

Planned new IPP Briefing on Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Briefing E/1 Title (provisional):

“Religious Faith and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:
Impact on a Peace Process”

Publisher:

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Contents:

Purpose: Present contrasting views on the current state of the Israeli-Palestinian (and Arab-Israeli) conflicts, and any peace process, of different faith communities with a common heritage in Abraham and the patriarchs

Readership: Worldwide especially in areas of conflict – educated lay persons as well as experts in conflict analysis

Chapters:

(Names of authors or potential authors and their institutions withheld at this stage)

Executive summary

1. Islamic scholarly perspectives
 - (i) An analysis of the impact of Islam on moderate Palestinian politics in relation to the conflict
 - (ii) An analysis of the impact of Islam, especially the concept of ‘jihad’, on militant Palestinian politics in relation to the conflict
 - (iii) A secular Palestinian analysis of the impact of Judaism on the conflict
2. Jewish scholarly perspectives
 - (i) An ultra-orthodox or modern orthodox rabbinic analysis of the impact of Judaism on Israeli politics in relation to the conflict
 - (ii) A Jewish scholar to analyse the impact of Judaism on Yeshivas and Hityashvut (Settlement) movement in relation to the conflict
 - (iii) A secular Jewish analysis of the impact of Islam on the conflict
3. Predicting peace or war
 - (i) A theological analysis and prediction of the direction of the conflict towards peace or war, taking into account common features of belief in the three Abrahamic religions
 - (ii) An Islamic interfaith scholar to *either* comment on 3(i) *or* offer an analysis and prediction of the direction of the conflict towards peace or war
 - (iii) A Jewish interfaith scholar to *either* comment on 3(i) contribution *or* offer an analysis and prediction of the direction of the conflict towards peace or war

Note

1. It was agreed in principle at IPP's first seminar in Jerusalem on 30 September 2007 to establish a tripartite Independent Commission comprised solely of Israeli, Palestinian and International educators, to monitor and evaluate the evolution of an Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli peace process and to issue predictive analyses accordingly at appropriate times.

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