

SPRING TO COME

SPRING TO COME: A SPRING-DAY ENCOUNTER IN 7 DIALOGUES

Opening
13:00 - 13:20

Words of welcome

by His Excellency the Ambassador of Tunisia in The Netherlands Karim Ben Becher and Fairouz ben Salah (Organizer of the Festival)

Session 1
13:20 - 14:15

First dialogue: 'Frames': Who owes the past?

A first exploration of how the Arab uprisings are framed by the media in both Western Europe and the MENA region which explores how these frames hold up under scrutiny.

With:

Faten Busheri (journalist Bahrain)

Mariam Maslouhi (coach and co-founder of the Bades foundation)

Youssef Cherif (project leader IWPR, political analyst)

Session 2
14:30 - 15:45

Second dialogue: Do politics matter?

A dialogue which explores some economic basics to the Arab spring uprisings.

With:

Paul Aarts (dept. Political Science, UvA)

Samir Makdisi (American University of Beirut)

Session 3
16:15- 17:30

Third dialogue: 'Citizenship: frameworks to guarantee civil rights or new forms of state repression?

An exploration of the emergence of new vital forms of citizenship and their potential to flourish

With:

Sinan Çankaya (cultural anthropologist, University of Utrecht),

Jacouhar Ben Mbark (University of Manouba, co-founder of Doustourna)

Yacin Labib (lawyer)

Session 4
17:30 - 18:30

Fourth dialogue: Social Action: do we matter?

Artists and activists speak out about their work and social action

With:

Lotfi El Ghariani (Tunisian photographer)

Khalaf Ali Alkhalaf (Syrian poet and writer)

Urok Shirhan (artist)

Ahmed Abdelhamid (writer, activist, CEO)

Jaap Oosterwijk (BA Politics, activist at UvA - Maagdenhuis)

Najat Han (lecturer Amsterdam University of Applied Studies)

Dinner

18:30 - 19:30

Session 5

19:30 - 21:30

Fifth dialogue: New institutional frameworks

What would the future look like if we could take a leap? (Room 1)

With:

Mohammed Hussainy (director of the identity center Jordan)

Abraham Miro (former minister of Economy and Finance, Syrian interim government)

Souraya El Kahlaoui (Attac Morocco)

Youssef Cherif (project leader IWPR, political analyst)

Hilla Dayan (Amsterdam University College, cofounder of Academia for Equality)

Derar Eleyan (Vice President of Palestine Technical University Kadoorie in Tulkarem)

Session 6

19:30 – 21:30

Sixth dialogue: We are all humans, aren't we? Towards new notions of citizenship (Room 2)

With:

Khadija Elmadmad (law professor, attorney)

Prof. Dr. Amade M'charek (chair Anthropology of Science, UvA),

Ibrahim Abu Shindi (executive director Arab Jewish community center)

Sameh Khader (author and director general at Mahmoud Darwish museum)

Michelle Werning (Hero Construction Company)

Session 7

19:30- 21:30

Wat is waar?

Workshop voor jongeren over beeldvorming in media

Closing session

21:30 – 22:00

Seventh dialogue: 'Reflections'

Farewell and follow-up

by **Fairouz ben Salah**