



PUBLIC SEMINAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI  
**PEACE BUILDING AND POST-CONFLICT  
RECONSTRUCTION IN YEMEN**

University of Helsinki | Main Building | Unioninkatu 34

**SEMINAR PROGRAM**  
**NOVEMBER 25**

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**SESSION 1**

- 11.00** Opening of the seminar  
**11.10** Historical, social, and political roots of the Yemeni war  
Dr Susanne Dahlgren (Tampere University)  
**11.45** Current actors in the conflict  
Dr Adel Dashela (Yemeni researcher)  
**12.15** Economic and humanitarian aspects of the crisis  
Dr Abdullah Alosaimi (Nordic Mercy Relief)

**13.00** *lunch break*

**SESSION 2**

- 14.10** Finland's role in assisting Yemen  
Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

**14.40** *coffee break*

**SESSION 3**

- 15.15** Panel discussion "Tasks ahead in Yemeni peace building"  
(on Zoom) with participants of the Ansar Allah, al-Islah,  
People's General Congress, the Southern Transitional  
Council and the Yemeni government  
**16.45** Conclusion

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### SPEAKERS

#### SESSION 1



Dr Susanne Dahlgren is a longtime scholar of Yemeni society and politics. Anthropologist by training, she currently acts as Senior Lecturer in Tampere University, Finland. Her academic studies include the book *Contesting Realities. The Public Sphere and Morality in Southern Yemen* (Syracuse Univ. Press 2010), and her commentary on Yemeni politics has been published among others in the *Washington Post*.



Dr Adel Dashela is a Yemeni researcher with a PhD in English literature focusing on political prison literature in the Arab world. He has published numerous research papers. His areas of interest include political and social transformations in Yemen.



Dr Abdullah Alosaimi is a public health expert in humanitarian settings. Recently Dr. Alosaimi received his PhD degree from University of Tampere, Finland. He is the Board Chair of Nordic Mercy Relief. Also, he was a Research Associate at Tampere University from 2008 to 2022 and he is an elected member on the board of directors of The Social Democratic Party - Tampere city. Dr. Alosaimi has published numerous research papers.

#### SESSION 2



Mr Pekka Haavisto is the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland since 2019. A member of the Green League, he has been a member of parliament since 2007. Mr Haavisto has a longtime interest in peace mediating, and he has acted in a number of UN peace mediating missions among others in the Sudan.



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#### SESSION 3 (ZOOM PANEL DISCUSSION)



Dr Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi served as the Foreign Minister during 2001-2014. He is a member of the People's General Congress party (PGC) founded by the late President Ali Abdullah Saleh. He was also a member of the 2013-2014 National Dialogue Conference in the state-building working group.



Mr Hisham Sharaf Abdullah is a civil engineer and politician, who served in different cabinet posts, among others, as minister of higher education and scientific research. Currently, he is the Foreign Minister of the Houthis administration.



Dr Najeeb Ghanem has served as Health Minister. Currently, he is academic and a member of the Parliament acting as the chairman of the Health & Population Committee, representing al-Islah party.



Mr Salih Alnoud is a lawyer specialized in criminal and human rights law. He is the UK representative of the Southern Transitional Council.

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