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## Beirut Media Forum 2007

### Middle Eastern Conflicts in the Media – Censorship and Representation

*École Supérieure des Affaires, Clemenceau, Beirut, November 8-10, 2007*

#### *Program*

#### **Thursday, 8.11.07**

- 18:00 • **Opening** Welcoming Notes of the Organizers (OIB, IFPO, FES)
- 18:30 • **Keynote speech: Lawrence Pintak** (Director of the Center for Electronic Journalism, American University of Cairo)  
*The Journalist as Change Agent: Government repression, corporate feudalism and new mission of Arab journalism*
- 19:30 • **Reception**

#### **Friday, 9.11.07**

- 9:00 • **Welcoming Notes:** Director of the École Supérieure des Affaires  
Director of the AUF  
Representative of the Organizers

#### **Panel I Conflicts and Media Representation**

9:30–11:30 **Session 1** **Words and Images**

- **Chair:** **Theodor Hanf**  
(Director of the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute, Freiburg/Breisgau and Director of the International Centre for Human Sciences, Byblos)

**Speakers:**

**Opening Lecture • Michael Massing** (Journalist, New York)

*The Press Coverage of the War in Iraq and the Limits of Public Tolerance*

• **Daniela Conte** (IMT, Institutions, Markets, Technologies - Lucca Institute for Advanced Studies)\

*Arab Satellite TV between Censorship and Freedom of Expression. A new Relationship among Media, Politics and War*

• **Ghania Mouffok** (Journalist, Algeria)

*Communication. Censorship and Representation. Dictatorship and Internet*

11:30–12.00 *Coffee Break*

12.00–13.00 **Session 2** ***Europe and the Arab World***

• **Chair:** **Christophe Varin** (Director of the CEMAM at USJ Beirut)

**Speakers:**

• **Denis Sieffert** (Journalist, Journal 'Politis', France)

*The dominant Representation of Middle Eastern Conflicts in the French Media*

• **Elizabeth Peña-Velasco** (Political Scientist, Mexico)

*Islam in French Media*

**Panel II** ***Wars, Censorship and Markets***

14:30–16.00 **Session 1** ***The Make-up of Wars / Censored and Hidden Wars***

• **Chair:** **Dima Dabbous – Sensenig**  
(Director of the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University)

**Speakers :**

• **Enrique Klaus** (Sociologist, Centre for Studies and Economic, Legal and Social Documentation (CEDEJ), Cairo)

*From Sex War to Media Conflict: Concerning an Egyptian Multimedia Dialogical Network*

• **Ehab Bessaïso** (Sociologist in Media Studies, Cardiff University, UK)

*Media War or War on Media. Lessons from Iraq*

• **Anja Wollenberg** (Director of MICT, Media in Transition and Cooperation)

*How to get involved? – Communication Strategies of Iraqi Media*

16.00–16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30–17:30 **Session 2** ***Selling War in the Media***

• **Chair:** **Hossein Shahidi** (Assistant Professor of Communication, American University of Beirut)

**Speakers:** • **Verena Metzke-Mangold** (Sociologist, Vice President of the UNESCO Commission in Germany)

*The New Paradox - Press Freedom in a Globalized World*

• **Paolo Mancini** (Sociologist in Media Studies, University of Perugia, Italy)

*The Coverage of Middle East War as an Italian Political Issue*

**Saturday, 10.11.07**

**Panel III Alternative Modes of Expression**

9:30–11:00 **Session 1** ***Holes in the Net – Discourses Avoiding Control and Restriction***

• **Chair:** **Imad Bashir** (Professor for Journalism Studies, Lebanese University)

**Speakers:**

- **Wael Abbas** (Journalist, Cairo)  
*The Egyptian Blogging Phenomena*
- **Maha Taki** (Sociologist in Media Studies, Westminster University, London)  
*Beyond Utopias and Dystopias: Internet in the Arab world*

11:00–11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30–13.30 **Session 2** ***Art Expressions of Wars***

• **Chair:** **Sabrina Mervin** (Historian at IFPO)

**Speakers:**

- **Ghassan Salhab** (Filmmaker, Beirut)  
*War of Images*
- **Rania Stephan** (Filmmaker, Beirut)  
*El Hermel, Stronghold of Hisbollah: Short Journey through Snapshots.*
- **Zeina Massri** (Sociologist in Media Studies, American University of Beirut)  
*Heroic selves and monstrous enemies:  
Representations of Hostility in Political Posters of Lebanon's Civil War.*

15:00–18:00 **Round Table** ***The Lebanese Crisis in Local and International Media***

• **Chair:** **Ahmad Karaoud**  
(Head of Amnesty International's Regional office for the Middle East and North Africa in Beirut)

**Contributors:**

- **Slimane Zeghidour** (TV 5),
- **Alistair Lyon** (Reuters),
- **Ghassan bin Jiddu** (Al-Jazeera),
- **Mohammad Abi Samra** (An-Nahar),
- **Nicolas Nassif** (Al-Akhbar),
- **Dolly Ghanem** (LBC),
- **Georges Salibi** (New TV)

**Simultaneous translation available (Arabic, English, French).**