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## Three T(w)o Tango: Peace Politics and Civil Societies in Israel and Palestine 2009-10

Direct peace talks were resumed in September for the first time since 2008 only to be derailed quickly by a dispute over Israeli settlements. What can be expected from a renewal of efforts to resolve the complex and longstanding conflict between Israel and Palestine? What still lies in the way of peace in the region?

Graduate Institute Professor of Development Studies, Riccardo Bocco, will give a public presentation providing analytical insights into the past year's deadlock in the Israeli-Palestine conflict/peace process by focusing on the intertwined relationship between domestic and international stakes. He will discuss the roles of Hamas, the Palestinian Authority as well as Israel's Netanyahu government.

Professor Bocco has been carrying out research in and on Palestine and Jordan for nearly 30 years. He is former director of the Centre for Research on the Contemporary Middle East based in Amman, and was Research Director at the Graduate Institute for Development Studies. He has led large-scale research projects focusing on international aid and the socio-economic conditions of Palestinian refugees for the Swiss Development Agency and United Nations agencies.

This News Briefing will take place in English. The speaker can take questions in French and English.

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