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Re-thinking Western Policies in Light of the Arab Uprising

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AGENDA

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MONDAY, 12 September

9:15-9:30 Welcome address and seminar introduction

Welcome address: **Stefano Silvestri**, President, IAI, Rome
Pierfrancesco Sacco, Head, Analysis and Programming Unit, MFA, Rome

Introduction: **Riccardo Alcaro**, Researcher, Transatlantic Programme, IAI, Rome

9:30-10:30 KEYNOTE SPEECH

The West and the Arab Spring: Accepting the Challenge, Embracing the Change

Chair: **Ettore Greco**, Director, IAI, Rome

Speaker: **Steve Heydemann**, Senior Vice President, Grants Programme, USIP, Washington, DC

Q&A session

10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45-12:30 FIRST ROUNDTABLE

US Response to the Arab Upheavals: Challenges and Priorities

Chair: **Richard Youngs**, Director General, FRIDE, Madrid

Paper-givers: **Robert Springborg**, Professor, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey (CA)
Issandr El Amrani, freelance journalist (former Crisis Group staff member), Cairo

Discussants: **Hassan Nafaa**, Professor of Political Science, Cairo University
Raffaella Del Sarto, Pears Fellow in Israel and Mediterranean Studies Middle East Centre, St. Antony's College, Oxford University, and Adjunct Professor, SAIS Bologna Center, Johns Hopkins University.

Open debate

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12:30-13:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH BY NATO REPRESENTATIVE

Rolf Schwarz, Political Officer, MD & ICI countries section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO

13:00-14:15 LUNCH

14.15-16:00 SECOND ROUNDTABLE

EU Response to the Arab Uprisings: Challenges and Priorities

Chair: **Michael Wahid Hanna**, Fellow and Program Officer, The Century Foundation, New York

Paper-givers: **Silvia Colombo**, Researcher, Mediterranean and Middle East Programme, IAI, Rome
Ahmed Driss, Director, CEMI, Tunis

Discussants: **Daniel Levy**, Senior Research Fellow, American Strategy Program, Co-Director, Middle East Task Force, New America Foundation, Washington, DC

Open debate

16:00-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:30 THIRD ROUNDTABLE

Coordinating Transatlantic Response to the Arab Uprising

Chair: **Roberto Aliboni**, Scientific Advisor, IAI, Rome

Paper-givers: **Khaled Elgindy**, Visiting Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
Muriel Asseburg, Head, Research Division Middle East and Africa, SWP, Berlin
Ashraf Kishk, Head, Diplomatic Center for Strategic Studies, Cairo Branch

Discussants: **Soli Özel**, Lecturer of International Relations, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
Yossi Alpher, Co-editor, *Bitter Lemons*, Tel Aviv

Open debate

Final remarks **Fabrizio Colaceci**, Head, NATO Unit, MFA, Rome

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