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# Giving Voice to *Muslim Democrats*: Securing Democracy and Peace in the Mediterranean Space

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PRINCE ALWALEED BIN TALAL CENTER FOR MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING

This workshop, designed by John L. Esposito, Fabio Petito and Armando Salvatore, will host a political dialogue between key actors of an Islamic democratic tradition and European and Western leaders who are interested in a critical engagement with the new realities of Islamic politics and its numerous facets. The idea of this workshop comes from the assumption that Europe has not given enough attention to the role that emerging democratic streams of Islamic political thought and practice, i.e., *Muslim Democrats*, could play in the democratization of the countries of the Eastern and Southern Mediterranean region. In implementing the MEIAD program's goal of bringing together leading intellectuals and policy-makers from Europe and the Muslim world as "actors in dialogue", **Giving Voice to Muslim Democrats** will contribute to mutual understanding and reduce misperceptions while creating the conditions for a political dialogue among Southern and Northern Mediterranean leaders, between Europe and the Arab world and more generally, between the Islamic world and the West.

**The inaugural address will be delivered by**

JOHN L. ESPOSITO

(Founding Director, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center For Muslim-Christian Understanding)

### Speakers

AHMET DAVETOGLU

(Chief Advisor to Turkish Government)

NADIA YASSINE

(Leader of the Moroccan political movement Al 'Adl wa-Ihsan)

TARIQ RAMADAN

(President, European Muslim Network)

HEBA RAOUF EZZAT

(Egyptian activist and academic)

### Discussants

ÁLVARO DE VASCONCELOS

(EuroMeSCO Secretary General)

FRANCO CASSANO (tbc)

(University of Bari)

YVONNE Y. HADDAD

(ACMCU, Georgetown University)

JOSEPH MAÏLA

(Director, Centre de Recherche sur la Paix, Paris)

### Participants include

Roberto ALIBONI, Stefano ALLIEVI, Stefano BARTOLINI, Asef BAYAT, Giancarlo BOSETTI, François BURGAT, Zahid BUKHARI, Massimo CAMPANINI, Lucio CARACCILO, Iain CHAMBERS, Khalid CHAOUKI, Agostino CILARDO, Alessandro COLOMBO, Massimo GALLUPPI, Shireen HUNTER, Dilwar HUSSAIN, Mark LEVINE, Claudio LOJACONO, Luigi MASCILLI MIGLIORINI, Saoud EL-MAWLA, Franco MAZZEI, Sergio Yahya PALLAVICINI, Roberto Hamza PICCARDO, Cosimo RISI, Ruba SALIH

***In line with the general philosophy of MEIAD, the workshop is structured around the idea of dialogue. The first session (Friday 23 February – morning) will be devoted to the presentations by four leading intellectuals and policy-makers from the Islamic world. Each of the presentations will be followed by a Q&A session. In the afternoon session, the discussants will comment on the presentations as a way to introduce the general discussion, to which all participants will contribute. Among the participants there will be academics, policy-makers, and representatives from civil society and the media. On Saturday 24 February a public session and a concluding press conference will take place.***

This is a closed workshop but there is a limited number of places available for additional participants.

For more information see

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