

Conference

The Art of Dialogue

18 - 19 October 2016
Beirut, Phoenicia Hotel

Conference Programme

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

09.00

Registration

09.30 - 10.00

Welcome addresses / Opening remarks by:

Talal el Hussein, Civil Center for National Initiative

Achim Vogt, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

10.00 - 10.30

Key Note Speeches:

Sayed Hussein el Hussein, Former Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament

Mouldi Jendoubi, Quartet for the National Dialogue, Assistant Secretary General of the Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (UGTT), Tunisia

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee Break

<p>11.00 - 13.00</p>	<p>Panel I: Dialogue on the Intellectual Level</p> <p>Traditions of Dialogue in the Arab Culture Tarif Khalidi, Professor of History, American University of Beirut (AUB)</p> <p>Traditions of Dialogue in the Western Culture Fares Sassine, Professor of Philosophy, Author</p> <p>Dialogue in the Lebanese Terms and Conditions Talal Hussein, Author</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Jawdat Fakhreddine, Professor, Lebanese University</p>
<p>13.00 - 14.30</p>	<p><i>Lunch Break</i></p>
<p>14.30 - 16.00</p>	<p>Panel II: Lessons Learnt: Experiences of Dialogue among the Lebanese in the Constitutional Institutions</p> <p>Dialogue in the Lebanese Parliament Farid El-Khazen, Member of Parliament, Professor of Political Science, American University of Beirut (AUB)</p> <p>Dialogue in the Lebanese Cabinet Ziyad Baroud, Former Minister of Interior, Lawyer</p> <p>Dialogue in the Judicial Institutions Nabil Sari, Judge, Advisor to the Court of Appeal</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Tarek Ammar, Associate Director of ARA Research and Consultancy</p>
<p>16.00 - 16.30</p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>

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Panel III:

Experiences of Dialogue in Society

Culture of Dialogue within the Family

Azza Baydoun, University Professor, Researcher on Women and Gender Issues

Culture of Dialogue in Universities

Johanna Hawari Bourgély, Director, Centre Professionnel de Médiation, Université St. Joseph (USJ)

Cases of Dialogue - A Lebanese Dialogue in Switzerland

Hassan Ghaziri, University Professor, Director of Beirut Research and Innovation Center

Dialogue or Confrontation? The Relationship between Political Actors and Civil Society

Adnan Melki, Environmental and Human Rights Activist

Chair: **Nada Sahnaoui**, Political Activist and Painter

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Panel IV:

Culture of Dialogue in the Media

Legal Perspective

Marwan Sakr, Lawyer, Member of the Beirut and Paris Bar Associations

Media Perspective

Rafic Khoury, Journalist, Al Anwar Newspaper

Analytical and Research Perspective

Tarek Ammar, Associate Director of ARA Research and Consultancy

Dialogue or Polarization - An International Perspective

Daoud Kuttab, Journalist (Ammannet / Al Balad) and Media Activist, Jordan

Chair: **Fares Sassine**, Professor of Philosophy, Author

11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 - 13.00	<p>Panel V: Dialogue in the Economic and Social Sector - A Neglected Pillar of Societal Peace and Political Stability</p> <p>Dialogue from the Official Perspective Rashid Derbas, Minister of Social Affairs, Former Batonnier of the Tripoli Bar Association</p> <p>Dialogue from the Perspective of State Institutions Roger Nasnas, President, Lebanese Socio-Economic Council (CES)</p> <p>Legal Perspective Abdulsalam Choeib, Lawyer, Law Professor</p> <p>Economic Dialogue from a Research Perspective Kamal Hamdan, Director, Consultation and Research Institute, Lebanon</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Hassan Ghaziri, University Professor, Director of Beirut Research and Innovation Center</p>
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

14.30 - 16.00

Panel VI:

From Dialogue to Compromise and Power Sharing

Coexistence and Dialogue in Heterogeneous Societies

Theodor Hanf, Professor of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany

Lessons Learnt from Dialogue in Post-Conflict Societies I

Michael Kerr, Professor of Conflict Studies, King's College, Great Britain, Expert on the Conflict in Northern Ireland

Lessons Learnt from Dialogue in Post-Conflict Societies II

Karim El Mufti, Professor of Political Science, Sagesse University, Expert on the Bosnian Conflict

Chair: **Tamirace Fakhoury**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lebanese American University (LAU)

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Coffee Break

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Panel VII:

From Past Lebanese Experiences to Future Perspectives

1 - Discussions around the Constitution 1926 - The First Lebanese Dialogue, by Talal Hussein, Author

2 - Comparison Between Past and Present Experiences of Dialogue (1926, 1943, 1989)

Roundtable

Salim Sayyegh, Former Minister of Social Affairs

Ghassan Moukheiber, Member of Lebanese Parliament

Ali Fayyad, Member of Lebanese Parliament

Rami El-Rayess, Editor in Chief, Al Anbaa Newspaper

Chair: **Talal El-Husseini**, Author