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Participants

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Sam Bahour	Palestinian-American business consultant. He serves as a policy adviser to Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network, Secretariat member of the Palestine Strategy Group, and is co-editor of “Homeland: Oral Histories of Palestine and Palestinians” (1994).
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George Giacaman	Faculty member of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights, and the MA Programme in Contemporary Arab Studies. Served as dean of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Birzeit University. He served as the general director of the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy – Muwatitn.
Jehad Harb	Researcher on issues of politics and governance. Member of the main team of the “Arab Democracy Index Report”, and the “Arab Security Index Report”. Writes the weekly op. ed. “Town Gossip”. Authored many publications on the Palestinian political system, good governance, parliamentary work, integrity system, and the security sector.
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Ali Muhanna	Legal advisor for President Mahmoud Abbas. Formerly Minister of Justice, served previously as President of the High Judicial Council, and President of the Palestinian Bar Association.
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Mahmoud Ziadeh	Activist and the Secretary general for the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions.