, New York, is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Canisius College in Buffalo and was commissioned in 1977. As of October 2013, Mr. Lamm assumed the duties as the Deputy Director of the NESACenter in 2010 after serving as the Chief of Staff (2007-2009).

Mr Lamm held a variety of staff and command positions, beginning his career as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion Logistics Officer with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry, Berlin Brigade. From 1981-1985 he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, serving consecutively as a Company Commander; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company; and Brigade Adjutant. Mr. Lamm then served as a Battalion and Brigade Operations Officer in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division from 1991-1993 and as Chief of Training, XVIII Airborne Corps from 1993-1994. He commanded Phantom Command, III Corps and Fort Hood from 1994-1996 and was the Secretary of the General Staff, III Corps and Fort Hood in 1997.

Mr. Lamm then served as the Joint Staff's Chief of Plans and Operations, Operations Directorate (Information Operations) from 1997-1999. He was the Commander, U.S. Army Central Command, Kuwait (2000-2002) and then the Chief of Staff, Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan (2004-2005). From 2006-2007 he served consecutively as the Director for Afghanistan (Office of the Secretary of Defense) and as the Interagency Coordinator for the Defense Policy Analysis Office, (Office of the Secretary of Defense).

On the academic side, Mr. Lamm completed course work for a doctorate at Duke University (1985-1990) and served as an Assistant Professor of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point. During 2003, he served as Professor of Strategy at the National War College (National Defense University). In June 2006, he completed the NESACenter's Executive Seminar on "Strategic Communication and the Challenges of Globalization." Mr. Lamm's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Artillery Officer's Advance Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He is a qualified Joint Staff Officer.

His analytical works include: "From Kabul to Baghdad and Back," analyzing the key strategic decisions that shaped the courses of the campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq; "Manning the Machine,"



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a critical examination of the Army's individual replacement system, conducted for the Chief of Staff of the Army in 2001; "The Post-Cold War Army," an analysis conducted for the Chief of Staff of the Army, later published in Military Review, (1991); "The War of 1812," an annotated bibliography for the Book of Days.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (3 awards), the Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Bronze Star Medal (2 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2 Awards), and the Army Commendation Medal. He is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Staff Badge.



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DR. ROGER KANGAS
Academic Dean

Dr. Roger Kangas is the Academic Dean and a Professor of Central Asian Studies at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Previously Dr. Kangas served as a Professor of Central Asian Studies at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; Deputy Director of the Central Asian Institute at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC; Central Asian Course Coordinator at the Foreign Service Institute for the U.S. Department of State; Research Analyst on Central Asian Affairs for the Open Media Research Institute (OMRI) in Prague, Czech Republic; and as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Kangas has been an advisor to the Combatant Commands, NATO/ISAF, the US Air Force Special Operations School, National Democratic Institute, International Research and Exchanges Board, American Councils, Academy for Educational Development, USIA, USAID, and other US government agencies on issues relating to Central and South Asia, Russia, and the South Caucasus. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University. Dr. Kangas holds a B.S.F.S. in Comparative Politics from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University.



DR. MICHAEL SHARNOFF
Associate Professor

Michael Sharnoff is Associate Professor at the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Prior to joining NESAA, he served as Associate Professor of Middle East Studies and Director of Regional Studies at the Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security. While at DMGS, Dr. Sharnoff taught graduate courses on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Arab Spring uprisings, and radical Islamist movements.

Prior to joining DMGS, Dr. Sharnoff worked at policy centers in Washington and has lectured for the Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management (DISAM) at Wright-Patterson AFB. He publishes frequently on the Middle East and his articles have appeared in Foreign Policy Research Institute, Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, Huffington Post, An Nahar, and Al Arabiya. He is the founder of Sharnoff's Global Views, an op-ed forum on foreign affairs.

He holds a Ph.D. in Middle East Studies from King's College, London, and is the author of *Nasser's Peace: Egypt's Response to the 1967 War with Israel* (Routledge, 2017)



MR. DAVID B. DES ROCHES
Associate Professor

David Des Roches is an Associate Professor at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Prior to this, he was the director responsible for defense policy concerning Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Prior to this assignment, he has served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the DoD Liaison to the Department of Homeland Security, as the senior country director for Pakistan, as the NATO operations director, and as the deputy director for peacekeeping. His first job in government was as a special assistant for strategy and later as the international law enforcement analyst in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

A British Marshall Scholar, he has also attended the Federal Executive Institute, the German Staff College's Higher Officer Seminar, the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare School and the US Army Command and General Staff College.

An Airborne Ranger in the Army Reserve, he was awarded the Bronze Star for service in Afghanistan. He has commanded conventional and special operations parachute units and has served on the US Special Operations Command staff as well as on the Joint Staff.



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<i>Dr. Saud Al-Sharafat</i>	<i>Former Brig. General in the Jordanian General Intelligence Directorate and Founder and Chairman of the Shorufat Center for the Study of Globalization and Terrorism</i>
<i>Dr. David Katz</i>	<i>Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at University of Haifa</i>
<i>Dr. Ian Ralby</i>	<i>Founder and CEO, I.R. Consilium</i>
<i>Mr. Simon Handler</i>	<i>Assistant Director of the Cyber Statecraft Initiative, Atlantic Council</i>
<i>Mr. Wyatt Hoffman</i>	<i>Research Fellow, Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Georgetown University</i>
<i>Mr. Michael Sexton</i>	<i>Senior Editorial Strategist, Synack</i>



DR. ASHER SUSSER

Professor Emeritus of Middle Eastern History, Tel Aviv University

Asher Susser, PhD (Tel Aviv University, 1986), is the Stanley and Ilene Gold Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University and former Director of the Center (1989-1995, 2001-2007). Professor Susser teaches in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History and in 2006 he received the Faculty of Humanities outstanding teacher's award. His research focuses on the history and politics of Jordan and the Palestinians; religion and state in the Middle East; and Arab-Israeli issues.

Professor Susser is the author of numerous books, including *The Rise of Hamas and the Crisis of Secularism in the Arab World* (2010), *Jordan: Case Study of a Pivotal State* (2000), and *Political Biography of Jordan's Prime Minister Wasfi al-Tall* (1994); editor of *Challenges to the Cohesion of the Arab State* (2008), *Six Days-Thirty Years: New Perspectives on the Six Day War* (1999); and co-editor of *The Hashemites in the Modern Arab World* (1995) and *At the Core of the Conflict: The Intifada* (1992, in Hebrew). He has also authored many book chapters and journal articles on the Arab world, Israel, and the Palestinians.



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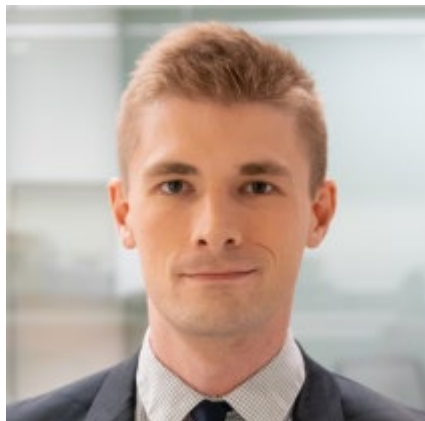
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