

Lebanese Consociational Democracy in the Consideration of the Future of Syria and Iraq

December 11th, 2018
Lancaster Plaza, Beirut, Lebanon

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30 Arrival and registration

09:30 – 10:00 Welcoming address:

- President **Amine Gemayel** from Maison du Futur
- **Panos Tasiopoulos** from the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

10:00 – 11:30 First Session: The Advantages of Consociational Democracy: What can be taken from the European and Lebanese experiences and applied to Syria and Iraq?

Moderator: **Nassif Hitti**, Former ambassador, and university professor, Lebanon

- **Dr. Antoine Messara**, member of the Constitutional Council, Lebanon
- **Michel Kilo**, writer, Part of the opposition group who drafted the Damascus Declaration, founder of the Revival of Civil Society Organization (Skype), Syria
- **Dr. Hashem Daoud**, researcher and activist, Iraq

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Second Session: The Disadvantages of Consociational Democracy: What are the flaws of this governance system to be avoided in Syria and Iraq?

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- **Dr. Hassan Mneimneh**, scholar at Middle East Institute and Principal at Middle East Alternatives, Lebanon
- **Dr. Wathek al-Hashemi**, president of Iraqi group for Strategic Studies, Iraq
- **Samir al-Aita**, President of the Forum of Arab Economists and former editor of the Arab Bulletin of *Le Monde Diplomatique* and chairman of the board of Concept, Syria

13:15 – 13:30 Summary and Prospective

- **Dr. Antoine Sfeir (Esq.)**, lawyer and university professor, Lebanon

13:30 *Discussion Lunch*

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