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### Science4Peace Forum - On International Law and the Protection of Peaceful Protest

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**Science4Peace Forum - On International Law and the Protection of Peaceful Protest** (text in pdf format)

The Science4Peace Forum reaffirms that respect for international law is a binding obligation of all states and a fundamental condition for international peace, security, and the protection of human rights.

We endorse the statement of the German Society of International Law: "*The sovereign equality of states, the prohibition of the use of force, the principle of non intervention and the right of peoples to self-determination are enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations as central pillars of the international order.*"

We further support the statement of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs: "*Guided by the **Russell-Einstein Manifesto**, we remind the international community of its shared responsibility to remember our humanity and to prioritize diplomacy, dialogue, and restraint over recourse to force.*"

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**18. Feb 2026, 5 pm (CET)**

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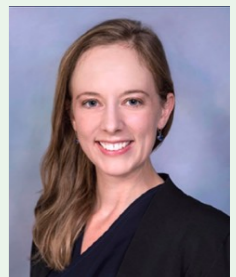
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### Abstract:

Annelle Sheline will talk about the agenda of the U.S. foreign politics in the Middle East based on her experience as a foreign affairs officer at the U.S. State Department's Office of Near Eastern Affairs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. She will share with us her reasons for leaving the U.S. State Department and present her views on what has changed since the new administration was sworn in in January 2025 and what to expect with regard to ongoing Israeli violations of cease-fire agreements in Gaza and Lebanon and the increasing military repression in the Westbank and East Jerusalem.

**Dr. Annelle Sheline** is a Non-resident Senior Fellow at Arab Center Washington DC, and a Research Fellow for the Middle East at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. She previously served as a Foreign Affairs Officer at the US Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Office of Near Eastern Affairs (DRL/NEA), before resigning in March 2024 in protest over the Biden administration's unconditional support for Israeli military operations in Gaza. She is completing a book manuscript on religious authority in the Middle East, and teaches at Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. She completed her PhD in political science at George Washington University.



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## IAEA Nuclear Safeguards, Verification and Monitoring

Dr. Tariq Rauf

**18. March 2026, 5 pm (CET)**

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### Abstract:

All 186 non-nuclear-weapon States (NWS) parties to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) are obligated to place all of their nuclear material, activities and facilities under IAEA comprehensive safeguards (verification) to fulfill their NPT obligation not to acquire or manufacture nuclear weapons, and that these activities and items remain exclusively in peaceful uses. The NPT nuclear-weapon States (NWS) have concluded voluntary safeguards (VoA) on some or all civilian nuclear facilities as a good faith gesture to NNWS. States not parties to the NPT have item-specific safeguards under which they select which of their nuclear activities are placed under safeguards. While in the latter two categories of States the IAEA does not implement comprehensive safeguards; nevertheless the Agency's safeguards methods and procedures are implemented in the same manner in all States with safeguards. Regional safeguards arrangements such as EURATOM (EU) and the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for the Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC) are in parallel to IAEA safeguards, and each of the three entities implement their own verification activities. This presentation will describe the Agency's safeguards system and briefly touch on the nuclear files of Iran and North Korea.

Tariq Rauf is an independent expert on nuclear governance based in Vienna. He is Expert Trainer on Disarmament and Arms Control at United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Hiroshima, and International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts (ISODARCO)

He was Member of the Group of Eminent Persons for Substantive Advancement of Nuclear Disarmament established by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Consulting Advisor on Policy and Outreach to the Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization. T. Rauf was Head of Verification and Security Policy; Alternate Head of Delegation to NPT Conferences; IAEA Liaison and Point-of-Contact for Nuclear Suppliers Group, Committee UNSCR 1540, Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force; and Coordinator of IAEA Multilateral Approaches to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle (IAEA LEU Reserve Angarsk, UK Nuclear Fuel Assurance, IAEA LEU Bank). He was responsible for the IAEA Forum on Experience of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones Relevant for the Middle East; Office reporting to Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).



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## Adlene Hicheur: a denied life

Dr. Monica Pepe-Altarelli,

Dr. Vincenzo Vagnoni

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**Abstract:** Adlene Hicheur, a particle physicist, has endured 15 years of persecution. In 2009, he was arrested in France and spent two years in jail before being released shortly after his trial. Since then, he's been denied the right to work or travel, severely impacting his career and personal life. Stranded in Algeria with no income, he continues to conduct world-class physics research in the LHCb experiment at CERN. We believe he deserves the right to resume a normal life and contribute to science, rights he's constantly denied. This seminar will recount his story.

**Monica Pepe Altarelli and Vincenzo Vagnoni** are particle physicists working on the LHCb experiment at CERN, which focuses on studying flavour physics at the LHC. They have held several important scientific and management roles within the LHCb collaboration and elsewhere. Together with other colleagues, they supported Adlene Hicheur throughout his troubles and are helping him rebuild his professional and personal life.



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