

Conference:
The Role of External Actors in Political Reforms in the Arab World
- From Promoting Reform to Accompanying Transitions -
11-12 April 2011, Paris

Day 1, 11 April 2011

8:15-9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:30	Word of welcome	Alvaro Vasconcelos (director EU ISS)
	Key note address	Ossama Ghazali Harb (Egypt)
9:30-12:30	Session I	
	Peaceful transitions in Tunisia and Egypt: <i>Do external players matter?</i> (with coffee break)	Amr El Shobaki (Egypt), Salah Jorchi (Tunisia), Larbi Chouikha (Tunisia) Marina Ottaway (Carnegie, moderator)
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00 -15:30	Session II	
	Violent transition in Libya: <i>The dilemma of a humanitarian emergency and political risks</i>	Franziska Brantner (Germany), Abd al-Sattar Hetieta (Egypt), Anas El Gomati (Lybia) Marwan Muasher (Jordan, moderator)
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
	Session III	
16:00-17:30	The Arab Peninsula: <i>Struggling for change</i>	Mohamed El Mikhlafi (Yemen), Jafar El Shayeb (KSA) Salam Kawakibi (ARI, moderator)

Day 2, 12 April 2011

9:00-10:15	Session IV	
	What role for external actors vis-à-vis post-revolutionary regimes and remaining authoritarian systems?	Hassan Abbas (Syria), Mohammed Hachemaoui (Algeria), John Groarke (US) Bassma Kodmani (ARI, moderator)
10:15-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-13:00	Session V	
	Redefining Arab-Western relations on new terms	Tamara Cofman Wittes (US), Marwan Muasher (Jordan), James Watt (UK) Alvaro Vasconcelos (EU ISS, moderator)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	

Speakers:

- Hassan Abbas, Syria, Institut français du Proche-Orient
- Franziska Brantner, Germany, member of the European Parliament, spokeswoman for foreign affairs of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament
- Larbi Chouikha, Tunisia, professor, co-founder Ligue tunisienne des droits de l'homme
- Tamara Cofman Wittes, USA, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, US State Department
- Anas El Gomati, Lybia, Political Analyst
- Mohamed El Mikhlaoui, Yemen, director of the Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights
- Jafar El Shayeb, KSA, elected chairman of Qatif municipal council in the Eastern Province
- Amr El Shobaki, Egypt, president Arab Forum for Alternatives
- Ossama Ghazali Harb, Egypt, politician, National Democratic Front
- John Groarke, mission director Morocco, USAID
- Mohammed Hachemaoui, Algeria, visiting professor in political science at the University 8 Paris
- Abd al-Sattar Hetieta, journalist, Sharq al-Awsat
- Salah Jorchi, Tunisia, researcher on Islamist movements
- Marwan Muasher, Jordan, former Minister, Vice-President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- James Watt, Acting Head of Arab Partnership Department : Middle East and North Africa Directorate, British Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Practical information:

- The conference will take place at the European Union Institute for Security Studies. For directions, please refer to : <http://www.iss.europa.eu/about-us/location/>
- Registration starts at 8:15h on Monday morning. Please bring your ID.
- Rooms have been reserved at the Novotel Tour Eiffel: <http://www.novotel.com/fr/hotel-3546-novotel-paris-tour-eiffel/location.shtml>. The negotiated rate for a single room with breakfast included is 165 €.
- A shuttle will be organized to the conference venue. It will leave on Monday morning at 8:15h from the hotel.
- On Monday evening, all participants are invited for a dinner at Le Café du Commerce, 51 rue du commerce, 75015 Paris, at 19:30h: <http://www.lecafeducommerce.com/> .