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The US Role in the Middle East: Past and Future

The Honorable Senator George J. Mitchell in conversation with Adil Najam



THE HONORABLE GEORGE J. MITCHELL
FORMER U.S. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

The 2018 Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Lecture at Boston University will be held by the Honorable **George J. Mitchell**, former U.S. Senate Majority Leader and U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace. Senator Mitchell will draw on his decades of experience in conflict resolution through negotiation to assess the role of the United States in the Middle East today and consider chances and challenges for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Professor **Adil Najam**, Dean of the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, will join Senator Mitchell for conversation and audience Q&A.

George Mitchell served as US Special Envoy for Middle East Peace from January 2009 to May 2011. Prior to that he had a distinguished career in public service. He was appointed to the United States Senate in 1980 to complete the unexpired term of Senator Edmund S. Muskie. He was elected to a full term in the Senate in 1982 and went on to an illustrious career in the Senate spanning 15 years. In 1988, he was reelected with 81 percent of the vote, the largest margin in Maine history. He left the Senate in 1995 as the Senate majority leader, a position he had held since January 1989.

In 1995, he served as a Special Advisor to President William J. Clinton on Ireland, and from 1996 to 2000 he served as the Independent Chairman of the Northern Ireland Peace Talks. Under his leadership, the

Good Friday Agreement, an historic accord ending decades of conflict, was agreed to by the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom and the political parties of Northern Ireland.

In 2000 and 2001, at the request of President Clinton, Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and Chairman Yasser Arafat, Senator Mitchell served as Chairman of an International Fact-Finding Committee on violence in the Middle East. The Committee's recommendation, widely known as The Mitchell Report, was endorsed by the Bush Administration, the European Union and by many other governments.

Senator Mitchell received an undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College and a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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