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The Arab world is once again confronted to a crucial moment of its history, in the midst of which internal decisions and international relations will be determinant for its future.

Indeed, the compromises made in the aftermath of the First World War, the Sykes-Picot agreements and those which emanated from Yalta after the Second World War were flustered with the collapse of the bipolar world.

The invasion and occupation of Irak have repercussions that go beyond the frontiers of this country. The "remodeling" projects dismay and disturb. The Arab world is now confronted to dislocation and deconstruction dynamics which affect the foundations of the complex equilibriums built by the movements of history.

It is in this perspective that the Center for the Study of International Cooperation and Development of the Université libre de Bruxelles, in a partnership with Egmont Royal Institute of International Relations, will address the issue of Europe and the Arab world.

This reflection day will be dedicated to the understanding of economic, social and political issues which characterize and determine the future of the region. The aim is to identify possible guidelines for Europe and most specifically for Belgium in the future.

The intention behind the organization of this international Conference is to go beyond the usual confrontation lines in order to analyze objective situations and highlight possible paths for future relations, based on these realities.



Europe and the Arab World

أوروبا والعالم العربي



International Conference

Thursday, June 7th 2007

Institut de Sociologie

Salle Dupréel

44, avenue Jeanne

1050 Bruxelles

Conferences will be held in French and English with simultaneous translation



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Thursday, June 7th 2007

- 8h30 : Registration
- 9h00 : Welcome and Introduction
Prof. Dr. Serge Jaumain, ULB vice-rector for European and International affairs
Prof. Dr. Firouzeh Nahavandi, Director of the Center for the Study of International Cooperation and Development of the Institute of Sociology
- 9h30 Europe and the Middle East : Legacies of the Past
Prof. Dr. Henry Laurens, Collège de France
- 10h00 Panel 1 : Economic issues
Chair : **Prof. Dr. André Sapir**, ULB
From Oil Rentier System to Development
Dr. Nicolas Sarkis, Director of the Arab Center of Oil Studies (Paris)
The Issue of Water and Regional integration
Mr. Mohamed El Battiui, research associate CECID
- Discussion
- 11h00 Coffee break
- 11h15 Panel 2 : Social issues
Chair : **Ambassador Alex Reyn**
Constraints and opportunities faced by social actors in the Middle-East
Dr. Christopher Parker, research associate, Gent University
Social Movements in the Arab world
Prof. Dr. Vincent Legrand, ULB and UCL
- Discussion
- 12h30 Lunch break

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- 14h00 Panel 3 : Political issues
Chair : **Ambassador Claude Misson**, Director-General, Egmont
The Failure of Political Models
Mr. Farouk Mardam Bey, Cultural advisor at the Institute of the Arab world (Paris)
Some reflections about overlapping religious and politics
Prof. Dr. Ahmed Benani, University of Lausanne
Europe and the Arab World : How to build up the future ?
Prof. Dr. Rudolf el Kareh, ULB
- Discussion
- 15h30 Coffee break
- 15h45 Panel 3 : Political issues
Chair : **Ambassador Guy Trouveroy**
Arab Democrats Between American Pro-democratic Activism and the European Support to Autocracies
Dr. Moncef Marzouki, National Council for Liberties, Tunisia
Europe and the Arabo-Muslim World: Which Future?
Mrs. Nadia Yassine, Founder of the women's section of the Justice and Spirituality Movement, Morocco
- Discussion
- 17h00 Europe and the Arab world
Mr. Amir Motahari, European Commission, Directorate-General for External Relations
- Discussion
- 18h00 Concluding remarks

REGISTRATION

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- the day of June 7th 10 euros
 the day of June 7th and the lunch break 25 euros

* The registration fees cover the participation to the sessions, access to the reading material and the coffee breaks.
Attendance to the symposium is free for students (lunch is not included).

I will transfer the amount of euros on the ULB account 000-0104859-02 *with the mention* "Colloque IS- LB 010-4-R00001" followed by the name of the participant(s).

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