



NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM AT MERIP!

The board of directors of the Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP) is thrilled to announce the hiring of a dynamic new leadership team. **Dr. Mandy Terc** will serve as the organization's new executive director and **Dr. Steve Niva** will act as the editor, including of the *Middle East Report*, MERIP's flagship publication. This new team will build on MERIP's almost 50-year legacy of providing in-depth analysis of the contemporary Middle East by focusing on readership engagement, expanding MERIP's reach to new audiences and producing new content on social media platforms.

Dr. Paul Silverstein, chair of MERIP's board, said: "We are so excited to have Mandy and Steve at the helm of MERIP. They intend to continue MERIP's tradition of bringing readers critical coverage of the Middle East, written by the world's top Middle East experts, journalists, activists and academics. They will also add exciting new ways for MERIP subscribers to access the latest analysis on the region."

Mandy Terc comes to MERIP with almost two decades of professional experience in Middle Eastern Studies and non-profit management. After earning a PhD in linguistic anthropology from the University of Michigan, where she focused on economic changes in Syria, she became the founding director of the Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East. More recently, she served as the interim executive

director of ART WORKS Projects, a human rights NGO, and as chair of the board of directors of the Iraqi Mutual Aid Society, both located in Chicago.

Steve Niva has been a member of MERIP's family since his time as an intern and editorial assistant in 1989-1990, serving on the Editorial Committee in the 1990's and then serving as both MERIP's Executive Director and Editor for the past year. He obtained a PhD in international and middle east politics from Columbia University and has taught for the last 18 years at The Evergreen State College. He has written widely on international politics in the Middle East, with recent work on evolving Israeli and US forms of warfare and occupation.

Have thoughts on what you would like to see from MERIP's new leadership team? Reach out to Mandy at mandyterc@merip.org or Steve at editor@merip.org to share your thoughts.

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