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The Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs  
cordially invites you to

**The Official Launch and Symposium:  
“Regime Collapse and Sectarian War: Where Is the  
Middle East Headed?”**

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 9:30am

Arison-Lauder lobby

Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

**9:30 | Opening remarks**

**Prof. Uriel Reichman**, President and Founder, IDC Herzliya.

**Prof. Boaz Ganor**, Dean of Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy,  
IDC Herzliya.

**Judith Colp Rubin**, Honorary President, Rubin Center for Research in International  
Affairs, IDC Herzliya.

**Dr. Jonathan Spyer**, Director, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs,  
IDC Herzliya.

**Symposium on “Regime Collapse and Sectarian War: Where Is the Middle East Headed?”**

**Panel Chair: Dr. Jonathan Spyer**, Director, Rubin Center for Research in International  
Affairs, IDC Herzliya.

**10:00 | Session 1: “The New Middle East: Fragmentation, Sectarianism, & New Power Blocs”**

**Ambassador Dore Gold**, President, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.  
*"The Iranian nuclear threat"*

**Dr. Martin Kramer**, President, Shalem College.  
*"U.S. policy & its implications for the region"*

**Hon. Fiamma Nirenstein**, Author, Columnist, and Former Italian MP.  
*"Europe & the changing Middle East"*

**Prof. Efraim Inbar**, Director, Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies, Bar-Ilan University.  
*"Implications for Israel in a transformed Middle East"*

**11:40 | Break**

**12:00 | Session 2: “Islamism against the State”**

**Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamimi**, Rubin Fellow, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs, IDC Herzliya.  
*"Shi'a militias in Iraq & Syria"*

**Dr. Ely Karmon**, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) & Senior Research Fellow at Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya.  
*"Hizballah & the conflict in Lebanon, Syria, & Iraq"*

**Prof. Amatzia Baram**, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Middle Eastern History, and Director, the Center for Iraq Studies, University of Haifa.  
*"ISIS, Iraq & the Sunnis, Jabhat al-Nusra"*

The event will be conducted in English

To ensure a place, please RSVP to [info@rubincenter.org](mailto:info@rubincenter.org)