



BIOGRAPHIES

Khaled Fouad Allam, Professor of Sociology at the University of Trieste, columnist of La Repubblica, Italy

(Tlemcen, Algeria, 1955) - He is Professor of Sociology of the Muslim World at the Universities of Trieste, Urbino and the Stanford University of Florence, his research interests include contemporary Muslim world and the analysis of Islam phenomena of acculturation. He has been appointed Expert about Immigration and New Citizenships matters for the European Union and the European Council. He has been editorialist for "La Stampa" and currently is editorialist for "La Repubblica" and Scientific Adviser of the Turin International Book Fair. He has published several essays and books, among which "Global Islam" (Rizzoli, 2002) and "Letter to a kamikaze" (Rizzoli, 2004).

Piero Bassetti, President of Globus et Locus, Italy

- He graduated in Economics at the University of Milan and subsequently attended courses of specialization at Cornell University and London School of Economics. He was the first President of Lombardy Region, member of Parliament, President of Milan Chamber of Commerce and President of Italian Commerce Chambers for Foreign Countries. From 1983 to 2002 he was President of the Italian Group of the Trilateral Commission. Mr Bassetti has written several books, among which: "The reins of power" (Milan 1959) written with Giacomo-Corna Pellegrini, "Uncomfortable west" (Florence 1978), "Italy is broken" (Rome-Bari 1996), "Milanese without Milan" (Milan 1999). Currently he is President of Globus et Locus Association and of the "Fondazione Gainnino Bassetti".

Shlomo Ben-Ami, former Ambassador of Israel to Spain, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel

(Morocco, 1943) - He was educated at Tel-Aviv University and Oxford University (England) from which he received a Ph.D. in History, heading later the School of History of Tel-Aviv University (1982-86). Elected as a Labour MK in 1996, he served as Israel's Ambassador to Spain from 1987 to 1991. He served as a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and of the Sub-committee on Foreign Service. In 1999 he was appointed Minister of Public Security. He later served as Israel's foreign minister until the spring of 2001. In 2000 he participated in the ill-fated July peace talks at Camp David and led the negotiating team in Taba in January 2001. He has published several books in English, Spanish and Hebrew. "Scars of War, Wounds of Peace: The Arab-Israeli Tragedy" is his last book.

Josep Borrell Fontelles, President of the European Parliament, Spain

(Catalonia, Spain, 1947) - He holds a Degree in aeronautical engineering from the Universidad Politécnica of Madrid, a Doctorate in Economic Sciences from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid, a Master's degree in Energy Economics from the Institut français du

Pétrole of Paris and a Master's degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of Stanford (California). On his return from the USA in 1974 he joined the Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE). From 1982 to 1984 he was Secretary-General of the Budget in the first González government, from 1984 to 1991 he served as Treasury Minister, from 1991 to 1996 he was twice Minister for Public Works, Transport and the Environment. In 1999 he was appointed chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs until 2004, in the years 2002-2003 he was a member of the European Convention and in 2004 he was elected President of the European Parliament.

Marco Calamai, Expert in International Cooperation, Journalist

(Italy, 1940) - He holds a degree in Electronic Engineering (University of Pisa, 1965) and a degree in Journalism (Rome, 1979). After some years in electronic and informatics companies he has held key positions in Italy's Trade Union, the CGIL (Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro), being particularly involved in relations with Trade Unions in Europe and Latin America. Since the eighties, he has been involved in technical cooperation projects (democracy building, local governance, employment generation, human rights, ethnic minorities...) in the framework of International Labor Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), European Union and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, especially in Latin America, Kosovo, Algeria and Iraq. His activity as journalist and writer has been mainly dedicated to democratic transition and civil society in Spain, Portugal, Latin America, Kosovo and Iraq. His last book: "Zapatero - Il socialismo dei cittadini" (Marco Calamai - Aldo Garzia, Feltrinelli, February 2006)

Luigi Guidobono Cavalchini, Ambassador, President of Unicredit Private Banking, Italy

(Torino, Italy, 1934) - Graduated in law at the University of Turin, he started a diplomatic career in 1961. Between 1964 and 1972 he worked as Permanent Representative of Italy for the CEE in Brussels and then became Consul of Italy in Bern. After being Head Secretary of the General Direction of the Economics Affairs, between 1972 and 1976, he became First Counsellor of the Permanent Representation of Italy for OCSE in Paris, and afterwards for the Italian Embassy in Paris until 1979. Plenipotentiary Minister of Second Class in 1980 and of First Class in 1985, he became Head of the Cabinet for Foreign Affairs in 1985. Appointed Ambassador in 1987, he was General Secretary of Presidency of the Ministers Council between 1989 and 1991, then Ambassador in Paris from 1991 to 1995 and Permanent Representative of Italy for the European Union in Brussels since the same year.

Mohamed Charfi, former Minister of Education and Professor of Law at Tunis University, Tunisia

(Sfax, Tunisia, 1936) - Mohamed Charfi was assistant and then Professor of International Law at Tunis University from 1964 until his retirement in 2003. He was President of the Tunisian League for the Defence of Human Rights from 1981 to 1989 and then he was appointed Minister for Education and Scientific Research. He introduced a reform of modernization of the system of education, but resigned in 1994 for growing disagreements on the system of public freedom. In the book "Islam and freedom: the historical misunderstanding", he denounces religious extremism and presents a liberal view on Islam.

Manuel Chaves Gonzalez, President of the Regional Council of Andalusia

(Ceuta, Spain, 1945) - He graduated in Law at the University of Sevilla and then was Professor at the Universities of Bilbao (1975-77) and Córdoba. He has been elected President of the Regional Council of Andalusia in 1990 and then re-elected again. He was member of the Spanish Parliament from 1977 to 1990 and Minister of Labour and Social Security from 1986 to 1990. An activist of PSOE and UGT since 1968, he has been the Secretary-General of PSOE Andalusia since 1994 and in 2000 he was elected President of PSOE. He is also Member of the Committee of the European Regions and was President of its Spanish Delegation. He is promoting the creation of a lobby of Mediterranean Regions in order to foster cooperation on

the South Mediterranean Coast, basing on the model developed by the Regional Council of Andalusia together with Morocco.

Mustapha Cherif, former Minister of Education, Algeria

Former Minister of Education of Algeria, he is a Professor of Political Sciences at the University of Algiers and Visiting Professor at College de France, Paris. An expert about Arab societies, Islam relationship with the modern society, he graduated in Philosophical Politics at Toulouse University and in Sociology at Sorbonne University of Paris. He is former ambassador to Egypt and permanent delegate of at the Arab States League, and author of many books, including: "Islam et modernité", "L'Islam à l'épreuve du temps", "L'Islam, l'autre et la mondialisation".

Giulietto Chiesa, Member of the European Parliament, Italy

(Acqui Terme, Italy, 1940) - Member of the European Parliament since 2004, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on International Trade, he is one of the most famous Italian journalists and author of several books of political content, many of them regarding the Russian transition to democracy. For twenty years correspondent from Moscow for the national newspapers "L'Unità" (1980-1990) and "La Stampa" (1990-2000), he presently is one of the most prestigious columnists. Among his last books he published "Superclan" (Feltrinelli, 2003), "The Infinite War" (Feltrinelli, 2002), "Afghanistan Anno Zero" (Guerini, 2001) and "Genova-G8" reportage on the facts of Genoa, published by Einaudi in 2001. In 2002 he received the Prize Culture of Peace. In 2005 he published his last book, "Cronache Marxziane".

Mohamed El-Said El-Dakkak, Professor of International Law at the University of Alexandria, Egypt

Former Vice-President of Alexandria University (1998 - 2002), Dean of the Faculty of Law at Alexandria University (1993 - 1998) and Visiting Professor in several international universities (Beirut, Siena etc), El-Dakkak was even researcher for various centres, among which the CNR and the Einaudi Foundation, in Italy. President of the "International Law Association" (London 1992-1994), he was then appointed Chairman of Arab and Foreign Affairs and National Security Committee of the Arab Republic of Egypt Senate between 1997 and 2003. He collaborated with International Governmental and non Governmental Organizations such as UNICEF, ICRC, UNHCR, and is member of several associations and boards regarding human rights; he wrote several books, among which "Threat or Use of Force and Violation of Human Rights as an International Crime", "Arab People: their Right to their own Culture", "From the Just War to the Just Peace".

Guido De Marco, former President of Malta

(Valletta, Malta, 1931) - He graduated as a Bachelor of Arts in 1952, in Philosophy, Economics and Italian and in 1955 as a Doctor of Laws. Since 1967 he has been a lecturer and later a Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Malta. Prof. Guido de Marco was first elected in the interests of the Nationalist Party to the House of Representatives in April 1966 and has been returned to Parliament at every General Election. Appointed Deputy Prime Minister of his country in May 1987 - Mr. de Marco was on the same occasion entrusted with the additional portfolios of Minister of Justice and Minister of the Interior. He continued to serve as Malta's Minister of Justice but relinquished his post at the Ministry of the Interior in May 1989 when he was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in May 1990 and remained in office until October 1996. One of his first acts as Foreign Minister was submitting Malta's application for membership of the European Communities in Brussels, also underlying the validity of the Mediterranean dimension. In 1990, Prof. Guido de Marco was elected President of the United Nations General Assembly (45th Session). Between 1996 and 1998 Prof. de Marco served as Shadow Minister and Opposition Spokesman on Foreign Affairs and as a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs. Prof. Guido de Marco was elected President of Malta on 4th April 1999 and held this position until 2004.

Gianni De Michelis, Member of the European Parliament, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

(Venice, Italy, 1940) - Elected to Parliament for the first time in 1976, he was always re-elected until 1994. He occupied many positions in the Italian Government: Minister for State Holdings (1980-83), Minister of Work and Social Security (1983-87), Member of the Cabinet during Craxi's Administration. From 1987 to 1988 he was Leader of the Socialist Party in Parliament and from 1988 to 1989 he served as Deputy Prime Minister. From 1989 to 1992 he was Minister for Foreign Affairs and since 1994 was advisor for the East and Far East. In 1997 he became National Secretary of the Socialist Party. He is currently Member of the European Parliament.

Alvaro De Vasconcelos, Director of Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Portugal

(Oporto, Portugal, 1944) - He has been Director of the Institute for Strategic and International Studies (IEEI), Lisbon, since 1980 and Editor of the IEEI's journals "Estratégia - Revista de Estudos Internacionais" and "O Mundo em Português". He is author of many works on international affairs and both regional and interregional integration, European and Portuguese foreign policy and security and defense issues. He is author of "Álvaro de Vasconcelos, Conversas com José Calvet de Magalhães - Europeístas e Isolacionistas na Política Externa Portuguesa" (2005) and Co-ordinator of the EuroMeSCo Report on "Barcelona Plus. Towards a Euro-Mediterranean Community of Democratic States (April 2005), A European Strategic Concept for the Mediterranean". He serves as a member of the editorial board of "The Journal of North African Studies", "The International Spectator" and "Human Rights & Human Welfare", and of the Advisory Board of "New Europe" (Natolin). Moreover, he is member of the EuroMeSCo Steering Committee and coordinator of its secretariat; co-organizer of the Euro-Latin-American Forum, member of Consent (Constructing Europe Network) Steering Group.

Alain Dieckhoff, Research Director, Centre for International Studies and Research, (Sciences Po, Paris)

Alain Dieckhoff holds degrees from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Paris and a PhD in Political Sociology from the University of Paris (Nanterre). His main research field is politics and society in contemporary Israel. He also works on Israeli-Palestinian relations and on the links between politics and culture in contemporary nationalism. He lectures in political sociology at the IEP. Among his latest books: "The invention of a nation. Zionist thought and the making of modern Israel" London, Hurst, 2002; "La nation dans tous ses Etats. Les identités nationales en mouvement" Paris, Flammarion, 2002; "Israéliens et Palestiniens. La guerre en partage", Paris, Balland, 2003 (with R. Leveau); "The Politics of belonging. Nationalism, Liberalism, and Pluralism", Lanham (MD), Lexington, 2004.

Rafael Estrella, Member of the Spanish Parliament

(Almería, Spain, 1950) - He is Associated Professor at Granada University, Department of Geography (on leave) and PSOE's Spokesman at the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Spanish House of Representatives. He is also Member of the Defence Committee, Member of the Joint European Affairs Committee and Vice-President of the Party of European Socialist. Mr Estrella has been President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2000-2002), where he is currently the Head of the Spanish Delegation. He has also been the co-Chairman of the NATO-Russia Parliamentary Council. Mr. Estrella devotes particular attention to defence and security policy, Transatlantic relations, European and Mediterranean policy, areas on which he has lectured, taken part in panels and published numerous articles.

Amitai Etzioni, Professor of Sociology and International Relations at the George Washington University, US

(Koln, 1929) - He served as Professor of Sociology at Columbia University for 20 years and taught at Harvard and Berkeley. In 1980, Etzioni was named the first University Professor at The George Washington University. In 1990, he founded the Communitarian Network, a non-

profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to shoring up the moral, social and political foundations of society. He served as a senior adviser to the Carter White House Administration and as President of the American Sociological Association (1994–1995). His most recent books are "My Brother's Keeper: A Memoir and a Message" (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), "From Empire to Community: A New Approach to International Relations" (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004) and "The Common Good" (Cambridge, MA: Polity Press, 2004).

Jacques Glowinski, Administrator of the Collège de France, Paris

Neuropharmacologist and Administrator of the Collège de France, Jacques Glowinski has been participating for 40 years to the great development of the knowledge on human brain. His internationally renowned researches permitted a better understanding and treating of many diseases, such as Parkinson and Alzheimer's disease or multiple sclerosis as well as psychosis and depression. He has been awarded with the Grand Prix 2002 de la Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev, President of the World Political Forum, former President of the USSR, Russia

(Privolnoe, Russia, 1931) - Former President of the USSR, elected in 1988 and Nobel Peace Laureate in 1990. First elected as a Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in 1970, in 1971 he became a member and in 1978 Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party. In 1985 he was appointed General Secretary of the Supreme Soviet Communist Party and tried to restructure the economy of the country launching Perestrojka. He also enhanced democratic development by extending individual and collective liberties (Glasnost = transparency), finding considerable resistance in the opposition. He brought great political victories in foreign policy, through his commitment to the cause of peace and cooperation, which led to the signing of the treaty with Ronald Reagan for the elimination of the euro-missiles (Washington, December 1987). He resigned in 1991 after a failed coup organised by the conservative fringe of the Communist Party.

Andrei Grachev, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the World Political Forum, Russia

(Moscow, Russia, 1941) - Graduated in History, he was Editor of the international magazine "World Youth" in Budapest (Hungary). Deputy Director on the International Department of the Central Committee of CPSU and adviser for Mikhail Gorbachev he was later appointed assistant and official Spokesman of the President of the USSR. Political scientist and editorialist for the "New Times" and "Moscow News" Andrei Grachev was teaching as Visiting Professor at "la Sorbonne" (Paris) and Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, and was a Senior Researcher at St Antony's College, Oxford. Author of several books, he's presently member of Russian UN Association, Founding member of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policy of Russia, Adviser at the Gorbachev Foundation (Moscow), Expert of the Association Progress of Management (Paris) and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

Edoardo Greppi, Professor of International Law at the University of Turin, Italy

Professor of International Law and Professor of European Union Law, Faculty of Law, University of Turin. Member of the Italian Society of International Law (SIDI), of the Italian Society for International Organisation (SIOI), and of its Committee for Human Rights. Full Member of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. Author of books on International Trade in Services and on War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in International Law, and of essays and articles on various issues of International Law, International Organisation and European Law.

Ramin Jahanbagloo, Head of Department for Contemporary Studies of the Cultural Research Bureau of Iran

(Tehran, Iran, 1956) - He received his B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy, History and Political Science and later his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Sorbonne University. In 1993 he taught at

the Academy of Philosophy in Tehran. He has been a researcher at the French Institute for Iranian Studies and a fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard. He was an adjunct professor in political philosophy at the University of Toronto. He is the author of 20 books in English, French and Persian, among which "Penser la nonviolence" (UNESCO 1999), "Iran: Between Tradition and Modernity" (ed) (Lexington Press, 2004), "Thinking India!" (with Ashis Nandy) (Oxford University Press, India 2005). He is also the author of many articles in Iranian, Indian, American and French journals. Dr. Jahanbegloo is presently head of Department for Contemporary Studies, Cultural Research Bureau in Iran and a Professor of Political Philosophy at the Azad University -Iran.

Francisco Jarauta, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Murcia, Spain

(Zaragoza, Spain, 1941) - Professor of Philosophy at the University of Murcia and Visiting Professor in many European and American Universities. He is founding member of the Grupo Tanger, Coordinator of the Observatory of Trend Analysis of the Fundación M. Botín and Director of the Foro de la Mundialización. He was Vice-President of the Patronato del Museo Nacional de Arte Reina Sofía (Madrid) and actually is member of the Board of Advisors of IVAM (Valencia), PAN (Naples) and CAAC (Seville). He is member of the Scientific Committee of the Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi Scienze della Cultura (Modena) and of the Fundación M. Botín. He is also member of the Editing Committees of "Iride", "Experimenta", "Microfisuras" and others. He is the Director of the collection "Arquitectura". Among his numerous publications: "Teorías para una nueva sociedad" (2002), "Desafíos de la Mundialización" (2002), "Nueva economía. Nueva sociedad" (2003), "Después del 11 de Septiembre" (2003), "Gobernar la Globalización" (2004).

Saleh Abdel Jawad (Hamayel) Professor of History at Birzeit University, Palestine

(Palestine, 1952) - a Palestinian nationalist and human rights advocate, his political commitments have led him to be imprisoned without trial three times by Arab regimes and three times by the Israeli state, and have also been the basis for his intellectual work, focused on the Palestinian Nakba of 1948 and on Palestinian national rights. He is today an Associate Professor of Political Science at Birzeit University, Palestine, where he has taught since 1982. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Paris-X at Nanterre in 1986. From 2003 to 2004 he was a Visiting Research Professor at Harvard University (Academics at Risk Program). He is the editor of a series of monographs on the destroyed Palestinian villages, and the author and editor of several books and articles on the Palestinian National Movement, with special focus on Israeli strategies toward Palestinian society. His most recent work includes "The Arab and Palestinian Narratives of the 1948 War" (in: Robert Rotberg, editor *The Intertwined Narratives of Israel-Palestine: History's Double Helix*, Indiana University Press, 2006) and "Zionist massacres and the creation of the Palestinian refugees problem In the 1948 war" (in Max Planck Institute For Comparative Public and International Law *Proceedings of the International Conference Israel and the Palestinian Refugees, Heidelberg July 2003*, 2006). His newest research interests focus on Palestinian-Turkish relationships, and on the impact of remittances from Palestinian émigrés on the development of local communities (Ramallah/al Bireh).

Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani, Founder and Chairperson of the Arab International Women's Forum, UK.

Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani holds an MA in Economics from the American University of Beirut and Oxford University. She is Founder and member of the Board of Directors of The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement and member of the Advisory Board as well as Past President of FIWAL, The Federation of International Women's Associations in London. Member of The Women's Leadership Board at John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and of the Advisory Board at Middle East Institute, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. She has Senior roles in several organizations in the UK and Internationally and posts and seats on the Boards of Charities,

Cultural Institutions and NGO's. She chaired and addressed Major Conferences on Women's Issues.

David Kimche, President of the Israel Council for Foreign Relations, Israel

David Kimche served as Deputy Director of the Mossad, as Director General of the Foreign Ministry of Israel from 1980 to 1987 and after that as Ambassador-at-large. He was an officer in Israel's army and was wounded in one of Israel's wars. He is today chairman of the board of one of Israel's leading newspapers, and chairman of Glocal Forum, a non-profit organization based in Rome.

Philippe Kourilsky, Professor of Molecular Immunology at College de France, Paris

(Paris, France, 1942) - Graduated in Mathematics and Physics, he spent the most part of his career at CNRS (France) where he has been Director of Research, before he was appointed Professor at Collège de France in 1998. From 2000 to 2005 he has been the General Director of Institut Pasteur. He is a member of the French Academy of Sciences and of Academia Europaea. He also worked for the French Ministry of Research. He is the author of more than 300 articles published in international scientific and of several books.

Alexander Lebedev, former Russian Ambassador to Turkey

Budimir Loncar, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Croatia, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of ex- Yugoslavia

(Croatia, 1924) - During the People's Liberation War held various political posts in the Union of Communist Youth of Yugoslavia (SKOJ) and the CPY for Dalmatia. Adviser to the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs from November 1969. Ambassador of the SFRY in Bonn from June 1973. Under-Secretary in the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs from December 1977. Ambassador of the SFRY in Washington from November 1979 to December 1983. Deputy Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1983 to 1987. Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs from December 1987 to December 1991. Member of the delegation of the SFRY to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Conference of Non-Aligned Countries.

Sergio Marchisio, Professor of European Law at the Luiss University of Rome, Italy

He is Professor of European Law at the Luiss University of Rome since 1995, Professor of Law of International Organizations at "La Sapienza" University of Rome, and Director of the Institute for International Legal Studies at Cnr. He is President of "Servizio Europa" (Seu) and Secretary-General of the Italian Society of International Law (Sidi). He serves as Chairman of the Legal Sub-Committee of the UN Committee for the Pacific Uses of Outer Space (Vienna) and Vice President of the European Centre of Space Law at the European Space Agency in Paris. As an Italian Government's representative, he took part to many international conferences. Among his books: "Il partenariato euromediterraneo", 2001.

Gema Martín Muñoz, Professor of Sociology of the Arab and Islamic World at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

(Madrid, Spain, 1955) - Gema Martín Muñoz is Professor of Sociology of the Arab and Islamic world at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. She is a columnist for the newspaper El País on Arab and Islamic subjects. Her research interests include the socio-political situations in Middle East countries, Islamic movements and Muslims in Europe. She is among the founders of the Network on Comparative Research on Islam and Muslims in Europe (NOCRIME), created in 2000 and coordinated by CNRS, Sorbonne University, Paris and member of the Advisors' Council of the European Institute of Mediterranean Studies. She is editor of "Islam, Modernism and the West: Cultural and Political Relations at the End of the Millennium" (1999) and author of "Arab State. Crisis of legitimacy and islamist reactions" (2000) and "Iraq, a failure of the West" (2003). Gema Martín is Member of the Advisors Council of the Anna Lindh Foundation for Dialogue among Cultures created by the European Union and the Mediterranean Countries.

Predrag Matvejevic, Writer, Professor of Slavic Literature at the University of Rome, Bosnia-Herzegovina

(Mostar, Bosnia-Erzegovina, 1932) - Professor at the University of Zagreb and then at the Sorbonne, in Paris, he now teaches Slavic literature at La Sapienza University in Rome. After the fall of the Berlin wall, he opposed what he defines "the new regimes of some of the Eastern Countries that define themselves as democratic but have no democratic structure". Among his books: "Epistolario dell'altra Europa" (ed. Garzanti 1992), in defense of human rights and, in particular, of dissident intellectuals of many Eastern Countries, "Breviario Mediterraneo" considered by the critics as a "poetic essay", translated in twenty languages and "Ex Jugoslavia. Diario di una Guerra" (ed. Magma, Napoli 1995), with an introduction by Czeslaw Milosz and a conclusion by Josif Brodskij, both Nobel Prize Laureates. Matvejevic is Chairman of The International Committee of the Fondazione Laboratorio Mediterraneo of Naples, advisor on Mediterranean at the High-Level Advisory Group on Dialogue between Peoples and Cultures of the European Commission and member of the World Political Forum.

Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former Director General of UNESCO, Spain

(Barcelona, Spain, 1934) - Former Director General of UNESCO (1987-1999). Professor Zaragoza is one of the founders of the Severo Ochoa Centre of Molecular Biology at the University of Madrid and of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas. He served as Spanish Undersecretary of Education and Science (1974-75), and as Minister between 1981 and '82. He was elected Deputy in the Spanish Parliament and Advisor to the Prime Minister (1977-78). In 1987 he was appointed MEP and then Director General of UNESCO (re-elected in 1993). In 1999 he left this position and created the Fundación para una Cultura de Paz (Madrid 2000).

Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain

(Madrid, Spain, 1951) - After taking degrees in Law and Political Sciences he started a diplomatic career. He was member of the Spanish Diplomatic Representations in Yugoslavia and Morocco, Vice-Director General for North Africa (1987), Director General of Foreign Policy for Africa and Middle East (1993). He was then appointed Spanish Ambassador to Israel (1996) and Special Envoy of the European Union for the peace process in Middle East until June 2003. In April 2004 he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain.

Mohammed el-Fatah Naciri, Ambassador and Head of the Mission of the League of Arab States to Spain

He has obtained his M.B.A. in 2000 and in 1968 he has acquired a Bachelor of Political Sciences. He has joined the League of Arab States in 1992 where he has occupied several posts as Assistant Director of the European Department and the Department of the Americas, Director of Asia and Eastern Europe, Director of the International Organizations and responsible of the disarmament desk at the General Secretariat of The League of Arab States. He is Head of the Mission of the League of Arab States to Spain since 2003. From 1990 to 1992 he was Counsellor to the Moroccan Airport Authority and Secretary General of the Arab International Airports association. He has started his career as Financial analyst and observer member of the Central Credit Committee for the Banque Central Populaire of Casablanca, Morocco.

Carlo Ossola, Professor of Neo-Latin European Modern Literatures at the Collège de France, Italy

Graduated in Literature and Philosophy at the University of Turin, he is Professor of Italian Literature at the Universities of Geneva, Turin, Padova and Collège de France in Paris. He is author of many books, including : "Figured and remove", "Miroirs sans visage", "Italian Poetry Anthology" written with Cesare Segre. Presently, professor Ossola is also Co-Chairman of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

Jean Bernard Raimond, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France

(Paris, 1926) - Ambassador of France, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs during the second Chirac's Government from 1986 to 1988. He was elected member of the French Parliament (Assemblée Nationale) from 1993 to 1997 and re-elected from 1997 to 2002. He acted as member of the Commission for Foreign Affairs from 1993 to 1997 and as its Vice President from 1997 to 2002, and he also acted as member of the delegation to the European Union from 1994 to 2002. He is the author of: "Le Quai d'Orsay à l'épreuve de la cohabitation" (Flammarion, 1989), "Le choix de Gorbatchev" (Odile Jacob, 1992), "Jean-Paul II, un pape au coeur de l'histoire" (Le Cherche-Midi, nouvelle édition, 2005).

Michel Rocard, former Prime Minister of France, MEP, France

(Courbevoie, France, 1930) - French politician and currently a Member of the European Parliament. He entered politics as a student leader whilst studying at the "Ecole National d'Administration" (E.N.A.). A finance inspector and anti colonialist, he went to Algeria and wrote a report regarding the widely unknown refugee camps. This report was leaked to the newspapers "Le Monde" and "France Observateur" in April 1959, almost costing Rocard his job. He led the Unified Socialist Party (PSU) from 1967 to 1974 and stood in the 1969 Presidential elections. In 1974, he joined François Mitterand and the Socialist Party. Under Mitterand's first presidency, he was Minister of Regional and Economical Planning from 1981 to 1983 and Minister for Agriculture from 1983 to 1985. After Mitterand's re-election, he was Prime Minister (1988-1991) and led the Matignon Accords regarding the status of New Caledonia.

Ghassan Salame, Professor of International Relations at the Institut d'études politiques and Senior Advisor to The United Nations Secretary General, former Minister of Culture, Lebanon
(Lebanon, 1951) - He studied Literature, Political Sciences and Law and taught International Relations at American Universities and Saint-Joseph University (Beirut) and later at Paris University. He has been the co-founder and first professor, The Euro-Mediterranean Chair, The European University Institute, Florence, Italy (1999-2000). He now holds the Chair in Security and Diplomacy at the Institut d'études politiques in Paris. Salame was Lebanon's Minister of Culture (Oct 2000- April 2003), also appointed Chairman and Spokesman of the Organization Committee for the Arab Summit (March 2002) and of the Francophone Summit (October 2002) in Beirut. He sits on the board of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, The Arab Anti-Corruption Organization and International Crisis Group (ICG). He is the author of "Quand l'Amérique refait le monde", Fayard, Paris 2005; "Appels d'empire: ingérences et résistances à l'âge de la mondialisation", Fayard, 1996 (winner of Phenix and APELF awards).

Samir Khalil Samir, Professor of Religious Sciences at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon

Egyptian, Jesuit, Professor of History of Arabian Culture and Islamic Studies at the Saint-Joseph University in Beirut and the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Rome. He's founder and director of the Cedrac (Centre de documentation et de recherches arabes chrétiennes). He's also author of 42 books and over 500 articles about Islam and the Christian Middle-East. One of the most important living Islam experts, Giorgio Paolucci and Camille Eid wrote in the forward of his book "One hundred questions on Islam": "it would be wrong to think he's the kind of scholar who looks at the object of his research with the detachment of the refined intellectual. The striking element of his personality is the fact that his knowledge of the subject is always united to passion for men".

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