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**Palestinian Peace
Coalition (PPC)**

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Highlights:

- » 51.5% of Palestinians support reaching a solution through negotiations to have an independent Palestinian state based on the 4th of June 1967 border.
- » 60% of Israelis support the two-state solution.
- » 20 Palestinian and Israeli peace civil society peace organizations have joined the Geneva Initiative's Two-State Solution Coalition in the first year.
- » We held over 60 meetings with senior international diplomats and representatives in Palestine, Israel and abroad throughout 2018.
- » We reached thousands of young and senior participants during 2018 ; 61% of them were women.
- » Our social media platforms in English, Hebrew and Arabic are being followed by tens of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians.

THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION COALITION "TSC": STRENGTHENING THE PEACE CAMP

This year, the Palestinian Peace Coalition and H.L Education for Peace launched the Two State Coalition project (TSC). The TSC project promotes conditions for a negotiated settlement of the conflict through consolidating the efforts of peace oriented Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) towards maintaining the viability of the two-state solution. The TSC aims to strengthen the voice, capacity, advocacy and policy shaping efforts of its members, and to consolidate their peace promotion efforts and enable and encourage the exchange of information and knowledge among them.



Mr. Saed Karazoun, communications and social media specialist, speaking to representatives of member organizations during a capacity building seminar in Ramallah. July, 2018.



Mr. Benoit Chapas, Deputy chief of mission/Head of Political and Press section - EU Delegation to Israel, speaking to senior representatives of member organizations during the TSC joint capacity building meeting in Nazareth. October, 2018.



Mr. Nidal Foqaha, Director General of PPC, addressing members of the TSC joint secretariat during a meeting in Ramallah. September, 2018.



Mr. Hana Natour, a financial specialist speaking to representatives of member organizations during a capacity building seminar in Ramallah. July, 2018.

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Mr. Jeremy Ben Ami, President of Jstreet addressing senior Palestinian and Israeli NGO leaders during a joint capacity building seminar in Nazareth. October, 2018.



Mr. Pierre Cochard, Consul General de France, during a meeting with TSC member organizations in Jerusalem. October, 2018.

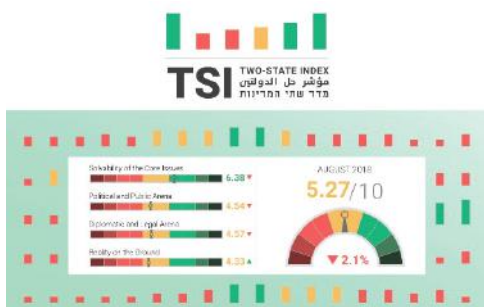


MK Tzipi Livni meets with leaders of the Israeli peace camp to discuss the Two-State Solution

THE TWO-STATE INDEX: KEEPING THE SOLUTION ALIVE

This year saw the launching of the Geneva Initiative's Two-State Index (TSI). The TSI is an innovative policy instrument, which offers a numerical standard for measuring the current level of viability of the two-state solution, in addition to detailed monthly analysis of issues related to the solution. Ultimately, the TSI produces a coherent assessment of the status of the two-state solution. The Index provides high-quality information about the conflict and the peace process for political actors, international representatives, and the general Israeli and Palestinian publics. By offering reliable, regular, and insightful information about current events that affect peace, the TSI helps promote the conditions for a negotiated settlement and maintains the viability of the two-state solution.

HOW FEASIBLE IS THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION TODAY?



American hostility, mediation efforts in Gaza, a wave of settlement approvals, and more: Here is why the Two-State Index (TSI) went down %2.1 in August.



In the past few months, the Trump administration is attempting to redesign the Israeli-Palestinian landscape. After recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and relocating the American embassy there, the administration is targeting a second core issue: Palestinian refugees...



Visit <https://index.genevainitiative.org/> to learn about the methodology behind the TSI and read the latest monthly publication. Sign up to our mailing list in order to receive monthly updates as well as in-depth analysis of subjects influencing the peace process in the TSI Special Editions.



DEALING WITH THE PAST "DWP"

In recent years, our Israeli and Palestinian experts have worked together to develop a critical approach to reconciliation that can create conditions for developing a sustainable peace. The DWP approach is composed of four complementary processes: the right to know, acknowledging the past, addressing justice, and building a sustainable peace. This year, we held a series of outreach events to gain support and exposure for the DWP reconciliation approach.



The Geneva Initiative's panel on reconciliation, featuring experts Einat Ronen and Mostafa Elostaz, drew a large audience at IDC Herzliya



Young leaders from PPC during a visit to the Saint Borvirios Church to meet the Greek Patriarch- the Bishop Alexios during the Christmas holidays in Gaza.

ENGAGING PALESTINIAN SOCIETY



■ Youth Leaders and Women

This year the PPC continued organizing activities engaging different sectors of Palestinian society in continuous effort to support peace and the two-state solution. In 2018, we organized 45 activities that included seminars, workshops, round table discussions, conferences and advanced leadership courses. The activities have reached more than 1552 youth, women, decision makers, and local community leaders from various backgrounds and districts.

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Noor Jaber, a young Palestinian peace activist from Jerusalem:

"I interact with a lot of people who firmly believe that peace and reconciliation are impossible. Cases like Northern Ireland and South Africa simply refute that claim"



Young educators taking part in an exercise about countering violence in schools. Ramallah, September 2018.



Ms. Anna Kaisa, Ambassador of Finland to Palestine, and Mr. Nidal Fqaha, PPC-GI Director General, speaking to a group of young leaders during a seminar for youth and women in Ramallah. May, 2018.



Mr. Zaher Bassioni, Co-founder of "Leaders" Institution with a group of young leaders in the advanced leadership course in Ramallah. May 2018.



Mr. Jonathan Conlon, Ambassador of Ireland to Palestine and Mr. Nidal Fqaha, director general of PPC speaking with a group of young leaders at the PPC office in Ramallah. November, 2018.



Young women leaders participating in a seminar about the role of women in the democratic process in Palestine. Gaza, February, 2018.

DECISION MAKERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY



Samih Abid, Former Minister of Public Works and former member of the Palestinian negotiation team, addressing a group of senior Palestinian local leaders and professionals during a seminar in Jericho. November, 2018.



During a seminar for journalists and local leaders in Ramallah. July 2018.

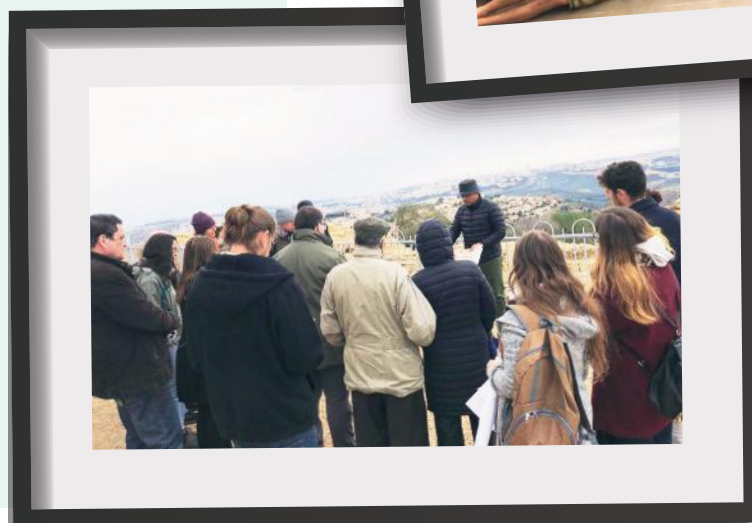
ENGAGING ISRAELI SOCIETY

Our activities in 2018 engaged hundreds of decision-makers and influencers, involving both opinion leaders and the general Israeli public in our vision. The Geneva Initiative held seminars, conferences, tours, workshops, and lectures on a diverse array of pressing topics: The place of Jerusalem in the conflict, lessons to be learnt from conflict resolution in Ireland, reconciliation, and many more.



A panel on lessons from conflict resolution in Ireland, including Peter Robinson, former First Minister of Northern Ireland.

Leaders at Mechinat Hanegev with Mr. Gadi Baltiansky, HLEP CEO.



A policy and borders tour of the area around Jerusalem with GI conflict expert Dr. Shaul Arieli, in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

"I enjoyed the tour and think Shaul Arieli is a fabulous teacher – the tour was very informative."
– Sarah, Jerusalem tour participant



MK Tami Zandberg, head of the Meretz party in Israel, speaks at the Initiative's May conference.



Dr. Yossi Beilin, co-founder of the Geneva Initiative, in a meeting with Mr. Husam Zomlot, the Palestinian ambassador in Washington.



Youth from Mechinat Netzer spend a day learning about the conflict.



Geneva Initiative CEOs Gadi Baltiansky and Nidal Foqaha speak to hundreds of high school students in the International School of Kfar Hayarok.



Meeting with UN Special Coordinator to the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Nikolay Mladenov, and Israeli partners for Peace.

PARTNERING FOR PEACE: JOINT ACTIVITIES

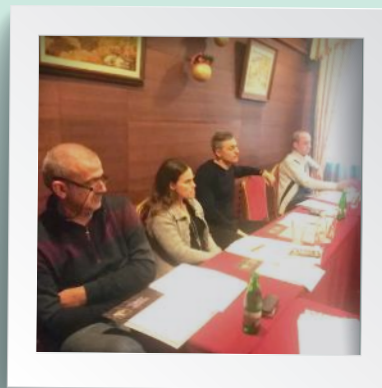
Over the past year, PPC and HLEP have brought Palestinians and Israelis together in different educational and professional contexts in order to encourage cooperation and show each side that there is a partner for peace.

These joint activities are just the beginning: The Geneva Initiative looks forward to seeing the results of the inspiring partnerships and projects we have helped foster.

Adi Ashkenazi, past Vice President of the Regional Cooperation Ministry leads a joint session for Palestinian and Israeli business leaders.



Seminar in Bulgaria on overcoming obstacles to economic cooperation for Israeli and Palestinian business people.



The Geneva Initiative sent an Israeli-Palestinian delegation of young leaders to the international Caux Forum in Switzerland.



Doctor Khalil Shiqaqi leads a local joint meeting for youth leaders in Ramallah, September.

" After the joint meetings, I realized that the conflict isn't just solvable - it is in my power, our power to solve it "

Nofar, Bulgaria joint seminar participant

International Outreach



Nidal and Dafna at Swedish Parliament.

Through international conferences and with officials and diplomats, we supported the work of the international community over the course of the year and helped keep the two-state solution on the agenda. We met with key international actors both at home and abroad, sharing ideas and proposals in order to shape the most productive reactions to political developments.



A meeting with visiting Columbian policymakers and politicians.



Dafna and Ayed meet representatives of the EU Parliament.

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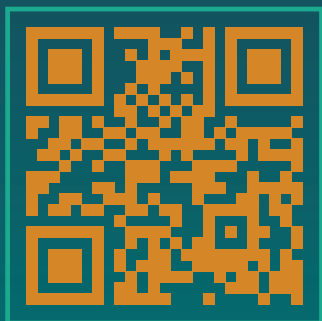
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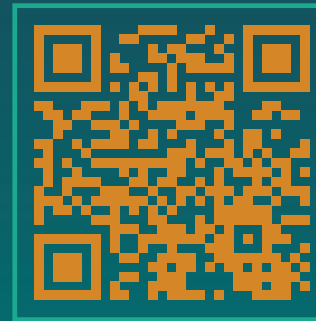
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