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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Overcoming Prejudices: Islam and the West A Tale of Two Conflicting Cultures and Experiences?

18 – 19 May 2015

Location: Conference Room, Administration Building, Qatar University
Organisers: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung - Regional Office Gulf States
Qatar University - College of Arts and Sciences, Gulf Studies Center

PROGRAMME

OVERCOMING PREJUDICES: ISLAM AND THE WEST - A TALE OF TWO CONFLICTING CULTURES AND EXPERIENCES?

Day 1 - 18 May 2015

09:30 a.m. Networking and Registration

10:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

- Dr Steven Wright, Associate Professor of International Relations and Gulf Studies & Associate Dean of Planning and Quality Assurance, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University
- Dr Gidon Windecker, Regional Representative to the Gulf States, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

10:20 a.m. **Keynote Speeches**

- Prof. Dr Aisha Yousef Al Mannai, Dean of the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, Hamad bin Khalifa University (Qatar)
- Dr Necla Kelek, Social Scientist, Author and Commentator on Political, Social and Religious Affairs (Germany)

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. **Session I: Differences and similarities in the interpretation of limits to freedom of expression**

Chair: Dr Mohammed Reza Pirbhai, Associate Professor of History, School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Georgetown University (Qatar)

Input: Dr Ibrahim Abusharif, Associate Professor, Northwestern University (Qatar)

Input: Mr Christoph Lanz, Journalist, Media Specialist and Strategic Advisor (Germany)

Input: Dr Nouredine Miladi, Associate Professor in Mass Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar)

01:00 p.m. Lunch Break

02:00 p.m. **Session II: Understanding the real motivation behind Europe's populist right-wing movements**

Chair: Dr Daniel Varisco, Research Professor and Coordinator of Social Science, Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar)

Input: Dr Amel Boubekour, Non-Resident Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP-Berlin) (Germany)

Input: Mr Nico Lange, Deputy Director for Political Consulting, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Germany)

Input: Dr Abdullah Al Shayji, Professor and Former Chairman, Political Science Department, Kuwait University (Kuwait)

03:30 p.m. End of Day 1

08:00 p.m. Networking dinner

Day 2 - 19 May 2015

09:00 a.m. **Session III: The Muslim world in transition - how to explain the increased rise of radical movements?**

- Chair: Dr Mohammed Ali Adraoui, Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute (Italy)
- Input: Dr Marwan Abou Taam, Scientist/Researcher, State Office of Criminal Investigations, Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany)
- Input: Dr Ali Akbar Alikhani, Associate Professor, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran (Iran)
- Input: Dr François Burgat, Senior Researcher, CNRS IREMAM (France)
- Input: Dr Khaled Hroub, Professor in Residence, Northwestern University (Qatar)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. **Session IV: What does being a young European Muslim mean?**

- Chair: Dr Gidon Windecker, Regional Representative to the Gulf States, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Germany)
- Input: Ms Esra Küçük, Director, Young Islam Conference (Germany)
- Input: Ms Alreem Alnaimi, Teaching Assistant, Qatar University (Qatar)
- Input: Ms Farah Al Qawasmi, Research Assistant, Qatar University (Qatar)
- Input: Ms Mersiha Hadžiabdić, Project Management Assistant, "JUMA" (young, Muslim, active) (Germany)

01:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

01:30 p.m. Lunch

03:00 p.m. End of Day 2