



Centro de Estudios de Oriente Medio  
Fundación Promoción Social de la Cultura

## PROGRAM

### Conference

## *Religion: The missing dimension of the Diplomacy and Politics in Middle East*

Instituto de Empresa  
Sala semicircular  
27, María de Molina St. (Madrid)  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

### TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

15.30-16.00: **Welcome and greetings**

**H. E. Msgr. Manuel Monteiro de Castro.** Apostolic Nuncio in Spain. Holy See.

**H. E. Msgr. Fouad Twal.** Coadjutor Archbishop of Jerusalem. Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

**H. E. Mr. Samuel Hadas.** Ambassador of Israel. Intercultural Development Advisor at the Peres Center for Peace. Former and first Ambassador of Israel in Spain and Former Ambassador to the Holy See.

**H. E. Mr. Pedro López Aguirrebengoa.** Ambassador of Spain. Former and first Ambassador of Spain in Israel.

**Ms. Pilar Lara.** President of Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture.

16.00-16.45: **Opening conference**

**H. E. Mr. Pedro López Aguirrebengoa.** Ambassador of Spain. Former and first Ambassador of Spain in Israel.

**H. E. Msgr. Fouad Twal.** Coadjutor Archbishop of Jerusalem. Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

### Presents:

**Prof. Joaquín Mantecón.** Professor of State Ecclesiastic Law. University of Cantabria  
Former General Vice-director for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Justice. Spain.

16.45-18.30: **Session 2. Which is the peace message monotheist religions transmit?.**

Speakers:

**H. E. Msgr. Elias Chacour.** Archbishop of Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholic. Israel.

**Prof. Abdelaziz Aiadi.** Member of the Ulemas Council. Professor at the Abdelmalik Essaadi University in Tetuan. Morocco.

**Mr. H. E. Mr. Jacobo Israel Garzón.** President of the Federation of the Jewish Communities of Spain.

Moderator:

**Mrs. Macarena Coteló.** President of the Euro Arab Network of NGOs for Development and Integration (READI). Spain.

21.00: **Dinner-colloquium** with H.E. Mr. Jorge Dezcallar, former Ambassador to the Holy See and Morocco and former Director of the CNI (Spanish Intelligence Centre), actual Secretary General of the Strategic International Council of Repsol YPF

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

9.30-11.00: **Session 3. Religion: identity of people, resource utilization of religious identity, war against religious totalitarianism**

Speakers:

**H. E. Mr. Giuseppe Cassini.** Ambassador of the Italian Republic. Former Political advisor to the Italian forces UNIFIL PLUS.

**Ms. Jumana Trad.** Assistant Tribuna and Seminars. Casa Árabe – International Institute of Arab and Muslim World Studies. Member of the Executive Committee CEMOFPSC. Spain.

**Prof. Gérard Khoury.** Associate researcher to the Institut de recherches et d'études sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman (IREMAM). France.

Moderator:

**Mr. Javier Martín.** Director of EFE Press Agency in Egypt. Spain.

11.00: **Coffee-break**

**11.30-13.00: Session 4. Diplomacy and the role of religion in peace processes between peoples**

Speakers:

**H. E. Mr. Musa Odeh.** General Delegate of Palestine. Palestinian National Authority.

**H. E. Mr. Samuel Hadas.** Ambassador of Israel. Intercultural Development Advisor at the Peres Center for Peace. Former and first Ambassador of Israel in Spain and Former Ambassador to the Holy See.

**H. E. Ms. Paola Binetti.** Senator of the Italian Republic for the Democratic Party. Italy.

**Prof. Nadim Shehadi.** Associate Fellow in the Middle East Program at Chatham House. Member of the Executive Committee CEMOFPS. United Kingdom.

Moderator:

**H. E. Mr. José María Ferré.** Ambassador at large for the Relations with Foreign Islamic Communities and Organizations.

**13.00–14.15: Session 4: Wrap up and discussion**

Will take part and chair the debate:

**H. E. Ms. Ana M<sup>a</sup> Menéndez.** Diplomat. Former Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations in New York.

**14.30: Closing act and cocktail**

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. **H. E. Mr. Omar Azziman.** Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco
2. **H.E. Mr. Yasser Morad Hossny.** Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
3. **H. E. Mr. Gustavo Suárez Pertierra.** President of the Real Instituto Elcano
4. **H. E. Ms. Rosario Martín Cabiedes.** President of the Board of Directors of Europa Press
5. **H. I. Mr. Alberto Ucelay.** General Vice director of Foreign Politics of Middle East. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
6. **H. I. Ms. Alona Fisher-Kamm.** Counselor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Israel
7. **H. I. Ms. Giuliana de Papa.** First Secretary at the Embassy of Italy
8. **H. E. Mr. Assem Hanafy.** Counselor of the Arab Republic of Egypt
9. **Prof. Zoila Combalía.** Professor of State Ecclesiastic Law. University of Zaragoza
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17. **Prof. Celia de Anca.** Director of the Center for Diversity in Global Management of the Instituto de Empresa
18. **Mr. Jesús Pérez-Bilbao.** Businessman
19. **Ms. María Fernández.** Journalist at AC Comunicación press
20. **Ms. Paz Pérez-Bilbao.** Financial Counselor of AXA Investment Managers
21. **Ms. Malika Ben Mahi.** President of AMPFR. Director Committee of READI. Morocco
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