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Speakers

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Rached Ghannouchi

Leading Tunisian politician and intellectual. Founder and president of the Tunisian Nahda (Renaissance) Movement. Deputy Secretary-General of the International Union for Muslim Scholars and co-founder of several pan-Arab and pan-Islamic bodies including the World Assembly of Muslim Youth and the Islamic National Congress. Graduate of Zaytouna in Tunisia, Ghannouchi pursued his further studies in philosophy at the universities of Damascus and the Sorbonne. Author of dozens of books and hundreds of intellectual articles. His publications include: Our Way to Civilization; We and the West; The Palestinian Cause at a Crossroads; Women between the Qur’an and the Reality of Muslims; Citizenship Rights in the Islamic State; Public Liberties in the Islamic State; Some of Ghannouchi’s books have been translated into foreign languages such as English, French, Turkish, Spanish and Farsi. Foreign Policy magazine selected him in 2011 as one of the 100 most influential figures in the world.
Abdelali Hamieddine

Professor of Political Science at the Universities of Abdelmalek Saadi in Tangier and Mohammed V in Rabat. Member of the General Secretariat of Justice and Development Party in Morocco. He is also President of Alkarama (Dignity) Forum for Human Rights and a member of the executive bureau of the Moroccan Association of Political Science, as well as member of the Executive Office of the Moroccan Association of Constitutional Law. He has authored several books including: "The Moroccan Constitution and the Challenge of the Balance of Power.. Monarchy, Parties, Islamists" and "The Constitution of 2011 between Authoritarianism and Democracy", as well as many research papers.
Abdulhakim Belhaj

A leading figure of the Islamic movement in Libya. He contributed to the revision process of the Libyan Islamists and authored in this regard his book "Corrective Studies". Belhaj and his colleagues held arms along with the 17 February rebels and led in person the most decisive battles against the regime of Colonel Gaddafi in the Libyan capital, Tripoli. Before deciding to go into politics and establish his own party "Alwatan", Belhaj headed of the Military council in Tripoli.
Mohammed al-Yadomi

Chairman of the Supreme Board of the Islah (reform) party in Yemen. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the Department of History of the University of Sana’a. Previously, he held positions in public security, intelligence and occupied senior positions and responsibilities in military ranks until he reached the rank of colonel. He also served as Assistant Secretary-General of the Yemeni Assembly for Reform (Islah) after it was established in 1990.
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Mouaz al-Khatib

Born in Damascus in 1960, al-Khatib is a former Imam of the Umayyad Mosque. President of the Islamic Civilisation Society and a member of the Board of Trustees of Sheikh Badr al-Din al-Hassani Institute for Islamic Studies. He graduated from the Department of Applied Geophysics at Damascus University, and holds a Diploma in political science and international relations and a Diploma in the art of negotiation.
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Second session | Citizenship and Political Rights

Fahmy Howeidy

Journalist and well-known author. He writes regularly in many newspapers and websites, and interested in issues of Islam and Pan-Arabism. He has published many books, including: "Iran from the Inside"; "Islam and Democracy"; "Falsification of Consciousness"; "Diminished Religiosity"; "Taliban: Soldiers of God in the Wrong Battle"; and "The Imposters: The Extremist Secular Discourse in Focus".
Alhag Ali Warrag

Sudanese writer and journalist, holds a BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of Khartoum. He was Chief Editor of Ajras Alhurriyah (Freedom Bells) from 2008 to 2010. Chairman of the production and editing panel of TV channel Ebony in 2010 and Editor of Hurriyat (Freedoms) 2010 - until now. He has authored several books including: "Turabi’s Movement.. Discourse Style and Trends of Practice" and "Key Introductions in the Understanding of Democracy". He is a winner of the Human Rights Watch Award for Freedom of Expression in 2010.
Hany Labib

Egyptian writer, researcher and media consultant. He published many articles and analyses in various Arab newspapers and magazines. He authored several books, including: "The Crisis of Religious Protection... Religion and State in Egypt"; "Christian-Muslim Dialogue.. Citizenship and Globalization"; "Copts in a Changing Society"; "Egyptian Church.. Balances of State and Religion". Labib was awarded the State Award in history for the year 2006 for his book: Citizenship and Globalization.
Jamila el-Mossalli

Professor of Political Science and Director of the Centre for Constitutional and political Studies in Morocco. Expert and arbitrator with many research and study centres in Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Lebanon and Yemen. Author of many books, particularly in legal and political areas. He is also expert with the World Bank, UNDP, IFES, and USAID. He is one of the authors of background papers in the Arab Human Development reports for the years 2004 and 2005. He has published articles and research papers in a number of Arab and foreign journals.
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Professor of Political Science and Director of the Centre for Constitutional and political Studies in Morocco. Expert and arbitrator with many research and study centres in Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Lebanon and Yemen. Author of many books, particularly in legal and political areas. He is also expert with the World Bank, UNDP, IFES, and USAID. He is one of the authors of background papers in the Arab Human Development reports for the years 2004 and 2005. He has published articles and research papers in a number of Arab and foreign journals.
Shaikhan al-Dubai
Office Manager of the Deputy Prime Minister and Head of programming at the Public Water Corporation. Along with his position as Secretary of the Shura Council of the Yemeni Assembly for Reform, Shaikhan assumes many other positions and responsibilities, including: being in charge of the student sector, supervisor of the electoral work in the party. He acts as Assistant Secretary-General of the party, and also serves on the governing body of the Al-Islah Welfare Society. He holds a Bachelor of Computer Science and Mathematics Statistics from Kuwait University.
Safwat Zayat

Former Major Officer in the Egyptian Army. Graduate of the Technical Military Faculty in 1968. He participated in the War of Attrition (1969-1970) and the 1973 October War. He holds a Masters of military sciences and an academic fellowship from the Nasser Higher Military Academy. Zayat is also lecturer in strategy and national security and expert on the arts of war operations. He published many articles in his field and became famous with his televised strategic analyses on a number of occasions, especially during the two Israeli wars on Lebanon (2006) and Gaza (2008-9).
Toujan Faisal

Former Jordanian MP, the first woman to reach Parliament via elections. She was elected member of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and a member of the "Parliamentarians for International Action". She holds a Masters degree in the English language and literature from the University of Jordan. She is a writer and political analyst with hundreds of articles published in several newspapers and Jordanian and Arab websites including "Aljazeera.net" and the Qatari "Al Rayah" newspaper. She gave many lectures in political affairs in Arab and European countries as well as in the United States. She received many Arab and international awards, and was selected by Radio Jerusalem the "Person of the Year 1995" from among the figures defending the Palestinian cause and the liberation of Jerusalem. Toujan is one of the leading references of the Jordanian Spring, and a founding member of the "National Commission for solidarity with the detainees of popular movement".
Borhan Ghalioun

Syrian intellectual and professor of sociology at the University of Sorbonne in Paris. He holds a PhD in social sciences and humanities. A Leading figure of the Syrian opposition and served as the first president of the Syrian National Transitional Council. He published several books on Arab politics and society including: Sectarian Issue and the problem of minorities; Culture of Globalisation and Globalisation of Culture; Political System in Islam; A Manifesto for Democracy; The Assassination of Reason; Elite Society; State Vs. Ummah; Critique of Politics: State and Religion.
Abdelwahab Badrakhan

Journalist, op-ed writer, and political analyst specializing in Arab and international affairs. Badrakhan holds a graduate diploma in media from the University of Paris. In 1974, he began working for the Beirut-based An-Nahar newspaper and participated in the news coverage of the civil war. In 1979, he joined the Paris-based An-Nahar al-Arabi wad-Dawli where he covered French and European affairs. In 1988, he co-founded the London-based Al Hayat newspaper; he became managing editor in 1989 and deputy editor-in-chief in 1998. Badrakhan also covered major events in several different countries including Afghanistan, Iraq, Algeria, Sudan, and Egypt and conducted interviews with a large number of leaders and politicians. His university research specializes in analyzing the conditions of Arab journalism.
Hasan Turabi

One of the most prominent intellectual and political leaders of the Islamic Movement in both the Arab and Muslim worlds. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Sorbonne in Paris in 1964. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Khartoum in 1964 and contributed actively in the October Revolution of 1964. He founded the Islamic Charter Front and served as Minister of Justice, then assistant to the President of the Republic during the rule of President Jaafar Numeiri. He was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the democratic government in 1991 and in the same year he founded the Popular Arab and Islamic Congress, for which he was elected Secretary-General. In 1996 became Speaker of the Parliament and in 2000 Secretary-General of the People’s Congress. Turabi authored several books including: the Renewal of Islamic Thought; Political Terminology in Islam; Politics and Government; the Islamic Movement ... Development, Approaches and Gain; along with his project of the exegesis of the Quran entitled: Monotheistic Exegesis.
Basheer Nafi

Senior Researcher at Al Jazeera Centre for Studies. He worked as a professor of contemporary history and Islamic studies at the University of London and the Islamic College in London. He has published several books in Arabic and English, including Pan-Arabism, Islam and the Palestinian Cause; Rise and Fall of the Reform Movement; Islamic Thought in the Twentieth Century; Islamists. He writes regularly in many newspapers and websites.
Ibrahim Arafat

Professor of political science at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. Professor at the Department of International Affairs, Qatar University, and lecturer at the College of Islamic Studies of Qatar Foundation, handling both the programs of Public Policy and Contemporary Islamic Societies. He is the author of: "The Afghan Issue: Roots and Implications", "Islamic Movements in Central Asia" and "Globalisation and Comparative Politics". Ibrahim Arafat writes weekly article for Qatari Al-Watan newspaper, and another for Egyptian Al-Watan newspaper as well as other non-periodical articles for Egyptian Alahram.
Mohamed el-Shinqiti

Researcher and Lecturer of History of Religions, Faculty of Islamic Studies at Qatar Foundation. His research interests cover political jurisprudence, comparative religion, sectarianism, the issue of identity and Arab – U.S. relations. He authored several books including: The Islamic Movement in Sudan: Introduction to its Strategic and Organizational Thought; Political Differences between the Companions: a Treatise on the Status of Individuals and the Sanctity of the Principles; and Political Opinions: Discussions on Da’wah and the State. He writes regularly on Al Jazeera Net, and contributes researches and lectures to Al Jazeera Centre for Studies and the Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies.
Abouyaareb Marzouki

Professor of philosophy specialized in Arab, Greek and German philosophy. He holds a PhD in Arabic and Greek Philosophy. Professor of Philosophy at the Faculty of Arts, University of Tunis between 1980-2006. Professor of Philosophy at the International Islamic University of Malaysia during the period 2002-2005. He became Head of the Institute of Translation (House of Wisdom) / Tunisia during the period 1983-1991. He has published more than one hundred articles and research papers in Arabic, French and English on Arab thought and various humanitarian issues in books, journals, newspapers and websites. He authored over twenty books in Philosophy and other fields from philosophical and religious perspectives.
Ibrahim al-Masri

Secretary-General of Al-Jama Al-Islamiya in Lebanon since 2010. He previously acted as its Deputy Secretary-General. He worked in the field of education from 1959 to 1963 and then as editor of the Lebanese Al-Mujtamaa magazine from 1964 until 1966. In 1964, he co-founded Al-Jamaa Al-Islamiya and between 1966 and 1975 he has been the editor of the Shihab magazine. He was one of the founders of "the Islamic Institution for Printing, Press and Publishing" in 1978, and worked as the editor of the Institution’s Al-Aman magazine.
Azzam Tamimi

Chairman of the board of Alhiwar (dialogue) TV channel and its Editor-in-chief. He holds a PhD from the University of Westminster, London. He founded the Institute of Islamic Political Thought in London in 1998 and managed it until 2008. Lecturer at the Markfield Institute in Leicester (Britain) from 2000 to 2004 and a visiting professor at the University of Kyoto, Japan, during 2005. Among his publications are: Islamists’ Participation in Power; and Political Legitimacy in Islam.
Ali Sadruddin al-Bayanouni

He gradually ascended to leading positions in the Muslim Brotherhood in Syria and was elected general supervisor of the group in 1996. He was re-elected twice and his tenure ended in 2010. He is currently member of the Shura Council in the group and the Deputy Murshid for Political Affairs. He worked as a lawyer in the seventies and occupied administrative and legal positions, and also worked as a teacher. He has been living in exile since 1979, currently residing in Britain since 2000. He has participated in numerous conferences and scientific and political symposia, and given lectures on many various occasions.
Rahiel Gharaibeh

Executive member of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan and a member of the Council for the Islamic Action Front Party. He serves as the Head of the Political and Media Department of the Islamic Movement and works at the same time as Director of the Ummah Centre for Studies and Research. He has several publications including: Political Rights and Freedoms in Islamic Law; Muslim Systems; and Nationality and Citizenship in Islamic Law.
Khairat El-Shater

One of the most prominent leaders of the Islamic Movement in the Arab and Islamic worlds. He has been a member of the Guidance Bureau of the Muslim Brotherhood since 1995 and currently serves as First Deputy to the General Murshid (Guide). He was nominated to the presidential elections (2012) as the first candidate before being dismissed and replaced by Dr. Mohamed Morsi. Foreign Policy magazine has chosen him among the top one hundred global figures for 2011. He holds a Master of Engineering, Bachelor of Arts from the University of Ain Shams, and a Diploma in Islamic Studies from the Institute of Islamic Studies.
Abdelhay Zalloum

He is an economist. He studied engineering and business management and senior management in the College of Graduate Studies at Harvard University. He worked for more than fifty years in the oil sector in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Founder of the first Arab company to provide engineering and management consultancy to national oil companies, especially in the Arab and the GCC countries, at the beginning of the 1970s. He authored several books including: Harbingers of Globalization; New Evil Empire; Oil Wars of the Crusades; America in the Eyes of the Arabs; and A System Crisis. He has also published five books in English.
Ridha Saidi

Minister in charge of the economic file in the government of Tunisia. He is an engineer and holds a Masters in Quality and Productivity. Member of the executive bureau in charge of studies and planning in the Nahda Movement and a founding member of the Tunisian General Union of students in 1985. He published a book entitled: "The Tunisian Economy: Reality and Challenges.. an Analytical Critical Study".
Senussi Besikri

Director of the Libyan Centre for Research and Development since February 2012. He worked as a researcher at the Middle East Monitoring Centre in London between 2009-2010. He served as a member of the board of Al Manzur Studies and Consulting Centre in London between 2009-2011. He authored several books including: Papers on the Libyan Economy: An Analytical Study of Economic Activity between 1973-2007" and "Euro-Mediterranean Relations: From the Barcelona Process to the Union for the Mediterranean; in addition to many research papers and articles on international, Arab and Libyan affairs published on websites and by foreign, Arab and Libyan institutions.
Naser al-Sane

A well-known Kuwaiti parliamentarian. He presided over many of the parliamentary committees in the National Assembly of Kuwait, such as the Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, and the Parliamentary Committee on Employment. He holds a PhD in administrative development, and a Masters in Business Administration. He taught at the Commercial Institute in Kuwait. He is a founding member of the international organization "Parliamentarians against Corruption" and a member of the Executive Committee of the same organization. He also served as Assistant Secretary-General of the Islamic Constitutional Movement.
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For this purpose, the Centre conducts both research and disseminates publications based on these studies, as well as in-depth analytical reports and books. In addition to this it organises a number of research activities, intellectual forums, symposia and seminars that fall under its areas of interest.

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In addition, the Centre is interested in publications that address issues of intellectual importance and weight and looks to foster discussion and dialogue around the major concerns and problems facing the Arab world in particular, but also the Islamic world.

The Centre’s book publications fall into two categories. The first is a series entitled ‘The Al Jazeera Papers’. These are shorter to medium sized pieces with an intense focus on the issue(s) covered. The second are longer, more detailed publications, written in Arabic or translated into other languages. Since the Centre’s launch, it has published well over fifty topics written by relevant experts in the field.
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