

# The Role of Foreign Actors

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Foreign actors are increasingly transforming the Middle East. Historical fault lines and simmering conflicts between local communities are exacerbated by outside actors. These State actors pitch segments of the same society against each other, often dividing societies into proxy militias that prolong conflict. The debate on the role of foreign actors in the region is long overdue. This event will offer cutting edge insight into this emergency.

## Panellists:

### **Mr. Ahmed Al Quraishi:**

Researcher and writer. As a journalist, he has worked extensively in Iraq, Pakistan, Lebanon, Syria, and the Gulf region over the past 24 years. He is currently associated with an independent, Islamabad-based think tank ([projectpakistan21.org](http://projectpakistan21.org)).

### **Dr. Tarek Chindeb:**

PHD in, and prof. of International Criminal Law, Lawyer since 1999, member of the Council Directors of the International Union of Jurists.

### **Mr. Baraa Shiban:**

Human rights defender who investigates drone strikes in Yemen and have testified in the US congress on the effect of the drone program on local communities.

## Moderator:

### **Mr. Gianfranco Fattorini:**

Human rights consultant. Former co-president of the Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (MRAP)

## Organizers:

IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD), Geneva International Centre for Justice (GICJ), The Arab Lawyers Association- UK, The Brussels Tribunal.

Interpretation English & Arabic

Light refreshments will be served