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Venue: IEMed, Sala Consell, Calle Girona, 20, 08010 Barcelona, Spain

External Experts - Biographies:



Sébastien Abis

Sébastien Abis, political analyst, is currently an Administrator at the General Secretariat CIHEAM (*International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies*). Under the direction of the Secretary General, he is responsible for overseeing administrative relations with the 13 Member Countries of the Organization and authorities and with the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute (MAI) of Montpellier, one of the four MAIs of CIHEAM. Sébastien Abis is also in charge of the communication policy and publications. He coordinates, at scientific and technical levels, the report *Mediterra*, a compendium of shared expertise intended as a decision-making tool. He is also the founder and the chief editor of the *Watch* letter, a three-monthly publication.

As Political Analyst, Sébastien Abis is the author/co-author of many books, reports, research papers and documented conference presentations, dealing with Euro-Mediterranean Geopolitics and Economics, Sustainable Development and Agricultural and Food Security Affairs.

He is member of the IREMMO (Institut d'étude et de recherche sur la Méditerranée et le Moyen-Orient) and of its review « *Confluences Méditerranée* ». Sébastien Abis is also Scientific Adviser for the *Futuribles* International Association and member of the editorial board of the review "*Futuribles Journal*". He is also member of the Scientific Committee of Euromed-IHEDN Network.



Roberto Aliboni

Roberto Aliboni is the Senior Research Advisor for the European Institute of the Mediterranean-IEMed, Barcelona, and a Scientific Counselor for the Italian Institute of International Affairs-IAI, Rome.

He served as both Director and Vice President at the IAI, has held research positions with various Italian think tanks, and has taught at the Universities of Naples and Perugia.

In 1993-4, he conceived of and successfully established the Mediterranean Study Commission (MeSCo), a network of Mediterranean Institutes dealing with security and international affairs, which became the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission-EuroMeSCo in 1996.

He has published numerous articles and books regarding Mediterranean and Middle Eastern security and international relations.



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Albert Alsina



Albert Alsina has more than 8 years experience in General Management on global and European basis, more than 14 years of international experience in a multinational environment, plus several years experience in Private Equity and Venture Capital with Premira and Catalana d'Iniciatives. He also has experience in General Management in a Private Equity environment in a MBI project with CD&R, as well as transactional experience in M&A, contract negotiations and business plans implementation.

He worked 9 years in General Cable Corporation (industrial, energy and telecommunications), 3 years in Textron (industrial and engineering) and 2.5 years in VWR (distribution of pharma products). Held several executive positions in the USA, UK, Brazil, Germany, Zimbabwe and Spain.

Business Administration, University of Barcelona. Postgraduate in European Management, University of Poitiers (France). Masters in European Management, University of Fulda (Germany). Corporate Finance, Harvard Business School (EEUU). Operative Finance, London Business School (UK). Global Leadership Program (AMP), Wharton Business School (USA), PADE (IESE).

Albert Alsina is currently involved in the Private Equity department of Riva y Garcia to carry out the function of Director of Fons Mediterrània Capital F.C.R. that comprises € 62 M of assets under management.

Xavier Aragall



B.Sc. in Political Science at Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Researcher in migrations at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed.) in Barcelona works in the Euromed Policies and Regional Programmes Department where coordinates the Migration Programmes.

The IEMed. acts as an observatory of Mediterranean migrations based on the experience acquired as a study centre of human movements and interculturality. It focuses its works on the general comparative vision of the European and Mediterranean migrations, on the debates on migration policies, and on analysing the emerging issues and monitoring the trends in this field.

Also in the Euromed Policies Department takes part of the scientific team of the **Euromed Survey**, an European Commission four years project to conduct an annual survey of experts and actors active in the field of Euro-Mediterranean relations to assess the progress, achievements and shortcomings of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.



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Houda Ben Jannet Allal

Dr. Houda Ben Jannet Allal, recently appointed Director of Strategy at OME, joined OME in 1992 where her activities included energy prospects, analysis and financing of renewable energy projects, energy efficiency and demand side management, implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and especially the Clean Development Mechanism in the Mediterranean region, impact assessment projects. She has also participated in several research projects and studies for the EC and has coordinated large Euro-Mediterranean projects for DG-Research dealing particularly with renewable energy development in the Mediterranean region, such as MED-CSD, REMAP and MEDRES Projects. Dr. Allal has a graduate degree in energy economics from Institut Français du Pétrole, the University of Paris2/Assas and the University of Dijon (France). She also holds a PhD from the Ecole des Mines de Paris.



Youssef Courbage

Youssef Courbage, born in Aleppo in 1946, has lived his infant and childhood in Beirut. After studying Economics and Sociology at St-Joseph and Lebanese Universities in Lebanon, he graduated in Demography and Urban Planning at the Sorbonne and Dauphine Universities.

Since then his career was mainly devoted to demographic research and training. Namely with the United Nations in Beirut, Cairo, Yaoundé (Cameroon), Port-au-Prince (Haiti) and Rabat (Morocco). In 1990 he was appointed as researcher then research director at the National Institute of Demographic Studies in Paris. He has been continuously a member of this Institute, except in 2003-2005 where he headed the department of contemporary studies at French Institute of the near East in Beirut (IFPO).

His research of researches has covered mainly the Arab and Moslem populations, the old and new minorities and the political, social and economic correlates of population dynamics. He has published around 350 books, chapters of books, articles in peer reviews, reports etc.



Bichara Khader

Bichara Khader (MA John Hopkins University, Bologna Center; PhD Catholic University of Louvain, UCL, Belgium) is a Professor of political, economic and social sciences, and the Director of the Arab Study and Research Center at UCL. He was a member of the Group of High Experts on the European Foreign Policy and Common Security and a member of the "Groupe des Sages" for Euro-Mediterranean cultural dialogue. His latest publications are "le Monde Arabe expliqué à l'Europe" (2009) and "l'Europe pour la Méditerranée de Barcelone à Barcelone, 1995-2009 (2009).



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Wafaa Sobhy Ibrahim

Wafaa Sobhy Ibrahim has spent 28 years in GAFI, holding several positions beginning with project evaluation researcher which was ended by the vice chairman for institutional development in April 2007. She has participated in projects and initiatives at regional, national and international levels, focused on the assistance and support of investment promotion in Egypt and participated in many international conferences, fairs related to investment and international cooperation. Prior to this, she worked at the Suez Canal Authority as an economic researcher.

She holds a Bachelor Degree in Economics from Cairo University faculty of economics and political science (1977), has gained her Diploma in investment and finance management from El Sadat Academy for Managerial Sciences, and joined the senior executive program in the Middle East (SEPME) at Harvard Business School in 2004.

She was elected as president of ANIMA Investment Network effective from January 2010. ANIMA is part of the consortium managing Invest in Med, a project funded by the EU aimed at increasing FDI to the Euro Mediterranean in cooperation with business associations from North to South.