

Baker Institute Associate's Roundtable
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Lyceum Directors and guests were recently treated to an exceptional evening of insight and analysis in the area of international public policy. On March 13, the group attended the Baker Institute Associate's Roundtable to hear remarks by Ambassador Edward Djerejian, a leading expert on the Middle East and a senior advisor to the bipartisan Iraq Study Group which produced the noted Baker-Hamilton Report.

The ambassador, whose career spans the administrations of eight U.S. Presidents, shared his impressions from his recent trip to the region. He told the group that the situation between Palestinians and Israelis is dire, but it is not hopeless. He stated that it is imperative for the next presidential administration to continue to take a leading role in Mid East peace negotiations because we are the only nation the Israelis trust enough to do the job and the only nation that can communicate directly with the leaders of the Arab states.

The event was held at Rice University at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, which was recently named one of the top foreign policy think tanks in the U.S. The Associate's Roundtable is designed to engage young Houstonians interested in foreign policy and provide them with "a platform to connect, discuss and debate these important issues." To become a member of the Associate's Roundtable and attend the group's presentations, e-mail bakerroundtable@rice.edu.