University of Catania
Faculty of Political Science

Winds of Democratic Change in the Mediterranean?
Actors, Processes and possible Outcomes

Catania, 19-21 May 2011

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2011 (**Aula Magna**, Via Vittorio Emanuele, 49)

9:00 - Participants' registration

9:30 - Welcoming Address

Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Uccio Barone
Director of the Department of Political Studies, Domenico Ligresti
Jean Monnet IRA Academic Coordinator, Stefania Panebianco

10:00-13:00 - PANEL 1: Democratic Change in the Mediterranean Area: the EU's Role

Chair: Fulvio Attinà, University of Catania

1) *EU Foreign Policy after the Lisbon Treaty*, Desmond Dinan (George Mason University)
2) *The EU and Democracy Promotion in the Mediterranean,* Ahmed Driss, (University of Tunis)

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee-break

3) *The US and Democratization in the Middle East? From the Clinton Administration to the Arab Spring*, Maria Do Ceu Pinto (University of Minho)
4) *Revising the European Neighbourhood Policy: what Role for Democracy Promotion?,* Michele Comelli (IAI-Rome)
5) *Understanding Democratic Transitions in the Med Arab Countries: Challenges for the EU,* Stefania Panebianco (University of Catania)

15:00 - 17:30 - PANEL 2: From Iron Fist to Popular Protests: the Southern Shore of Mediterranean

Chair: Federico Cresti, University of Catania

1) *Republican Islam: a 'Tukish model'?,* Jean-François Bayart (CERI – Paris)
2) *Le relazioni tra l'Italia e la Libia indipendente: una ricognizione storica,* Federico Cresti (University of Catania)
3) *Islamism and the Transformation of Authoritarianism: the Muslim Brothers in Egypt between History and Present,* Laura Guazzone (University La Sapienza, Rome)
4) *A Reformist Authoritarianism: the Tunisian Case*, Béatrice Hibou (CERI, Paris)
5) *Nuovi media e rivolta in Nord Africa: una nuova arena democratica?* Daniela Melfa e Guido Nicolosi (University of Catania)

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee-break

18:00-19:00 - Research Session (I)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Daniela Melfa and Guido Nicolosi (University of Catania)
Media in North Africa, Students Reports:
PhD students or Post Docs act as rapporteur of panel 1 & 2

FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2011 (Aula Grande, Polo Didattico, via Gravina, 12**)**

9:00-11:00 - PANEL 3: Philosophical Perspective on Rights, Justice and Democracy

Chair: Fabrizio Sciacca, University of Catania

1) *Il cambiamento climatico, fra sopravvivenza e giustizia,* Furio Cerutti (University of Firenze)
2) *Tolleranza e rispetto: giustificazioni divergenti dei diritti liberali?,* Ian Carter (University of Pavia)
3) *La tolleranza ha basi normative?,* Fabrizio Sciacca (University of Catania)
4) *Alla ricerca della libertà. Mediterraneo e Medio Oriente tra guerra e rivolta*, Biagio Spoto (University of Catania)

11:00-11:30 Coffee-break

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11:30-13:00 - PhD Session (I)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Francesca Longo (University of Catania)

1) *Global Governance and Cosmopolitan Democracy: a Medium Range Positive Utopia?,* Doriana Manuele (University of Catania)
2) *Of Middle Classes, Economic Reforms and Popular Revolts: Why Modernisation and Democratisation Theory Failed, Again*, Roberto Roccu (LSE, London)
3) *Preoccupied with the Market: the EU as a Promoter of 'Shallow' Democracy in the Mediterranean,* Vicky Reynaert (Ghent University)
4) *The Evolving Nature of EU Democracy Promotion: the Moroccan Case*, Silvia Colombo (Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome) and Benedetta Voltolini (LSE, London)

15:00-17:30 - PANEL 4: A Democratic Contagion in the MENA Region?

Chair: Cosimo Risi, Direzione Generale Unione Europea (MAE)

1) *Contagion? Which Contagion? Beware the Simplifications,* Klaus Ebermann (British University in Egypt, Cairo)
2) *Egypt after the Revolution of 2011. Still a Matter of Democracy versus Stability?* Patricia Bauer (Cairo University)
3) *The Dead-end of the Rentier State Theory*, Dr Mohammed Hachemaoui (University of Paris)
4) *Thirty Years after Venice. Pragmatism and Depoliticization in European-Mediterranean Relations: the Case of Israel and the PA,* Peter Seeberg (University of Southern Denmark)
5) *Mass matters. Opinion Polls on Lebanese Democracy*, Danilo Di Mauro (IUE)

17:30- 18:00 Coffee-break

18:00- 19:00 - Research Session (II)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Rosa Rossi (Università di Catania)

PhD students or Post Docs act as Rapporteur of panel 3 and 4

Human Rights, Multiculturalism and Democracy, Students' Reports:

The EU, NGOs and Democracy Promotion in the MENA Region, Students' Report

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SATURDAY, 21 MAY 2011 (Aula Magna, Via Vittorio Emanuele, 49)

9:00-10:30 - PhD Session (II)

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: Daniela Irrera (Università di Catania)

1) *Exploring The Energy-Democratic Governance Nexus in Euro-Mediterranean Sub-sectoral Cooperation,* Luigi Carafa (University of Toulouse 1/University of Catania)
2) *Energy Security Strategy in the European Union: a Neo-realism Approach,* Cao Hui (University of Catania)
3) *European Research Policy in Egypt. European Governance between Adaptation and Resistance,* Hanan Rezk (Cairo University)
4) *Religious Issues in Egypt: the Copts,* Alessia Melcangi (University of Catania)

10:30-11:00 Coffee-break

11:00 -12:30 – TAVOLA ROTONDA: La promozione della democrazia e dei diritti umani: il ruolo della società civile e le strategie *bottom-up*

Modera: Stefania Panebianco (Jean Monnet IRA Academic Coordinator)

Intervengono: Rosario Sapienza (Esperto di Cooperazione Internazionale); Andrea Cuscona, Simonetta Cormaci (AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, Gruppo 072); Rosario Rossi (ARCI); Silvio Incardona (AVSI), P. Valerio di Trapani (CARITAS Catania); (CISS); Elvira Iovino (CENTRO ASTALLI); Angela Pascarella (Comunità di Sant' Egidio); Manuele Manente, Nancy D'arrigo (COPE, Cooperazione Paesi Emergenti); Maria Pia Indelicato (FEDERCOMED).

12:30 - Closing Remarks

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

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