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International Conference on
Religion and Democracy in Europe and the
Arab World

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Date: 29 – 30 November 2012
Venue: Lebanese American University – Byblos – Lebanon
OPENING SESSION
Auditorium Selina Corban - Thursday November 29, 2012, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

• Address of the Conference Coordinator
  Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Director of Cross-Cultural Studies Department - Adyan
• Address of the President of the Lebanese American University
  Pr. Joseph Jabbra
• Address of the Chairman of Adyan Foundation
  Fr. Prof. Fadi Daou
• Address of the Guest Speaker
  Dr. Samir Morcos, Assistant to Egypt’s President for Democratic Transition
• Address of the Conference Patron
  HE General Michel Sleiman - President of the Republic of Lebanon

COCKTAIL 10:30-11:15

1- Religion and Democracy:
Redefining the Relation from European and Arab Perspectives
PLENARY SESSION
Frem Building 203-204
November 29, 11:15 – 13:15

Panel Chair: Dr. Makram Ouaiss, Chair of Department of Social Sciences, Lebanese American University

Religious Argument for Democracy vs. Argument for Religious Democracy
Dr. Hadi Adanali (Turkey) - Senior Advisor to the Office of Prime Minister

The mutual relation between Democracy and Religion: case study of Egypt (Arabic)
Prof. Muhammad al Muhammadi al Mady (Egypt)-Director, Research center, Cairo University; Founding member of Freedom and Justice Party

Islamic popular sovereignty or religious democracy (Arabic)
Shaykh Dr. Chafic Jradi (Lebanon)-Director of Sapiential Knowledge Institute

LUNCH November 29, 13:15 – 14:30

2- Democracy in the scope of religions
PLENARY SESSION
November 29, 14:30 – 16:30

Panel Chair: Prof. Fadi Daou, Chairman of Adyan Foundation

The Relationship between Democracy and the Islamic Reference of the state in Egypt (Arabic)
Prof. Muhammad A. Sharkawi (Egypt)-Professor and Head of Department of Islamic Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Cairo University

The mutual influences between Religion, State and Democracy under a Theological point of view
Rev. Archimandrite Nikodemos Anagnostopoulos (UK/Greece)-PhD candidate at Heythrop College, University of London

Islam and the Future of Democracy in the Arab World
Dr. Radwan Masmoudi (Tunisia), President of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID)

COFFEE BREAK November 29, 16:30 – 17:00

3- Religion in the scope of secular democracies
PLENARY SESSION
November 29, 17:00 – 19:00

Panel Chair: Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Lebanese American University

Religion and Transformation in Europe – a source of civic social capital and conflicts in Western democracies
Prof. Wolfram Reiss (Austria), Professor of the Study of Religions, Department of Protestant Theology, University of Vienna
Transformation of religious movements towards democracy: occasional or authentic? (Arabic)
Prof. Wajih Kanso (Lebanon)-Professor of Philosophy at the Lebanese University

Integrative interpretation of Shari'a in Europe: Sheikh Faysal al Mawlawi’s example (Arabic)
Shaykh Muhammad Abou Zayd (Lebanon) - Lecturer in law at al Jinan University

Secularism: Universal or Western?
Ms. Fatima Tofighi (Scotland/Iran)-PhD candidate- Glasgow University

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4- Religious State versus Civil State?
PLENARY SESSION
November 30, 9:00 – 10:45

Panel Chair: Prof. Harald Suermann, Director of Institute of Missiology-Missio

Religion, Religious State and Islam after the revolutions (Arabic)
Prof. Ridwan as-Sayyed (Lebanon)-Professor of Islamic Studies at Lebanese University

The Arab Spring and the Emergence of the Islamic Civil State: An Examination of Recent Changes in the Political Discourses of Yusuf al-Qaradawi and Rashid al-Ghannushi
Mr. David Warren (UK)-PhD candidate, University of Manchester

What a Civil State means for Egyptians
Prof. Farag Elkamel (Egypt)-Professor of Sociology and Communication and Chairperson at Cairo University

5- Islamist Regimes After the Arab Uprisings: Opportunity or Threat for Interreligious and International Relations?
PLENARY SESSION
November 30, 11:00 – 13:00

Panel Chair: Prof. Mohammad Sharkawi, Head of Islamic Philosophy and Comparative Religion Department, Cairo University

The impact of the success of Political Islam in getting to power in the Arab spring countries on the competition over political Islamic leadership between Saudi Arabia, Iran and Turkey (Arabic)
Dr. Abdallah Shamri (KSA)- Representative of the Center of Turkish Studies-Riadh

The system of values to the test of the political experience: the example of Ennahda party (Arabic)
Prof. Amel Grami (Tunisia)-Professor of Arabic Literature and Chairperson at Mannouba University

Re-envisioning the ‘sacreds’ of liberal and Islamist democratic forms: prospects for UK/US-MENA relations
Dr. Stacey Gutgowski (UK)-Lecturer conflict & post-conflict studies, Kings’ College London

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6- Religious Pluralism and inclusive Democracies in Contemporary European and Arab World
PLENARY SESSION
November 30, 14:00-16:00

Panel Chair: Mr. Frank Heinrich - Deputy at the Bundestag

Religious diversity and democracy in the Arab world: a Lebanese perspective
Dr. Salim Sayegh (Lebanon)-Director of Cadmus Center, Sagesse University-
Former minister of social affairs in Lebanon- Member of the political bureau of Lebanese Kataeb Party

Ennahda Party and the Tunisian inclusive democracy (Arabic)
Prof. Ajmi Lourimi (Tunisia) - Vice-President of Ennahda Party

Islam in Germany: inculturation through religious education?
Prof. Stefan Schreiner (Germany)-Professor of Religious Studies at Tubingen University, Coordinator at European Abrahamic Forum

The Problematics of the religious and the political in Lebanon: a critical reading
Prof. Massoud Daher (Lebanon) - Professor of History at the Lebanese University

COFFEE BREAK November 30, 16:00 – 16:15

7- Value-based versus Identity-based Politics?
The Democratic Role of the Public Sphere
PLENARY SESSION
November 30, 16:15 – 18:15

Panel Chair: Dr. Selim Sayegh- Director of Cadmus Center, Sagesse University-
Former minister of social affairs in Lebanon

Religion in the public sphere as values-based politics: the CDU experience
Mr. Frank Heinrich (Germany) - Deputy at the Bundestag

Conference in English and Arabic
Simultaneous Translation between English and Arabic provided

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Registration fees: 150 USD, covering:
- Conference fees
- Conference bag and booklet
- 2 lunches (November 29 - 30)
- Coffee-breaks