First Annual Valletta 2018 International Conference on Cultural Relations in Europe and the Mediterranean
Venue: Valletta Campus, University of Malta, Valletta
4-5 September 2014

Programme

Dialogue in the Med: exploring identity through networks

Conference Thematic Areas

The speakers will address the following thematic areas

- Capacity building through networks;
- Overcoming challenges to mobility;
- (Re)defining cultural identity in the Mediterranean;
- Diplomacy through dialogue.

Thursday 4th September

08.30 Registration and coffee

09.00 Welcoming address - Jason Micallef, Chair Valletta 2018 Foundation

09.15 Opening speech - The Hon Mr Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Education and Employment

09.30 Keynote - Prof Mostafa Hassani

Panel 1 - Capacity building through networks; Panel moderator - George Cassar

10.00 Khadija El Bennaoui (researcher on mobility) - Dancing with resilience

10.20 Lluis Bonet – ENCATC (European Network of Cultural Administration Training Centres) – title to be confirmed

10.40 Christine Merkel (German Commission for UNESCO, responsible for, among other things, monitoring and the implementation of the UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity) - Cultural diplomacy, cultural cooperation and cultural connectedness between countries – towards a cultural policy research agenda relevant for emerging international relations in 2030

11.00 Panel Debate

11.20 Conclusion of panel debate and summarisation by moderator

11.30 Coffee break
Panel 2 - Overcoming challenges to mobility; Panel moderator - France Irrmann

11.50 Carlo Testini (BJCEM responsible for the Biennale of Young Artists of Europe & the Mediterranean/ARCI, Rome) - *title to be confirmed*

12.10 Ferdinand Richard (various, including Roberto Cimetta Fund) - *Mobility, a tool for local development?*

12.30 Dr Nadia von Maltzahn (Orient-Institut) - *Cultural exchange within and across the Eastern Mediterranean*

12.50 Enric Olive (UNESCO Chair for Euro-Med intercultural dialogue, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona) – *Universities and academics: the main agents of the social, cultural, scientific and economic relations in the Mediterranean*

13.10 Panel Debate

13.30 Conclusion of panel debate and summarisation by moderator

13.40 Light Lunch

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**Friday 5th September**

08.30 Registration and coffee

09.00 Welcoming address – Karsten Xuereb, Executive Director Valletta 2018 Foundation

09.15 Opening speech – The Hon Dr Owen Bonnici Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government

09.30 **Keynote** - Prof Henry Frendo

Panel 3 – (Re)defining cultural identity in the Mediterranean; Panel moderator – Nadia von Maltzahn

10.00 Emiliano Paoletti (BJCEM Biennale of young artists from Europe and the Med secretary general) - *Les infrastructures culturelles et le soutien à la création artistique contemporaine dans l'espace de la Méditerranée*

10.20 Roger Tropeano (Les Rencontres) - *Les Rencontres et les villes de la Méditerranée, ouvertes sur les cultures des deux rives*

10.40 Giacomo Sferlazzo - *Mediterraneans as poetic mystery, unreconcilable with the economic and political project of Europe*

11.00 Hatto Fischer (various, including ECOC network with base in Athens) - *Europe in future - is there a cultural synthesis in the making?*

11.20 Panel debate

11.40 Conclusion of panel debate and summarisation by moderator

11.50 Coffee break
Panel 4 - Diplomacy through dialogue; Panel moderator – Enric Olive

12.10 George Cassar (Institute for Tourism Travel and Culture, UoM and Valletta 2018 Foundation Research Coordinating Committee) - A multcultural, multivariate city – Valletta and its many faces

12.30 Anna Steinkamp (German Commission for UNESCO, responsible for, among other things, monitoring and the implementation of the UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity) – The role of international networks of cultural cooperation and its contribution to the 2005 UNESCO Convention

12.50 France Irrmann (Espaceculture Marseille) - Entre neo-colonialisme et globalisation, quel rôle peut-on encore jouer dans la valorisation de l’expression artistique et culturelle en Méditerranée?

13.10 Jason Dittmer (Reader in Human Geography, University College London) - Affect, network building, and Maltese public diplomacy

13.30 Conclusion of panel debate and summarisation by moderator

13.40 Concluding remarks, Karsten Xuereb

14.00 Light lunch