

Joel Peters Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to a man with his mind on the Middle East...

He is a respected academic, who is a professor of government and international affairs at Virginia Tech, the founding Director of the Center for the Study of European Politics and Society at Ben Gurion University in Israel, and is a Senior Research Fellow and Academic Advisor to the Center...

He is a prolific writer, who is the author of several books on Israeli foreign policy, including *Uneasy Neighbors: Israel and the European Union* and *Israel and Africa: The Problematic Friendship*...

And he is a trusted advisor, who has been an active participant in various informal meetings between Israelis and Palestinians on issues including Jerusalem, refugees, economic development, and regional security.

Ladies and gentlemen please welcome a passionate and experienced educator, Professor Joel Peters.