

YOUNG LEADERS VISITORS PROGRAM

Connecting leaders for positive change

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The Swedish Institute cordially invites you to the:

YOUNG LEADERS NETWORK SEMINAR EU-MENA – CONNECTED OR NOT?

On the closing ceremony of the Young Leaders Visitors Program (YLVP) The Swedish Institute cordially invites you to attend the Young Leaders Network Seminar EU-MENA – Connected or Not?

The seminar highlights how leaders and practitioners from different spheres of society can capture the opportunities provided by new technology to create a more connected and open world.

During the seminar participants of the YLVP will also showcase short film projects exploring the notion of 'Intercultural Dialogue'.

The seminar is open to the general public and will be streamed and shared on www.ylvp.se

RSVP to Marie Kraft at marie.kraft@si.se by Monday, 15th of November the latest.

Date: Wednesday, November 18

Time: 13.30 – 19.00

Venue: Swedish institute in Paris
Institut suédois
11, rue Payenne
75003 Paris

PROGRAM OF THE DAY

13.30-13.40

Opening of the seminar, *Javeria Rizvi Kabani, Project manager Young Leaders Visitors Program, Swedish Institute*

13.40-13.50

Official welcome, *Mikael Jönsson, Director, Swedish Institute in Paris*

14.00-14.10

Key note Speech by *Francois Zabbal, L'insitut du Monde Arabe*

14.10-15.30

Panel discussion: EU-MENA Connected or not? Past, present and future?

Moderator: *Alice Petrén, Swedish Public Radio*

Speakers: *Lucas Welch, Director Soliya.net, New York*

Ozan Sunar, Founder Re-Orient, Stockholm

Jan Henningsson, Senior Advisor MENA department, Swedish ministry of Foreign affairs

Claire Ulrich, Co-editor global voices online in French, Paris

15.30-16.00

Coffee and Short film screening by YLVP participants 'Exploring intercultural dialogue'

16.00-17.30

Panel discussion: How can leaders of tomorrow capture the opportunities provided by new technology to create a more open, connected and equitable world?

Moderator: *Nathalie Rothschild, commissioning editor Spiked online*

Speakers: *Lucie Morillon, Director of the Internet desk,*

Reporters without border

Jonas Hassen Khemiri, Writer and playwright

Saeed Kamali Dehghan, Guardian correspondent in Teheran.

Ron Callari, Freelance journalist and social media evangelist

Wael Abbas, Blogger, Misr digital

17.30-18.00

Questions, Closing and summary of the day

18.00-19.00

Cocktails and Mingle

Live music entertainment

19.00-22.00

YLVP Diploma ceremony and dinner

For invited guests only

BACKGROUND

The Swedish Institute Young Leaders Visitors Program (YLVP) is an intercultural leadership program with focus on social media as a tool for positive change. The program invites young opinion-makers from Sweden and selected countries in the MENA region who are actively

working for social change in their respective contexts. The program is designed to give participants innovative tools to shape public opinion in cutting-edge media while strengthening their intercultural and leadership skills. For more information, visit: www.si.se/ylvp

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KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

François Zabbal, is a writer, philosopher and translator. He is in charge of the conferences, meetings and debates at IMA L'instut Du Monde Arabe. Since 1996 he has been chief editor of the cultural journal »Qantara«, published by the Paris Institut du Monde Arabe.



MODERATOR:

Alice Petrén is a Swedish journalist and foreign correspondent. During 2005-2008, she was the Swedish Public radio's Southern Europe correspondent based in Paris.



PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

Ozan Sunar is a writer and former director at SVT (Swedish public television) and founder of the Re:Orient festival in Sweden.



Lucas Welch is the President and founder of Soliya, an NGO that uses online technology to enable thousands of university students in the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and the United States to communicate online in real-time and collaboratively produce media.



Jan Henningson is an author, islamologist and Senior Advisor at the Swedish Ministry for foreign Affairs at the MENA department (Middle East and North Africa). His past appointments include directorship of the Swedish Institute in Alexandria



Claire Ulrich is the Editor of Global Voices in French, French version of the non-profit global-news website.



MODERATOR:

Natalie Rothschild is commissioning editor for Spiked (www.spiked-online.com), the online publication with the modest ambition of making history as well as reporting it.



PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

Jonas Hassan Khemiri is a leading Swedish author and playwright. His debut novel Ett öga rött (One Eye Red), published in 2003, has received massive popular and critical acclaim for its highly innovative treatment of language and its poignant take on youth and cultural identity in modern-day Sweden.



Saeed Kamali Dehghan is the Guardian correspondent in Teheran. He is a trilingual journalist writing in Persian, English and French for a number of different newspapers around the world, including The Guardian, Le Monde and Etemaad.



Wael Abbas is an internationally renowned Egyptian journalist, blogger and human rights activist who blogs at Misr Digital (Egyptian Awareness)



Lucie Morillon is the Head of Reporters without Borders' Internet Freedom Desk.



Ron Callari is the founder of iOptimize Marketing, a social media marketing firm for organizations and companies.



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