



Invitation

New Challenges for EU-Israel Relations After the Gaza War

April 22nd, 2009

10:30h – 15:45h

Location: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
Room 333
Hiroshimastraße 17
10785 Berlin

- AGENDA -

10:30 - 11:00 Gathering and registration

SESSION I:
EU - Israeli - Relations after the Gaza War:
Analytical Background

11:00 - 11:15 **Welcome**
Hajo Lanz, Head, Department for Near/Middle East and North Africa, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

11:15 - 11:30 **Introduction of the Israeli-European Policy Network:
Current Activities**
Prof. Stephan Stetter, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Coordinator of IEPN

11:30 – 11.50 **The Israeli Perspective**
Dr. Oded Eran, Director of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Former Ambassador of Israel to the EU and NATO, Tel Aviv

11:50 - 12:10 **The European Perspective**
Dr. Claire Spencer, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Programme at Chatham House: The Royal Institute of International Affairs, London

12:10-13:00 **Discussion with Opening Comment by**
Nina Obermaier, European Commission, Directorate General External Relations, Near East Unit, Desk Officer Israel

Chair: **Dr. Ralf Hexel**, Director, FES Israel

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION II:
EU - Israeli - Relations after the Gaza War:
The Political Dimension

- 14:00 - 14:20 ***The Israeli Perspective***
MK Isaac Herzog, Israeli Minister of Welfare and Social Services
- 14: 20 – 14:40 ***The German Perspective***
Walter Kolbow, MP, Vice-Chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Group
- 14:40 – 15:30 **Discussion**
Chair: **Dr. Roby Nathanson**, Director, Macro Centre for Political Economics, Tel Aviv
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Concluding Remarks**
Prof. Stephan Stetter, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Coordinator of IEPN