



International conference

From Democratic Transition to Democracy learning Towards a Paradigmatic Turn in Democratization Studies

Rive Hôtel
Rabat, 28-29 September 2017

Programme

Thursday, September 28

08-09: Conference Registration.

09-10h30: Opening Session § Key Note Speeches

- 1- **Abdallah Saaf**, Director, CERSS
- 2- **Josep Ferré**, Acting Director general of the IEMed
- 3- **Helmut Reifeld**, Représentant résident de la Fondation Konrad Adenauer au Maroc
- 4- **Sabrina Mervin**, Director, Centre Jacques Berque
- 5- **Larbi Sadiki**, Qatar University, Doha
- 6- **Mohamed El Hachimi**, Conference coordinator, Chouaib Doukkali University, Senior fellow in the CERSS

Chairman: Mohamed El Hachimi

- 1- **Larbi Sadiki, Qatar University, Doha**
Locating Democratic Knowledge: Framing a Democratization Discourse for the Arab Region.
- 2- **Laurence Whitehead, Oxford University, UK**
"Democratic Learning: Learning not Imposed by Obligatory Instruction, but Acquired through Dialogue and Reflection".
- 3- **AbdellahSaaf, President of the CERSS**
State and Society Democratization in Morocco: Between transformist voluntarism and structures evolution

Coffee Break: 10h30-11h00

11h00-12h45 Panel 1: Democratic Knowledge and Trans-Democratic Exchange

Chairman: Mohammed Ennaji

- 1- **Jérôme Heurtaux, CNRS, Paris**
Uses and Effects of East European Models of Democratic Transition in the Arab World after 2011.
- 2- **Mohamed El Hachimi, Chouaib Doukkali University, CERSS, CJB**
From Democracy Promotion to Trans-Democratic Exchange: A critical Analysis of US and EU Democratization programs
- 3- **Abdelilah Bouasria, Mohamed VI Polytechnic University**
The Tyranny of the Privileged "Demo(C)Rats": Anti-Orientalism as the New Academic Whiteness.
- 4- **Hassan Tariq, Mohamed V University, Rabat**
The Idea of Democratic Transition in Public Usage: From Concept to Metaphor.

Book presentation: “**Lost in Translation: New Paradigms for the Arab Spring**” by Uzi Rabi, Abdelilah Bouasria

12h45-14h15 Lunch Break

14h00-14h40 Panel 2: Key Note Speeches

Chairman: Rachid Touhtou

- 1- **Fatima Sadiqi, Woodrow Wilson Fellow, USA**
Women’s Issues Creating “The Center”: A Reconfiguration of Space in the MENA – Morocco as an example –.
- 2- **Mohammed Ennaji, Mohamed V University**
Misapprehensions About the Conception of Liberty.

14h40-15h50 Panel 2: Society and Democratic knowledge

Chairwoman: Fatima Sadiqi

- 1- **Hanaa Ebeid- Ziad A. Akl, AlAhram Center, Cairo, Egypt**
Nothing exists until it is "Shaken"! : Social Movements in Post-revolutionary Egypt.
- 2- **Mustapha EL MNASFI, Centre Jacques Berque, Rabat**
Democratic Practices in Morocco: Between Citizen's Expertise and Devolution of Power.
- 3- **Khalid El Aref, Mohamed V University, Rabat**
Dystopia and Polity in Some Arab Spring Novels.
- 4- **Alexander Peter Martin, American University in Beirut.**

Discourse and Practices of civil society actors: approaches to assessing civil society’s contribution to democracy learning
- 5- **Abdeljabba Arrach: Hassan I Univesity, Settat**

How can the University in Morocco develop democratic Citizenship and human rights-based values more efficiently? The Case of the Faculty of Law in Settat

15h50-16h20: Coffee break

16h20-18h00 Panel 3: Coping with Democracy Learning in some Arab Countries in Post Arab Spring

Chairman: Abdallah Saaf

- 1- Isabel Schäfer, German Development Institute, Berlin**
Democratic Consolidation in Tunisia
- 2- Amr Hamzawy, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, USA**
Renewing Authoritarianism in Egypt: Law-Making as a Tool
- 3- Salam Kawakibi, Arab Reform Initiative, Paris**
Local Councils in Syria: A Step Towards Democracy.
- 4- Keiko Sakai, Chiba University, Japan**
Obstacles to Democratization in Post-war Iraq: Securitizing Sectarian Diversity.
- 5- Zoubir Arous, Algiers University, Algeria**
Mechanisms of power reproduction and perspectives of democratization in Algeria

Friday, Septembre 29

09-10h30 Panel 4: Political Actors and Learning Processes

Chairman: Mohamed Fakihi

- 1- Maati Monjib, Mohamed V University, Rabat**
Arab Spring and Democracy Learning: Case of Islamists and Secular Forces.
- 2- Mohamed Fadil, Mohamed Benabdallah University, Fes**
Learn/Live Democracy: stakes and Limitations of a supposed Islamist conversion to Democracy (the Case of the Moroccan PJD).
- 3- Aboullouz Abdelhakim, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir**
Salafists and Democracy Learning.
- 4- Aziz Qmichchou, Moulay Isamil University, Meknes**
Values Learning: Logical and Philosophical Considerations.

10h15-12h30 Panel 5: Democracy Learning in Morocco.

Chairman: Hassan Tariq

- 1- Mohamed Fakihi, Mohamed Benabdallah University, Fes**
The Practice of Government Crisis in Morocco: From Political Crisis to Democracy Learning.
- 2- Hassan Zouaoui, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir**
On “La Démocratie Spécifiste”: Problematic of the Conceptualization of Democracy in the Moroccan context.
- 3- Said Bennis, Mohamed V University, Rabat**
Stakes and Challenges of Participation in Morocco: From Citizen Participation to Citizen Claim.
- 4- Rachid Touhtou, INSEA, Rabat**
Gendering Democratic Knowledge Production in Morocco.