

4TH WEST ASIA CONFERENCE

Ten Years of Political & Economic Transformation in West Asia: Challenges, Lessons & Future Trends

February 26-27, 2020

Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
New Delhi

February 26, 2020 (Day — I)

0930 hrs – 1000 hrs : Registration

1000 hrs – 1015 hrs : **Welcome Remarks** by Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General,
Manohar Parrikar IDSA

1015 hrs - 1030 hrs : Tea Break

1030 hrs – 1300 hrs - **Session I: Political and Economic Transformation in West Asia in
Last 10 Years: An Overview**

Chair: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, Manohar Parrikar IDSA

Speakers:

Mr. Fouad Siniora, Former Prime Minister, Lebanon: *Political and Economic Transformation
in West Asia*

Prof. Nabil Fahmy, Distinguished Professor, The American University in Cairo; and Former
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt: *The winds of change in the Middle East*

Mr. Saeid Khatibzadeh, Vice President for Research and Director General, Institute for
Political and International Studies (IPIS), Tehran

Dr. Dlawer Ala' Aldeen, President, Middle East Research Institute, Erbil, Iraq: *Iraq and the
region*

Amb. Talmiz Ahmad, Former Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia, UAE and Oman: *Domestic
and Regional Challenges to State Order in West Asia*

1300 hrs – 1400 hrs: Lunch

1400 hrs - 1530 hrs - **Session II: Regional Security and External Players in West Asia**

Chair: Amb. Niraj Srivastava, India's former Ambassador to Denmark and Uganda

Speakers:

Dr. Ebtessam Al Ketbi, President, Emirates Policy Centre, Abu Dhabi: *Key Trends and Drivers
in the West Asian Regional Security*

Prof. Efraim Inbar, President, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Jerusalem: *The
Iran-Israel Rivalry*

Dr. Mansour Mohammed M. Al Bogami, Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute for Diplomatic
Studies, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

Dr. Randa M. Slim, Director, Program on Conflict Resolution and Track II Dialogues, Middle East Institute, Washington DC: *How do perceptions of American retrenchment from the Middle East impact regional security?*

Mr. Petr Kortunov, Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow: *Future of the JCPOA - can the nuclear deal be salvaged?*

Dr. Muddassir Quamar, Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar IDSA: *Turkey at the Crossroads of Regional Turmoil: Between Realpolitik and Ideology*

1530 hrs – 1545 hrs : Tea Break

1545 hrs – 1730 hrs - **Session III: Energy Security and Economic Growth in West Asia**

Chair: Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Distinguished Fellow, Manohar Parrikar IDSA

Speakers:

Prof. Girijesh Pant, National Fellow of Indian Council of Social Science Research at Symbiosis International University, Pune: *West Asia: Regional Stability-Security in Low Growth Era!*

Dr. Abdullah H. Al-Salamah, Director General, Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

Dr. Wael Al Batterkhi, Minister Counsellor (DCM), Embassy of the State of Palestine, New Delhi: *Trump's Middle East Peace Plan and Palestinian Economic Development*

Dr. Adil Rasheed, Research Fellow, Manohar Parrikar IDSA: *Economic Consequences of Terrorism for West Asia.*

FEBRUARY 27, 2020 (DAY — II)

1000 hrs – 1015 hrs: Tea

1015 hrs - 1300 hrs - **Session IV: Changing Nature of Conflict in the Gulf**

Chair: Amb. V. P. Haran, India's former Ambassador to Syria and Bhutan

Speakers:

Brig. Ashish Chhibbar, Senior Fellow, Manohar Parrikar IDSA, New Delhi: *Changing Nature of Warfare in the 21st Century: Emphasis on the Gulf Region*

Dr. Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Hilal Al Saadi, Directing Staff at National Defence College, Oman

Dr. Sami Alfaraj, President, Kuwait Centre for Strategic Studies (KCSS), Kuwait: *Amid Crises, War and Strife the Silk Road Takes Shape*

Prof. P. R. Kumaraswamy, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi: *Multi-layered Conflict in the Persian Gulf*

1300 hrs – 1400 hrs: Lunch

1400 hrs - 1600 hrs - **Session V: India and West Asia: Adapting to Changing Regional Realities**

Chair: Amb. Ranjan Mathai, Former Foreign Secretary

Speakers:

Dr. Ebtesam Al Ketbi, President, Emirates Policy Centre, Abu Dhabi:

Amb. Sanjiv Arora, India's former Ambassador to Qatar and Lebanon: *The Importance of Middle East Region for India*

Prof. Mohammad Hassan Khani, Imam Sadiq University, Tehran: *Examining the Indian-Iranian Relations in Regional and Global Context*
Dr. Meena Singh Roy, Coordinator, West Asia Centre, Manohar Parrikar IDSA: *Expanding India's Geo-Strategic Partnerships in West Asia*

1600 hrs – 1615 hrs: Tea Break

1615 hrs - 1730 hrs - **Session VI: Round Table: Prognosis for the Future**

Chair: Amb. Navdeep Suri, Distinguished Fellow & Director-CNED, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

Speakers:

Dr. T. V. Nagendra Prasad, Joint Secretary (Gulf Division), Ministry of External Affairs
Prof. Aswini Kumar Mohapatra, Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Dr. Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar IDSA
Dr. Sami Alfaraj, President, Kuwait Centre for Strategic Studies (KCSS), Kuwait
Dr. Dlawer Ala' Aldeen, President, Middle East Research Institute, Erbil, Iraq

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar IDSA