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# **The Middle East: A Strategic Overview**

**Guest lecturer**

**JONATHAN SPYER**

**8.00pm Monday 26 February**

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Dr. Jonathan Spyer is **Director of the Rubin Center** (formerly the GLORIA Center), IDC Herzliya, and a fellow at the **Middle East Forum**. He is the author of **Days of the Fall: A Reporter's Journey in the Syria and Iraq Wars** (Routledge, 2017) and **The Transforming Fire: The Rise of the Israel-Islamist Conflict** (Continuum, 2010). He is also a columnist at the Jerusalem Post newspaper. Jonathan holds a **Ph.D. in International Relations from the London School of Economics** and a His reporting on the war in Syria and Iraq has been widely published in leading journals worldwide. Jonathan's lecture will include an overview of the key fault lines and trend lines in the current Middle East and how these may affect Israel. He will look at the advance of the Iran- led bloc, the fragmentation of a number of Arab states and attempts by regional states to organize to resist the Iranian advance, as well as the impact of US and Russian policy.

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