

Mediterranean Strategy Group

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“The Future of Mediterranean Europe: Between the Euro Crisis and Arab Revolution”

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AGENDA

Monday, February 25

Participants arrive throughout the day at **York House** (*Rua das Janelas Verdes 32, Lisbon*) and **As Janelas Verdes** (*Rua Janelas Verdes 47, Lisbon*)

1800 Participants gather in the lobbies of York House and As Janelas Verdes and depart for City Hall (*Praça do Município 1, Lisbon*) via shuttle bus

1830 – 1930 **Cocktail Reception**
Location: Lisbon City Hall

1930 – 2100 **Welcome Dinner**
Location: Aura Restaurant (Praça do Comércio – Terreiro do Paço, Lisbon)

Tuesday, February 26

830 – 840 Participants gather in the lobbies of York House and As Janelas Verdes and depart for **Luso-American Foundation** (*Rua Sacramento à Lapa 21, Lisbon*).

900 – 930 **Opening Remarks**
Location: Luso-American Foundation

Craig Kennedy

President, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington

Charles Buchanan

Administrator, Fundação Luso-Americana, Lisbon

Ettore Greco

Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

930 – 1100

Session I – The European Crisis and Mediterranean Europe: Economic, Social and Political Challenges

Location: Luso-American Foundation

Southern Europe is at the center of the economic turmoil affecting the Eurozone. From Portugal to Greece, societies are facing enormous challenges of austerity, uncertainty and adjustment. The countries of Europe's Mediterranean south are among the leading stakeholders in the economic and political future of Europe, but they are also exposed to, and dependent on, decisions taken in Berlin and elsewhere. What are the sources of the crises in Europe's south? What is the economic outlook? What are the potential social and political consequences of a crisis that is taking different forms across the region?

Moderator:

Emiliano Alessandri

Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington

Discussants:

Megan Greene

Chief Economist, Maverick Intelligence, London

Dimitris Kourkoulas

Deputy Minister for EU Affairs, Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Andres Ortega

Editorial Writer, *El Pais*, Madrid

Francisco Seixas da Costa

Director, North-South Centre, Lisbon

1100 – 1130

Coffee Break

1130 – 1300 **Session II – The Revolutions Next Door: Southern Europe and Change in the MENA**

Location: Luso-American Foundation

Europe's Southern neighbors across the Mediterranean have been swept by an unprecedented wave of uprisings. In every case, the post-revolutionary transitions have not been smooth, and further turmoil may be in store. Southern Europe will be directly affected by the economic, political and security future of neighbors across the Mediterranean. What are the likely developments, from migration to spillovers of political violence? What are the potential positive developments flowing from change across the MENA? How might Southern European futures be shaped by Mediterranean-wide trends?

Moderator:

Alexandra De Hoop-Scheffer

Office Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Paris

Discussants:

Tomás Duplá del Moral

Former Director for the Americas, European External Action Service, Brussels

Ghazi Ben Ahmed

Executive Director, GMF Tunis, Tunis

Michalis Attalides

Rector, University of Nicosia, Nicosia

Claire Spencer

Head, Middle East & North Africa Programme, Chatham House, London

1300 – 1400 **Luncheon**

Location: Luso-American Foundation

1400 – 1530 **Session III – Southern Europe in the Mediterranean Equation – Who Will Drive Future Mediterranean Partnerships?**

Location: Luso-American Foundation

Southern European countries have been leading advocates of EU, NATO and bilateral dialogue and cooperation across the Mediterranean. How have Europe's crises and MENA revolutions affected this longstanding vocation and its prospects? Can Southern Europe still lead, or does the coincidence of crises mean that the shape and character of its leadership must change? What can we expect from the EU and Euro-Atlantic partners? Is there a new place for Turkey? What will be

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the role of civil society on both sides of the Mediterranean, and is there a special role for Southern European institutions?

Moderator:

Sir Michael Leigh

Senior Advisor, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brussels

Discussants:

Nathalie Tocci

Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Randa Achmawi

Political Commentator and Consultant on MENA Region Politics, London

Isabelle Montoya

Senior Advisor, European Parliament, Brussels

Marc Pierini

Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels

1830 Participants gather in the lobbies of York House and As Janelas Verdes and depart for **Grémio Literário** (*Rua Ivens 37, Lisbon*) via shuttle bus.

1900 – 2100 **Cocktail Reception and Gala Dinner**
Location: Grémio Literário, Biblioteca Room

Wednesday, February 27

830 – 840 Participants gather in the lobbies of York House and As Janelas Verdes and depart for **Luso-American Foundation** (*Rua Sacramento à Lapa 21, Lisbon*).

900 – 1030 **Session IV – Southern Europe and U.S. Strategy**
Location: Luso-American Foundation

The U.S. has been among the leading beneficiaries of the progressive “Europeanization” of Southern Europe. Once difficult bilateral relationships have, in general, become part of the overall U.S.-EU relationship. The integration of Europe’s south has paid clear political and security dividends for Washington, at a time when partnership and power projection beyond Europe has taken center stage. How will this trajectory be affected by the current European crisis – and the potential for a new north-south divide in Europe? What role can and should the U.S. play in Europe’s crisis, and its southern dimension? Does American engagement still matter?

Moderator:

Ian Lesser

Executive Director, Transatlantic Center, German Marshall Fund of the United States,
Brussels

Discussants:

Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo

Senior Strategic Advisor, ENEL Holding, Rome

Robert Bell

Secretary of Defense Representative, Europe, and Defense Advisor to the U.S. Mission to
NATO, Brussels

Peter Swartz

Principal Research Scientist, Center for Naval Analyses, Washington

1030 – 1100 **Coffee Break**

1100 – 1230 **Session V – Thinking Beyond the Crises: Reinventing Southern Europe**

Location: Luso-American Foundation

Challenges north and south, against a backdrop of larger, global power shifts, raise fundamental questions about the future of Southern Europe, both within Europe and on the international scene. In a period of European enlargement, Europe's southern members were models for development and integration – economic and political. What now? To what extent do current crises offer an opportunity for change at the level of societies, including youth participation, the structure of economies, and governance? What are the consequences of inaction? What are the alternative futures? How can they be shaped? Who can do the shaping?

Moderator:

Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff

Senior Transatlantic Fellow and Senior Director for Strategy, German Marshall Fund of
the United States, Washington

Discussants:

Luis Amado

Chairman, Banco Internacional do Funchal, Lisbon

Ahmet Evin

Executive Committee Member, Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul

Elena Panaritis

Founder and Director, Panel Group/Thought For Action, Washington

1230 – 1300

Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

Location: Luso-American Foundation

Emiliano Alessandri

Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington

1300 – 1400

Luncheon and Departure

Location: Luso-American Foundation