

# What makes a definition of a contested term like Zionism or Intifada reasonable?

## Talking About the Middle East Dialogue #3



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In the public discourse about the Middle East, the definitions of words matter greatly. When we are not aligned in our definitions, we risk talking past one another or misrepresenting one another's viewpoints in ways that do not advance mutual understanding. And when our definitions are deficient in some way, these deficiencies emerge in the discourse as well. CEHV Associate Director Dr. Aaron Yarmel will facilitate a dialogue about the question: What makes a definition of a contested term like *Zionism* or *Intifada* reasonable? We will pursue this question by identifying rival answers to it before examining the best arguments for these answers. Join us for this collaborative process of working together to identify the best answers to an important question and then rigorously examining the best arguments for and against those answers.

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