Minority Rights and Multiculturalism in the Arab World

Conference
25 – 26 March 2011

Centro Congressi “Gli Archi”
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Friday 25 March

9.00 **Morning session**

Introduction: Will Kymlicka

Panel 1: Overview State-Minority Relations in the Arab World

Chair: Will Kymlicka
Joshua Castellino, *The Role of Law in the Minority Rights Discourse in the Middle East*
Janet Klein, *Minorities and Multiculturalism in the Arab World: A View from History and the Periphery*

Commentator: Fahima Charafeddine

Discussion

11.00 **Coffee break**

Panel 2: State-Minority Relations in North Africa

Jacob Mundy, *Representing Sahrawis: the contested meanings of a post-colonial identity*
Eva Pföstl, *The Role of the Amazigh Movement in the Processes of Political Reform in Postcolonial Algerian Society*

Commentator: Paola Pizzo

Discussion

14.00 **Lunch**

15.00 **Afternoon session**

Panel 3: Ethnicity and Religion

Chair: Eva Pföstl
Francesca Corrao, *Minorities rights at stake: is it a religious or a political crisis?*
Joseph Yacoub, *How the Arab World deal with Minorities and Multiculturalism? Case-study: The Assyro-Chaldeans in Iraq*

Commentator: Giuseppe Scattolin

Discussion

   **Coffee break**

Saturday 26 March

9.00 **Morning session**

Chair: Sebastiano Maffettone

Panel 4: Models of multiculturalism in the Arab World

Zaid Eyadat, *Minorities in the Arab world: Beyond Dhimi Model*
Hassan Jabareen, *The Concept of ‘We the People’ under Israeli Constitutionalism”*

Commentator: Will Kymlicka

Discussion

11.00 **Coffee break**

Panel 5: Concluding Roundtable with Shoba Das, Hassan Hanafi, Sebastiano Maffettone, Will Kymlicka