

CERIS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
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**The Arab Spring: Political change
and multilateral crisis management in practice**

Saturday 25 June

Venue : International Press Center

Résidence Palace - rue de la Loi, 155 - 1040 Brussels

INTRODUCTION

The seminar is conducted by **world renowned scholars and key experts** drawn from leading universities such as Cambridge, Oxford, the London school of Economics, the Graduate Institute of international and Development studies of Geneva and from International organization or Institutions, such as NATO and the European External Action Service.

The sessions will focus on political transition in Tunisia and in Egypt and on the future topology of the Middle East. It will explore fundamental issues such as the collapse of authoritarian regimes, the role of political Islam, the rise of democratic forces and the challenges that those generate for the West. The seminar will equally discuss the role of the new social networks and the multiple aspects of multilateral crisis management, with a special focus on Libya. Participants will have the opportunity to debate these issues with both academics and policymakers.

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PROGRAMME

09.30-12.30 Popular upheavals and resistance in the Arab world

Chair : E.H. Ambassador Willy Stevens (*CERIS & VIRA*)

Panelists :

* **Michael Willis** (*Oxford University*): **Political transition in Tunisia and its implications for the rest of the Magreb**

* **George Joffe** (*Cambridge University*): **Egypt, Syria and the future topology of the Middle East**

* **Thierry Kellner** (*Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva*): **L'Iran face au printemps arabe**

* **Fawaz Gerges** (*London School of Economics and Political Science*): **Obama's Middle East Challenge**

* H.E. Ambassador Ms. **Tamar Samash** (*Ambassador of Israël in Brussels*): **The Arab revolutions seen from Israel** (TBC)

14.00-17.00 Multilateral crisis management in practice: the case of Libya.

Chair : Ambassador **Jean Arthur Régibeau** (*DG Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*)

Panelists :

* **Daniel Dormoy** (*Université Paris Sud 11*) : **Le Conseil de Sécurité et la protection des populations civiles en Lybie** (Résolution 1973 du 11 mars 2011).

* **Eva Gross** (*Free University of Brussels – VUB*): **The challenges of the EU Crisis Management Policy after Lisbon – Lessons learned in the Arab World**

* **Jamie Shea** (*Head of Policy Planning - Nato*): **Challenges for NATO in the Arab World : does the new strategic concept make a difference ?**

* **Paul Rogers** (*Bradford University*): **NATO's intervention in Libya and the global security : a war too far ?**

Concluding remarks: Brig.General **Jo Coelmont** (*Egmont Institute – Brussels*)

Biography



George Joffe is among the leading analysts of Islamic studies. He is Research Fellow at the Centre for International Studies at Cambridge University, as well as a lecturer in International relations at the Center M. Phill. He specializes in Palestinian issues and on political developments in Algeria and Morocco, and his most recent research focuses on the subject of the connections between migrant communities and trans/national violence in Europe. He is the Director of Studies at the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London and a visiting professor at Kings College, London University. He was previously the deputy-director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. M. Joffe is also the author of several books among which: *Jordan in transition* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2002), *The Politics of Governing: a comparative introduction* (co-author, CQ Press, 2006), *Perspectives on migration: the Euro-Mediterranean partnership* (Routledge, 1999).



Fawaz A. Gerges is a Professor of Middle Eastern Politics and International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also holds the Emirates Chair of the Contemporary Middle East and is the Director of the Middle East Centre at LSE. His work focuses on Islam and the political process, social movements, including mainstream Islamist movements and jihadist groups. Among his publications can be found “*Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy*” (2007), “*The Far Enemy: Why Jihad Went Global*” (2005) and “*America and Political Islam: Clash of Cultures or Clash of Interests?*” (2000) while he’s writing “*The Rise and Fall of Al Qaeda*” (forthcoming) and “*Obama and the Greater Middle East: Rhetoric versus Reality*” (forthcoming).



Michael Willis is a University Research Lecturer at the Faculty of Oriental Studies at the University of Oxford and a King Mohamed VI Fellow in Moroccan and Mediterranean Studies. His research interest is mainly the politics, modern history and international relations of the Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia). He is a specialist of North African Politics, the Maghreb region since 1830 and International relations of the Middle East. His recent publications include “*Justice and Development or Justice and Spirituality?: The Challenge of Morocco's Non-Violent Islamist Movement*” (2007), “*Containing Radicalism Through the Political Process in North Africa*” (2006) and “*Analyzing Moroccan Foreign Policy and Relations with Europe*” (2005).



Paul Rogers is Professor of Peace Studies at the School of Social and International Studies, University of Bradford. He is particularly interested in the interactions of socio-economic divisions and environmental constraints, focusing on the use of energy resources and the impact of climate change on international security. His regional emphasis is primarily on the Middle East and South Asia. Professor Rogers has written or edited 26 books and has published over 100 papers, among which “*Why We're Losing the War on Terror*” (2008), “*Global Security and the War on Terror: Elite Power and the Illusion of Control*” (2007), “*A War Too Far: Iraq, Iran and the New American Century*” (2006) and “*The United Nations and the Promotion of Peace*” (2002). He lectures and delivers seminars in many countries including India, Pakistan and Iran.



Director of Policy Planning at NATO, **Jamie Patrick Shea** is also a Professor at the Collège d'Europe, Bruges since 2006. His position within the Private Office of the Secretary General of NATO gives him the responsibility of advising and assisting the Secretary General, senior NATO management, and the North Atlantic Council in addressing strategic issues facing the Alliance. M. Shea held different positions within the North Atlantic Alliance including Director of Information and Press and, during the Kosovo conflict, Spokesman of NATO and Deputy Director of Information and Press. He is a regular lecturer and conference speaker on NATO and European security affairs and on public diplomacy and political communication and lobbying. He has also given lectures at the Brussels School of International Studies, at the University of Kent, at the American University in Washington DC, at the Michigan State University and at the University of Antwerp. Shea was the Director of the Brussels Overseas Study Programme of the American University and held the Chair of Transatlantic Programme of the Royal Holloway College at the University of London.



Daniel Dormoy chairs the Scientific Board of CERIS. He is a Senior Lecturer at the University Paris-Sud 11 where he teaches International and European Law and is incumbent of the Chaire Jean-Monnet. His researches cover mainly humanitarian international law, law of war and law of international organizations. Among his published works we name: *Réfugiés, immigration clandestine et centres de rétention des immigrés clandestins en droit international* (Bruylant, 2008) *Perspectives humanitaires entre conflits, droit(s) et action* (Editions Bruylant, 2002) and *Génocide(s)* (Editions Bruylant, 1999). Professor Dormoy is also a member of the Administrative Council of the University Paris-Sud 11 and president of the College d'études internationales and of the Francophone Network of international law (RFDI). He is part of the Reading Committee of the *Revue quebequoise de droit international* and of the Scientific Board of the *Revue belge de droit international*.



Eva Gross is a Senior Research Fellow for European Foreign and Security Policy at the Institute of European Studies of the Free University of Brussels (VUB). Her main research topics are transatlantic cooperation in post-conflict reconstruction, the EU's contribution to security sector reform in Afghanistan, the ongoing development of European crisis management policies, and the EU's engagement with the emerging powers. She is head of the research cluster dedicated to "EU's foreign and security policy" as well as coordinator a Program of 'Contemporary Issues in European Foreign and Security Policy' at the University of Southern California. Professor Gross was the editor of the "Millennium: Journal of International Studies" (volume 32) a publication of the London School of Economics (LSE) and has authored and edited several books including *The Europeanization of National Foreign Policy. Continuity and Change in European Crisis Management* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).



Thierry Kellner teaches history of International Relations (IR) and the current events of IR at the Institute of European Studies of the Free University of Brussels (ULB). He is also an Associate Researcher at the Centre for Asian Studies of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and Associate Researcher of the Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies (BICCS). Professor Kellner's research focuses among others on the geopolitics and external relations of Central Asia, as well as the foreign policy of Iran and China. His most recent books develop the subject of Iran's contemporary history: *Iran'in son iki yüzyillik tarihi* (Bilge Kültür Sana, 2011), *Histoire de l'Iran contemporain* (La Découverte, 2010).



Brig. Gen. Jo Coelmont is a Senior Associate Fellow at Egmont, the Royal Institute for International Relations. He is guest speaker at several European universities on issues related to European Security and Defence Policy and Transatlantic relations. He focuses his expertise on Belgian and European Security and Defense Policy, the EU-NATO and EU-US relations and the strategic planning of Peace Support Operations. He wrote many articles, several of which in collaboration with Sven Biscop. Among his publications are "Europe, Strategy and Armed Forces – The Making of a Distinctive Power" (forthcoming), "First Lessons from the Libya Operations" (april 2011), "Permanent Structured Cooperation in Defense of the Obvious" (June 2010) and "A Grand Strategy: Does it Matter in the Real World?" (February 2010). He retired from the Belgian Air Force in April 2008, where he was the Belgian Permanent Representative to the Military Committee of the European Union and the Western European Union.