

## newsSeminar “Modern Arab and Islamic Thought”. Registration Open.

30 May 2016

Seminar "Modern Arab and Islamic Thought", part of the activities of the [Chair of Studies in Islamic Civilization and Renewal of Religious Thought](#) [1], established by the Euro-Arab Foundation and [Mominoun Without Borders Foundation](#) [2].

Registration open till 27 May, 2016.

*The fifth and last seminar, held from 30 May to 3 June, 2016, and imparted by Dr. Said Bensaid Al-Alaoui and Dr. Abdullah Al-Sayed Ould Abah, both experts in the subject, discusses among its program the main theoreticians, schools, trends, changes and horizons of the modern Arab and Islamic thought.*

### Modern Arab and Islamic Thought.

The seminar tackles the subject of modern Arab and Islamic thought from a perspective that considers the history of thought in order to understand the issues related to the delay and progress of Arab-Islamic societies. Those issues are being researched by several thinkers of the so-called 'era of the Arab renaissance', trying to understand why the European West has advanced in material and intellectual progress while Arabs and Moslems have remained behind, suffering decadence in all its manifestations.

The program of the seminar includes the main and essential contributions of modern Arab and Islamic thought, as well as a debate regarding its challenges for renaissance and reformation. Apart from analyzing the forms and manifestations of the renaissance questioning, the seminar presents the different responses of Moslem thinkers since the XIX century, as well as the weaknesses in their proposed models.

The seminar aims at drawing wider horizons that help study the possibilities of qualifying Moslem world to achieve human civilization beyond ideological conflicts that exist between different intellectual and political trends in the Arab world.

### Objectives of the Seminar:

- Explain the major trends in modern Arab and Islamic thought.
- Analyze the basic concepts of that thought (renaissance, decadence, reformation, modernization, renovation, the West)
- Compare modern Arab and Islamic thought with the Classical and the Enlightenment thoughts.

### Speakers:

- **Dr. Said Bensaid Al-Alaoui.** Doctor in Philosophy from the University of Rabat in 1987. Since 1978, Professor of Islamic Thought and Philosophy at the same University. Former President of the University Mohammed V in Rabat. His areas of research are Social History, Philosophy and Political Thought. Published several books in Arabic language, among which figure *Fiqh and Politics, Discourse and Political Legitimacy in Sunni Islam, Muslims and the Future* and *Islam and Current Issues*.
- **Dr. Abdullah Al-Sayed Ould Abah.** Professor of Philosophy and Islamic Studies at the University of Nouakchott in Mauritania. Visiting Professor at several Arab and International universities where he teaches Islamic Philosophy, Philosophy of Ethics, Politics and Religion and Philosophy of Law. Former coordinator of programs of Arabic and Islamic Culture and Dialogue of Civilizations (ALECSO 2001-2005). Published several books, among which figure *History and Reality according to Foucault, Trends of Globalization, The World after 11 September, Obstacles for Democracy in the Arab World, Reality and Identity* and *New Arab Revolutions: Circle and Destination*.

**The Seminar is held from 30 May to 3 June, 2016, at the headquarters of the Euro-Arab Foundation from Monday to Thursday from 17h00 to 21h00 and Friday from 10h00 to 14h00.**

- **Working Hours:** 20 hours
- **Registration Fees:** 10 €.
- **Accreditation:** The Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies will issue a Certificate of Achievement to students who attend minimum 80% of the sessions.
- **Registration:** Obligatory. Limited places (30). Registraton open till 27 May, 2016. Presentation of the

Application Form is required. (Application Form attached in this same page).



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