In the globalization frame, the so-called "emerging human rights", express the need of new rights; there are those related to the communication and the application of New Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). These new social tools have given course for a new public global space, contribute in a substantive way to development process centred in the person and its possibility of use is as well a condition for the exercise and the defense of the rest of human rights.

The importance of the new technologies affects every area of the world. Despite the existence of a digital gap in the Mediterranean area, especially in the south and oriental side, satellite televisions, internet products related to the mobile telephony and social networks are widely-spread, grow quickly and play a key role in social change process, modernization of social relations, but also in the conformation of new spaces of citizen activism. In many cases, the cyberspace has become in the field of action, and the refuge of political dissent and civic self-organization. There have also appeared transnational networks in the area, and even further, which defend specific interests.

In contexts of political authoritarism or of situations of conflict as those who live the Mediterranean countries and especially arab countries, the use of the ICT has become a widely spread civic practice. This has provoked censorship and persecution by the authorities (internet, censorship, web pages shut down, imprisoning bloggers, etc). These violations of freedom of expression are increasingly present in the debate of human rights in UE relations, what challenges societies on both sides. The current revolts in several countries have put in evidence the importance of these new tools of social communication.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th

16:30 h. OPENING SESSION

Salvador Clotas
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17:00 h. INTRODUCTORY CONFERENCE
ICT AND HUMAN RIGHTS, A GENERAL APPROACH

Rafael González-Tablas Sastre
Member of the Laboratory of New Technologies and Human Rights.
Sevilla University, Spain

18:00 h. BREAK

18:15 h. ROUND TABLE
ICT IN ARAB COUNTRIES

ICT in Arab countries, a general view
Habib Battah
Freelance journalist, filmmaker and media critic based in Beirut and New York

Virtual space, scenario of alternative communication and expression of dissent
Yves Gonzalez-Quijano
IFPO, Beyrouth; website "Culture et politique árabe"

Social Networks in the Arab Countries
Ahmed Naji
Journalist and Blogger

Chair Person and Moderator:
Olga Del Río
Professor of Communication Sciences Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona
y Universitat de Girona

20:00 h. DEBATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 31st

9:30 h. ROUND TABLE
ICT USE BY DEFFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

ICT and civil society in the Arab countries
Abdallah Saaf
CERSS, Rabat

Larbi Chouikha
Human rights activist and professor at Tunis University

Deconstructing Internet Censorship and Control
Ben Wagner
European University Institute, Florence

Current methods of internet leaks and control: landscape in Middle East and Magreb
Kavé Salamatian
Professor at the University of Savoie. Director of the European Doctoral School
on Internet Science

Women and ICT in the Arab countries
Dina Atef Mandour
Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Chair Person and Moderator:
Gerard Fuchs
Head of International Cooperation Department of the Jean Jaurès Foundation

11:30 h. BREAK

12:00 h. DEBATE

14:00 h. LUNCH

16:00 h. ROUND TABLE
ICT, DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENSHIP

Transnational construction of identity: the Palestinian case
Miriyam Aouragh
Oxford Internet Institute. UK

ICT and transnational political action (Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Tunis...)
Laurie E. King
Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University

ICT and Tahir revolution in Egypt
Gamal Eid
The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information, Egypt

Human Rights, protests and ICT. The Tunisian experience
Sofiène Ben Haj M'Hamed
Blogger. Tunisia

Chair Person and Moderator:
Gregorio Cámara
Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Granada. Director of the Chair
Fernando de los Rios

18:00 h. DEBATE

19:30 h. CLOSING

Gema Martín Muñoz

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