



## Panel Discussion: Pathways to Peace in Syria and Iraq

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### RECENT REPORTS AND NEWS ITEMS ON SYRIAN PEACE PROCESS

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3. James Denselow, Al Jazeera, Dec. 27 2015, "Peace process in Syria: Talk, talk, kill, kill": <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2015/12/peace-process-syria-talk-talk-kill-kill-151227082355037.html>
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5. AP/Huffington Post, Dec. 18 2015, "U.N. Security Council Endorses Roadmap For Peace In Syria": [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/united-nations-syria-peace-process\\_us\\_56747c8ce4b06fa6887d7740](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/united-nations-syria-peace-process_us_56747c8ce4b06fa6887d7740)
6. CBC Sunday Edition Feb. 27, 2016, interview on "Redrawing the map of the Middle East" with Arab political economist Tarek Osman. (34 minutes). <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/extinct-jobs-teaching-in-the-digital-age-ben-bell-s-bassoons-redrawing-the-middle-east-1.3460123/redrawing-the-map-of-the-middle-east-1.3460303>
7. CBC Ideas March 7, 2016 "The Enright Files: What Makes Terrorists Tick?" Podcast. The Ideas program this week recaps five Michael Enright interviews over the past year asking what makes terrorists tick and if it is possible to divert them from their violent ideology. <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-enright-files-what-makes-terrorists-tick-1.3479175>

### Panelist Biographies:



**Payam Akhavan** LL.M. S.J.D. (Harvard) is Professor of International Law at McGill University and Visiting Fellow at Oxford University. He was formerly Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor's Office of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at The Hague, and also served with the UN in Bosnia, Croatia, Cambodia, Guatemala, Timor Leste, and Rwanda, and has appeared as counsel in leading cases before the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, and the Supreme Court of Canada. He has published extensively on transitional justice including "Beyond Impunity: Can International Criminal Justice Prevent Future Atrocities?" in 95 *American Journal of International Law* 7 (2001). He was selected in 2005 by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader and in 2017 he will deliver the Massey Lectures in Canada.



**Marina Ottaway** is a Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center and a long-time analyst of political transformations in Africa, the Balkans, and the Middle East. She is working on a project at the Wilson Center about the countries of the Arab Spring and Iraq. Ottaway joined the Wilson Center after 14 years at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, during which she played a central role in launching the Middle East Program. Prior to that, she carried out research in Africa and in the Middle East for many years and taught at Georgetown University, the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, the American University in Cairo, the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, the University of Zambia, and Addis Ababa University. Her extensive research experience is reflected in her publications, which include nine authored books and six

edited ones. Her most recent publications include *Getting to Pluralism*, co-authored with Amr Hamzawy and *Yemen on the Brink*, co-edited with Christopher Boucek. While at Carnegie, she also supervised their *Guide to Egypt's Transition*, a website that provides background and analysis on issues that will shape Egypt's political future, and *Iraqi Elections 2010*, an online guide to Iraqi politics. Ottaway received her Ph.D. from Columbia University.



**Mokhtar Lamani** was the Head of the Office of the UN-League of Arab States Joint Special Representative for Syria in Damascus, September 2012- May 2014. Before his appointment in OJSRS-D, Mr. Lamani was the Senior visiting fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)-Canada.

Previously, he served as Ambassador Special Representative of the Arab League in Iraq, appointed by the Arab Summit in 2006. On behalf of the Arab League, he worked to reconcile fractious parties and sectarian groups in Iraq while building peaceful relations between Iraq and neighboring countries.

Prior to his position as Special Representative, Mr. Lamani. Served as Ambassador of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to the United Nations in New York from 1998-2004.

His distinguished career in international diplomacy includes a number of positions with the General Secretariat of the Arab League, including Deputy Permanent Observer to the UN, Officer in Charge of Iraq-Kuwait dispute, Coordinator of Secretariat Reform, and Coordinator of the Euro-Arab Dialogue and Afro-Arab Cooperation, Responsible of European relations.



**Sébastien Beaulieu** is Executive Director for Middle East Relations at Global Affairs Canada. As a career diplomat, Mr. Beaulieu has over 17 years of international experience, which includes assignments in the Global Issues Branch (energy, climate change); the International Security Branch (crime and terrorism), the Trade Policy Bureau (trade negotiations and investment protection), and the Legal Bureau (trade litigation). He has had postings in Geneva (WTO/UN from 2000-2003), Paris (OECD from 2006-2009), and Tunisia as Canada's Ambassador from 2012 to 2015. As the past Ambassador of Canada to Tunisia and former Chief of Staff to the Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Beaulieu has been exposed to the highest levels of foreign policy formulation, governance and decision-making on key issues related to Canada's diplomacy.



**Paul Dewar** (Panel Moderator) was the Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre from 2006 until 2015, and the NDP Foreign Affairs Critic and vice-chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development from 2007 until 2015. As a legislator, he proposed Bill C-393 to provide low-cost generic life-saving medication to developing countries. He also championed Bill C-486 to regulate and restrict the trade in conflict minerals from central Africa.

While a parliamentarian, Paul Dewar was elected by his peers as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and other Crimes against Humanity, as an executive member of the Canada-NATO Parliamentary Association, and as an international co-president of Parliamentarians for Non-Nuclear Proliferation and Disarmament. He has participated in election observation missions with the National Democratic Institute and international delegations to Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.