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Avi Melamed is a distinguished Geopolitical Middle East Expert, Intelligence [Analyst](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/category/inside-the-middle-east-hub/), [Author](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/avi-melamed-books/), [Educator](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/itme-experiential-education-programs-courses/), and Founder and CEO of Inside the Middle East Intelligence Perspectives [[ITME](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/)].

With a rich history as a former Israeli Intelligence Official and Senior Advisor on Arab Affairs, Avi has been uniquely positioned at the intersection of diplomacy, education, and intelligence.Fluent in Arabic, English, and Hebrew, Avi is recognized for his profound understanding of current affairs in the Arab and Muslim world and their implications on Israel and the broader Middle East. His deep familiarity with the Arab and Muslim world has enabled him to predict key regional events.

Beyond his governmental and intelligence roles, where he undertook high-risk assignments, Avi’s most significant contribution lies in his commitment to education. His public service journey led to academia when he was appointed the Fellow of Intelligence and Middle East Affairs at the Eisenhower Institute in Washington, D.C. (2013–2018). During his tenure, Avi developed “Inside the Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives” [ITME], an undergraduate experiential education course that later expanded to Capitol Hill. ITME focuses on apolitical, nonpartisan education about the Middle East and critical thinking and media literacy skills.

Recognizing its broader potential, Avi transformed ITME into a not-for-profit institute. Guided by a diverse Board of Directors, ITME now offers customized educational programs worldwide to diverse Jewish and non-Jewish audiences, from students to global leaders. With a philosophy that stresses apolitical, non-partisan education about the Middle East and understanding Israel within the broader context of the Middle East, ITME equips individuals with knowledge, resources, skills, and tools equipping them to navigate complex global issues amidst misconceptions and oversimplified narratives. Committed to bridging bridges through understanding, ITME is a testament to Avi’s belief in the power of education to empower minds and bridge ideological divides.

Avi’s [briefings, seminars, workshops](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/category/middle-east-intelligence-briefings/), [courses](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/itme-experiential-education-programs-courses/), and [tours](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/category/tours-geopolitical-intelligence-in-israel/) are acclaimed for cultivating nuanced perspectives and fostering constructive dialogue and informed communities.

Author of [three books](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/en/avi-melamed-books/) on the region. His recent book is "[Inside The Middle East | Entering a New Era](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/en/new-book-2022-avi-melamed-inside-the-middle-east-entering-a-new-era/).” Avi is also the author, producer, and host of the newly released documentary series on Jerusalem, “[The Seam Line](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/the-seam-line-jerusalem-documentary-with-izzy/),” a five-part docuseries exploring the many layers of the conflict in and over Jerusalem. He is currently working on [Inside The Middle East | The Primer](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/the-primer/), a one-hour educational video designed to provide a Western audience with an understanding of the underlying factors that have shaped, shape, and will shape the region, through authentic voices from the Arab and Muslim world that are often absent in Western discourse. The film is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2024.

Avi is Fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, and English. He is a frequent commentator on international media platforms such as Al-Arabiya, Al-Hura, BBC, CNN, I24 News, FOX, France24, Sky News and many more. He is a recognized expert featured in ABC, AP, Bloomberg, the Financial Times, the Hill, NBC, Newsweek, Reuters, the Wall Street Journal, just to name a few. And is a permanent contributor to USA Today. More of his analysis and interviews can be found on the [ITME Hub](https://insidethemiddle-east.com/category/inside-the-middle-east-hub/).

Avi Melamed’s unique expertise provides an unmatched perspective on a region crucial to global geopolitics, empowering individuals to skillfully navigate future events.

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