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MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

BEYOND  
TURMOIL,  
A **POSITIVE**  
AGENDA

**ROME** 30.11 > 02.12.2017

**PROGRAMME**

## ABOUT MED

### MED – MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

is the annual high-level initiative promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies) in Rome.

The event aims at drafting a **“positive agenda”** for the Mediterranean by stimulating debate and promoting new ideas, rethinking traditional approaches and addressing shared challenges at both the regional and the international level.

#### Rome MED builds upon **four pillars**:

Shared Prosperity, Shared Security, Migration, and Civil Society and Culture.

Debates on these topics are intended to complement analyses of current challenges with new ideas and suggestions to scale-up economic cooperation, overcome regional rivalries and conflicts, and ensure that adequate incentives for sustainable development are set in motion.

Under the **“Shared Prosperity”** pillar, particular attention is devoted to the role that business leaders and civil society can play to foster prosperity and political stability in a region where new opportunities may be seized.

In order to take full advantage of such opportunities, today's threats and challenges need to be addressed. Discussions on **“Shared Security”** are focused on viable strategies to avoid further turmoil, fight terrorism and promote successful post-conflict transitions and institution-building, thus enhancing resilience in Mediterranean countries.

Another important challenge hinges upon the management of surging migratory flows that pass through or settle in the region. The **“Migration”** pillar encourages discussion about migration-related topics, including: identifying safe and legal routes for asylum seekers; fostering social inclusion; and efficiently combining counter-trafficking policies with the respect of human rights.

The **“Civil Society and Culture”** pillar allows to put all these challenges into perspective by acknowledging that the Mediterranean region is a unique “melting pot” of cultures and religions, with important historical legacies, and a rich natural and cultural heritage.

With a view to providing a useful tool to further stimulate debate on the four pillars during ROME MED and beyond, ISPI and MED scientific partners produced the **MED Report** *“Looking ahead: charting new paths for the Mediterranean”*.



**ANGELINO ALFANO**

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

## ISPI

ITALIAN INSTITUTE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES

The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) is an independent, non-partisan think tank providing leading research and viable policy options to government officials, business executives and the public at large wishing to better understand international issues.

Founded in 1934 in Milan, ISPI has always adopted a pragmatic approach in analyzing geographical areas and topics of particular interest to Italy and Europe. ISPI is the only Italian Institute - and among the few in Europe - combining policy-oriented research with an equally significant commitment to education and training, to conferences and advice on international trends. In particular, the Institute is Italy's main forum for debate on international affairs, and promotes international events including annual conferences (such as Rome MED), bilateral dialogue Forums with France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia, and closed-door meetings for selected audiences.

In over 80 years, ISPI has built an extensive network of think tanks in Europe and across the world and since 2014 it is the think tank representing Italy in the Think20 (T20), an advisory body of the G20.

# 2017

## IN NUMBERS



# 3+1

DAYS OF MEETINGS

# 20

PRELIMINARY MEETINGS

# 4

PILLARS

SHARED PROSPERITY

SHARED SECURITY

MIGRATION

MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

# 45

HEADS OF STATE, MINISTERS  
AND TOP REPRESENTATIVES  
OF INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANISATIONS

# 800

LEADERS IN BUSINESS,  
POLITICS AND CULTURE

# 80

THINK TANKS AND  
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

# 56

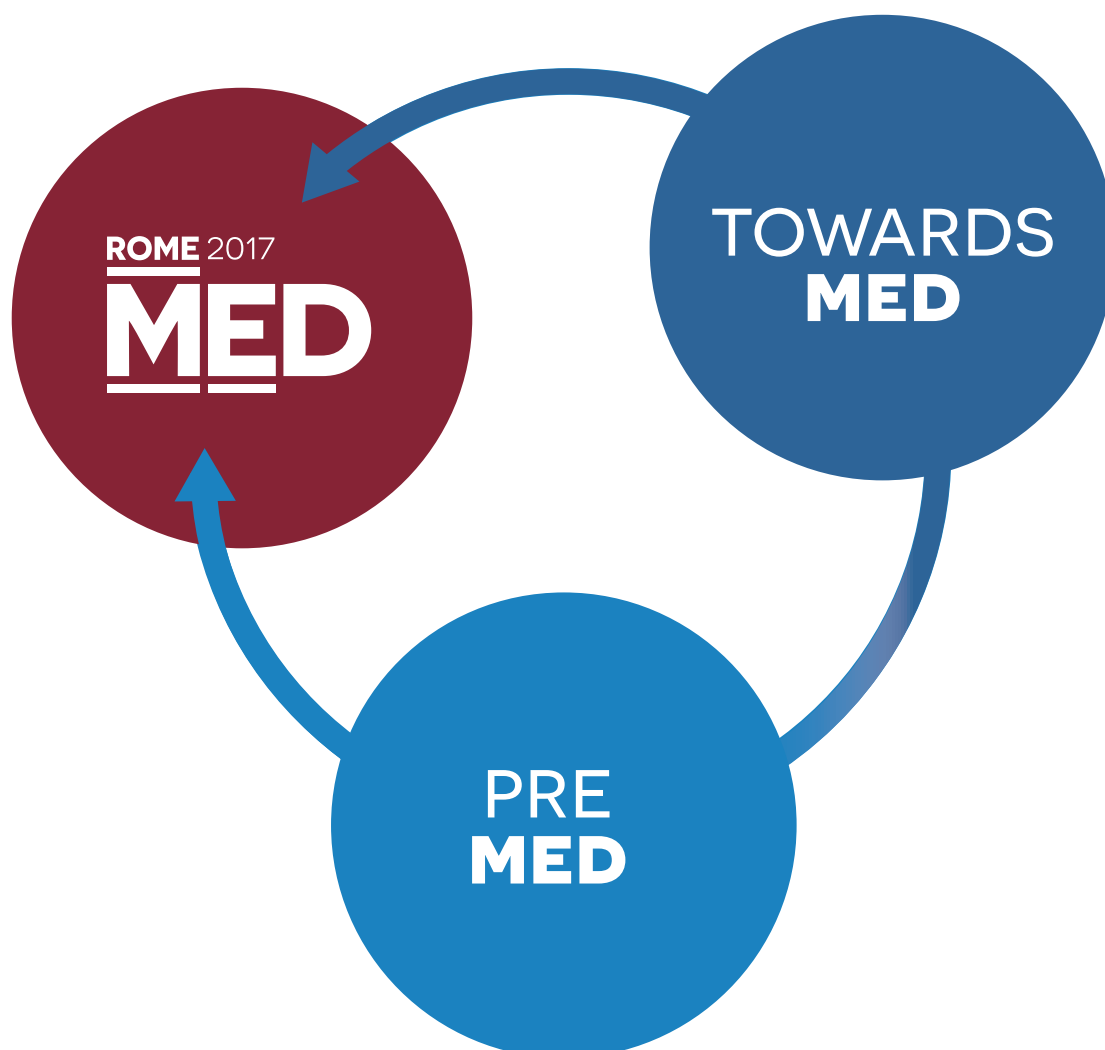
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## ROME MED AS A HUB OF MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of **ROME MED Mediterranean Dialogues** was preceded by meetings for selected audiences: 10 **Towards MED** events in 5 cities from June to December 2017, and 10 **Pre-MED** meetings in Rome just before ROME MED. They were intended to address some of the most **pressing and topical challenges** to the Mediterranean region by bringing together institutional actors, experts, civil servants, and top representatives of the international business community and the media.

Participants were offered the opportunity to discuss **viable options** to foster dialogue and enhance cooperation in a context of equitable and sustainable growth, address key topics such as business, energy, religion and sport and discuss the role of women, youth, think tanks, policy planners and the media.

All this contributed to turn Rome into a **global hub for high-level dialogues** drafting a positive agenda for the Mediterranean.





## TOWARDS MED

● 19 JUNE | BOLOGNA

LIBERAL DEMOCRACY  
AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES  
in cooperation with  
**The European Academy  
of Religion**

● 19/21 SEPTEMBER | AMMAN

MENA THINK TANK SUMMIT  
in cooperation with  
**JCSS  
University of Pennsylvania**

● 2 OCTOBER | ROME

RUSSIA,  
THE EUROPEAN UNION  
AND THE MIDDLE EAST  
in cooperation with  
**RIAC**

● 12 OCTOBER | ROME

FROM SYRIA TO LIBYA:  
THE ARC OF INSTABILITY  
in cooperation with  
**Atlantic Council**

● 16 OCTOBER | BRUSSELS

TERRORISM IN EUROPE  
AFTER THE FALL  
OF THE CALIPHATE  
in cooperation with  
**Egmont**

● 26 OCTOBER | MILAN

MANAGING MIGRATION  
IN THE WESTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN  
in cooperation with  
**IEMed  
Union for the Mediterranean  
Medthink 5+5**

● 13 NOVEMBER | MILAN

HOMEGROWN TERRORISTS:  
WHO THEY ARE?  
HOW TO COUNTER THEM?

● 17 NOVEMBER | BRUSSELS

BEYOND CRISIS:  
IDENTIFYING  
TOP PRIORITIES  
IN NORTH AFRICA  
FOR 2018  
in cooperation with  
**International Crisis Goup**

● 21 NOVEMBER | MILAN

A NEW DEAL FOR LIBYA:  
THE ROAD AHEAD  
in cooperation with  
**U.S. Consulate General**

● 23 NOVEMBER | ROME

THE SECURITY  
CHALLENGES  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN:  
A VIEW FROM TURKEY

## PRE MED

● 29 NOVEMBER | ROME

**WOMEN'S FORUM**  
WOMEN IN THE  
MEDITERRANEAN REGION:  
DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

**POLICY PLANNERS' FORUM**  
EXCHANGING  
VIEWS AND IDEAS  
ON THE FUTURE  
OF THE "GLOBAL  
MEDITERRANEAN"

**YOUTH FORUM**  
MED YOUNG LEADERS:  
CONNECT AND ENGAGE

**RELIGION FORUM**  
RELIGION AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS:  
SETTING A  
MEDITERRANEAN  
AGENDA

**ENERGY FORUM**  
THE GRAND ENERGY  
TRANSITION:  
EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN,  
NORTH AFRICA  
AND EUROPE

**SPORT FORUM**  
SPORT NOSTRUM:  
FOSTERING DIALOGUE  
AND SOCIAL INNOVATION  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN  
REGION

● 30 NOVEMBER | ROME

**EURO-MED THINK TANK  
FORUM**  
THINK TANKS  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN:  
POLICY OPTIONS  
TO BUILD A BETTER  
FUTURE

**MEDIA FORUM**  
FROM THE WEB UP:  
BUILDING SOCIETIES  
THROUGH  
NEW DIGITAL TOOLS.  
THE CHALLENGE  
OF DEMOCRACY  
IN THE INTERCONNECTED  
MEDITERRANEAN

**BUSINESS FORUM**  
DRIVERS OF  
COMPETITIVENESS  
IN THE MENA REGION

**DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION FORUM**  
WATER AND MARINE  
RESOURCES FOR THE  
MEDITERRANEAN:  
YOUTH & INNOVATION

## MED DIALOGUES

● 30 NOVEMBER | ROME

WELCOMING REMARKS / KEYNOTE SPEECHES

**PLENARY**  
BEYOND THE CRISES: TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM IRAN

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM LIBYA

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM CHINA

● 1 DECEMBER | ROME

**BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM**

**LIBYA:**  
ENHANCING  
THE ECONOMIC  
PROSPECTS  
*(coordinated by ISPI)*

**GOVERNING  
LOCAL IDENTITIES:**  
DECENTRALIZATION  
AS A SOLUTION?  
*(coordinated by DGAP and MERI)*

**IRAN'S POLITICAL  
CHALLENGES  
AND ECONOMIC  
OPPORTUNITIES**  
*(coordinated by IFRI)*

**PROMOTING  
INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**  
*(coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP)*

**PLENARY**  
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AND INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM EGYPT

**DIALOGUE**

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

SHARED SECURITY  
COMMON STRATEGIES

DIALOGUE AT WORK:  
CULTURE, SPORT  
& CIVIL SOCIETIES

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

ENERGY FOR PEACE:  
TURNING CHALLENGES  
INTO OPPORTUNITIES

ROOTING OUT  
RADICALIZATION:  
EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE  
MEASURES

**PLENARY**  
MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM RUSSIA

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA

● 2 DECEMBER | ROME

**PLENARY**  
THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**DIALOGUE**  
TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY

**DIALOGUE:** A VIEW FROM QATAR

**DIALOGUE**

**DIALOGUE**

**CLOSING**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30**

14.00  
**FERNANDES**  
ROOM

*Welcoming Remarks*

**Giampiero MASSOLO**, President, ISPI, Italy  
**Claudio DESCALZI**, CEO, Eni, Italy  
**Alessandro PROFUMO**, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

**KEYNOTE SPEECHES**

**Angelino ALFANO**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy  
**Michel AOUN**, President, Lebanon

*At the presence of the President of the Italian Republic*  
**Sergio MATTARELLA**

15.30

**PLENARY**

**BEYOND THE CRISES:  
TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?**

*Chair:* **Thomas GOMART**, Director, IFRI, France

**Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT**, Secretary General, Arab League  
**Ibrahim AL-JAAFARI**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq  
**Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN**, Secretary General, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation  
**Robert MALLEY**, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

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**Roberta PINOTTI**, Minister of Defence, Italy  
**"A Wider Security for the Mediterranean Region: the Italian View"**

17.00

**A VIEW FROM IRAN**

**Mohammad Javad ZARIF**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran  
*in conversation with* **Monica MAGGIONI**, President, Rai  
*and* **Nicolas PELHAM**, The Economist

17.30

**A VIEW FROM LIBYA**

**Ahmed Omar MAITEEG**, Vice President, Presidential Council, Libya  
*in conversation with* **Alberto NEGRI**, Il Sole 24 Ore  
*and* **Francesca PACI**, La Stampa

18.00

**A VIEW FROM CHINA**

**Ying FU**, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress, China  
*in conversation with* **Mark LEONARD**, Director, ECFR

*Cocktail followed by a private visit at the*  
**BORGHESE GALLERY**  
*(by invitation only)*

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 1**

08.30  
**SFORZA**  
 ROOMS

**BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM**

**LIBYA:  
 ENHANCING  
 THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS**

*coordinated by ISPI*

*Chair:* **Arturo VARVELLI**, Co-Head, Middle East and North Africa Centre, ISPI, Italy

**Ehab ABDULGADER**, Director and COO, PetroGas, Libya  
**Zuhir A. Ali MAHMUD**, Development Programs Advisor, Presidential Council GNA, Libya  
**Mustafa SANALLAH**, CEO, National Oil Company, Libya  
**Omar TARHUNI**, Advisor and Consultant, Presidential Council GNA, Libya  
**Tarik M. YOUSEF**, Member, Board of Directors, Libya Central Bank

**IRAN'S POLITICAL CHALLENGES  
 AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

*coordinated by IFRI*

*Chair:* **Dorothee SCHMID**, Head of Turkey and Middle East Program, IFRI, France

**Matthieu ETOURNEAU**, Managing Director, French Business Center of Tehran, Iran  
**Vali NASR**, Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, USA  
**Seyed Mohammad Kazem SAJJADPOUR**, Head, Center for International Research and Education of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President, IPIS, Iran

**GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES:  
 DECENTRALIZATION  
 AS A SOLUTION?**

*coordinated by DGAP and MERI*

*Chair:* **Dina FAKOUSSA**, Head, Middle East and North Africa Programme, DGAP, Germany

**Dlawer ALA'ALDEEN**, President, MERI, Iraq  
**Ranj ALAALDIN**, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha, Qatar  
**Virginie COLLOMBIER**, Research Coordinator, Middle East Directions Programme, EUI  
**Nafti MAHDI**, Member, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia

**PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL  
 TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

*coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP Policy Center*

*Chair:* **Maria DEMERTZIS**, Deputy Director, Bruegel, Belgium

**Karim EL AYNAOUI**, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Morocco  
**Michael KÖHLER**, Director, Neighbourhood South, DG NEAR, European Commission  
**Jacques J. SARRAF**, Honorary President, BusinessMED and Chairman, Malia Group, Lebanon

10.00  
**FERNANDES**  
 ROOM

**PLENARY  
 ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS:  
 A TOOL FOR GROWTH**

*Chair:* **Andrea BIGNAMI**, Sky TG24

**Thamer ALFAILAKAWI**, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development  
**Fouad MAKHZOUMI**, Executive Chairman and CEO, Future Pipe Industries, Lebanon  
**Beniamino QUINTIERI**, President, SACE, Italy  
**Naguib SAWIRIS**, CEO, Orascom - Telecom Media and Technology Holding, Egypt

11.15

**A VIEW FROM EGYPT**

**Sameh Hassan SHOUKRY**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt  
*in conversation with* **Gerardo GRECO**, Rai  
*and* **Nicolas PELHAM**, The Economist

11.45

**DIALOGUE**

**Federica MOGHERINI**, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President, European Commission  
*in conversation with* **James POLITI**, Financial Times  
*and* **Maha YAHYA**, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center, Lebanon

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 1**

12.15

PLENARY SESSIONS

► **FERNANDES ROOM**

**SHARED SECURITY,  
COMMON STRATEGIES**

*Chair:* **Giampiero MASSOLO**, President, ISPI, Italy

**Alessandro PROFUMO**, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

**Youssef AMRANI**, Advisor of the King, Morocco  
**Alistair BURT**, Minister of State for the Middle East,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK  
**Rose GOTTEMOELLER**, Deputy Secretary General, NATO  
**Ahmet YILDIZ**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Turkey

► **SFORZA ROOM**

**DIALOGUE AT WORK:  
CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES**

*Chair:* **Maria CUFFARO**, Rai

**Lea BAROUDI**, Co-Founder and Director, March, Lebanon  
**Hind Aboud KABAWAT**, Member of the Syrian High  
Negotiations Committee; Director of Interfaith  
Peacebuilding Center, George Mason University, USA  
**Honey THALJIEH**, Save the Dream Ambassador;  
Co-founder of the Palestinian Women's National  
Football Team; FIFA Manager

13.30

► **BUFFET LUNCH**

15.00

PLENARY SESSIONS

► **FERNANDES ROOM**

**ENERGY FOR PEACE:  
TURNING CHALLENGES  
INTO OPPORTUNITIES**

*Chair:* **Claire SPENCER**, Senior Fellow,  
Chatham House, UK

**Claudio DESCALZI**, CEO, Eni, Italy

**Talal AL-RAHBI**, Deputy Secretary General,  
Supreme Council for Planning, Oman  
**Fatih BIROL**, Executive Director, International Energy Agency  
**Tarek EL MOLLA**, Minister of Petroleum  
and Mineral Resources, Egypt

► **SFORZA ROOM**

**ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION:  
EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

*Chair:* **Stefano POLLI**, ANSA

**Alain AOUN**, Vice Chair, Defence and Interior Committee,  
Lebanese Parliament  
**Abdelhak BASSOU**, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center,  
Morocco  
**Olivier ROY**, Joint Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI  
**Lorenzo VIDINO**, Head, Radicalization  
and International Terrorism Center, ISPI, Italy

16.15

**FERNANDES  
ROOM**

**PLENARY**

**MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP**

*Chair:* **Paolo MAGRI**, Executive Vice President and Director, ISPI, Italy

**Filippo GRANDI**, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations

**Mario GIRO**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy  
**Khemaies JHINAOU**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia  
**Abdelkader MESSAHEL**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Algeria  
**Ibrahim YACOUBOU**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Niger

**Fatma ŞAHIN**, Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey

18.00

**A VIEW FROM RUSSIA**

**Sergej LAVROV**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation  
*in conversation with* **Giancarlo ARAGONA**, Senior Advisor, ISPI, Italy  
*and* **Vali NASR**, Dean, Johns Hopkins University, USA

18.45

**A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA**

**Adel AL-JUBEIR**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia  
*in conversation with* **Monica MAGGIONI**, President, Rai *and* **Maurizio MOLINARI**, Editor in Chief, La Stampa



**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2**

08.30  
**FERNANDES**  
 ROOM

**PLENARY**

**THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

*Chair:* **James MCGANN**, Professor, University of Pennsylvania, USA

**Ian LESSER**, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Belgium

**Robert MALLEY**, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

**Walter Russell MEAD**, Editor, The American Interest, USA

10.00

**DIALOGUE**

**TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY**

**Siqing CHEN**, Chairman, Bank of China

**Jeffrey D. SACHS**, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA

*in conversation with* **Andrea CABRINI**, CLASS CNBC

10.45

**A VIEW FROM QATAR**

**Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim AL-THANI**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

*in conversation with* **Alberto NEGRI**, Il Sole 24 Ore

*and* **David HEARST**, Middle East Eye

11.15

**DIALOGUE**

**Ghassan SALAMÉ**, Special Representative and Head of UNSMIL, United Nations

*in conversation with* **Giorgio ZANCHINI**, Rai

*and* **Sami ZAPTIA**, Libya Herald

11.45

**DIALOGUE**

**Abraham YEHOSHUA**, Writer, Israel

*in conversation with* **Enrica TONINELLI**, Rai

12.15

**CLOSING**

**Angelino ALFANO**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

**Paolo GENTILONI**, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy

**Giampiero MASSOLO**, President, ISPI, Italy

*At the presence of the President Emeritus of the Italian Republic and Honorary President of ISPI*

**Giorgio NAPOLITANO**

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# ROME MED HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTERS







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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia



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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Niger



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Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs  
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Congress, China



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