



TASKS FOR TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION
PEACE-, INSTITUTIONS-, AND NATION-BUILDING
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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Hotel Ponte Sisto
- Sala Vivaldi -
Via dei Pettinari 64

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AGENDA

Thursday, July 3rd

20:30 *Welcome dinner on the patio of the HOTEL PONTE SISTO*

Friday, July 4th

09:00 **1st session - Promoting Political Reform in the Middle East and the Mediterranean**

Speakers: Roberto Aliboni & Laura Guazzone, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI, Rome

Discussant: Ian O. Lesser, Pacific Council on International Policy, Los Angeles

10:45 *Coffee-break*

11:15 **2nd session - Reconstruction and Economic Development in the Mediterranean and Middle East in a Transatlantic Perspective**

Speaker: Tim Niblock, University of Exeter

Discussant: Samir A. Makdisi, American University of Beirut

13:00 *Buffet-lunch*

14:00 **3rd session - The Palestinian Reform**

Speaker: Mohammed Dajani, American Studies, Al-Quds University, East Jerusalem

Discussant: Daniel Neep, Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies-RUSI, London

15:45 *Coffee-break*

16:15 **4th session - Nation-building in the Greater Middle East**

Speaker: Marina Ottaway, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC

Discussant: Reinhardt Rummel, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik-SWP, Berlin

18:00 End of session

20:00 *Dinner at DITIRAMBO Restaurant – Piazza della Cancelleria 74/75*

Saturday, July 5th

09:00 **5th session - Third Party Intervention in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**
Speaker: Jarat Chopra, Thomas Watson Jr Institute for International Studies, Brown University
Discussant: Mohammed Ibrahim Shaker, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, Cairo

10:45 *Coffee-break*

11:15 **6th session - Round Table**
**The NATO Mediterranean Dialogue in the Euro-American Context:
Building Transatlantic Consensus for Security and Stability in the Mediterranean
and the Middle East**

Nicola de Santis, NATO Division of Public Diplomacy, Brussels
Alvaro de Vasconcelos, Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais-IEEI, Lisbon
Hisham Kassem, Cairo Times
Ian O. Lesser, Pacific Council on International Policy, Los Angeles
Stefano Silvestri, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI, Rome

13:00 *Buffet-lunch*

End of seminar