

Syria's Conflict and the Impact on its Neighbours: The Long View

Chatham House | Tuesday 14 October 2014 14:00 - 17:15

Panel discussions will examine prospects for the conflicts in Syria and Iraq and ask what challenges Syria's neighbouring countries could face in the coming years. With nearly half of Syria's population displaced internally or to Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and Iraq, how will these countries manage a protracted refugee crisis and how else might they be impacted by the conflict? How could policy responses to these challenges be improved?

Keynote Speaker: Lakhdar Brahimi, Former UN and Arab League Special Envoy to Syria

This event marks the launch of Chatham House's [Syria and its Neighbours Policy Initiative](#), a multiyear research and convening project focusing on the conflict's long-term impact on Syria's immediate neighbours and aiming to support a coordinated and holistic policy response. We gratefully acknowledge the committed support for this project from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), as well as the support from our key partner the Norwegian Peacebuilding and Resource Centre (NOREF). [Lord Michael Williams, PhD](#), will act as Executive Chair of the project, which will also be supported by [Dr Christopher Phillips](#). For further information, please contact the project director, [Dr Neil Quilliam](#).

14.00 – 14.05 Welcome and Introduction

Lord Michael Williams of Baglan, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Chatham House

14.05 – 15.10 Session 1: The war in Syria

Noah Bonsey, Senior Analyst, Syria, International Crisis Group

Rim Turkmani, President, Madani Syria

Hassan Hassan, Research Associate, Delma Institute

Christopher Phillips, Associate Fellow, Middle East and North Africa, Chatham House

Chair: **Lord Michael Williams of Baglan**, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Chatham House

15.15 – 16.20 Session 2: Syria's impact

Mina Al-Oraibi, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Asharq Al-Awsat

Michael Kerr, Professor of Conflict Studies, King's College London

Daniel Gorevan, Syria Policy Leader, Oxfam

Hayder Al-Khoei, Associate Fellow, Middle East and North Africa, Chatham House

Chair: **Neil Quilliam**, Senior Consulting Fellow, Middle East and North Africa, Chatham House

16.30 – 17.15 Closing session

Lakhdar Brahimi, Former UN and Arab League Special Envoy to Syria

Robin Niblett, Director, Chatham House

17.15 Reception