The Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs cordially invites you to

**The Official Launch and Symposium:**
“*Regime Collapse and Sectarian War: Where Is the Middle East Headed?*”

**Sunday, March 15th, 2015, at 9:30am**

**Arison-Lauder lobby**
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

**9:30 | Opening remarks**

**Prof. Uriel Reichman**, President and Founder, IDC Herzliya.

**Prof. Boaz Ganor**, Dean of Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya.

**Judith Colp Rubin**, Honorary President, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs, IDC Herzliya.

**Dr. Jonathan Spyer**, Director, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs, IDC Herzliya.

**Symposium on “Regime Collapse and Sectarian War: Where Is the Middle East Headed?”**

**Panel Chair: Dr. Jonathan Spyer**, Director, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs, IDC Herzliya.
10:00 | Session 1: “The New Middle East: Fragmentation, Sectarianism, & New Power Blocs”

**Ambassador Dore Gold**, President, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.
"The Iranian nuclear threat"

**Dr. Martin Kramer**, President, Shalem College.
"U.S. policy & its implications for the region"

**Hon. Fiamma Nirenstein**, Author, Columnist, and Former Italian MP.
"Europe & the changing Middle East"

**Prof. Efraim Inbar**, Director, Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
"Implications for Israel in a transformed Middle East"

11:40 | Break

12:00 | Session 2: “Islamism against the State”

**Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamimi**, Rubin Fellow, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs, IDC Herzliya.
"Shi’a militias in Iraq & Syria"

**Dr. Ely Karmon**, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) & Senior Research Fellow at Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya.
"Hizballah & the conflict in Lebanon, Syria, & Iraq"

**Prof. Amatzia Baram**, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Middle Eastern History, and Director, the Center for Iraq Studies, University of Haifa.
"ISIS, Iraq & the Sunnis, Jabhat al-Nusra"

The event will be conducted in English
To ensure a place, please RSVP to info@rubincenter.org