

### **New book series: Peace Politics in the Middle East**

**Peace Politics in the Middle East** aims to present reflective and cutting edge research that provide a forum for critical debate between scholars and politicians from across the Middle East and beyond. The focus is on presenting solutions to seemingly intractable problems and situations, and to explain the ramifications of their potential implementation.

The Middle East is prone to intra and inter-state tensions and conflict, lacks a regional security organisation, and is the source of unresolved threats to communities and individuals from hybrid conflicts, weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, ethnic and religious hostilities, climate change and environmental degradation. The circumstances surrounding the Arab uprisings have introduced more uncertainty about the regional order in a period when the existing international order is also under pressure. Peace Politics in the Middle East delivers texts which predominantly deal with the prevention, causes and resolution of wars, terrorism, genocide, and gross violations of human rights. The series will aim to provide in-depth understanding that can assist academics and practitioners to work towards building a just and peaceful system. It delves into substantial analyses of constructive relationships across ethnic, religious, class and gender that can contribute to peacebuilding and mutual coexistence.

Topics include:

- Lived and everyday peace experiences and initiatives, including women
- Violent non-state actors and proxy wars
- Security Sector Reform
- Governance and state-building in failed, weak/brittle and fragile states
- Post-colonialism, political and religious identity
- Authoritarianism and authoritarian upgrading
- Threat perception and foreign policy analysis (FPA)
- Weapons of Mass Destruction (Free Zone in the Middle East)
- Israel – Palestine conflict/Abraham Accords
- Regional security initiatives, diplomacy and architectures
- Environmental degradation, land management, climate change, and water stress/scarcity (as drivers of conflict and cooperation)
- The role of external actors in diplomacy and peace-making in the MENA region

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