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The Middle East Turmoil and its Implications on Israel



SPEAKER

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Efraim Inbar is a Professor in Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University and Director of its renowned Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (the BESA Center).

Inbar was educated at the Hebrew University (B.A. in Political Science and English Literature) and at the University of Chicago (M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science). He served as visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University (2004), at Georgetown University (1991-92), and visiting scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (1996). Prof. Inbar was appointed as a Manfred Warner NATO Fellow (1998), was a visiting fellow at the (London) International Institute for Strategic Studies (2000), and was the recipient of the Onassis Fellowship (2003).

Inbar's area of specialization is Middle Eastern strategic issues with a special interest in the politics and strategy of Israeli national security. He has written over 100 articles in professional journals and edited volumes. He has authored five books: *Outcast Countries in the World Community* (1985), *War and Peace in Israeli Politics. Labor Party Positions on National Security* (1991), *Rabin and Israel's National Security* (1999), *The Israeli-Turkish Entente* (2001), and *Israel's National Security: Issues and Challenges since the Yom Kippur War* (2008). He has also edited twelve collections of articles.

Prof. Inbar served in the Israel Defense Force (IDF) as a paratrooper. He was a member of the Political Strategic Committee of the National Planning Council and the Chair of the Committee for the National Security Curriculum at the Ministry of Education. He served on the Academic Committee of the History Department of the IDF and as the President of the Israel Association of International Studies. Prof. Inbar is widely quoted in the Israeli and international press.

Abstract:

The lecture reviews the disruption of the statist structure in the Arab world, the rise of political Islam, the ascendance of non-Arab powers such as Iran and Turkey and the decline of US influence in the region. Subsequently, the lecture discusses the national security implications for Israel: increased likelihood for terrorism, nuclear proliferation, the deterioration of the security situation in the Eastern Mediterranean and tensions with the US.

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