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Scholars for Peace in the Middle East Conference

"THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: MULTIDISCIPLINARY ANALYSES OF ITS THEOCRACY,
NATIONALISM, AND ASSERTION OF POWER"

Marriott Downtown at Key Center Cleveland

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November 8-10, 2009

All conference sessions will be held on the 2nd floor of the hotel.

Program Schedule

SUNDAY, November 8, 2009

12:30-2:00 - Lunch - (Salon D)

The Honorable General Effie Eitam (Former Israeli MK)

Introductory remarks by Rabbi Eric Lankin, Jewish National Fund, and Lou Balcher, Israeli Consulate Academic Affairs Officer (Philadelphia). Chair: Peter Haas

Break-out Sessions: (Salon B & C)

2:10- 4:00 - *Panel on Journalism and Iran* - Edwin Black, Journalist and Author; Nikahang Kowsar, Iranian-Canadian journalist and cartoonist: *the Islamic Republic; God's gift to political cartoonists*.
Chair: Judith Jacobson

4:15 -5:30 - Patrick Clawson, Deputy Director for Research, Washington Institute for Near East Policy.
Chair: Ernest Sternberg

5:45 – 6:15 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception (East Foyer)

6:15 - 8:00 - Dinner – (Salon F-G-H)

David Menashri, Director, Center for Iranian Studies Tel Aviv University: *Revolutionary Iran: Radicalism versus Pragmatism -- How can the world convince Iran to suspend its nuclear program?*

Barry Rubin, Director, GLORIA Center, Herzliya, Israel: *Iranian Foreign Policy*. Chair Ed Beck

Breakout Session: (Salon B-C)

8:15 - *Panel on Iranian Anti-Semitism* - Charles Small, Director, Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Anti-Semitism; Kenneth Marcus, Ackerman Visiting Professor of Equality and Justice in America at Baruch College. Chair: Ruth Contreras

MONDAY, November 9, 2009

Breakout Sessions: (Salon B-C)

9:00-10:00 - Vernice Cain, Associate Professor of English, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania:
Lifting the Veil in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Post Election Unrest, a Prelude to Iranian Reform and Human Rights Movements. Chair and respondent: Ernest Sternberg

10:15- 11:30 - *Shiism and Holy War* - Yitzhak Kerem, Researcher, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Aristotle University, Thessaloniki; Majid Mohammed, Iranian political sociologist, Stony Brook Institute for Global Studies: *Shiite Islamism in Contemporary Iran: Shiite Political Ideologies in Construction and Transition.* Chair: Judith Jacobson

11:45-1:45 - Lunch --*Iranian Human Rights* (Salon D)

Amir A. Fakhraivar, President, Iranian Enterprise Institute, and Secretary General, Confederation of Iranian Students

Renee Redman, Executive Director, Iran Human Rights Documentation Center. Chair: Samuel Edelman

Breakout Sessions: (Salon B-C)

1:50-3:30 - *Rhetoric of Genocide* - Elihu Richter, Head of Unit of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Hebrew University; Andrew G. Bostom, Professor of Medicine, Brown University:
Shi'ite Iran's Genocidal Jew Hatred. Chair: Judith Jacobson

3:45-5:00 - Farhad Sabetan, Lecturer in Economics, California State University, East Bay: *Persecution of Baha'i in Iran.* Chair: Ruth Contreras

5:00-5:45 – Wine and Cheese Reception (East Foyer)

5:45-9:00 - Dinner – (Salon F-G-H)

Edward S. Beck, Walden University and SPME President
The Honorable Ambassador Jackie Wolcott, Former Special Envoy for Nuclear Nonproliferation, US Department of State: *Iran and Nuclear Proliferation*

The Honorable Irwin Cotler, Member of Parliament, Canada

TUESDAY, Nov 10, 2009:

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Executive Meeting (Erie-Superior Room)
Private meeting of SPME Board, with Chapter coordinators

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