

**UOFMOSAIC@RYERSON UNIVERSITY 2011-2012 MIDDLE EAST DIALOGUE SERIES**

**SESSION 3:**

**THE FOURTH STAGE OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT: A TALK BY DR.**

**ALAN DOWTY**

The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has passed through three major stages since its origins in nineteenth-century Ottoman Turkey: from a collision between two communities in Palestine, to an interstate conflict between Israel and Arab states, to the re-emergence of the Palestinians as the major actor opposite Israel. Since the turn of the 21st century, a fourth stage appears to be emerging, rooted in religious militancy, the rise of non-state actors, and changes in the nature of warfare. As Professor Dowty illustrates in this talk, such developments complicate the chances of reaching a two-state settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict.

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

**TIME:** 7 – 8:30 PM

**LOCATION:** TED ROGERS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT( TRS) 1147

**DR. ALAN DOWTY** is Professor Emeritus of Political Science, and Senior Associate for Middle East Studies of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame. In 2003-2006, he was the first holder of the Kahanoff Chair in Israeli Studies at the University of Calgary, and in 2004-2006 he was President of the Association for Israel Studies. Professor Dowty is a graduate of Shimer College and the University of Chicago, where he received his Ph.D. in 1963. From 1963-1975, he was on the faculty of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, during which time he served as Executive Director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and Chairman of the Department of International Relations.

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**AGENDA:**

Introductions: 5 minutes

Presentation by Dr. Dowty: 40 minutes

Moderated conversation for all attendees: 45 minutes

**ABOUT THE 'UOFMOSAIC@RYERSON UNIVERSITY' INITIATIVE**

The Ryerson University chapter of UofMosaic will host a dialogue series for Canadian students of Middle Eastern descent and for those interested in the ongoing Middle Eastern conflict during the 2011-12 school year. It will consist of three sessions between November and February. This will be an opportunity for 20-25 students to discuss how they can improve community relations in Canada, and what roles they can play in encouraging peace and promoting development in the Middle East. The dialogue aspires to be a space where common understanding is fostered by students' commitment to promoting healthy exchanges between diaspora communities in order to influence Canada's foreign policy, and to identify joint opportunities for grassroots peacebuilding.

**ABOUT THE UOFMOSAIC**

An initiative of The Mosaic Institute ([www.mosaicinstitute.ca](http://www.mosaicinstitute.ca)), the UofMosaic is a program to encourage Canadian university students to confront old conflicts, become purveyors of peace on campus, and help strengthen their fellow Canadians' commitment to fostering peace, pluralism and good government around the world - starting right here at home. Currently present at the University of Toronto, York University, and Ryerson University, the UofMosaic will eventually consist of a network of student chapters across Canada.

