



## VII CEMOFPSC Conference:

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# THE TRANSITION IN THE NEW ARAB WORLD: A CHALLENGE FOR EAST AND WEST

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Instituto de Empresa  
(27, María de Molina Str.)

### PROGRAM

**9.30h. – 9.45h. Welcome and greetings**

**H. E. Mr. Pedro López Aguirrebengoa.** Ambassador of Spain.

**Mr. Nadim Shehadi.** Associate fellow of Chatham House, an academic visitor at St Antony's College (Oxford) and member of the CEMOFPSC Executive Committee.

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**Ms. Pilar Lara.** President of Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture.

#### **FIRST SESSION:**

#### **REVOLTS, MEDIA AND CURRENT SITUATION OF THE TRANSITION**

*Since the first months of the year 2011, we have witnessed the mobilization of millions of citizens from different Arab countries that, in the technological framework of the so-called "Revolution 2.0", have managed to overthrow autocratic regimes and their leaders. Some people claim that the movement has been planned for years with the help of various foreign countries such as Serbia and the United States. In any case, the faculty of mobilization and the perseverance of the demonstrators as well as its organization have been decisive to overthrow regimes. All analysts agree on the fact that above all, it is a movement of young people claiming for freedom and dignity. In this context, all media, the new media, blogs and Facebook, as well as the more traditional media, television, have taken part of this already irreversible movement.*

*According to the political scientist and Professor of political science at the University of Tunisia, Hamdi Redissi: "a revolution is not supposed to be automatically democratic. It is, by definition, a popular, global and long-term transformation that tends to change a political system, but not always ends in democracy (...) To be democratic, a revolution must have a leadership and adopt democratic values, without them the revolution could lead, in the Islamic countries as we know them today, to chaos, civil war, or even towards an Islamic Republic" as it is the case of Iran.*

*In this first session actors and witnesses from the movements, the media, experts in politics, history, communication and freedoms, will offer their testimony and will analyze whether this new surprisingly phenomenon for its extent and fast dissemination, would lead towards a true democracy or towards, what Anglo-Saxons call "illiberal democracy".*

#### **9.45h. – 11.15h. First panel of the first session**

##### Speakers:

**Ms. Hala Mustafa.** Chief Editor of Democracy Review. Egypt.

**Mr. Mohamed A. Shehab Ad Din.** Political activist and consultant and lecturer in the field of conflict resolution, mediation and negotiation. Egypt.

##### Moderator:

**Mr. Alberto Carnero.** Diplomat and Director of the International Area of the FAES Foundation.

#### **11.15h. – 11.30 h. Coffee break**

#### **11.30h. – 12.45h. Second panel of the first session**

##### Speakers:

**Prof. Ibrahim Al-Marashi.** Professor of History and Media at IE University. He is PhD in History from St. Anthonys College of Oxford University and a doctorate in Arab studies, Georgetown University. Iraq.

**Mr. Nir Rosen.** Journalist. United States.

##### Moderator:

**Sr. D. Richard Youngs.** General Director of FRIDE and professor of Warwick University. United Kingdom.

#### **SECOND SESSION:**

#### ***THE ROLE OF SPAIN AND THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE TRANSITION OF THE ARAB WORLD***

*At this moment of crucial changes in the Middle East, Europe and Spain, have the challenge of exploring attitudes and new forms of action, at a political, diplomatic or commercial level. It can be considered that the geopolitical situation of the Middle East has suffered a drastic change. Many persons speak about the change in perceptions and above all the change of key involved actors. The values of freedom and the defense of human rights are no longer in conflict with the Arab world and with their new generations. The reflection on this second*

*session aims to present concrete proposals on the new attitude the European world and Spain are considering with respect these changes.*

#### **12.45 – 14.30 h. First panel of the second session**

Speakers:

**Mr. Darío Valcárcel.** Director of the “Foreign Policy” magazine and Managing Director of “Estudios de Política Exterior, S.A.”

**Ms. Ana Menéndez.** Minister Counselor of the Spanish Embassy in Tunisia and member of the Executive Committee of CEMOFPSC.

**Mr. Isaac Martín-Barbero.** Economic and Trade Advisor of the Spanish Embassy in Ankara. Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism. Spain.

Moderator:

**Ms. Cristina Manzano.** Director of Foreign Policy. Spain.

#### **Lunch**

#### **THIRD SESSION:**

#### ***GENERAL DISCUSSION, READING OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING***

**15.30h. – 17.30h.**

The general debate is moderated by:

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