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PROGRAMME

Peace Visions to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict –  
Partition and its Alternatives

S&D Group round table event  
in cooperation with the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) 5G3  
European Parliament, Brussels

9.30-9.50  
Opening speech by  
Gianni Pittella, president of the S&D Group

9.50-10.20  
The tragic moment of peace  
Keynote address by  
Elias Khoury, Lebanese novelist and public intellectual

10.20-11.15  
Panel I  
Rights, communities and perceptions

Chair: Victor Bo tinaru, vice-president of the S&D Group

Panelists:

- Avraham Burg, author and peace activist, former speaker of the Knesset, former chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the World Zionist Organization  
From political conflict over drawing borders to intra-communal conflict
- Raef Zreik, co-director of the Minerva Centre for the Humanities at Tel Aviv University, lecturer at the Carmel Academic Centre in Haifa  
From state-centered politics to rights-centered politics
- Azar Dakwar, adjunct lecturer at Birzeit University, co-director of the "Shared Public Space" project at Sikkuy - The Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality  
The limits of international law: The Need for political leverage

Open debate

11.15-12.10

Panel II

Internationalization, integration and decolonization

Chair: Gertraud Auer Borea, Secretary General of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

Panelists:

- Noam Sheizaf, journalist, founder and manager of the web magazine +972  
From interpersonal diplomacy to transforming the political environment of the conflict
- Leila Farsakh, associate professor at the University of Massachusetts, visiting fellow at Birzeit University  
Economic stalemate, international aid and decolonization
- Bashir Bashir, research fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
From partition and segregation to bi-nationalism and integration

Open debate

12.10-12.30

Closing remarks by

- Hannes Swoboda, member of the Board of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, former President of the S&D Group
- Richard Howitt, S&D Group coordinator in the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs