



# The EU's New Resilience Agenda in the MENA Region

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PROGRAMME

09.00	Registration of participants
09.30 – 09.45	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Silvia Colombo</b>, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome  <b>Vassilis Ntousas</b>, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Brussels  <b>Nassif Hitti</b>, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)</p>
09.45 – 10.15	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEECH:</b>  <b>THE EU GLOBAL STRATEGY &amp; THE MENA REGION: BEYOND OLD PARADIGMS</b></p> <p><b>Nathalie Tocci</b>, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome</p>
10.15 – 11.45	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 1:</b>  <b>GOVERNANCE, POLITICS AND THE FRAYING SOCIAL CONTRACT: STATE-SOCIETY RELATIONS AND THE SEARCH FOR RESILIENCE</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Silvia Colombo</b>, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Abdullah Baabood</b>, Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, Doha  <b>Sinan Ulgen</b>, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy (EDAM), Istanbul &amp; Carnegie Europe, Brussels  <b>Nassif Hitti</b>, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)  <b>Georges Fahmi</b>, European University Institute (EUI), Florence  <b>Youness Abouyoub</b>, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut</p>
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 2:</b>  <b>SECURITY THREATS, NON-STATE ACTORS AND CHALLENGES TO CENTRAL AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Andrea Dessì</b>, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Ranj Alaaldin</b>, Brookings Doha Center  <b>Eman Ragab</b>, Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies (ACPSS), Cairo  <b>Florence Gaub</b>, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EU ISS), Paris  <b>Dalia Ghanem-Yazbeck</b>, Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut</p>

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch

14.30 – 15.45

**ROUNDTABLE 3**  
**BOTTOM-UP DYNAMICS: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AS AN INCUBATOR FOR RESILIENCE**

Chair:

**Vassilis Ntousas**, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS),  
Brussels

Speakers:

**Jamil Mouawad**, European University Institute (EUI), Florence  
**Alex Simon**, Synaps, Beirut  
**Tosca Barucco**, EU Chargé d'Affaires a.i. for Syria

15.45 – 16.00

**Concluding remarks**