

**MONDAY, MAY 8TH, 2023**

**OPENING CEREMONY - COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

**5:00PM-9:00PM**

*Normandie Room*

**Normalization in the Middle East, War in Europe:  
Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing World Order**

- 5:00PM** Welcoming and registration  
Drinks served in the "Foyer"
- 5:30PM** Greetings by:  
**Pierre Dassas**, Chairman, ELNET-France  
**Larry Hochberg**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)
- 5:40PM** Roundtable:
- **Dr. Ebtesam al-Ketbi**, President and Founder, Emirates Policy Center (EPC) (TBC)
  - **Senator Roger Karoutchi**, 1st VP of the Senate, President of the France-Israel Friendship Group, French Senate
  - **Amb. Éric Danon**, France Ambassador to Israel (Via VC)
  - **Amb. Haim Waxman**, Chargé d'Affaires, Israeli Embassy in France
  - **Congressman Brad Schneider**, U.S. representative for Illinois's 10th congressional district; Co-Chair, Abraham Accords Caucus, U.S. Congress (Via VC)
- 6:25PM** Remarks:  
**Senator Michał Kamiński**, Deputy Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
- 6:30PM** Keynote speeches:
- **President Isaac Herzog**, President of Israel (Video Address)
  - **MK Gideon Sa'ar**, Chairman of the 'New Hope' party; Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset; former Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister
- 7:30PM** Cocktail is served
- 9:00PM** End of the evening

**TUESDAY, MAY 9TH, 2023**

8:30AM Welcoming coffee and registration

**9:00AM-10:30AM OPENING PLENARY**

*Normandie Room*

**09:00AM-09:45AM** The Ukraine War and its Aftermath, What Security Architecture for Europe

Welcoming remarks: **David Siegel**, President of Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

- **David Cattler**, Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence and Security, NATO
- **Gen. John R. Allen**, Retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan
- **Tzachi Hanegbi**, Israeli National Security Adviser (TBC)
- **MP Ditmir Bushati**, Former Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

Moderation: **Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin**, Chair, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD); former Head of Israel's Military Intelligence; former Director, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

**09:45AM-10:00AM** Fireside Chat with **Eyal Waldman**, Chairman, Waldo Holdings; former President and CEO, Mellanox Technologies, led by **Sani Sanilevich**, Board Member, ELNET-Israel

**10:00AM-10:30AM** Israel's Legitimacy: Under Assault in the International Arena

- **Ellie Cohanim**, Senior Fellow, Independent Women's Forum (IWF); former U.S. Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, U.S. Department of State (via VC)
- **MK Danny Danon**, Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee; Member, Subcommittee for Intelligence and Secret Services, Knesset; Chairman of World Likud; former Permanent Representative of Israel to the UN
- **Amb. François Zimeray**, Former French Ambassador for human rights; Lawyer to the ICJ

Moderation: **Catherine Perez-Shakdam**, Head of Policy & Communication, ELNET UK

10:30AM Coffee break

**11:00AM-12:30PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**SESSION 1** - What Strategy for a Threshold Iran? *Queen Mary B room*

- **Benjamin Hautecouverture**, Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)
- **Amb. Joshua Zarka**, Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- **Brig. Gen. Nimrod Aloni**, General Staff Project Manager, Operations Division; former Commanding Officer of the Gaza Division, Israel Defense Forces (IDF)
- **Dr. Ebtesam al-Ketbi**, President and Founder, Emirates Policy Center (EPC)

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### SESSION 2 - Drones and Cybersecurity - Sharing Technology to Face Common Threats

*Queen Mary A room*

- **Col. Jean-Christophe Noël**, Associate Fellow, IFRI
- **Anett Numa**, Head of Government Relations and Communications, Accelerate Estonia
- **Yosi Aviram**, Director of the Strategy Center, Israel National Cyber Directorate

Moderation: **Harold Hyman**, Senior Diplomatic Editor, CNews

### SESSION 3 - The Dividing Line Between Criticism and Rejection of Israel

*Lafayette room - In Cooperation with Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM)*

- **MP Stephan Mayer**, Member, German Bundestag; former Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community (via VC)
- **Lord Stuart Polak CBE**, Member, House of Lords; Founder, UK Abraham Accords Group
- **MK Dr. Tsega Melaku**, Member, Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, Knesset
- **Amit Efrati**, Deputy Director General for Combating Antisemitism and Building Community Resilience, Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs

Moderation: **Brig. Gen. (res.) Sima Vaknin Gill**, Member, Governing Board, Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM); former Director General, Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy

### 12:30PM-1:50PM - LUNCHEON

*Normandie Room*

### 2:00PM-3:15PM Breakout sessions

### SESSION 4 - Abraham Accords - Where is Europe? *Queen Mary B room*

- **MP Benjamin Haddad**, Spokesperson for the Majority Renaissance group, French National Assembly
- **Kerstin Müller**, Former State Secretary of Germany
- **Lord Stuart Polak CBE**, Member, House of Lords; Founder, UK Abraham Accords Group
- **Amb. Haim Regev**, Head of the Mission of Israel to the EU and NATO

### SESSION 5 - From Brain-dead to No-brainer: NATO Revival and Expansion *Lafayette Room*

- **Dr. Benedetta Berti**, Head, Policy Planning, NATO
- **Dr. Bruno Tertrais**, Deputy Director, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)
- **Amb. Ekkehard Brose**, President, Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS)
- **Tal Gat**, Political Counsellor, Mission of Israel to the EU & NATO (via VC)

Moderation: **Matthijs Schüssler**, Executive Director, ELNET-EU & NATO

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**SESSION 6 - NGOs and Education: How to Stop Hatred Incitement?** *Queen Mary A room  
In Cooperation with NGO Monitor*

Opening by: **Susan Wagner**, Board Member, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

- **Jean-Michel Blanquer**, Former French Minister of Education
- **Olga Deutsch**, Vice President, NGO Monitor
- **Marcus Sheff**, CEO, Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se)

Moderation: **Omri Attar**, Chief Operations/Financial Officer, ELNET-Israel

**3:15PM-4:30PM PLENARY SESSION 2**  
*Normandie Room*

**3:15PM-3:30PM** Keynote speech: **Minister Bruno Le Maire**, French Minister of the Economy and Finance

**3:30PM-3:45PM** Israel's Constitutional Debate: Majority Rule Vs. the Rule of Law?

- **Prof. Irwin Cotler**, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Emeritus Professor of Law, McGill University; International Chair, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR) (via VC)
- **Prof. Moshe Koppel**, Chairman, Kohelet Policy Forum (via VC)

Moderation: **Eric Edidin**, Board Member, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

**3:45PM-4:30PM** The IHRA Definition: Still a Long Way to Go

- **Rabbi David J. Wolpe**, Max Webb Senior Rabbi of Sinai Temple
- **Dr. Felix Klein**, Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Anti-Semitism
- **Katharina von Schnurbein**, European Commission Coordinator on combatting Antisemitism
- **The Rt Hon Lord Eric Pickles**, UK Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues; Co-Chair, UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation
- **Amb. Dani Dayan**, Chairman, Yad Vashem

Moderation: **Rt Hon Joan Ryan**, Executive Director, ELNET-UK

**4:30PM-4:45PM Break**

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**4:45PM-6PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**SESSION 7 - How to Deal with a Failed State? The Implosion of Lebanon and its Regional Implications** *Lafayette room*

- **Dr. Jean-Loup Samaan**, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East Institute of the National University of Singapore
- **MP Fouad Makhzoumi**, Member of the Lebanese Parliamentary Finance and Budget Committee; Founder of Makhzoumi Foundation
- **Amb. Joshua Zarka**, Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- **Hanin Ghaddar**, Friedmann Fellow, Program on Arab Politics, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (via VC)

Moderation: **Maxime Perez**, Former French media Middle East correspondent

**SESSION 8 - Constitutional Controversies in Israel and Europe: Comparative Perspectives** *Queen Mary B room*

- **Dr. Emmanuel Navon**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel
- **Rt Hon Lord Tom Watson**, Member, House of Lords; former Deputy Leader, Labour Party
- **Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram**, Attorney-at-law and social activist; Co-Founder of the Justice Defense Committee and the Free Courts Foundation

Moderation: **Matthijs Schüssler**, Executive Director, ELNET-EU & NATO

**SESSION 9 - The Evolution of Terrorist Threats: Perspectives from Europe, Israel and Morocco** *Queen Mary A room*

- **Anne-Clémentine Larroque**, Expert of Islamist ideology, French Ministry of Justice
- **Dr. Marc Hecker**, Director of Research, IFRI
- **MK Merav Ben Ari**, Member, National Security Committee, Knesset
- **Prof. El Mostafa Rezrazi**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Moderation: **Dr. Sarah Perez**, Research and Communication Manager, ELNET-France

**6:15PM-6:30PM** *Lafayette room*

Screening documentary of **Pierre Rehov**, Filmmaker, journalist and novelist "Lies and Tears" - a counter investigation into the death of Palestinian journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh



**TUESDAY, MAY 9TH, 2023**

**7:00PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

*The Foyer*

**8:00PM GALA DINNER**

*Normandie Room*

**Common Future Binding Europe and Israel**

Greetings by:

**Larry Hochberg**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)

Keynote speeches:

- **Reza Pahalavi**, Crown Prince of Iran (via VC) (TBC)
- **Amb. Michael Oren**, Former Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and former Ambassador of Israel to the U.S.

Discussion:

- **Haim Korsia**, Chief Rabbi of France
- **Father Patrick Desbois**, President of the Yahad-In Unum association
- **Imam Mohammad Tawhidi**, Vice Chairman of the Global Imams Council

Moderation: **Serge Kranczenblum**, Board Member, ELNET-France

Keynote speeches:

- **MEP Antonio López-Istúriz White**, Chair, Delegation for relations with Israel, European Parliament
- **Manuel Valls**, Former French Prime Minister

**The Voice of Conscience Award**

Awarded to **Katharina von Schnurbein**, European Commission Coordinator on combatting Antisemitism

By: **Manuel Valls**, Former French Prime Minister

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2023**

**8:30AM Welcoming coffee and registration**

**9:00AM-10:30AM PLENARY SESSION 3**

*Normandie Room*

**Scanning Israel's Strategic Horizon - The Challenges and Opportunities Ahead**

Keynote speech:

**Brig. Gen. (ret.) Dror Shalom**, Director of Pol.-Mil., Israeli Ministry of Defense - Chatham House

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**Presentation of the Israel Survey**

**Carsten Ovens**, Executive Director, ELNET-Germany

**New European Security Challenges: Israel as a Key Partner**

- **MP Rihards Kols**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Saeima of Latvia
- **Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin Chair, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin**, Chair, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD); former Head of Israel's Military Intelligence; former Director, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

**Cyber Resilience**

- **Anett Numa**, Head of Government Relations and Communications, Accelerate Estonia
- **Yosi Aviram**, Director of the Strategy Center, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD)

Moderation: **Pascaline Wagemans**, Director, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue

**Israel at a Crossroad - Turning Challenges to Opportunities**

Keynote speech:

**Amb. Zvi Vapni**, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Israel

**10:30AM Coffee break**

**11:00AM-12:30PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**SESSION 10 - Europe, Israel and the U.S.-China Contest** *Lafayette Room*

- **Dr. Frédéric Encel**, Lecturer in Geopolitics, Sciences Po Paris
- **Dr. Alice Ekman**, Senior Analyst in charge of the Asia portfolio, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)
- **Dr. Emmanuel Navon**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel

Moderation: **Daniel Shadmy**, Research and Communications Manager, ELNET-Israel

**SESSION 11 - Israel, Europe, and the War in Ukraine: Geopolitical Dilemmas and Humanitarian Cooperation** *Queen Mary B room*

Screening of documentary ELNET-Poland

- **Senator Michał Kamiński**, Deputy Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
- **MK Boaz Bismuth**, Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset
- **Dr. Sarah-Masha Fainberg**, Senior Researcher and Head of Great Powers Research Program, Elrom Center for Air and Space Studies, Tel Aviv University

Moderation: **Marta Kubica**, Executive Director, ELNET-Poland

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**SESSION 12 - How Can New Middle East Partnerships Help Europe Face its Energy Crisis and Secure Supply Chains?** *Queen Mary A room*

- **Dr. Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega**, Director of the Energy & Climate Centre, IFRI
- **MK Oded Forer**, Chair, Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, Knesset
- **Mithal Al Alusi**, Former Iraqi MP and Founder of the Democratic Party of the Iraqi Nation

Moderation: **Dr. Nir Boms**, Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

**12:30PM-1:50PM LUNCHEON**

*Normandie Room*

**2:00PM-3:30PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**SESSION 13 - Europe and Israel Tackling Climate Change Together** *Lafayette Room*

- **Kerstin Müller**, Former State Secretary of Germany
- **Senator Pierre Médevielle**, VP Sustainable Development Committee, French Senate
- **Ayalon Vaniche**, CEO of EDF Renewables Israel

Moderation: **Carsten Ovens**, Executive Director, ELNET-Germany

**SESSION 14 - International Law & The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Exposing Double Standards** *Queen Mary B room*

- **Prof. Wolfgang Bock**, Professor Emeritus, Giessen University
- **Natasha Hausdorff**, Director, UK Lawyers for Israel
- **Col. (res.) Adv. Pnina Sharvit Baruch**, Senior Researcher and Head, Program on Law and National Security, Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)

Moderation: **Aaron Cohen-Gold**, Deputy Director, ELNET UK

**SESSION 15 - Digital Innovation in Healthcare & Preparing for Future Health Emergencies** *Queen Mary A room*

*In Cooperation with Brainlab*

- **Dr. Axelle Menu**, Medical Expert, Health Data Hub
- **Stefan Vilsmeier**, CEO and Founder, Brainlab
- **Prof. Ran Balicer**, Chief Innovation Officer, Clalit; Founding Director, Clalit Research Institute

Moderation: **Lea Ledwon**, Program Manager of the German Israeli Health Forum for Artificial Intelligence (GIHF-AI), ELNET-Germany

**3:30PM Coffee break**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2023**

**4:00PM-5:00PM CLOSING PLENARY**  
*Normandie Room*

**Are We Ready for the New World Order?**

- **MEP Nicola Beer**, Vice-President, European Parliament (Video Address)
- **Amb. Michael Oren**, Former Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and former Ambassador of Israel to the U.S.
- **Minister Azir Aliu**, Macedonian Minister of Information Society and Administration (TBC)
- **MK Yair Lapid**, Leader of the Opposition; former Prime Minister of Israel (Video Address) (TBC)

Moderation: **Dr. Emmanuel Navon**, Chief Executive Officer, ELNET-Israel

Closing remarks:

**Larry Hochberg**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Friends of ELNET (FELNET)  
**Pierre Dassas**, Chairman, ELNET-France

The background of the poster features a light, hazy view of the Paris skyline, with the Eiffel Tower as the central focus. To the right of the main text, there is a semi-circle of twelve yellow stars, similar to the European Union flag, arranged in a pattern that suggests the continent of Europe.

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