



A public event in the framework of the
"Middle East in Transition" Series

The Peres Center for Peace, the University Institute for Diplomacy and Regional Cooperation
and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung cordially invite you to a public meeting entitled

**Hostile or Friendly Separation?
Israeli-Palestinian Economic Relations at a Crossroad**

Thursday, May 31, 2007, 17:30-20:00

The disengagement from the Gaza Strip and the ongoing construction of the Separation Barrier around the West Bank have set new geographic boundaries, resulting in economic separation between Israelis and Palestinians.

While it is recognized that Israeli-Palestinian economic cooperation is essential for the revival and recovery of the Palestinian economy, the impact of such cooperation on the Israeli economy is hardly a talking point. In fact, as a result of the political developments over the last few years, both the Palestinian and Israeli private sectors have suffered severe economic losses, and continue to face major difficulties in maintaining their trade relations.

We now stand at a crossroad; are we heading for "hostile separation", marking the end of Israeli-Palestinian economic relations, or can the new reality of "separation" be employed to encourage cooperation between two independent economic entities?

Venue: Kes Hamishpat Auditorium, The Malka Brander Hall of Justice
Trubowicz Building, Tel-Aviv University

17:30 Gathering

18:00 Greetings, Speakers and Panel Discussion

Greetings

Mr. Hermann Bünz, Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Israel
Dr. Ron Pundak, Director General, the Peres Center for Peace
Prof. Moshe Samionov, Head, Institute for Diplomacy and Regional Cooperation,
Tel Aviv University

Speakers, listed in alphabetical order:

- **Mr. Saeb Bamyia**, Former Deputy Ministry of the Palestinian Ministry of National Economy
- **Mr. Samir Huleileh**, CEO, Portland Trust, former Secretary of the Palestinian Cabinet and former Director General of the Palestinian Ministry of National Economy
- **Mr. Shlomo Nehama**, Former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bank Hapoalim
- **MK Dr. Ephraim Sneh**, Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense
- **Mr. Arie Zief**, CEO, Dubek Ltd. and Vice President of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce

The event will take place in Hebrew and English, with simultaneous translation.

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