Pre
ROME 2017
MED
MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

PROMOTER

Farnesina
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

ISPI
ITALIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES

RELIGION FORUM

NOVEMBER 29TH 2017

RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: SETTING A MEDITERRANEAN AGENDA

PROGRAMME

14.30 | OPENING

THE RELIGIOUS CLIMATE CHANGE

Alberto Melloni, Secretary, fscire.it – Foundation for religious studies, Bologna

14.45 | PANEL

CATCHING THE LANGUAGE. DEFINING AND REFINING THE LANGUAGE ABOUT RELIGION

chair **Francesca Cadeddu**, Researcher, fscire.it – Foundation for religious studies, Bologna

Nabil Haddad, CEO and Founder, Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center
Rula Hani Samain, Journalist, The Jordan Times
Michel Rosenfeld, Professor, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University

16.00 | PANEL

PROTECTING MINORITIES, CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

chair **Salvatore Martinez**, Chairman, MAECI Observatory on Religious Minorities and the Freedom of Religion

Silvio Ferrari, Member of the Executive Committee, European Academy of Religion
Issam El Bashir, Chairman, Islamic Fiqh Association and Former Minister for Religious Affairs
Ján Figel, Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU, European Commission
Markus Solo, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue [tbc]

ORGANIZED BY

EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

Pre ROME 2017 MED MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

PROMOTER

Farnesina Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

ISPI ITALIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES

RELIGION FORUM

NOVEMBER 29TH 2017

RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: SETTING A MEDITERRANEAN AGENDA

PROGRAMME

17.15 | PANEL

RELIGIOUS LITERACY BETWEEN VIOLENCE AND PEACE

chair **Fabio Petito**, Director, The FoRB & Foreign Policy Initiative, University of Sussex and Coordinator of ISPI-MAECI 'Religions and IR' initiative – UK

Jocelyne Cesari Botman, Professor, University of Birmingham and Georgetown University
Adel Alshddi, Member, Knowledge Exchange Program*
Fabrice Balanche, Researcher, Hoover Institution - Stanford University

18.30 | FINAL REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSONS – Q&A

* Except for this intervention (Arab; an handout will be provided in English), the working language of the Forum will be English.

Programme
ROME 2017
MED
MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

DAY **01**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER **30**

AFTERNOON

14.00

WELCOMING REMARKS
Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI, Italy
Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, ENI, Italy
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

KEYNOTE SPEECHES
Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Michel AOUN, President, Lebanon

At the presence of the President of the Italian Republic
Sergio MATTARELLA

15.00

PLENARY
BEYOND THE CRISIS: TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE

Chair: **Robert MALLEY,** Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT, Secretary General, Arab League
Ayman AL-SAFADI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jordan
Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim AL-THANI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

16.30

PLENARY
FIGHTING TERRORISM: PROSPECTS AFTER RAQQA AND MOSUL

Chair: **Thomas GOMART,** Director, IFRI, France

Ibrahim AL-JAFAARI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq
Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN, Secretary General, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
Khemaies JHINAOUI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia

Roberta PINOTTI, Minister of Defence, Italy

18.00

A VIEW FROM IRAN
Mohammed Javad ZARIF, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran

18.30

A VIEW FROM CHINA
Fu YING, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress, China

Programme ROME 2017 MED MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

DAY **02**

FRIDAY DECEMBER **1**

MORNING

08.30

BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM

LIBYA: ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS
(coordinated by **ISPI**)

Chair: **Arturo VARVELLI,** Co-Head, Middle East & North Africa Centre, ISPI

Ehab ABDULGADER, Business Coordinator, PetroGas, Libya
Zuhir MAHMOUD, Economic Advisor to the Libyan Deputy Prime Minister
Mustafa SANALLAH, CEO, National Oil Company, Libya
Omar TARHOUNI, Advisor to the Libyan Deputy Prime Minister
Tarik Mohamed YOUSEF MAGARIAF, Member, Board of Directors, Libya Central Bank

GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES: DECENTRALIZATION AS A SOLUTION?
(coordinated by **DGAP** and **MERI**)

Chair: **Dina FAKOUSSA,** Head, Middle East and North Africa Program, DGAP

Dlawer ALA'ALDEEN, President, MERI, Iraq
Ranj ALAALDIN, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha, Qatar
Virginie COLLOMBIER, Research Coordinator, Middle East Directions Program, European University Institute
Nafti MAHDI, Member, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia

IRAN'S POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
(coordinated by **IFRI**)

Chair: **Dorothée SCHMID,** Head of Turkey/Middle East Program, IFRI

Matthieu ETOURNEAU, Managing Director, French Business Center of Tehran, Iran
Vali NASR, Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, USA
Seyed Mohammad Kazem SAJJADPOUR, Head of Center for International Research and Education of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; President, IPIS, Iran

PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
(coordinated by **BRUEGEL** and **OCP**)

Chair: **Maria DEMERTZIS,** Deputy Director, Bruegel, Belgium

Karim EL AYNAOUI, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Morocco
Slim GHORBEL, Executive Board Member, Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA), Tunisia
Michael KOHLER*, Director Neighbourhood South, DG NEAR, European Commission
Jacques SARRAF, Honorary President, BusinessMED; Chairman, Malia Group, Lebanon

10.15

PLENARY
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS & FOREIGN INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH

Chair: **Andrea BIGNAMI,** Sky TG24, Italy

Saad Ahmed AL-MOHANNADI, President, Asghal, Qatar
Hesham AL-WAQAYAN, Deputy Director General, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED)
Fabio GALLIA, CEO, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Italy
Fouad MAKHZOUMI, Chairman, Future Pipe Industries, Lebanon
Naguib SAWIRIS, CEO, Orascom - Telecom Media and Technology Holding, Egypt

11.30

A VIEW FROM EGYPT
Sameh Hassan SHOUKRY, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

12.00

DIALOGUE
Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President, European Commission

Programme ROME 2017 MED MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

DAY **02**

FRIDAY DECEMBER **1** — AFTERNOON

12.30

PARALLEL PLENARY SESSIONS

SHARED SECURITY, COMMON STRATEGIES

Chair: **Giampiero MASSOLO,** President, ISPI, Italy

Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed AL-KHALIFA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bahrein
Reem AL-HASHIMY, Minister of State, International Cooperation, UAE
Youssef AMRANI, Advisor of the King, Morocco
Alistair BURT, Minister of State for the Middle East, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom
Rose GOTTEMOELLER, Deputy Secretary General, NATO

DIALOGUE AT WORK: CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES

Chair: **Maria CUFFARO,** Rai3, Italy

Suleiman BAKHIT, Entrepreneur, Social Activist and Comic Book Author, Jordan
Forsan HUSSEIN, Managing Director, Zaitoun Ventures, Israel
David Sergio TREZEGUET, Sport Ambassador, Save the Dream Foundation

14.45

PARALLEL PLENARY SESSIONS

ENERGY FOR PEACE: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

Chair: **Claire SPENCER,** Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, United Kingdom

Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, ENI, Italy

Fatih BIROL, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
Tarek EL-MOLLA, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Egypt
Zafer MILHEM, Acting Chairman, Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority (PENRA)
Talal AL-RAHBI, Deputy Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Planning, Oman

ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION: EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Chair: **Stefano POLLI,** Deputy Editor in Chief, ANSA, Italy

Alain AOUN, Vice Chair, Defence and Interior Committee, Lebanese Parliament
Abdelhak BASSOU, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center, Morocco
Gilles KEPEL*, Professor, SciencesPo, France
Oliver ROY, Chair in Mediterranean Studies, European University Institute
Lorenzo VIDINO, Head, Radicalization and International Terrorism, ISPI, Italy

16.00

PLENARY
MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP

Chair: **Paolo MAGRI,** Executive Vice President and Director, ISPI, Italy

Filippo GRANDI, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations

Mario GIRO, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Abdelkader MESSAHEL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Algeria
Ibrahim YACOUBOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Niger
Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey

17.15

A VIEW FROM LIBYA
Ahmed MAITIG, Deputy Prime Minister, Libya

17.45

DIALOGUE
Abraham YEHOSHUA, Writer, Israel

18.15

A VIEW FROM RUSSIA
Sergej LAVROV, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russia

Programme
ROME 2017
MED
MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

DAY
03

SATURDAY DECEMBER **2**

MORNING

08.30

PLENARY
THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: **James MCGANN,** Professor, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Ian LESSER, Vice President, Foreign Policy and Executive Director, Transatlantic Center, German Marshall Fund, Belgium
Russel Walter MEAD, Editor, The American Interest, USA
Vali NASR, Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, USA

Thomas A. SHANNON Jr, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, USA

10.00

DIALOGUE
TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY

Siqing CHEN, Chairman, Bank of China

Jeffrey SACHS, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA

Shri M. J. AKBAR, Minister of State for External Affairs, India

10.45

DIALOGUE
INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT:
THE ROLE OF CITIES

Seifallah LASRAM, Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia
Giuseppe SALA, Mayor of Milan, Italy

11.30

DIALOGUE

Ghassan SALAMÉ, Special Envoy for Libya, United Nations

12.00

A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA

Adel AL-JUBEIR, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia

12.30

CLOSING

Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Paolo GENTILONI, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy

(*) to be confirmed