

Program of the Workshop

Peaceful Change and Violent Conflict: The Transformation of the Middle East and Western-Muslim Relations

Center for Strategic Research (Tehran) and Institute for Development and Peace (INEF) University Duisburg-Essen / Germany

In Cooperation with Mohammed V -Soussi University, Rabat / Morocco, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane / Morocco and Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad / Pakistan

Day 1: Tuesday, December 2, 2014

09:00 – 12:00 **Challenges in the international and regional context and the foreign policy of Rouhani's government**

- *General principles of the foreign policy of Rouhani's government*, **Mr. Hossein Malaek**, Head of Foreign Policy Research Dpt. CSR
- *Iran's foreign policy: the nuclear and regional challenges*, **Mr. Nasser Saghafi-Ameri**, CSR Fellow and Former Diplomat
- *Developmentalist strategy of Rouhani's foreign policy*, **Dr. Masoud Mousavi Shafaei**, Tarbiat Modares University
- *Internet governance and its role in political and social change in the Arab World*, **Prof. Dr. Bouziane Zaid**, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco
- *Western-Middle Eastern Relations since the Arab Spring*, **Jan Hanrath**, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), Ph.D. candidate University Duisburg-Essen, Germany

12:00 – 14:00 Break

14:00 – 16:30 **Socio-political change, political violence and the role of religion in Af-Pak region**

- *Common ground for economic cooperation between Iran and Afghanistan and its implications for stability in Afghanistan*, **Dr. Mandana Tishehyar**, Institute for Iran-Eurasia Studies (IRAS)
- *How do thinking and practice of religion influence social and political change in Pakistan (incl. radical Deobandi and Sufi thought)*, **Prof. Dr. Azam Chaudhary**, National Institute for Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan and **Prof. Dr. Saadia Abid**, Department of Anthropology, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
- *Iran's approach to stability in Pakistan and Afghanistan*, **Dr. Mohsen Shariatinia**, Trade Studies and Research Institute

- *Social and political change in Pakistan: recent developments*, **Amir Zia Raja**, National Institute for Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
- *Challenges facing Afghanistan*, **Ms. Zahra Tohidi**, CSR Fellow

Day 2: Wednesday, December 3, 2014

09:00 – 12:00 **Developments in the Region after the Arab Spring: Different paths, different perspectives- The Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, Sunni- Shia Rivalry**

- *The Islamic State in Syria and Iraq*, **PD Dr. Jochen Hippler**, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- *ISIS: between text and context*, **Dr. Seyed Sadegh Haghighat**, Mofid University
- *What led to the emergence of ISIS*, **Dr. Nessa Zahedi**, Mofid University
- *ISIS and abhorrent violence: combination of disregarding historical rationality*, **Dr. Mahmoud Shafiee**, Mofid University
- *Future perspectives of fighting ISIS*, **Dr. Hassan Ahmadian**, CSR Fellow, University of Tehran
- *Socio-political change in Morocco in the context of the Arab Spring*, **Amina Drhimeur**, Mohammed V -Soussi University, Rabat / Ph.D. candidate University Duisburg-Essen, Morocco
- *Yemen: recent developments and future scenarios*, **Marie-Christine Heinze**, University Bonn / CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient, Bonn, Germany