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Venice-Delhi Seminars

Identity and Democracy in the Age of Fear

A Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations Conference

Giorgio Cini Foundation, Venice, Italy

October 12-14, 2016

In October 2016, the international association *Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations* in collaboration with *Giorgio Cini Foundation*, *Ca' Foscari University* and *FIND India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogues* will host a discussion in Venice about two trends in the global political discourse across the board: the hardening and radicalization of group identities defined around religion, race or ethnicity, and the shift in the politics of democracies towards anti-élite and populist movements, with a resurgence in nationalism, the growing popularity of illiberal forces, and majoritarian tendencies rising to the surface.

We invite speakers and participants to consider the proliferating inequalities that characterize our political and economic situation today: the gap, ever widening, between citizens and non-citizens (including immigrants, guest workers and refugees) in the democracies of Western Europe; between majority communities and minorities in countries like India and Turkey; and everywhere between those who claim to belong and those trying desperately to lay claim to a share of the rights, resources and life-chances that are accessible to so-called 'full' citizens.

Economic differences and socio-political conflict between different sectional, religious and caste-based (in India) identities are crucial issues in today's world. A period of growth and at least promised social mobility seems to be drawing to a close. Together with the welfare crisis, poverty, inequalities becoming chronic problems both in the Eastern and Western countries. Moreover, it appears that now there is no plausible political inspiration, ideology, party or leadership capable of breaking this impasse, whether in Europe, India or the US.

On October 12, 13 and 14, 2016 in Venice, Reset-DoC will stage a dialogue on these issues shaping and defining our world in ways that pose severe challenges to inclusive development, religious pluralism and liberal democracy.

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FINAL DRAFT

Wednesday – October 12th, 2016

10.00 am – Welcome Coffee

10.15-10.45 am - Welcome address

Giancarlo Bosetti | Director of Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations
Emilio Quinté | Marketing and Communication Director, Fondazione Giorgio Cini
Michele Bugliesi | Rector, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy (tbc)

10.45.00-11.15 am. Introduction

Ananya Vajpeyi | Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi

11.15 am -12.45 am. Session 1: A World at War: Is Religion to Blame?

Nilüfer Göle| Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Nauman Naqvi | Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan
Stephen Prothero |Boston University, Boston MA

12.45 am-2.00 pm. Lunch

2.00-4.00 pm - Session 2. The Rise of “Strongmen” and the trend of Illiberal Democracy

Marina Forti |Independent Journalist, Rome
Mukul Kesavan | Jamia Millia University, New Delhi
Roberto Toscano | Former Italian Ambassador to Iran and India
Thomas Dahnhardt | Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy

4.00-4.15 pm. - Coffee Break

4.15-5.45 pm. Session 3

Elected Autocrats, Demoralized Democrats: Who Speaks for the People?

Niraja Gopal Jayal| Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Sheri Berman| Barnard College, Columbia University
Stefano Beggiora | Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy

Thursday – October 13th, 2016

9.00 am - Coffee

9.15-10.45 am - Session 4

Political Conflict, Economic Inequality and the Radicalization of Identities

Mira Kamdar | International Affairs Journalism Program, École de Journalisme, Sciences Po, Paris
Farhad Khosrokhavar | Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Maurizio Franzini | University of Rome "La Sapienza"

The conference will change location: we will move to Ca' Foscari University due to the *lectio magistralis* given by the indologist Professor Giuliano Boccali

12.00 am-2.00 pm – *Lectio magistralis*

Giuliano Boccali | University of Milan, Italy

Le immagini della natura nella poesia indiana classica

Aula Magna "Silvio Trentin", Ca' Dolfin - Ca' Foscari University

2.00-3.00 pm. Lunch – Ca' Foscari University

3.00-4.00 pm - Aula Magna "Silvio Trentin", Ca' Dolfin, Ca' Foscari University

The failures of nationalism and secularism, in the West and in the Rest

Ashis Nandy in conversation with Ananya Vajpeyi

4.00-5.30 pm. – Aula Magna "Silvio Trentin", Ca' Dolfin, Ca' Foscari University

Session 5. Closing Roundtable

Economic Stagnation, Marginalization and Identities under Threat

Moderated by Giancarlo Bosetti, Director of Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations

Giuliano Amato | Former Prime Minister of Italy and Judge of the Constitutional Court

Nilüfer Göle | Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Ashis Nandy | Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi

6.30 pm. – Artistic *rendez-vous*

Auditorium S. Margherita, Ca' Foscari University, Venice

MARGA - Indian Dance Performance

Apoorva Jayaraman

Free Entry

Friday – October 14th, 2016

Cultural *rendez-vous* for the final day

10.30-11.30 am. Giorgio Cini Foundation, Island of San Giorgio, Venice

Le Stanze del Vetro - The art of Glassmaking in the 20th and 21st Centuries, Permanent Exhibition

Paolo Venini and His Furnace curated by Marino Barovier, Autumn Exhibition

Glass Tea House Mondrian by Hiroshi Sugimoto, Temporary Exhibition

Free Time

6.30 pm - Giorgio Cini Foundation, Island of San Giorgio, Venice - Sala Arazzi

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Tagore's: Songs of Love and Destiny

The music and the poetry of Rabindranath Tagore arranged for voice and piano by Alain

Daniélou

Francesca Cassio |Chair in Sikh Musicology and Associate Professor of Music at Hofstra
University, New York

Ugo Bonessi |Music professor, piano performer, musicologist

Tania di Giuseppe | Voice-over narration, actress

The concert is free and open to all

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