



# 100 Years since the Sykes-Picot Agreement: Lessons for the Middle East

May 18, 2016 - Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

8:30-9:00

**Registration**

9:00-9:30

**Opening Remarks:**

**Amb. Freddy Eytan** - Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs  
**Dr. Michael Borchard** - Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Israel  
**Amb. Patrick Maisonnave** - French Ambassador to Israel

First Session:

9:30-10:45

**Historical Overview of the Sykes-Picot Agreement**

Chair: **Amb. Freddy Eytan** - Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

Westphalian Arab Nation-States in the Middle East: A Failed Experience

**Prof. Shlomo Avineri** - Hebrew University

Sykes-Picot and the Zionists

**Dr. Martin Kramer** - President of Shalem College

Sykes-Picot: Myth and Reality

**Prof. Efraim Karsh** - King's College, London

Sykes-Picot Agreement: The French Perspective

**Dr. Richard Rossin** - Former Vice President of the European Academy of Geopolitics

10:45-11:00

**Coffee Break**

Second Session:

11:00-12:30

**The Collapse of Borders – a Future Perspective: Lessons from Other Countries**

Chair: **Dan Diker** - Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

How Resilient is the Current Middle Eastern State System?

**Amb. Prof. Itamar Rabinovich** - Tel Aviv University

Earthquakes of the Middle East

**Col. (ret.) Dr. Jacques Neriah** - Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

12:30-13:15

**Break**

Third Session:

13:15-14:15

**Legal Aspects and International Law**

Chair: **Amb. Alan Baker** - Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

Some Historical Facts about the Egypt-Israel Border

**Prof. Ruth Lapidot** - Hebrew University

League of Nations Mandates and Subsequent Nation State Borders

**Prof. Eugene Kontorovich** - Northwestern University and Kohelet Policy Forum

Fourth Session:

14:15-15:15

**Strategic Perspectives: Then and Now**

Chair: **Dr. Michael Borchard** - Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Israel

Russian Policy in the Middle East

**Alexey Drobinin** - Minister-Counsellor at the Russian Embassy

Turkish Foreign Policy and the Specter of Sykes-Picot: A Hundred Years Later

**Dr. Ahmet K. Han** - Kadir Has University, Turkey

Strategic and Geopolitical Aspects

**Brig. Gen. (ret.) Yossi Kuperwasser** - Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs