



Fifty Years of Occupation and Counting: Is it time for a new EU Policy on the Middle East Peace Process?

Conference

Monday 27 November 2017, 15.30-19.00

Brussels - Room PHS 5B001

- 15.30-16.15** **Opening Addresses by Neoklis Sylikiotis**, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Palestine and **Mohammed Shtayyeh (TBC)**, Head of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), Member of the Fatah Central Committee
- 16.15-17.30** **Panel 1: Assessing 50 years of Occupation under International Law**
Moderator: Ivo Vajgl, ALDE
- **Michael Lynk**, UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada
 - **Valentina Azarova**, Post Doctoral Fellow at Center for Global Public Law, Koç University, Istanbul, and legal adviser to the Global Legal Action Network (GLAN)
 - **Thomas Hammarberg**, EU Special Adviser on Constitutional and Legal Reform and Human Rights in Georgia, UN Senior Expert on Human Rights in Transnistria and Former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 17.30-17.45** **Richard Falk (videoclip)**
- 17.45-19.00** **Panel 2: A new EU Policy towards Israel's prolonged occupation?**
Moderator: Marita Ulvskog, Vice-Chair
- **Marc Otte**, Former EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, Former Director of EGMONT-The Royal Institute for International Relations
 - **Bichara Khader**, Professor Emeritus at the Catholic University of Louvain, Founder and General Administrator of the Fondation Méditerranée Nord-Sud
 - **Hugh Lovatt**, Policy Fellow and Israel/Palestine Project Coordinator at European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)