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# PROGRAM

## OPENING SESSION

June 2, 9h30 – 10h30 (Issam Fares Hall)

- *Welcome address:*  
Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Scientific Coordinator of the Conference
- *Presentation of the Euro-Mediterranean Adyan Understanding Program (8 minute Movie)*
- *Resident Representative to Jordan of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung:*  
Dr. Martin Beck
- *President of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations:*  
President Jorge Sampaio
- *President of Notre Dame University:*  
Fr. Prof. Walid Moussa
- *Chairman of Adyan Foundation:*  
Fr. Prof. Fadi Daou
- *President of the Republic of Lebanon:*  
General Michel Sleiman

## COCKTAIL AND CULTURAL EXHIBITION 10:30 - 11:30

### 1- THE ARAB UPRISING: CHANGE OR CHALLENGE FOR DIVERSITY? June 2, 11h30 – 13h00 (Abu Khater Hall)

*Panel Chair:* Dr. Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous

*The Arabs' Spring*

Ms. Magda Zaki (Egypt)

Minister Plenipotentiary and Director of Department of the Dialogue of Civilizations- League of Arab States

*The Arab uprisings and the new challenges for social and cross-cultural cohesion*

Prof. Fadi Daou (Lebanon)

Chairman and CEO of Adyan foundation

*European Foreign Policies Towards the Middle East Revisited*

Dr. Martin Beck (Jordan/Germany)

Resident Representative to Jordan, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

*Media and the Egyptian revolution*

Prof. Farag Elkamel (Egypt)

Dean of Faculty of Mass Communication, Ahran Canadian University

## LUNCH TIME - June 2, 13h30 – 14h30 (NDU Restaurant)

## 2- DIVERSITY, INTERCULTURAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS EDUCATION June 2, 15h00 – 16h30 (Abu Khater Hall)

Panel Chair: Dr. Nayla Tabbara

*Teaching Christians about Islam and Muslims about Christianity - The Vision and Experience of Bethlehem University*

Prof. Fr. Jamal Khader (Palestine)

Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Chairperson of the Department of Religious Studies at Bethlehem University

*Interreligious Interaction on the Path to Transculturality*

Prof. Martin Tamcke (Germany)

Professor at Gottingen University, President of German Symposium Syriacum

*The Concept of Trialogue of Cultures - Remarks on inter-cultural education*

Prof. Stephan Schreiner (Germany/Switzerland)

Coordinator of European Abrahamic Forum, Tubingen University

شرح التنوع الديني... في ابعد من التنوع

*(Explaining religious diversity but beyond diversity)*

Prof. Antoine Messarra (Lebanon)

Coordinator of the M.A. in Islamo-Christian Relations, Saint-Joseph University

## COFFEE BREAK - June 2, 16h30 – 17h00

## 3- EDUCATION ON CROSS CULTURAL DIVERSITY: MUTUAL CHALLENGES June 2, 17h00 – 18h30 (Abu Khater Hall)

Panel Chair: Dr. Carol-Ann Goff Kfour

*Intercultural competences to engage in global citizenship*

Mr. Miguel Silva (Portugal)

Programme manager - Global Education Programme of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

ضرورة إنشاء الدراسات الأوروبية والأمريكية في الجامعات العربية لتعزيز التواصل الثقافي

*(Necessity of introducing European and American Studies in Arab Universities to foster intercultural dialogue)*

Dr. Mazin Motabagani (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Director of Al-Madinah Center for European and American Studies

*Perspectives on the challenges of cross-cultural education in the GCC. A case study of the American University in Dubai*

Dr. Suzanne Albanus and Miriam Khalil (United Arab Emirates)

Academic Advisor at American University of Dubai

*International and multicultural vision in academic education*

Ms. Zeynep Tugce Cifcibasi (Turkey)

Head of International Relations Office and Erasmus Institutional Coordinator at Akdeniz University

## CONFERENCE OFFICIAL DINNER - June 2, 20h00 – 23h00

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## EDUCATION PANELS (4/5)

### 4- CROSS CULTURAL EDUCATION AND METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES (METHODOLOGY, HISTORY, IDENTITY, PERCEPTION)

June 3, 9h00 – 10h30 (Friends Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

*Panel Chair:* Dr. Edward Alam

*Cross Cultural Education and Methodological Challenges: An inclusive and dynamic reality*

Dr. Fr. Georges Antaby (Lebanon)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Notre Dame University

*An emerging cross disciplinary research strategy*

Prof. Gennaro Auletta (Italy)

Scientific Director of the Specialization Science and Philosophy- Pontifical Gregorian University

*The theory and praxis of Western research methods in the MENA region*

Dr. Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous (Austria/Lebanon)

Chair of the political science department at Notre Dame University

*E-learning as a model space for Cross-Cultural Education: the example of Moodle (Video-Conference)*

Mr. Martin Dougiamas (Australia)

Moodle Founder and Lead Developer; Managing Director of Moodle Pty Ltd

### COFFEE BREAK - June 3, 10h30 – 11h00

### 5- CROSS CULTURAL EDUCATION AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF TEACHER AND LEARNER ROLES

June 3, 11h00 – 12h30 (Friends Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

*Panel Chair:* Dr. Konrad Pedziwiatr

*Managing Cultural Diversity: The Role of a Teacher*

Prof. Naji Oueijan (Lebanon)

Professor of English at Notre Dame University, Chair of the “Common Platforms for Bridging World cultures”

*Teachers as change agents of multicultural education*

Dr. Zeinab Abou Samak (Jordan)

Assistant Professor at the College of Education, Hashemite University

*Cross cultural education and the transformation of teacher & learner roles: the NOHA experience*

Dr. Patrick Gibbons (Ireland)

President of the Network on Humanitarian Assistance NOHA at University College Dublin

*Learning from our learners*

Ms. Hebatallah Zohni (Egypt)

Arabic Instructor-Misr Language School

### LUNCH TIME - June 3, 13h00 – 14h00 (NDU Restaurant)

## RELIGION PANELS (4'/5')

### 4'- INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND EDUCATION ON RELIGIONS June 3, 9h00 – 10h30 (Abu Khater Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

*Panel Chair:* Fr. Jean Jacques Perennès

*Know thy enemy or love thy neighbor? A proposal for interreligious education by both*  
Prof. Fr. Robert Christian (Italy)  
Vice Dean of Theology Faculty - Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas

*A Spiritual Perception on Multicultural Education*  
Dr. Joseph Yacoub (Lebanon)  
Associate Professor at Notre Dame University

*Teaching religions in a cross cultural environment*  
Ms. Farah Charif D'ouezzan (Morocco)  
Director of the Center for Cross Cultural Learning

*A spiritual interreligious dialogue*  
Dr. Fr. Akram Khoury (Lebanon)  
Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Humanities at Notre Dame University

### COFFEE BREAK - June 3, 10h30 – 11h00

### 5'- THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY June 3, 11h00 – 12h30 (Abu Khater Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

*Panel Chair:* Prof. Fadi Daou

حكمة الإشراف كمصدر للمعرفة المتبادلة : دراسة في أدبيات جلال الدين الرومي وفريد الدين عطار  
(*Illumination Philosophy as a resource for mutual understanding: a study of the literature of Jalaluddin Rumi and Fariduddin Attar*)  
Prof. Mohammed Issam Eido (Syria)  
Professor Department of Quranic Studies & History of Islamic Sciences at Damascus University, Director of Dalalah Institute

*Christological sources for catholic leaders in the task of cross-cultural education*  
Dr. Fr. Roger Chikri (Lebanon)  
Director of Administration – Notre Dame University

*The methods of comparative theology - Goals and Challenges*  
Ms. Sandra Lenke (Germany)  
Research assistant at the «Centre of Comparative Theology and Cultural Sciences», University of Paderborn

*Connecting Religion & Society in the work of Charles Davis & Ali Shariati*  
Dr. Claire Henderson Davis (United Kingdom)  
Programmes Manager in the Centre for Public Education at the Woolf Institute, Cambridge

### LUNCH TIME - June 3, 13h00 – 14h00 (NDU Restaurant )

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## CIVIL SOCIETY AND PEACE BUILDING PANELS (6/7)

### 6- DIVERSITY, EDUCATION AND PEACE BUILDING June 3, 14h30 – 16h00 (Abu Khater Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

*Panel Chair:* Dr. Martin Beck

*Intercultural Education: Lessons learned, controversies and best practices*

Mr. Barry Van Driel (Netherlands)

Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal *Intercultural Education*, Routledge Publishers.

*The mutual perception of Christians and Muslims: From a controversial to a confident and respectful relationship*

Fr. Jean Jacques Pérennès (Egypt)

General Secretary of Institut Dominicain d'Etudes Orientales IDEO

*Role of schools in raising children and acceptance of the other*

Dr. Armando Bernardini (Italy)

President of International Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Education IFIIE -Rome

*Cross Cultural Education and its challenges among the Lebanese post war generations: A case study from Notre Dame University, Lebanon.*

Dr. Ziad Fahed (Lebanon)

Associate Professor of Humanities at Notre Dame University

### COFFEE BREAK - June 3, 16h00 – 16h30

### 7- CIVIL SOCIETY: SPACE OF CROSS-CULTURAL & NON FORMAL EDUCATION June 3, 16h30 - 18:00 (Abu Khater Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

*Panel Chair:* Dr. Ziad Fahed

*The educational power of civil society*

Ms. Tihomira Trifonova (Bulgaria)

PhD candidate, lecturer and researcher at New Bulgarian University in Sofia

*Intercultural Learning an essential Key for the EuroMed Youth Cooperation*

Mr. Bernard Abrignani (France)

Coordinator of Salto-Youth EuroMed Resource Centre and Project Director of the technical assistance for the EuroMed Youth Programme IV

*The Danish Folkehojskole as a Space for Cross Cultural Fertilization*

Mr. Garba Diallo (Denmark)

Director and programme leader of Crossing Borders Global Studies at the Krogerup College

*Passages: using life stories about celebrating rites of passage as recognition between different groups*

Ms. Eva Vens (Belgium)

Anthropologist, Lecturer and Coordinator of the diversity policy at the Faculty of Social Work and Welfare Studies, Ghent University College

## MANAGEMENT OF DIVERSITY: METHODS AND TOOLS PANELS (6'/7')

### 6'- TOOLS FOR CROSS CULTURAL EDUCATION

June 3, 14h30 – 16h00 (Friends Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

Panel Chair: Mr. Miguel Silva

ثقافة السلام في الكتب الدراسية

*(The culture of peace in education Textbooks)*

Ms. Naima Bouchemma (Algeria/Egypt)

Counselor on Education at the Dialogue of Civilizations Department- League of Arab States

*Teaching the common origin of the alphabets as an educational purpose for the people of the Mediterranean*

Ms. Rina Viers (France)

Head of the ALPHABETS association

*Bread: resources for ecological and art based development in informal and formal cross-cultural education*

Ms. Nadezhda Savova (Bulgaria)

Lecturer in Cultural Studies at Sofia University

### COFFEE BREAK - June 3, 16h00 – 16h30

### 7'- MANAGING GLOBAL AND LOCAL DIVERSITY

June 3, 16h30 – 18h00 (Friends Hall) PARALLEL SESSION

Panel Chair: Fr. Dr. Jamal Khader

*Globalization and Identities*

Ms. Gizel Hindi (Lebanon)

Instructor of Advanced Writing and Business Communication course at Notre Dame University and La Sagesse University

*European Muslims and the Transformations of the Multicultural Regimes*

Dr. Konrad Pędziwiatr (Poland)

Tischner European University

*Intercultural Education in German Higher Education*

Ms. Christine Loy (Germany)

PhD Candidate at the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, München

*What about me? Managing diversity in a Faculty of Social Work and Welfare Studies*

Mr. Christian Van Kerckhove (Belgium)

Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Work and Welfare Studies at University College Ghent and at Ghent University and coordinator of diversity policy

### PLENARY CLOSING SESSION

June 3, 18h30 – 19h30 (Abu Khater Hall )

- *Recommendations:* Dr. Nayla Tabbara
- *Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean foundation for dialogue of Cultures (ALF) and Cross-Cultural education:* Mr. Andreu Claret, Executive Director of ALF
- *Conclusion:* Prof. Fadi Daou

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