



## NATO and the Arab Spring

Conference organised by  
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the *Nato Defense College* and the *Istituto Affari Internazionali*

ROME, 17-18 NOVEMBER 2011

Venue: Palazzo de Carolis, Via Lata 3

Tentative Agenda (as of November 7<sup>th</sup>)

### THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

3:00pm Arrival of participants - registration

3:15pm Welcome remarks

- **Giuseppe Scognamiglio**, Head of Public Affairs, Unicredit Spa, Rome
- **Arne B. Dalhaug**, Commandant, NATO Defense College, Rome
- **Stefano Silvestri**, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

3:30-5:00pm

### NATO and the Changes in the Arab World

Chair: **Stefano Silvestri**, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

THE SITUATION IN THE MAGHREB COUNTRIES

- **Karim Mezran**, Director, Center for American Studies, Rome

NATO'S ROLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST REGION

- **Nicola de Santis**, Head MD&ICI Countries Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO, Brussels

CHANGING RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AFRICA AND EUROPE

- **Halim Benatallah**, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in charge of National Community Abroad, Algiers (tbc)

5:00-5:15pm Coffee break

5:15-6:30pm

### Which Future for the Region?

Chair: **Karl-Heinz Kamp**, Director, NATO Defense College Research Division, Rome

A TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE

- **Ian Lesser**, Executive Director, GMF Transatlantic Center, Brussels

AN ARAB VIEW

- **Mahmoud Karem**, Secretary General, Egyptian Human Rights Council, Cairo

6:30-7:30pm Cocktail

## FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

9:30am Arrival of participants

9:45-11:00am

### The Role of Communication in Periods of Change

Chair: **Richard D. Hooker**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome

SOCIAL NETWORKS AND ARAB SOCIETY

- **Prince Fahad bin Faisal Al Saud**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Da Qingdom, LLC., Riyadh

NATO'S COMMUNICATION IN THE REGION

- **Stefanie Babst**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, NATO, Brussels

NEW MEDIA AND THE ARAB SPRING

- **Mahboub Hashem**, Professor and Head, Department of Mass Communication, American University of Sharjah, UAE

11:00-11:15am Coffee break

11:15-12:30am

### Lessons from Libya

Chair: **Mario Arpino**, Vice President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome

NATO'S CAPABILITIES FOR STABILIZATION OPERATIONS

- **Admiral Samuel J. Locklear**, Commander, NATO Allied Joint Forces Command, Naples

NATO AND US LEADERSHIP

- **Robert Hunter**, Senior Advisor Rand Corporation, Arlington, USA

12:30am

### Concluding Remarks

**Alessandro Minuto Rizzo**, President, Nato Defense College Foundation, Rome

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