



THE BEGIN-SADAT CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES



America's Standing in the World Image and Reality

An International Conference at the BESA Center
Monday, December 8 and Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Nano Auditorium (Building 206), Bar-Ilan University

Monday, December 8

2:00 pm Today's America

Chair: Prof. Efraim Inbar, Director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies

Prof. Eliot Cohen, SAIS, **The United States and the World: Lessons from Fifteen Years of War**

Prof. Henry Nau, George Washington University, **The American Foreign Policy Debate: Deja Vu?**

Prof. Eytan Gilboa, BESA Center, **American Public Opinion**

Prof. Steven David, Johns Hopkins University, **Obama: The Reluctant Realist**

4:00 pm The Asian Arena

Chair: Prof. Shlomo Shpiro, BESA Center

Prof. Jian (Jay) Wang, University of Southern California, **Chinese Perceptions of the U.S.**

Dr. Alon Levkowitz, BESA Center, **Seoul-Washington Alliance: The Beginning of Independence?**

Commodore Uday Bhaskar, Society for Policy Studies, **Indian Perceptions**

5:30 pm Regional Perceptions

Chair: Ambassador Danny Ayalon

Dr. Dima Adamsky, IDC, **Change and Continuity in Russian Perceptions of the U.S.**

Dr. Josef Braml, German Council on Foreign Relations, **Transatlantic Relationship**

Prof. Arie Kacowicz, Hebrew University, **Latin-American Perceptions**

11:30 am The Middle East

Chair: Ambassador Aryeh Mekel

Prof. Joshua Teitelbaum, BESA Center, **American-Saudi Relations**

Dr. Efrat Aviv, BESA Center, **Obama's Best Friend - Turkey's Erdogan**

Dr. Yaeli Bloch-Elkon, BESA Center, **Israeli Attitudes to the Obama Administration**

Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute, **Toward a New U.S. Strategy in the Middle East**

2:30 pm Implications for Israel *

Chair: Prof. Ron Hassner, Berkeley University

Dr. Jonathan Rynhold, BESA Center, **The Debate Over American Grand Strategy: The Implications for Israel**

Dr. Michael Makovsky, JINSA, **Israel: The Regional U.S. Ally**

Prof. Yair Evron, INSS, **American Realism and Israeli Policy Options**

Prof. Shmuel Sandler, BESA Center, **US Impact on Israel's Deterrence Policy**

4:15 pm Round Table of Former Senior Policy Makers

Chair: Prof. Efraim Inbar, BESA Center

Prof. Uzi Arad, IDC, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel

Mr. Steven Simon, Former Director of MENA Affairs for the U.S. National Security Council

Mr. Rafael Bardaji, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Spain

Amb. Shivshankar Menon, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India

Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaacov Amidror, Rosshandler Fellow at the BESA Center, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel

6:00 pm Keynote Address

Ambassador Daniel B. Shapiro, U.S. Ambassador to Israel
American Leadership

* Please arrive early for security checks

The conference is open to the public

In English, with simultaneous Hebrew translation

Tuesday, December 9

9:30 am Strategic Issues

Chair: Prof. Moshe Arens

Dr. Amit Mor, Eco Energy Ltd., **The Energy Market and U.S. Foreign Policy**

Dr. Emily Landau, INSS, **U.S. Counter-Proliferation Policy: The Iran Case**

Prof. Hillel Frisch, BESA Center, **The U.S. in the Middle East: Offshore Balancing or Retreat?**

Prof. Efraim Karsh, BESA Center, **Obama's Catastrophic Legacy in the Middle East**

