

DEMOCRATIZED PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

27 March 2009, at 14.00 – 17.00
Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5A, Helsinki

How does the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and peace process look from a democratic perspective? What is the role of democratization and political parties in the process? How do the internal dynamics of the political parties affect the process? What kind of challenges and possibilities do they pose for future development? What is the role of religion in the politics of the parties, in the conflict and for the prospects of peace?

PROGRAMME

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| 14.00 | Opening |
| 14.10 | The Challenges for Democratization in Conflict and Occupation Situation
Tuomo Melasuo, Professor, Research Director for the Tampere Peace Research Institute |
| 14.50 | Internal Dynamics of the Political Parties Involved in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict – Prospects for Peace Process
Viola Furubjelke, former member of Swedish Parliament, former Ambassador to Syria and Lebanon |
| 15.30 | Coffee break |
| 15.45 | The Role of Religion in Political Peace Process
Jaakko Hämeen-Anttila, Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Helsinki |
| 16.30 | Discussion |
| 17.00 | Closing |

The seminar is open and free of charge. Registration by March 24 to info@sorsaoundation.fi

