



5th Czech-Israeli Forum

Thursday 30th November 2017

*Hall of Mirrors, Czernin Palace
5 Loretánské sq., Prague*

9.30 – 10.15

Arrival of Participants

10.15 – 10.45

Opening Remarks by Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister for Non-European Countries, Economic and Development Cooperation (CZ) and Daniel Meron, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Czech Republic (IL)

10.45 – 12.15

Panel I: The Impact of the New US Administration on Israel, Europe, MENA and the World

Moving closer vs. drifting away? What are the implications for the liberal world order, multilateral diplomacy and global issues such as trade or climate change? Are we still interested in preserving them? Who will take a lead in the light of US retrenchment? Can we expect more variable coalitions? How important are Europe and MENA in US foreign policy (compared to China, North Korea and Russia)?

Lead: Tomáš Pojar, former Czech ambassador to Israel, Vice-President of CEVRO Institute (CZ)

Response: Yossi Melman, senior reporter for security and intelligence affairs, Maariv Newspaper (IL)

Moderated by David Král, Director, Policy Planning Department, MFA CZ

Discussion

12.15 – 12.45

Coffee Break

12.45 – 13.30

Panel II: Incitement and Cyberterrorism – New Challenges for Western Democracies

How does the Social Media impact on New Age Terrorism? Legal aspects of the criminalization of incitement to terrorism, Freedom of expression vs. national security, the role of Europe post the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (2005). Prospects for Czech-Israeli cooperation?

Speaker: Daniel Cohen, Researcher at Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center (ICRC) Tel Aviv University (IL)

Moderated by Richard Kadlčák, Special Envoy for Cyber Security, MFA CZ

Discussion

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch

on the 2nd floor

14.30 – 15.45

Panel III: The Changing Dynamics in the Middle East and Its Implications

The view from Israel and the Czech Republic. The new structure and balance of power in the region: The Arab States, Israel, Iran and Turkey, The new Arab-Israeli alliances and the diminishing impact of the Palestinian issue. A post-Obama American Regional Strategy? What role (if any) for Europe?

Lead: Dan Shueftan, Director of the National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa (IL)

Response: Jan Fingerland, Correspondent of the Czech Radio, specialisation on Middle East (CZ)

Moderated by Pavel Klucký, Director, MENA Department, MFA CZ

Discussion

15.45 – 16.15

Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.30

Panel IV: Islamic Minorities – Integration or Disintegration of Societies?

Coexistence of Christians, Jews and Muslims in one state – European, Czech and Israeli experience. Aspects enabling peaceful and cooperative coexistence and/or integration. Threats leading to conflicting situations. Future prospects for Islamic minorities in European and Israeli societies.

Lead: Michal Dimitrov, Department of German and Austrian Studies, Charles University, Prague (CZ)

Response: Tommy Steiner, Institute for Policy and Strategy, The Interdisciplinary Center – IDC Herzliya

Moderated by Tomáš Smetánka, Foreign policy advisor to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Discussion

17.30

Closing Remarks by David Král, Director, Policy Planning Department, MFA (CZ) and Emily B. Landau, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University (IL)

List of Panelists and Moderators

Israeli Delegation:

Mr Daniel Meron, Ambassador, Embassy of the State of Israel to the Czech Republic

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