



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

### Bahrain: 2018 Elections

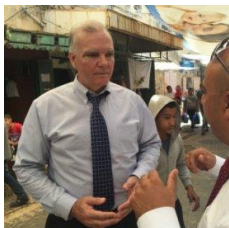
#### Panel I



**Michael Payne** is the Director of Advocacy for Americans for Human Rights and Democracy in Bahrain (ADHRB). ADHRB engages with the U.S. government, Congress, and the United Nations to advance support for democracy and human rights in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and other member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Michael has represented ADHRB before international human rights institutions and mechanisms, in public events and in national and international media. Previously he worked for two Egyptian nongovernmental organizations, the Ibn Khaldun Center for Democracy Development and the Egyptian Democratic Academy, while simultaneously completing a year of intensive Arabic language study at the American University in Cairo. Michael received his B.A. with honors in International Relations from Knox College.



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### **Moderator**



**Dr. Kenneth Katzman** is Senior Middle East Analyst at the Congressional Research Service. He covers Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Persian Gulf Affairs. He is responsible for analyzing regional developments and U.S. policy to assist Members of Congress in their legislative and oversight responsibilities. He has participated in several congressional delegations to the region at the Member and staff level, and given many official presentations and briefings at conferences and meetings throughout Europe, Asia, and the Islamic world. Dr. Katzman holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from New York University, and previously served as an analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency. He is the author of various outside publications, including a book entitled *The Warriors of Islam: Iran's Revolutionary Guard*, based on his doctoral dissertation.