Making Sense of Syria

Syria is one of the great tragedies of our time. More than a quarter of a million people are dead and more than 11 million are displaced, 4 million of them refugees outside the country. Terror from the region has spread worldwide. What caused this crisis? What can be done about it? And what are the prospects for peace and justice? Join us as we present two leading experts who will try to address these vexing questions.

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