

# *America and the Middle East - So Many Wars, So Little Peace* **WHY?**

**Featuring Journalist and Middle East Analyst Mark Bruzonsky**



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**Abstract:** America's involvement in the Middle East didn't start with 9/11. Indeed it was past American involvements with the Middle East that led to 9/11. America's latest warm, not yet hot, wars with Syria and Iran are not really about chemical or nuclear weapons. Rather these wars are an extension of long-time policies and result from the entangling U.S. alliances with both Israel and Saudi Arabia. To seriously understand what is happening today in Washington about the Middle East it's necessary to free oneself from the cacophony of slogans and to honestly delve into the underlying history and the actual, always camouflaged, policies. What's happening today starts nearly a hundred years ago with the historic Paris Peace Conference, renamed by the superb American historian David Fromkin as "The Peace To End All Peace". For indeed that was then, and is still now today, the overall result. As the British journalist Robert Fisk titles his extraordinary book after a lifetime of experiences in the region, we are living through nothing less than THE GREAT WAR FOR CIVILIZATION -- and it is going badly for everyone.

## **The Speaker:**



Mark Bruzonsky is an international affairs expert who has been to 47 countries including repeated visits to many countries in the Middle East. He has been an official guest of many governments and organizations in the region and his articles have been published in journals and newspapers worldwide. Bruzonsky has appeared on numerous network TV programs and has been a guest speaker at many universities and institutes including the U.S. Army War College and the Smithsonian. He is a graduate of The Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton as well as New York University law school where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar. Early in his career Bruzonsky played a unique role in history meeting alone with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo and helping convince him to make his fateful trip to Israel. A few years later Bruzonsky worked with the most senior international Jewish leaders, the founders in fact of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress along with the former President of France, authoring what was then a historic initiative to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. This was an initiative so striking at the time that it made world headlines and was the full front-page in France's leading newspaper LeMonde. Ever since these early involvements Bruzonsky has been a leading proponent of principled and alternative Middle East policies for the United States which he believes are more desperately needed now than ever.

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