



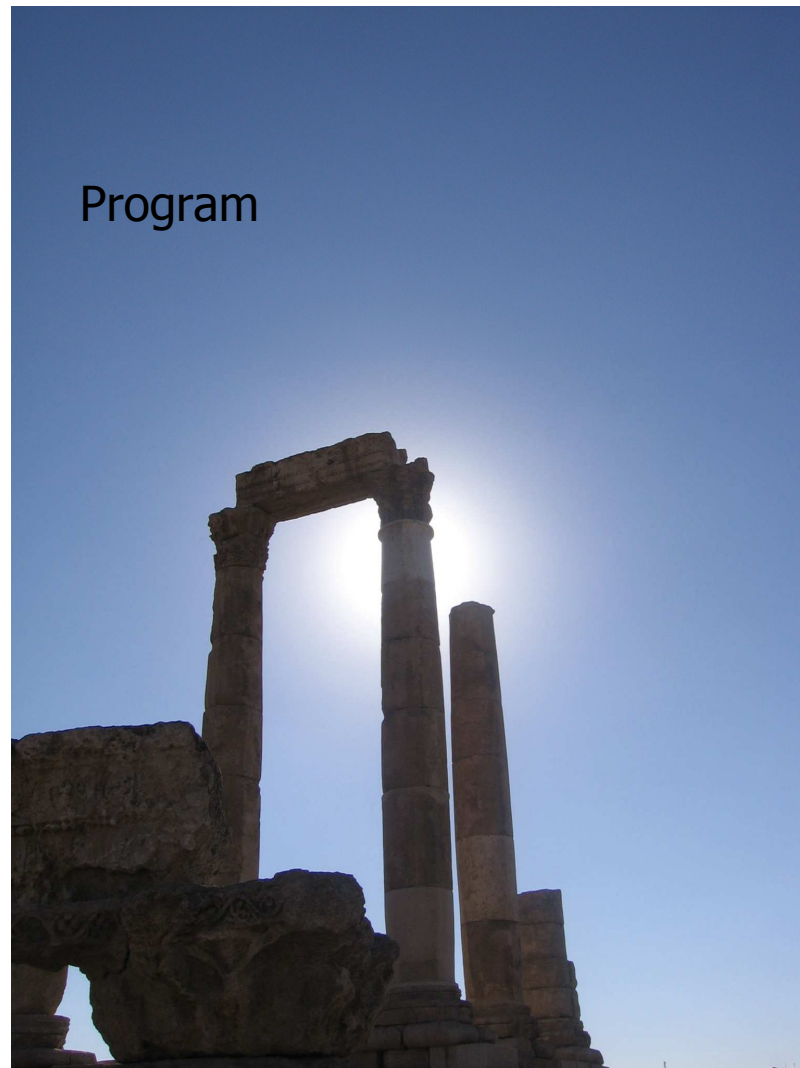
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International Conference

Religion and the Rule of Law in the Near East

**27 & 28 February 2008
Royal Scientific Society - Amman**

Program



Wednesday, 27 February 2008:

- 9.30-10.00 h** **Registration**
- Venue: al-Hashemeyyin Auditorium – Royal Scientific Society*
- 10.15–11.00 h** **Opening Session**
- Frank Spengler**
Deputy Head of Department International Cooperation
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.
Berlin - Germany
- Strengthening the Rule of Law in Jordan**
HE Kamal Nasser
Minister of Political Development and Judicial Affairs
Amman – Jordan
- HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal**
Chairman of the board of trustees
Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies
Amman – Jordan
- 11.00-11.30 h** **Coffee Break**

11.30-13.00 h **First Working Session:**
Islam and the Rule of Law

Venue: El Hassan Hall – Royal Scientific Society

Chair: Anis F. Kassim
Attorney at Law
Amman – Jordan

The Notion of Justice within Islam as a Bridge Towards the Rule of Law
Muhammed Abdullah Sharqawy
Professor of Islamic Studies at Qatar University
Doha – Qatar

The Rule of Law and Islam in a Perspective of a Practical Application
Mohammad Ali Abtahi
President
Institute for Interreligious Dialogue
Tehran – Iran

Islam and the Rule of Law – an Antagonism?
Mathias Rohe
Chair of Private Law, International Civil Law and Comparative Law
University Erlangen – Nürnberg
Erlangen – Germany

Discussion

13.00-14.30 h **Lunch**

14.30-16.00 h **Second Working Session:**
Implementation of the Rule of Law within
Constitutions and Legislation in the Region

Venue: El Hassan Hall – Royal Scientific Society

Chair: Oraib Rantawi*Director**Al Quds Center for Political Studies**Amman - Jordan***Rule of Law as an Integrating Factor of Nation-Building****Marie-Denise Meóuchy Torbey***Professor and Judge**University of Holy Spirit**Kaslik – Lebanon***The Politics of Islamic Laws in Sudan****El Sadig Bakhit Abdallah***Director**Future Directions Foundation**Khartoum – Sudan***Discussants****Cemal Usak***Vice President**The Journalists and Writers Foundation**Istanbul – Turkey***Discussion****16.00-16.30 h****Coffee Break****16.30-18.30 h****Third Working Session:
Experiences in the Region*****Venue: El-Hassan Hall – Royal Scientific Society*****Chair: Yasar Qatarneh***Director, Regional Center on Conflict Prevention**Jordan Institute of Diplomacy**Amman - Jordan***Rule of Law in Lebanon – a Way to Overcome the Confessionalism?****Nizar Saghih***Independent Scholar and Lawyer**Beirut – Lebanon***Morocco's Way to Modernize its Judicial System****Mhammed Malki***Director**Centre d'Etudes Constitutionnelles et Politiques**(CECOP)**Marrakesh – Morocco***The Role of the Rule of Law and Egypt's Constitutional Amendments****Ahmad S. El Kosheri***Professor, Kosheri, Rashed & Riad**Legal Consultant & Attorney of Laws**Cairo – Egypt***Turkey: A Secular State with Muslim Population****Niyazi Öktem***Professor at the Faculty of Law**Bilgi University**Istanbul – Turkey***Discussion**

Thursday, 28 February 2008:

- 9.00-9.15 h** **Registration**
Venue: El-Hassan Hall – Royal Scientific Society
- 9.15-11.00 h** **Fourth Working Session:**
Promoting the Rule of Law in the Near East –
International and Regional Experiences
Venue: El-Hassan Hall – Royal Scientific Society
- Chair: HE Akel Biltaji**
Senator
Amman - Jordan
- Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Rule of Law**
Taieb Baccouche
President
Institute Arabe des Droits de l'Homme
Tunis – Tunisia
- Practical Experiences of the Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center**
Mohsen Marzouk
Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center
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- Constitutionalism and Legislation – a Touchstone of Rule of Law**
Reem Abu Hassan
General Director
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Amman – Jordan

OECD Initiatives and the Importance of the Rule of Law in the Region**Delia Rodrigo***Policy Analyst and Administrator at the Regulatory Policy Division
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
Paris - France***Discussion****11.00-11.30 h** **Coffee Break****11.30-12.30 h** **Closing Session:**
Religion and Justice**Chair: Hasan Abu Nimah***Director*
Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies
*Amman – Jordan***12.30-14.00 h** **Lunch****Friday, 29 February 2008:****Departure of Participants**

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