

Jews and Arabs kiss in response to Israeli book ban



Time Out Tel Aviv's great video response to the Israeli Education Ministry's recent book ban. Go for it, guys n' gals!

<https://embed.theguardian.com/embed/video/world/video/2016/jan/07/jews-arabs-israel-kiss-book-video> width="560" height="315" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen>

Ottawa launch event

For details of the book launch event scheduled for next Wednesday (**13 January**) in **Ottawa** visit the links (English and French) below. As at the other North American launch events, speakers will be myself and Erik Solheim. The launch will be held 4-6pm at Fauteux Hall, located at the [Human Rights Research and Education Centre](#).

<https://cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/en/jan-13-book-launch-end-civil-war>
<https://cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/fr/13-jan-lancement-du-livre-end-civil-war>

London Book Launch: The Film

Here the link to the film of my new book's late-October 2015 London launch, held at the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS). Also in attendance were [Erik Solheim](#), the former lead Norwegian negotiator in Sri Lanka, [Vidar Helgesen](#), Deputy Foreign Minister during a crucial period in the Norwegian engagement in Sri Lanka, and [Dr. Sutha Nadarajah](#), a senior lecturer at SOAS with strong past connections to the former chief LTTE political advisor, [Anton Balasingham](#), who died in 2006.

1 1/2 hours may be pushing it a bit so suggest you can pick and choose your favoured bits!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLnJ3S1stB8>

Washington DC Book Launch

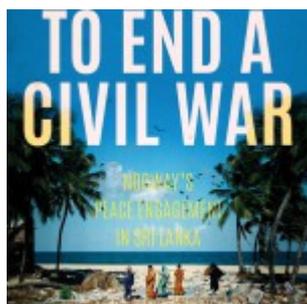
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Here are the details of next Thursday (14 January)'s launch event for my new book on Sri Lanka, at the Atlantic Council building.

All present in the vicinity very welcome!

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/events/upcoming-events/detail/1-foreign-intervention-in-south-asia-a-case-study-from-sri-lanka>

Sri Lanka: Rajapaksa wanted a closed-door deal with Prabhakaran



Here's a recent interview I did on the Tamil IBC TV channel. The subject was – unsurprisingly – my new book on the Norwegian peace effort in Sri Lanka. Equally unsurprisingly, they've seized on the most controversial topic covered for a title

<http://www.ceylonews.com/2016/01/01/rajapaksa-wanted-a-closed-door-deal-with-prabhakaran/>