



**Amman Conference on Justice & Peacebuilding in the Middle East:
Exploring the Role of Third-Party in Mediation Processes,
&, Prospects of Reconciliation in Regional Conflicts**

Venue, Jordan Institute of Diplomacy-Regional Centre on Conflict Prevention
Amman-Jordan, 3rd of August 2010

This Conference seeks to explore the role of third-party intervention in the process of mediation and exploring chances of reconciliation within the regional conflicts in the Middle Eastern region. These third-party's interventions have been demonstrated for decades, by both regional and western actors in inter-state conflicts with different degrees of success, also exploring the prospects of intra-state reconciliation and assessing their tools and degree of success.

The main objective of the conference is; what are the lessons that might be learnt from these efforts of mediation and reconciliation for future third-party interventions to be effective and reliable. These lessons include; how to establish legitimacy? What kind of methods to be used? What follow-up measures to be undertaken to ensure the sustainability of reconciliation agreements?

8:30 – 9:00 Arrival and Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks:

Ambassador Omar Rifai (President, Jordan Institute of Diplomacy),
Dr. Hasan Al-Momani (Director RCCP) and Karin Aggestam/Annika
Bjorkdahl (Lund University)

**9:15 – 10:50 Plenary Session One: Mediation in Arab-Israeli Conflict— What
Role Can a Third Party Play?**

Chair: Karin Aggestam, *Associate Professor Lund University*

Presentation (50 minutes)

EU Mediation Role: Dr. Martin Beck *Resident Representative of
the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung –Jordan Office*

US Mediation Role: Dr. Beth Fisher Yoshida *Director of Master's
program in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Columbia
University*

Discussant: Annika Bjorkdahl, *Associate Professor Lund University*

Question and Answer (45 minutes)

10:50 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00 Plenary Session Two: Inter-Arab Mediation in Regional Conflicts

Chair: Dr. Hasan Al Momani, *Director of the Regional Centre of Conflict Prevention (RCCP) at Jordan Institute of Diplomacy (JID)*

Presentations (60 minutes)

Jordanian Role: Professor Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, *Editor in Chief / Head of Editorial Board, Jordan Journal of International Affairs*

Egyptian Role: Mohamad Abdel Salam, *Head of Regional Security Program, Al Ahram Centre*

Arab League Role: Dr. Mohamad Al Masalha Professor, *Dean of the Faculty of the International Studies, Jordan University*

Discussant: Dr. Mohamad Al Momani, *Yarmouk University*

Question and Answer (45 minutes)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Plenary Session Three: Reconciliation in Intra-State Conflicts – Lessons Learnt

Chair: Oliver P. Richmond *Professor Director for Centre Peace and Conflict Studies St Andrews University*

Presentation (50 minutes)

Reconciliation in Lebanon: Dr. Farid El Khazen, *American University of Beirut*

Reconciliation in Iraq: Dr. Fehmi Abdel Qader *University of Jordan*

Discussant: Chandra Sriram *Professor Director of CHRC East London University*

Question and Answer (40 minutes)

16:00 – 16:15 Closing Session:

Dr. Hasan Al-Momani (Director RCCP) and Karin Aggestam/Annika Bjorkdahl (Lund University)



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