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## **The Institute for Palestine Studies will host a panel and exhibit at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual MESA Meeting in Denver, Colorado**

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The Institute for Palestine Studies (IPS) is pleased to announce that it will sponsor a panel at the upcoming 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) conference on November 17-20, 2012 held at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver, Colorado. IPS will be exhibiting its publications, as well as sponsoring a panel of speakers. A hugely popular part of MESA is the book bazaar which features about 90 vendors offering the latest publications in the field. MESA also offers five days of thematic conversations, roundtables, and panels by academics and experts in their respective fields. Not only will IPS be exhibiting newly published books and featured publications on Palestinian affairs and the Arab-Israeli conflict, it will also sponsor a panel titled “The Palestinians: Representation and Accountability” on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 2:00pm.

The panel will explore the crisis of representation and accountability among Palestinians, by exploring who represents the Palestinians and how their putative leaders may be held accountable to the Palestinian public. These two questions will be discussed in the context of the initiative led by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) to seek membership for Palestine in the United Nations in the fall of 2011. Many Palestinians, particularly those living outside of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, fear immediate disenfranchisement were a Palestinian state recognized encompassing only those territories. In fact, the PLO's bid for statehood was only the trigger for the surfacing of long-simmering tensions within the Palestinian public and its increasing dissatisfaction with Palestinian leadership across the board.

Speakers are to include Osamah Khalil (Syracuse University), Nimer Sultany (Harvard University) and Khalil Shaheen (Palestine Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies). The panel organizer, George Bisharat (UC Hastings College of Law), will be the discussant. For more information about our panel and the papers they will be presenting, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/b5yw9pq>.

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