



University of Catania – Faculty of Political Science

Winds of Democratic Change in the Mediterranean?

Actors, Processes and possible Outcomes

19-21 May 2011
Catania, Via Vittorio Emanuele 49

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2011 (Aula Magna)

9:00 - Participants' registration

9:30 - Welcoming Address

Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Prof. Uccio Barone

Director of the Department of Political Studies, Prof. Domenico Ligresti

Jean Monnet IRA Academic coordinator, Prof. Stefania Panebianco

10:00-13:00 - PANEL 1: Democratic change in the Mediterranean area: the EU's role

Chair: Fulvio Attinà, University of Catania

1) *EU Foreign Policy after the Lisbon Treaty*, Desmond Dinan (George Mason University)

2) *The EU and democracy promotion in the Mediterranean*, Ahmed Driss, (University of Tunis)

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee-break

3) *The US and Democratization in the Middle East? From the Clinton Administration to the Arab Spring*, Maria Do Ceu Pinto (University of Minho)

4) *Revising the European Neighbourhood Policy: what role for democracy promotion?*, Michele Comelli (IAI-Rome)

5) *Understanding democratic transitions in the Med Arab countries: challenges for the EU*, Stefania Panebianco (University of Catania)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 17:30 - PANEL 2: From iron fist to popular protests: the Southern shore of Mediterranean

Chair: Federico Cresti, University of Catania

1) *Republican Islam: a 'Tukish model'?*, Jean-François Bayart (CERI – Paris)

2) *A historical overview of Italia-Libya relations*, Federico Cresti (University of Catania)

3) *Islamism and the transformation of authoritarianism: the Muslim Brothers in Egypt between history and present*, Laura Guazzone (University La Sapienza, Rome)

4) *A Reformist authoritarianism: the Tunisian case*, Béatrice Hibou (CERI, Paris)

5) *The cyber-protest in North Africa: a democratic arena?*, Daniela Melfa e Guido Nicolosi (University of Catania)

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee-break

18:00-19:00 - Research session (I)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Daniela Melfa and Guido Nicolosi (University of Catania)

Media in North Africa, Students Reports:

PhD students or Post Docs act as rapporteur of panel 1 & 2

20:30 Dinner

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2011 (Aula Grande, Polo Didattico, via Gravina)

9:00-11:00 - PANEL 3: Philosophical perspective on rights, justice and democracy

Chair: Fabrizio Sciacca, University of Catania

1) *Il cambiamento climatico, fra sopravvivenza e giustizia*, Furio Cerutti (University of Firenze)

2) *Tolleranza e rispetto: giustificazioni divergenti dei diritti liberali?*, Ian Carter (University of Pavia)

3) *La tolleranza ha basi normative?*, Fabrizio Sciacca (University of Catania)

4) *Alla ricerca della libertà. Mediterraneo e Medio Oriente tra guerra e rivolta*, Biagio Spoto (University of Catania)

11.00-11.30 Coffee-break

11:30-13:00 - PhD Session (I)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Francesca Longo (University of Catania)

- 1) *Global Governance and Cosmopolitan Democracy: a medium range positive utopia?*, Doriana Manuele (University of Catania)
- 2) *Of Middle Classes, Economic Reforms and Popular Revolts: Why Modernisation and Democratisation Theory Failed, Again*, Roberto Roccu (LSE, London)
- 3) *Preoccupied with the market: the EU as a promoter of 'shallow' democracy in the Mediterranean*, Vicky Reynaert (Ghent University)
- 4) *The Evolving Nature of EU Democracy Promotion: the Moroccan Case*, Silvia Colombo (Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome) and Benedetta Voltolini (LSE, London)

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:30 - PANEL 4: A democratic contagion in the MENA region?

Chair: Cosimo Risi, Direzione Generale Unione Europea (MAE)

- 1) *Contagion? Which contagion? Beware the simplifications*, Klaus Ebermann (British University in Egypt, Cairo)
- 2) *Egypt after the Revolution of 2011 - still a matter of democracy versus stability?* Patricia Bauer (Cairo University)
- 3) *The dead end of the rentier state theory*, Dr Mohammed Hachemaoui (University of Paris)
- 4) *Thirty years after Venice. Pragmatism and depoliticization in European-Mediterranean relations: the case of Israel and the PA*, Peter Seeberg (University of Southern Denmark)
- 5) *Mass matters. Opinion polls on Lebanese Democracy*, Danilo Di Mauro (IUE)

17:30- 18:00 Coffee-break

18:00- 19:00 - Research session (II)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Rosa Rossi (Università di Catania)

PhD students or Post Docs act as rapporteur of panel 3 and 4

Human rights, multiculturalism and democracy, Students' Reports:

The EU, NGOs and democracy promotion in the MENA region, Students' report

20.30 Dinner



SATURDAY 21 MAY 2011 (Aula Magna)

9:00-10:30 - PhD Session (II)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Daniela Irrera (Università di Catania)

- 1) *Exploring The Energy-Democratic Governance Nexus in Euro-Mediterranean Sub-sectoral Cooperation*, Luigi Carafa (University of Toulouse 1/University of Catania)
- 2) *Energy security strategy in the European Union: a neo-realism approach*, Cao Hui (University of Catania)
- 3) *European Research Policy in Egypt. European Governance between Adaptation and Resistance*, Hanan Rezk (Cairo University)
- 4) *Religious issues in Egypt: the Copts*, Alessia Melcangi (University of Catania)

10:30-11:00 Coffee-break

11:00 -12:30 - ROUND TABLE

Civil society's contribution to democracy promotion: discussing bottom-up strategies

Chair: Stefania Panebianco (Jean Monnet IRA Academic coordinator)

Representatives from civil society associations based in Catania talk about their experience of cooperation with Med countries and exchange their views

12:30 - Closing Remarks

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 20:00 Social event