FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS:

Is the two-state solution dead? What is the alternative?

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Professors Feldman and Shikaki are co-authors of a new book entitled ***Palestinians and Israelis: Conflict and Peacemaking in the Middle East***. They will discuss the current stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian relations, drivers behind the conflict, and implications for both sides using data from a large-scale survey project measuring public opinion in both Palestine and Israel. They will also discuss necessary next steps for Israel and Palestine, the U.S., and the international community in order to ensure peace in the region.

Prof. Khalil Shikaki is Director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research in Ramallah, and Senior Fellow at the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University. A world-renowned expert on Palestinian public opinion and a widely published author, he has taught at several institutions, including Birzeit University, An-Najah National University, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the University of South Florida. He was a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC in 2002.

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