The Argov Fellows Program in Leadership and Diplomacy is proud to host:

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“The Perils and Promise of Islam in the Public Space”

Sunday, June 2nd 2013, 6:30pm
Reception: Radzyner- Sustainability Building Lobby
Lecture: Auditorium SL201
IDC Campus, Herzliya

Spaces are limited. RSVP is required:
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The Perils and Promise of Islam in the Public Space

Political Islamism is the greatest threat to liberal democracies everywhere. Presently, Political Islamism dominates the public space. We see this in Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, and more locally to Israelis, in Gaza and Lebanon. Central to political Islamism's success is the veil afforded it by Islam itself. Unveiling political Islamism as a totalitarian ideology, made lethal through religious Islamofascism is of vital importance not only to the security of Israel but to the survival of Muslims and Islam itself. Political Islamism directly jihadist ideologies, virulent anti Semitism, the persecution of Christians, minority Muslims and any Muslim with an anti-Islamist stance and yet is becoming extraordinarily influential in administrations and governing powers.

My talk will examine Political Islamism at work in Pakistan, Islamist sympathies in Saudi Arabia and the intense battle between Islam and Islamism in the public space. Particular attention will be drawn on America's failure in comprehending the difference and how political correctness is stifling this vital debate. While I am not a scholar or government, politics or religion, I have lived under Saudi Sharia and am very familiar with the ghastly demise of Pakistan's democracy as it has fallen under the sway of Islamists. My talk will therefore be informed with direct on the ground experiences"