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Cross Cultural Education

Notre Dame University
2, 3 June 2011

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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, Ahram 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 Triologue of Cultures - Remarks on inter-cultural education
Prof. Stephan Schreiner (Germany/Switzerland)
Coordinator of European Abrahamic Forum, Tubingen 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 Kfouri

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

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
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 الإشراق كمصادر 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)
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 Pèrennès (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

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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