

At the International Security Forum 2011, 30 May - 1 June 2011, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) are hosting a panel discussion on

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE MIDDLE EAST

TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2011, 11.00 – 12.30

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In its Final Document, the 2010 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) endorsed that in 2012, a conference shall be convened – to be attended by all states of the Middle East – on the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.

While agreement on such an endeavor has been decisive for the adoption of a final document of the NPT Review Conference, it remains unclear which states would be invited, which topics would be discussed, and what the outcome of such a conference could be.

This panel will look at the various issues concerned, including the Iranian nuclear program, uncertainties about Syria's nuclear intentions, Israel's nuclear status, as well as Syria, Egypt and Israel's non-accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention. Solutions to these issues will be essential for the preservation of the non-proliferation regime.

Chair

- ❖ *Oliver Thränert* German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, Germany

Speakers

- ❖ *Ariel Levite* Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, USA
- ❖ *Nabil Fahmy* School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP), The American University in Cairo, Egypt
- ❖ *Michael Eisenstadt* The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington DC, USA