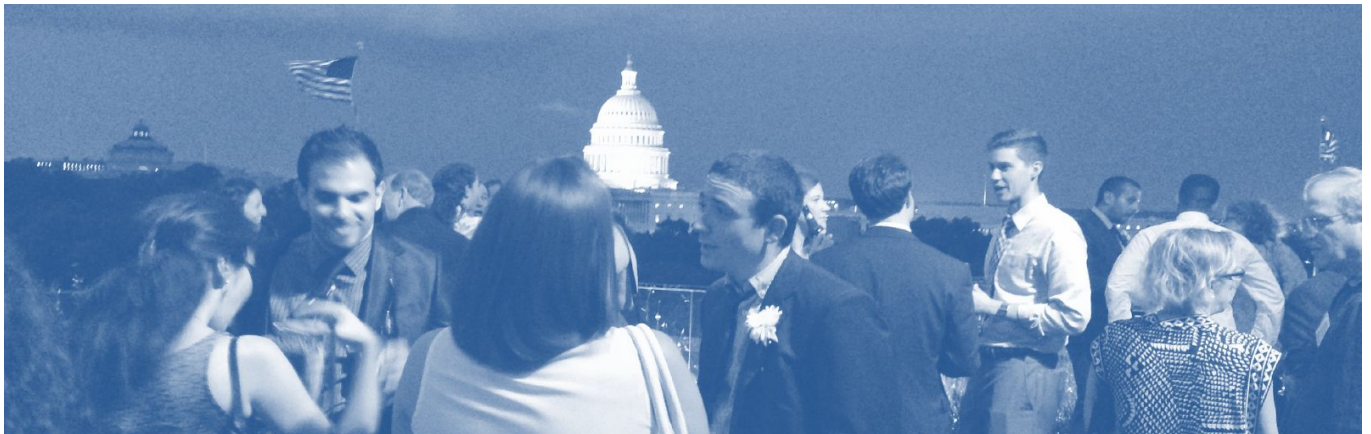




PLO DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES



The Washington Scene

February 2017

Staff members of the PLO Delegation are keen on attending key events in the capital that relate to Palestine and the Middle East. This bulletin offers a brief summary of these important conversations that take place in academic and policy circles. The views expressed in these events and reported here do not necessarily represent the views of the General Delegation of the PLO to the United States.

Reports in this issue

PLO Ambassador Advocates Continued Pursuit of Two-State Solution,

Israel, the Palestinians, and the United Nations: Challenges for the New Administration

Where: Rayburn House Office Building

When: February 2, 2017

About: Israel, the Palestinians, and the United Nations: Challenges for the New Administration

Link: [Invitation](#)

The Future of the Palestinian Issue Under the Trump Administration

Where: Al-Hewar Center

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 8:00 PM

About: Join Ambassador Maen Rashid Arieikat at the Al-Hewar Center in a discussion about the future of the Palestinian issue under the Trump administration.

DISTURBING THE PEACE - FILM SCREENING + DISCUSSION

When: Monday February 27, 2017 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Where: The Miracle Theatre

About: Disturbing the Peace follows a group of former enemy combatants - Israeli soldiers from the most elite units, and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison - who have come together to challenge the status quo and say "enough". After the screening, join Churches for Middle East Peace Executive Director Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, the director of the film Stephen Apkon, and two members of Combatants for Peace, for a discussion.

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Conflict Prevention and Resolution Forum: Negotiation Day - Negotiators' Behavior in the End Game

When: Monday, February 27, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Where: Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies - Kenney Auditorium, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC 20036

About: Analytical attention has been lacking on "How Negotiations End." We know that negotiators act differently in the endgame--when they see the end is in sight, good or bad, and they work toward that end. This discussion will address that situation, examining ways in which negotiations end positively or negatively, and the way in which typical behavioral patterns are encountered on the way. This panel will discuss a pathbreaking study of a neglected topic to be published by Cambridge University Press, the latest study of the Process of International Negotiation (PIN) Program at Clingendael, Netherlands.

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Potential Negotiations In The Upcoming Year

When: Monday, February 27, 2017, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Where: Johns Hopkins SAIS, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington , DC, Room: Kenney Herter Auditorium

About: We are faced today with an international situation filled with challenges for negotiation. These represent opportunities open for pursuit; others represent situations looking for an opportunity. In this situation, what are the prospects for pursuing and developing negotiations as a means of managing conflict and of furthering US policy goals.

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What: Remapping IR: Laura Sjoberg (U Florida)

When: Monday, February 27, 2017, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Where: Georgetown University, 37 St NW and O St NW, Washington, DC

About: Remapping IR: an occasional series of talks on alternative perspectives to power, states, and the international system. These events are jointly sponsored by the Government Department and the Mortara Center for International Studies at Georgetown. The goal of the series is to showcase the diversity of approaches that exist to understand global politics. At the same time, it intends to broaden the intellectual discussion on who, how, and what matters for international affairs and to spark a lasting conversation that will bring in new students and scholars into the study of global politics.

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Trump Foreign Policy: Changing And Disrupting Global Norms

When: Monday, February 27, 2017, 6:00 pm

Where: NYU Washington, DC

About: Anne Gearan is a diplomatic correspondent for The Washington Post, covering foreign affairs, national security and security policy. She is assigned to the State Department, the third time she has been posted there. Gearan has covered US policy and engagement overseas across three administrations, with particular emphasis on Syria, Iran, Iraq, Russia, North Korea and China. Gearan has also focused on Afghanistan and Pakistan, and traveled extensively with the secretary of state and military leaders. She was previously the paper's lead campaign reporter covering Hillary Clinton. Gearan joined the Post in 2012 after more than 20 years with AP, where she served as chief diplomatic correspondent and chief Pentagon correspondent. Julie Hirschfeld Davis is a White House correspondent at The New York Times. She has covered politics from Washington for 19 years, writing on Congress, three presidential campaigns and three presidents. She joined the Times in 2014 after stints at Bloomberg News, the Associated Press, The Baltimore Sun and Congressional Quarterly.

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Walls or Bridges? A Debate on U.S. Immigration Policy Under Trump

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EST

Where: The Institute of World Politics, 1521 16th Street NW, Washington D.C, 20030

About: With immigration likely to be one of the cornerstone issues of Donald Trump's presidency the debate over immigration, particularly in regards to national security, is far from resolved. At this event Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Nowrasteh will debate the many important issues concerning immigration to the

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2017 Annual Kuwait Chair Lecture: Obama's Legacy, Trump's Inheritance In The Middle East

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Where: Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street, NW Washington, DC

About: Ambassador Gnehm will examine the environment in the Middle East that President Trump inherits from his predecessor and explore the parameters for action by the new administration.

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