

## **CALL for Papers**

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Organize a Study Day on Al Jabri:

# **Mohammed Abed Al Jabri and the Future of the Arab World**

## **Islam, State and Modernity**

Time: Tuesday 5 May, 2015  
Venue: LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome,  
Viale Romania 32  
Room 304b, 09:30 – 18:00

### **Keynotes:**

1. Abdallah Saaf, Professor of Political Sociology, Mohamed I University in Rabat-Agdal, ex-minister of Education in Morocco, and head of al Jabri Foundation for Thought and Culture, Rabat.
2. Abdu Filali Ansari, ex-Professor of Philosophy, Agha Khan University, London
3. Bassam Tibi, Professor Emeritus at Gottingen University, Germany
4. Fred Dallmayr, Professor of Philosophy, Notre Dame University, USA
5. Massimo Campanini, Professor of Philosophy, Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, Trento, Italy
6. Sebastiano Maffetone, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Ethics and Global Politics, LUISS
7. Zaid Eyadat, Professor of Political Science and Human Rights, University of Jordan, Chairman of the Board in ARDD organization.

## Participants:

8. Hassan Abouyoub, Ambassador of Morocco in Italy
9. Emma Bonino, Italian ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs
10. Abdellah Redouane, director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Italy, and Secretary General of the Grand Mosque of Rome
11. Carmela Decaro, professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, LUISS
12. Francesco Alicino, Lum Jean Monnet University in Bari
13. Hassan Hanafi, Cairo, video conference tbc
14. Juan A. Macías Amoretti, University of Granada, Spain
15. Mohsine El Ahmadi, professor of political sociology in Qadi Ayyad University of Marrakech and director of the Master Programme on “Democratic Governance,” EIUC, in Venice.
16. Daanish Faruqi, PhD Fellow in History, Duke University, USA
17. Kinira Monica Carbone, Arabic Language Instructor, LUISS-Naples
18. Mariangela Laviano, PISAI, Rome.
19. Saer El-Jaichi, External Lecturer and PhD Fellow, Copenhagen University
20. Valentina Gentile, Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, LUISS
21. Pietro Longo, Postdoctoral Fellow, L'Orientale, Naples
22. Cenap Aydin, director of Tevere Institute for Dialogue, Rome

## Prelude:



Mohamed Abed Al-Jabri  
1935 - 2010

The Moroccan philosopher **Mohammed Abed Al Jabri** (27 Dec. 1935 – 03 May 2010) has marked contemporary Arab and Islamic thought with his voluminous works of categorizing and systematizing the tradition. His approach has great impact on the study of Arab-Islamic traditions. Current and future generations have either to study Al Jabri and build on his projects, or give solid arguments as to why not doing so. As one of the early postcolonial Arab philosophers, Al Jabri raised critical issues that he considered existential for intellectual and political renewal in the region. Unlike apologetics or rejectionists of the tradition, the neo-rationalist, and neo-Averroist, opted for a mid-position to practice “critique” for renewal “from within.”

Al Jabri started his career as a teacher in 1962 and was promoted to school principal and to supervisor of philosophy teachers. In 1966 he co-authored two textbooks on Islamic thought and on philosophy, designed for the final year of high schools. Between

1967 and 2002, he took up teaching philosophy and Islamic thought at the University of

Mohammad V in Rabat. A national activist in the 1950s and a leader in the Socialist Union of Popular Forces where he was a political bureau member, Al Jabri eventually retired from political work to devote himself to his academic and intellectual work.

In the 1970s, Aljabri started publishing a series of papers on Islamic thought that immediately drew the attention of many intellectuals and academics in the Arab World. In 1980, he published "We and our Heritage", followed in 1982 by "Contemporary Arab Discourse: A Critical and Analytical Study" and in 1984 by "Critique of Arab Reason," completed in four volumes that have become a classic on Arab-Islamic thought: *The Formation of Arab Reason, The Structure of Arab Reason, The Arab Political Mind, and The Arab Ethical Mind*. In the last decade of his life he devoted himself to "reading" the Quran, and he culminated his work with *Introduction to Quran* (2006) and *Understanding Quran* (2008). His Autobiographies are a further testimony to his political-intellectual engagement: *Archaeologies of Memory* (1988) and *Doing Politics* (2006).

Until now, four of his thirty two books are available in English: *Formation of Arab Reason, Contemporary Arab Views on Globalization, What Role for Non-Governmental Organization, Arab-Islamic Philosophy: A Contemporary Critique, and Can Modern Rationality Shape a New Religiosity?, and Democracy, Human Rights, and Law in Islamic Thought*.

Al Jabri was accorded several awards, but has refused many of them. He rejected a \$100,000 prize from former Iraqi president and a \$32,000 award from Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi.

On the occasion of commemorating his fourth anniversary (d. 3 May 2010), and in the light of the ongoing political events of the Arab Spring, this conference examines especially the following issues:

- Arab Reason: Past, Present, and Future
- Arab-Islamic Political Thought
- Arab-Islamic Ethical Thought
- Religion and Politics: State Formation and Democracy
- Human Rights and the Public Good
- Education for Arab Renewal
- The Arab revolts in Al Jabri's Thought

#### Organizers:

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**Giancarlo Bosetti**, direct of Reset for Dialogue on Civilizations  
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### **Papers and Publication:**

A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published in a peer-reviewed co-edited volume by Zaid Eyadat and Mohammed Hashas.

We do welcome original papers on the themes of the conference from various academic disciplines. Those interested in contributing to the volume, please do contact M. Hashas, the coordinator of the project, at: [hashasmohammed@gmail.com](mailto:hashasmohammed@gmail.com) ([mhashas@luiss.it](mailto:mhashas@luiss.it)), by 05 May 2015.

### **Grants:**

Few grants are available for young scholars; those interested in joining the event proceedings and contributing a paper afterwards for the volume have to send a short biography, a title and an abstract of no more than 300 words to the coordinator above by 07 April 2015. Results of the proposals will be communicated to the applicants on 11 April.

### **Attendance:**

Attendance is open and free but registration is required for space management. Please write to Odetta Pizzingrilli, assistant of professor Francesca Corrao, chair of Arab-Islamic Studies and director of MISLAM Master Programme in LUISS: [opizzingrilli@luiss.it](mailto:opizzingrilli@luiss.it)