

*International Conference*  
*on*  
*North Africa and the Middle East:*  
*Challenges and Opportunities*

*27-28 May 2011*  
*CIR, Department of Political Science*  
*Aarhus University, Denmark*

**Friday, 27 May, 9.15-17.00**  
**Building 1333, Auditorium A1**

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| 8.30  | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 9.15  | <b>Welcome</b>  |
| 9.30  | <i>André Azoulay, Counselor to King Mohammed VI, Morocco</i><br><b>Arab-Western Relations: New Challenges and a Different Perspective</b> |
| 10.00 | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| 10.15 | <i>Nadia Chaabane, Militant feminist, Tunisia/France</i><br><b>The Tunisian Revolution: the Role of Women and Young People</b>            |
| 10.45 | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| 11.00 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 11.30 | <i>Jean-Jacques Roche, Professor, Université de Paris 2, France</i><br><b>France's Activist and Interventionist Policy</b>                |
| 12.00 | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| 12.30 | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 13.30 | <i>Aly Maher El Sayed, Ambassador and Advisor, Egypt</i><br><b>Egypt's Political Situation and Foreign Relations</b>                      |

- 14.00 *Georges Fahmi*, PhD, Cairo/Firenze  
**The Role of Religious Actors in Egypt's Transition to Democracy**
- 14.30 **Discussion**
- 15.00 **Coffee break**
- 15.30 *Shahram Chubin*, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment, Switzerland  
**Security and Turbulence around the Persian Gulf**
- 16.15 **General discussion**
- 17.00 **See you tomorrow at 9.15.**

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**Saturday, 28 May, 9.30-14.00**  
**Building 1333, Auditorium A1**

- 9.30 *Mohammad Shtayyeh*, Minister, Palestine  
**The Impact of Arab Revolutions on the Palestinian Issue**
- 10.00 **Discussion**
- 10.15 *Ami Ayalon*, Admiral, Israel  
**Israel Faced with Arab Revolutions**
- 10.45 **Discussion**
- 11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.20 *Ali Shaheen Fatemi*, Dean, The European Center for Advanced International Studies, France  
**Iran's Political Situation and its Regional Role**
- 11.50 **Discussion**
- 12.05 *Yildiz Akdogan*, MP, Denmark  
**Turkey's New Orientations and Ambitions**
- 12.35 **General discussion**
- 13.30 **Lunch and end of the conference.**

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## **Practical information**

Participation (incl. sandwiches & drinks) is free of charge. If you want (free) sandwiches, please register [here](#) no later than 21 May .

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