First Spain-Israel Strategic Dialogue
26 November 2018, Centro Sefarad-Israel, Calle Mayor 69, Madrid

PROGRAMME

08:30-09:00  Gathering & registration - Centro Sefarad-Israel, Calle Mayor 69, Madrid

09:00-09:15  Opening remarks:
  - Charles Powell, Director, Elcano Royal Institute
  - Pascaline Wagemans, Deputy Director, Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD)
  - Florentino Portero, Director, Institute of International Politics, Francisco de Vitoria University
  - Miguel de Lucas, General Director, Centro Sefarad-Israel
  - Amb. Daniel Kutner, Israel’s Ambassador to Spain

09:15-10:15  Opening speeches followed by a discussion:
  Geopolitics in the Middle East: implications for Spain, Israel and their bilateral relationship
  - Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaacov Amidror, Gemunder Center for Defence and Strategy Distinguished Fellow, Anne and Greg Rosshandler Senior Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies (JISS); former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister and Head of Israel’s National Security Council (NSC)
  - José Antonio Sabadell, Director of the Cabinet of Analysis and Forecasting, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation
  - Moderator: David Siegel, CEO, ELNET-Israel

10:15-10:30  Coffee break

10:30-12:00  Session 1: Challenges and opportunities in the Middle East: Spanish and Israeli perspectives
  - José Luis Calvo, Director, Coordination and Defence Studies Division, Spanish Ministry of Defence (MoD)
  - Carlota García Encina, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute
  - Col. (res.) Udi Evenental, Former Head of Strategic Planning Unit, Political-Military & Policy Bureau, Ministry of Defence (MoD)
  - Col. Eli Bar-On, Former Instructor, Israel Defence Forces (IDF)
  - Moderator: Charles Powell, Director, Elcano Royal Institute

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12:00-13:30 *Session 2: Shifting energy dynamics in the Mediterranean*

*Dr Emmanuel Navon*, Lecturer, International Relations, Tel-Aviv University; Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies (JISS)

*Gonzalo Escribano*, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

*Marta Margarit*, General Secretary, Sedigas

*Moderator: Felipe Sahagún*, Journalist and Prof. of International Relations at Complutense University of Madrid

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 *Session 3: Spain and Israel: strengthening the bilateral relationship in a disruptive era*

*MEP Pilar del Castillo*, Member of the European Parliament (Grupo Popular)

*Amb. Daniel Kutner*, Israel’s Ambassador to Spain

*Gil Gidrón*, President of Spain-Israel Chamber

*Prof. Ruth Fine*, Salomon & Victoria Cohen Professor in Spanish and Latin American Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Moderator: Nadav Eyal*, Chief International Correspondent, Channel 10 News

16:30-17:00 *Concluding remarks:*

*Florentino Portero*, Director, Institute of International Politics, Francisco de Vitoria University

*David Siegel*, CEO, ELNET-Israel

17:00-20:00 Break
20:00 Dinner - Café de Oriente, Plaza de Oriente, 2, Madrid

A new world (dis)order in the making: consequences for Spain, Europe and Israel

Welcoming:
Charles Powell, Director, Elcano Royal Institute

Keynote speeches:
Eva Martínez Sánchez, Director General for the Maghreb, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation
Amb. Daniel Kutner, Israel’s Ambassador to Spain
Elena Gómez de Castro, Director General of Defence Policy, Spanish Ministry of Defence (MoD)
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