

The Institute of International Relations would like to invite you to a public lecture with a subsequent discussion with

## **Miko Peled**

## Beyond Zionism, Hope for Freedom & Democracy in Palestine/Israel

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**Miko Peled** – an Israeli writer and a peace activist, the author of *The General's* Son – Journey of an Israeli in Palestine (2012). Born in Jerusalem in 1961 into a well known Israeli family, his grandfather, Dr. **Avraham Katsnelson** was a Zionist leader and signer of the Israeli Declaration of Independence. His father, **Matti Peled**, was a young officer in the war of 1948 and a general in the war of 1967 when Israel conquered and occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza, Golan Heights, and Sinai.

Discussant: **Tomáš Kraus**, Executive Director, Federation of Jewish Communities in Czech Republic

Chair: **Pavel Barša**, Institute of International Relations and Professor, Charles University

## Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 17:00

Institute of International Relations, Nerudova 3, Prague 1 (www.iir.cz)

Working language: English Please confirm your participation to the Conference Service of the Institute of International Relations (e-mail: <u>registrace@iir.cz</u>) by **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014** at the latest.





On September 4, 1997, a tragedy struck the family of Miko Peled: His beloved niece Smadar (13) was killed by a suicide bomber in Jerusalem. That tragedy propelled Peled onto a journey of discovery. It pushed him to re-examine many of his beliefs he had grown up with as the son and grandson of leading figures in Israel's political military elite. His first book *The General's Son* illustrates his journey to explore Palestine, its people and their stories, as well as how he came to struggle for human rights and a just lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.