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## "Challenges and Prospects for Peace in the Holy Land: A Conversation during the Time of Covid 19"

**Friday, May 29, 2020, 10:00 AM (EST)**

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### **Greetings from UPF International,**

We are pleased to announce this week's "Peace Talks" Webinar, scheduled for **Friday, May 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM** - New York time zone (EST).

**Topic: "Challenges and Prospects for Peace in the Holy Land: A Conversation during the Time of Covid 19"**

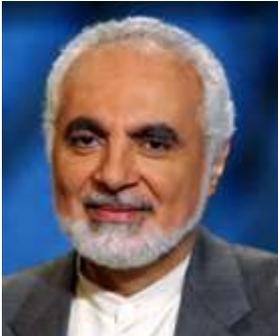
**Background:** During this time of the coronavirus governments have their hands full addressing the immediate challenges that derive from Covid 19. And whereas these challenges are most forcefully felt by citizens and health care providers, the political and economic impact is equally enormous and widely felt. Recent "Peace Talks" have had focus on Africa, Europe, the USA and China.

For this webinar our attention turns to the Middle East, and while the discussion of Covid 19 is unavoidable, we have asked panelists to help our viewers get a sense of the broader context in the Holy Land in the broader political, social and economic context of the Middle East. Most especially we invite our panelists to offer their recommendations for

constructive steps toward dialogue, peace and development that might be taken, either by governments or non-state actors such as civil society, the private sector, and faith-based organizations.

## Panelists:

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### **Imam Faisal Abdul Rauf**

- *Co-Founder and Chair, Cordova Initiative*
- *Founder, American Society for Muslim Advancement*
- *Member, Council of 100 Leaders (C-100) on West-Islamic World Dialogue*
- *Served as imam of Masjid al-Farah in New York City (1983 to 2009)*



### **Dr. Eldad Pardo**

- *Lecturer and research fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
- *Head of Research, IMPACT-SE Institute for Monitoring Peace in School Education*
- *Head of two Research Groups: "Iran in Global Perspective" and "Religious Actors in Conflict Areas" (2006-09)*



### **Hon. Gözde Dizdar**

- *Founder/Managing Director of Governance and Development (GD Global), Turkey*
- *International Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Centrist Asia Pacific Democrats International (CAPDI)*
- *Member of the Board, International Ecological Safety Evaluation Institute (IESEI)*
- *Chairwoman of Youth Committee, the Global Parties Climate and Ecological Alliance (GPCEA)*



### **Mr. Daniel Sherman**

- *Lecturer of Middle East Affairs and Politics, Israel*
- *Served as a Senior General Staff Officer in the Israel Defense Forces*
- *Former International Relations Director for the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem*



**Bishop Riah El-Assal** (invited)

- *Israeli-Palestinian Anglican bishop*
- *Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem and head of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East (1997-2007)*
- *Former vicar of Christ Church, Nazareth*

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**We hope you will join us for this important conversation.  
Register at the following link:**

[us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Wg5cR9OvQJWD1Uy0O6VtTg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wg5cR9OvQJWD1Uy0O6VtTg)

Questions may be sent to [PeaceTalks@ upf.org](mailto:PeaceTalks@upf.org)

Sincerely yours,  
*Thomas G. Walsh, Ph.D.*  
*Chairman, Universal Peace Federation*

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## Upcoming Events

MAY 30: [Decoding Parenting: Seven Weeks of the Family as a School of Love](#)

JUN 1: [UN Global Day of Parents](#)

JUN 30: [UN International Day of Parliamentarism](#)

JUL 18: [Nelson Mandela International Day](#)

AUG 19: [UN International Day of Peace](#)

AUG 19: [UN World Humanitarian Day](#)



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