The New Mediterranean

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The European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)
& The Catalan Center at New York University

Sunday September 21st
& Monday September 22nd
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The King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center
53 Washington Square South
The New Mediterranean

The European Institute for the Mediterranean and The Catalan Center at New York University are pleased to welcome you to this symposium, organized in collaboration with the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies and the King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center at New York University. We hope in this way to establish a dialogue between Mediterranean and North American experts on the Euro-Med project, while examining the renewed prominence of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean.

Sunday September 21st

First Day

6:00–7:30 pm Welcome Session

Presentation of the European project in the Mediterranean area and the new perspectives of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean.

Welcome remarks
John Brademas

Introduction
Senén Florensa

Speakers
Álvaro de Vasconcelos
Hassan Abouyoub

Monday September 22nd

Second Day

10:00 am–1:00 pm First Session

The new role of Europe, Spain, and Catalonia in the Mediterranean.

Topics
Analysis of European policy towards the Mediterranean; the future of the Euro-Mediterranean; the prospect of Barcelona + 15

Moderator
Sylvia Maier

Speakers
Josep Piqué
Zergun Koruturk
Sebastián Royo

Respondent
Charles Dunbar

3:00–6:00 pm Second Session

Immigration and cultural dialogue

Topics
Muslim communities in Europe and comparative integration policies; Euro-Arab relations; Islam; Migrations

Moderator
Martin Schain

Speakers
Jean-Pierre Filiu
Ricard Zapata-Barrero
Gemma Aubarell

Respondent
Farah Pandith

6:00–6:30 pm Closing Session

Mary Ann Newman
Senén Florensa

Seminar Participants

Hassan Abouyoub Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco

Gemma Aubarell Program Director, IEMed

John Brademas President Emeritus, NYU; President, King Juan Carlos I of Spain Foundation of NYU; Former Member U.S. House of Representatives

Charles F. Dunbar Department of International Relations, Boston University; former Ambassador of the United States to Qatar and Yemen

Jean-Pierre Filiu Associate professor, Institute for Political Studies, Paris; Visiting professor at Georgetown University

Senén Florensa Director General, IEMed; former Ambassador of Spain to Tunisia

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Josep Piqué Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; former Minister of Industry and Energy, Spain

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The European Institute of the Mediterranean

The mission of the IEMed is to advance understanding of Euro-Mediterranean issues. The IEMed works closely with European and North African governments, think tanks, and NGOs to improve regional policies and promote north-south and south-south dialogue and programs. Among its many projects, the IEMed is currently:

- Organizing within its series of conferences and seminars the third meeting of the World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), which will meet in Barcelona in 2010
- Acting as chef de file of the network of Spanish organizations belonging to the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures
- Supporting the candidacy of the city of Barcelona to be the site of the Secretariat of the “Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean”
- Publishing, among other books and journals (afkar/ideas, Quaderns de la Mediterrània) the Mediterranean Yearbook, a unique annual publication edited in English, Catalan, Spanish, French and, for the first time in 2008, in Arabic, which defines and analyzes the main events of the year in the Euro-Mediterranean region through original articles, statistics, chronologies and graphic information.

The Catalan Center at New York University

The Catalan Center at NYU is an affiliate of the Institut Ramon Llull, which represents Catalan culture internationally. Founded in 2006, under the umbrella of the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, our mission is to contribute to the knowledge and enjoyment of Catalan culture at New York University and in the New York metropolitan area. The Catalan Center programs events relating to Catalan culture and society, and establishes ties between Catalan individuals and institutions and their New York counterparts. Our collaboration with the IEMed proudly fulfills this objective.