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Guest Speakers

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Founder and director of the Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies in Syria (afiliated to the International Federation for Human Rights - FIDH) and co-founder and executive director of the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C. He is the managing editor of the Transitional Justice in the Arab World Project. Radwan Ziadeh is a Visiting Scholar at The Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) at Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He was Prins Global Fellow at Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at New York University and Visiting Scholar at The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) at Georgetown University. Editor-in-chief of *Tyarat* magazine in 2001–2002 and secretary of the Syrian Organization for Transparency. His most recent book is Power and Policy in Syria: Intelligence Services, Foreign Relations and Democracy in the Modern Middle East (I.B.Tauris ,2010). He has written ten books: The Clash of Values Between Islam and the West, with Kevin James O'Toole (2010), Political Islam in Syria (2008), Decision Making and Foreign Policy in Syria (2007), The Challenges of Reform in The Arab World: Islam, Identity, Modernity and Globalization (2006), The Intellectual Confronts Power: Dialogues of Syrian Civil Society (2005), and The Near Peace: The Syrian–Israeli Negotiations (2005—the first book written by a Syrian on the subject)