



**A Roundtable on  
"Shifts in the US Strategic Assessment of the Middle East:**

**Monday, May 16, 2016**

**Mezzoon Ballroom, Jumeirah at Etihad Towers, Abu Dhabi**

**Sunday, May 15**

<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>A welcome dinner at (Pearls by Michael Caines)</b>
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<b>8:00 - 9:00 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
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**Session 1**

<b>9:00 - 10:30</b>	Reasons and Contexts of the shift in the US strategic assessment of the Middle East and its implications on the distribution of power in the region  <b>Barry Pavel</b>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>

**Session 2**

<b>10:45 - 12:15</b>	The internal and external elements influencing change or revision of the current US strategic assessment of the Middle East  <b>Dr. Hussein Ibish</b>
<b>12:15 - 12:30</b>	<b>Break</b>

**Session 3**

<b>12:30 - 14:00</b>	The future of the Gulf region security in light of the shift in the US strategic assessment  <b>Dr. Ebtessam AL Ketbi – Dr. Mohammed Bin Huwaiden</b>
<b>2:00 - 3:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

**Session 4**

<b>3:00 – 4:30</b>	Possible Scenarios for the US strategic assessment of the region over the coming two decades  <b>Dr. Zaid Eyadat - Bilal Saab</b>
<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>A farewell dinner at (Fish Market in Intercontinental Hotel)</b>