

## Dr. Avner Cohen

### Bio

Dr. Avner Cohen is a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace working on nuclear proliferation in the Middle East with special attention to the Iranian-Israeli rivalry. He is also a Senior Research Scholar with the Center for International and Security Studies (CISSM) at the University of Maryland since 2000. In 2005 he was the Forchheimer Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University. Dr. Cohen is an expert on matters of history and policy regarding weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

In 1997-98 he was a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) working on issues related to spread and control of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. Dr. Cohen was co-director of the Project on Nuclear Arms Control in the Middle East at the Defense and Arms Control Studies (DACs) program at MIT for five years (1990-95).

After undergraduate study at Tel Aviv University in Philosophy and History (1975), Cohen earned his M.A. in Philosophy at York University (1977) and Ph.D. from the Committee on History of Culture of the University of Chicago (1981). He was a member of the philosophy department at Tel Aviv University from 1983 to 1991 and has been a visiting professor at various American universities and colleges..

He is the co-editor of *Nuclear Weapons and the Future of Humanity* (Rowman & Allanheld, 1986), *The Institution of Philosophy* (Open Court, 1989), and the author of *The Nuclear Age as Moral History* (in Hebrew, 1989). His most recent book, *Israel and the Bomb*, was published in 1998 in its English version and in 2000 in its Hebrew version. His new book, *Israel's Last Taboo*, was published in Israel in 2005 and will be published in 2008 in a modified edition by Columbia University Press. Dr. Cohen won twice the research and writing award of the MacArthur Foundation (1990, 2004).

Dr. Cohen has published numerous articles in academic journals, as well as dozens of op-ed pieces in major newspapers in the United States and Israel. Dr. Cohen had numerous of appearances on radio and TV, including NPR, NBC News, BBC, CBC, History Channel, Israeli TV and radio, Norwegian TV, Al Jazeera Network, as well as various documentaries (the History Channel, PBS, etc). In addition, he has had many citations and interviews in American, European, Israeli and Arab print media on issues relating to nuclear weapons in the Middle East.