



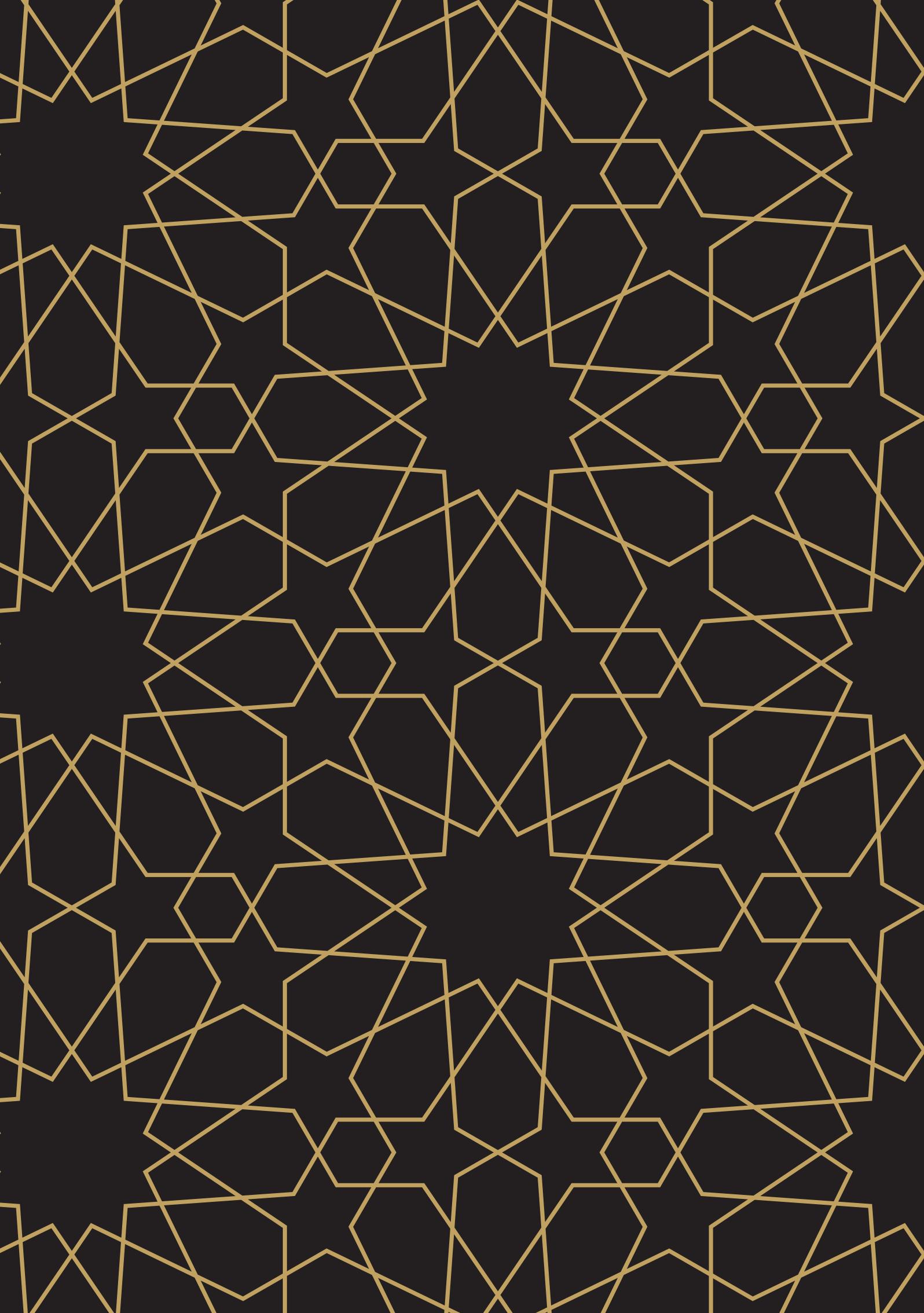
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# Summer Summit 2018

Forum Programme  
25–26 August 2018  
Palazzo dei Congressi  
Lugano, Switzerland

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## **Disclaimer**

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**Foreword**  
**Federal Councillor**  
**Ignazio Cassis**  
**Head of the Federal**  
**Department of**  
**Foreign Affairs**



**Dear Participants**

**On behalf of the Swiss Confederation, I would like to welcome you to this first ever Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit. I am particularly proud that this important event is being hosted in my home Canton of Ticino, and on that note: *benvenuti a Lugano!***

**It has been a long journey – organising the event, applying to participate, preparing the interventions – but now that the MEM Summer Summit has become a reality, it is up to you to make it a success.**

**It is a unique occasion: 150 carefully selected, highly motivated young men and women from over 30 countries of this fascinating region, coming together for 10 days of intensive reflections, debates and exchanges with each other as well as with today's political, business and civil society leaders.**

**It is a precious opportunity: the Middle East and Mediterranean region is undergoing unprecedented change. While this may bring with it numerous challenges, it also offers abundant opportunities. The region now stands at a crossroads, and the young change-makers, the driving force of tomorrow, can together make a difference and contribute towards a more peaceful and prosperous future.**

**Peace and prosperity are at the heart of Switzerland's engagement in the region. Since 2011, we have significantly increased our local presence and activities, which range from humanitarian aid to support for democratic transition processes, a holistic approach to migration, as well as the promotion of economic growth and the strengthening of local labour markets. The common denominator of most of our projects is the prioritisation, inclusion and active engagement of young people who make up over half the population in many countries in the region.**

**With Switzerland's long tradition of promoting dialogue and mediation, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs frequently provides support to innovative and promising private initiatives such as the MEM Summit – initiatives that bring together future leaders to develop and convey new visions for inclusive and sustainable development.**

**I would therefore like to thank and congratulate the Università della Svizzera italiana for organising this Summit, and for providing us with this platform for sharing ideas, developing new narratives, making new friends and expanding our network of contacts.**

***E grazie a voi tutti* for your own, very special contribution, and for making the most of this opportunity to develop ideas and friendships that will endure well beyond the days you share here in Lugano.**

**Foreword**  
**Boas Erez**  
**Rector of**  
**Università**  
**della Svizzera**  
**italiana**



There are several reasons that led us to organize the MEM Summer Summit 2018. First, we wanted to carry out to the fullest our mission as a university. As an institution at the crossroads of culture, economics and politics, Università della Svizzera italiana has the responsibility to give its contribution to public discussion, and support the shaping of a critical consciousness on current issues.

One cannot remain indifferent to what is happening in the Middle East Mediterranean region. Our university, with its many skills and expertise, can provide the tools to elaborate different interpretations, with solid foundations, beyond stereotypes, newsflashes, and partisan interests. The Summit is a chance for debate, an ideal place to share ideas and opinions.

The second reason for organising the MEM Summer Summit, is that we genuinely believe in the potential of young people. The future challenges that the Middle East Mediterranean has to face require a new approach and different work paths, together with new projects that go beyond the physical and cultural boundaries we are used to. That is why the driving force behind the MEM Summer Summit 2018 is represented by the 150 young attendees from 30 countries, who gathered in Lugano for the Seminar and worked together to develop concrete ideas to foster development and dialogue in the region. Getting to know their vision and disseminating their ideas, at multiple levels, is one of the main reasons of this Summit.

In other words, we believe that it is possible to devise and develop narratives that are different from the current ones. The context is objectively dramatic due to armed conflict, economic and humanitarian crisis, and religious and cultural frictions, but there is more than that. There are men and women who, based on their life experience, have much to teach; artists who are able to express the human condition with unique lucidity; communities which do not surrender to dismay and experiment with new forms of citizenship. It is impossible to implement peace and economic projects without a point of reference and the prospect of a better tomorrow. That is why addressing these issues is not only possible, it has become imperative.

I would like to thank the young participants who gladly heeded our call, the institutions, and colleagues, and last but not least those who supported us.

**Foreword**  
**Marco Borradori**  
**Mayor of Lugano**



The City of Lugano confirms its policy of openness by hosting the first edition of the Middle East Mediterranean (MEM) Summer Summit 2018, an international event that aims to create an important platform for dialogue and exchange. Knowledge is one of the few things that we can share and donate without having it reduced at source. On the shores of Lake Lugano, 150 young people from more than 30 countries of the Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe are expected: this diversity of cultures, professional experiences, languages and beliefs is an added value that ensures the variety of points of view and the promotion of a constructive dialogue for the development of the region. This will be an important opportunity to deepen the ongoing situation of fragility and crisis of political and social balances that characterise some countries of the Middle East. Unfortunately, the end of decades of dictatorship has not led to a slow but necessary process of democratisation, but social and ethnic tensions have intensified, leading to bloody wars. Political and economic instability is at the origin of mass migrations: this phenomenon clearly maps the growing inequalities that separate and at the same time connect the North and the South of the world.

The MEM is a complex and rapidly changing region, divided into many ethnic groups, traditions and languages, where we also find the value attributed to the study, research and development of technological innovation with the aim of promoting civil and cultural progress.

The MEM Summer Summit, which will also be attended by high standing and qualified representatives of the political, business and intellectual world, is proposed as a platform for meeting from which emerge reflections, insights and innovative proposals to respond to contemporary challenges. The future stability and prosperity of world-wide equilibrium depends on the ability to identify joint objectives and approaches aimed at resolving the tensions that afflict this area of the world.

I would like to thank the Università della Svizzera italiana for its commitment to the organisation of this event and wish all participants a pleasant stay in Lugano.

**Foreword**  
**Claudio Zali**  
**President of the**  
**Council of State**  
**of the Canton**  
**Ticino**



On behalf of the Council of State of the Canton Ticino, I welcome you to the Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit Forum.

Ticino, with its distinctive language and culture, is an essential part of the Swiss identity and a reference point in terms of dialogue between North and South of the Swiss Confederation.

If we look at this concept in broader terms, we can conclude with certainty that the organisation of the MEM Summer Summit Forum in Lugano will enable – even if only for a few days, in a picturesque setting such as the region that hosts it – a dialogue between cultures, which are apparently very close, as they are both related to the Mediterranean Sea, yet so different one from each other.

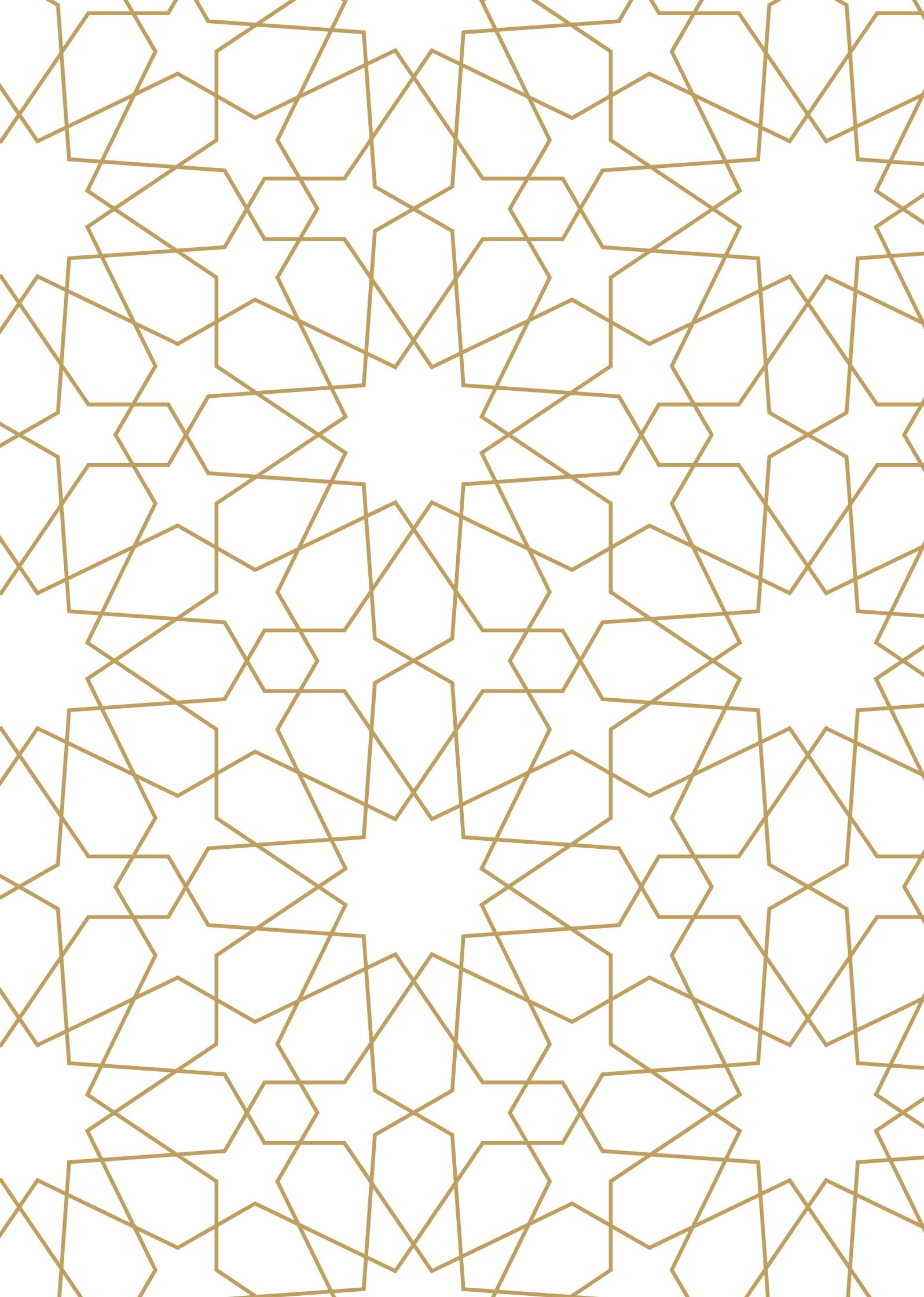
As we know, the Middle East Mediterranean is affected by tensions, climate challenges and migrations. But it also encloses technological innovation.

In this respect, science and culture can be the key to open a discussion among populations of different heritage.

With the ambition to foster a constructive dialogue and propose solutions for development and growth in the entire region, addressing the situation in an innovative and tangible way, Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) with the joint support of the Swiss Confederation organised this first edition of the MEM Summer Summit that will bring 150 young individuals from over 30 countries of the Middle East Mediterranean and Europe, as well as political authorities and entrepreneurs.

An important moment to share opinions and considerations, focusing on the role of young change-makers. An innovative approach - which I personally support – that can lay the foundation for cooperation between countries in the Mediterranean.

*Envision  
and foster  
change*



**MEM**  
**Summer Summit**  
**2018**

An eight-day Seminar  
(16-24 August)

leading  
to a two-day Forum  
(25–26 August)



**The first Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit involves 150 young people from over 30 countries of the Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe. Organised by Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) with the joint support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Summit aims to develop innovative solutions and concrete opportunities for dialogue and growth. The programme, divided in two parts, includes a Seminar (16-24 August) dedicated to the young participants, and a Forum (25-26 August) open to the public and attended by political, economic and cultural leaders.**

**At the end of an intense eight-day Seminar, the ideas generated and formulated by the young participants will be presented and debated in the framework of the Forum. Forum attendees include high-level political authorities, experts, intellectuals, and entrepreneurs of the Middle East Mediterranean region. The programme consists of several thematic sessions, based on a structured presentation of key issues and points for reflection raised during the preceding Seminar. Tunisia, a major crossroads in the Mediterranean civilization, and clear example of a country's successful policy of integration and coexistence of differences, is the guest of honour at this year's Summit.**

**There will be opportunities to explore the geopolitics of the region, to outline scenarios for material reconstruction, and the development of cultural policies; to address the relationship between water, peace, and borders; and to discuss new models of citizenship, energy transition, and education and training as a driver of change. Also on the agenda: the question of infrastructure, of the need to rethink economics; examples of success stories on the ground; and how to promote new and positive narratives through literature and the arts.**

**The Forum's official languages are English and French. Simultaneous translation in English, French and Italian will be provided.**



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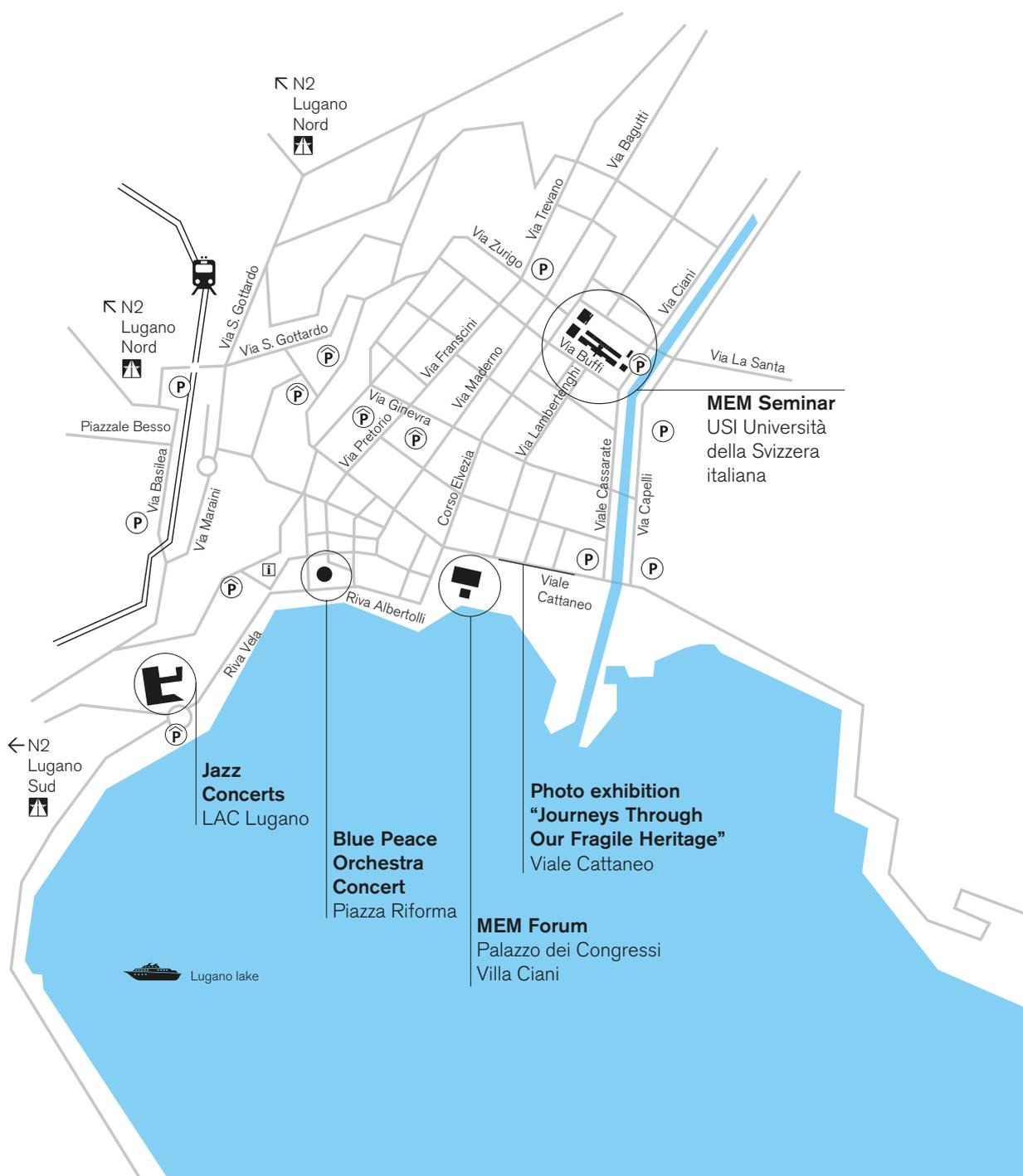
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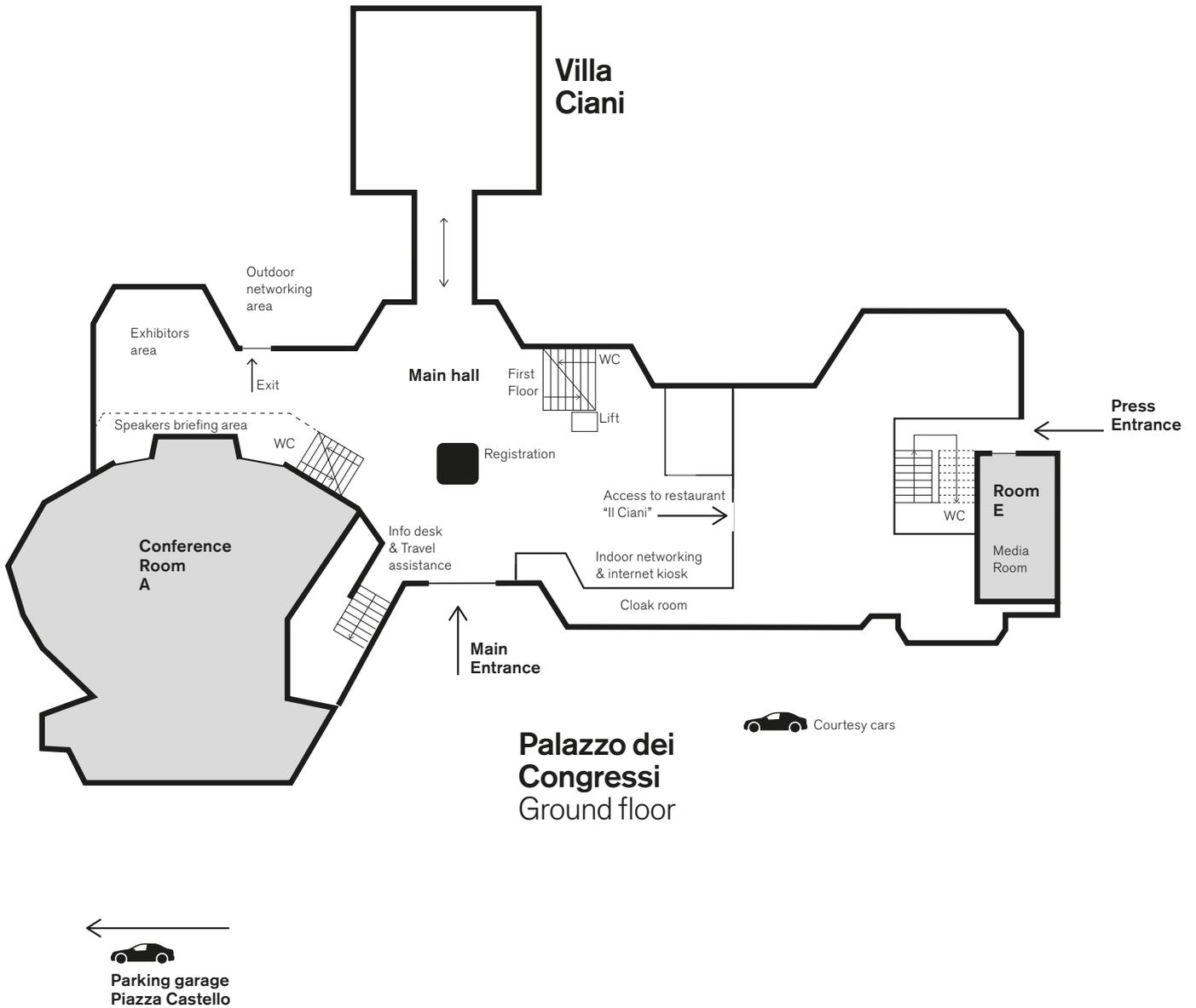
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# General information

<b>Forum venue</b>	Lugano Convention Center Palazzo dei Congressi Piazza Indipendenza 9 6900 Lugano, Switzerland GPS N 46° 0' 18.226" E 8° 57' 23.19"
<b>Admission policy</b>	Opening times of Palazzo dei Congressi (main Forum venue): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saturday, 25 August, 7.00-19.00 hrs</li><li>• Sunday, 25 August, 7.00-15.00 hrs</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The event is open upon registration only.</li><li>• All participants are required to wear their badge at all times. The MEM Summer Summit has different badge types, all granting access to panels, keynote speeches, parallel sessions and the exhibition areas. Special badges for staff, diplomatic delegations, sponsors and speakers will be issued for restricted areas.</li></ul>
<b>Code of conduct</b>	The Summit gathers a unique blend of people in one place, comprising a great variety of backgrounds, personal histories, and beliefs. The MEM Code of Conduct sets out the basic rules, which USI expects all participants to abide by, to create a respectful, cooperative, and fruitful working environment. The Code of conduct is available on the website <a href="http://www.mem-summer summit.ch">www.mem-summer summit.ch</a> . In the event that a participant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• does not feel at ease at the Forum, or</li><li>• feels another participant is failing to respect the Code of Conduct, or</li><li>• would like to suggest a change to the Code of Conduct,</li></ul> he/she shall contact the person in charge of the MEM InfoDesk, who will be on standby duty throughout the Forum (main Hall Palazzo dei Congressi). All cases will be brought to the attention of the Rector of USI, who will ensure proper mediation. The organisers reserve the right to exclude or remove anyone from MEM Summer Summit that breaks, or is viewed as likely to break the rules.
<b>Personal Data Policy</b>	MEM Summer Summit 2018 Personal Data Policies are available on the website <a href="http://www.mem-summer summit.ch">www.mem-summer summit.ch</a>
<b>Languages</b>	The Forum's official languages are English and French. Simultaneous translation in English, French and Italian will be provided.
<b>First aid assistance</b>	If first aid is required, please inform a member of the event staff at the information desk.
<b>Emergency Calls</b>	117 Police 118 Fire 144 Ambulance 1414 Swiss Rescue 112 European emergency number
<b>General inquiries</b>	1811 General inquiries, e.g. doctors, theatres, etc. 162 Weather report 163 Road report
<b>Public transportation</b>	Hotel provide to their guests with a complimentary Ticino Ticket. For the duration of the stay, this ticket gives free-of-charge access to the public transport services in the region "Ticino".
<b>Lost &amp; found</b>	For lost and found property, please go to the information desk.
<b>Travel assistance</b>	An Info point provided by Kuoni Business Travel is available in the main hall of the Palazzo dei Congressi. Assistance for changes or re-bookings:  Opening hours: Mo-Fr 8.00 – 12.30 / 13.30 – 18.00 tel +41 58 702 6737 Outside opening hours: tel +44 1344 26 7179
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# Map of Lugano





### Food & Beverages

- Complimentary
- Morning coffee breaks
  - Networking lunches
  - Afternoon ice creams

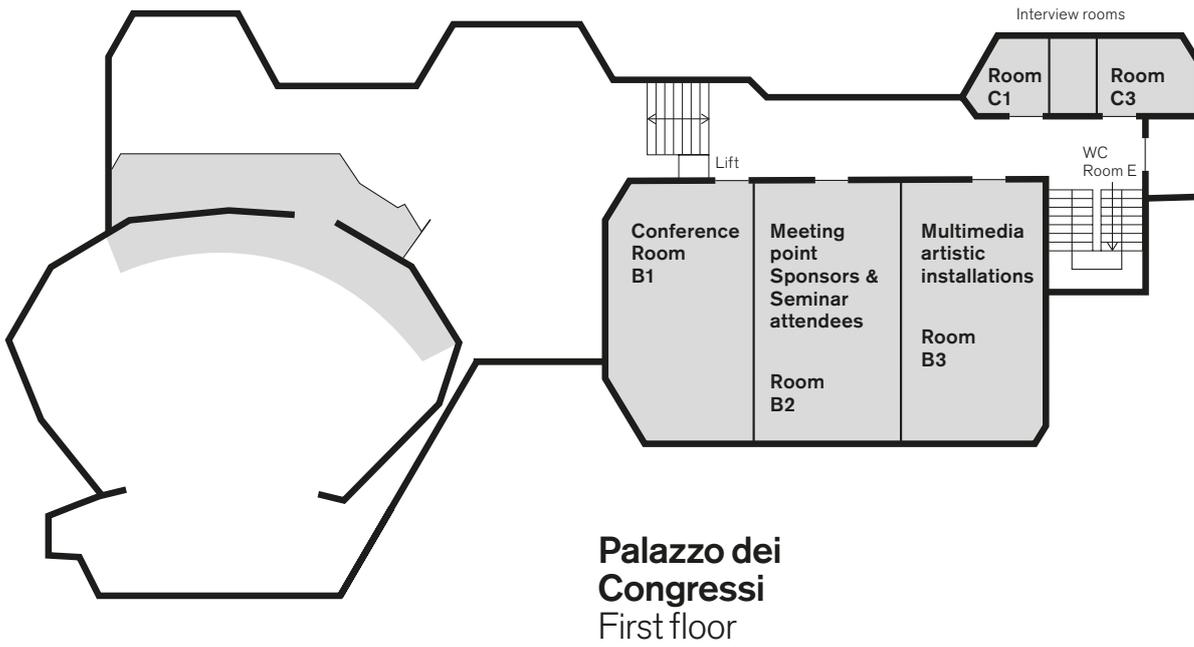
Will be served in the main hall of the Palazzo dei Congressi during the two days of the Forum. For other requests, the Restaurant "Il Ciani" will be open every day from 3pm.

### Reusable water bottles

Free water dispensers will be available all around the conference centre. Reusable water bottles generously offered by the Blue Peace Movement will be distributed to every participant in the conference tote bag.

### Internet kiosk area

Computers and a printer are accessible for all participants in the Internet kiosk area in the hall.



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**Università della Svizzera italiana (USI – [www.usi.ch](http://www.usi.ch)) is one of the 12 certified public universities in Switzerland. It is active in several study and research areas, among which: architecture, communication sciences, computational science, data science, economics, health studies, humanities, informatics, law, medicine and biomedicine.**

**USI is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take centre stage, and where our researchers can count on adequate space to freely pursue their initiatives.**

**Around 2800 students and about 800 professors and researchers, hailing from over 100 countries, convene every day on the three campuses in Lugano, Mendrisio and Bellinzona. The relatively small size of the campuses encourages the free flow and open exchange of ideas within the academic community. USI encourages faculty, students and researchers to develop their potential, and appreciates their curiosity and willingness to experiment with new ways of thinking, learning, teaching and working.**

**Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding values: quality, openness and responsibility. Based on these and its natural function as a bridge between continental Europe and the Mediterranean, since 2017 the Middle East Mediterranean Freethinking Platform (MEM) at USI has been encouraging public debate and raising awareness and fostering in-depth analysis of the current situation in the Middle East and the broader Mediterranean region ([www.usi.ch/mem](http://www.usi.ch/mem)).**

**Seminar**  
**16-24 August,**  
**USI Lugano campus**





# The Event and Congress Department

## City of Lugano

The Event and Congress Department is part of the City of Lugano and was created in 1993. Today, 25 years later, the Department has gained a considerable experience in the organization of meetings, conventions, conferences and events, both nationally and internationally, with over 1,000 events organized every year, attracting to Lugano more than half a million people (both citizens and tourists). All this is possible thanks to the over 1,000 professionals involved and about 2,000 active partnerships, both private and public.

Among the venues managed by the Event and Congress Department, the Lugano Convention Centre (Palazzo dei Congressi) stands out for its magnificent location, just at the entrance of Parco Ciani, a stunning botanical park at the edge of Lake Lugano.

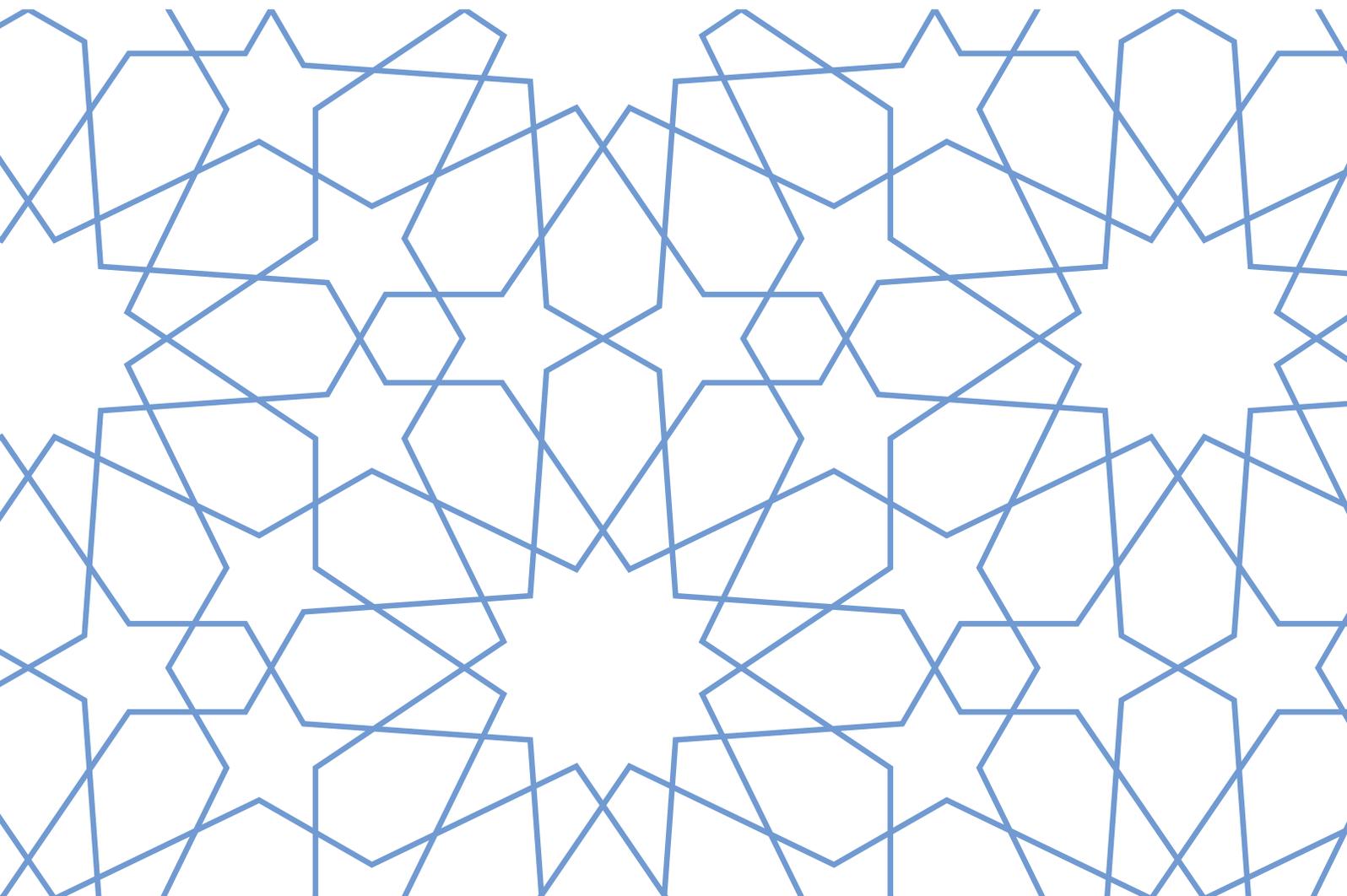
An amphitheatre for 1,130 people, a banquet room and a large exhibition area offer the ideal location for meetings, workshops, seminars, conventions, banquets, exhibitions and shows. Particularly user-friendly for events of all kinds, the centre offers from 8 to 20+ meeting rooms of various capacities.

The staff of the Lugano Convention Centre is highly specialized to meet all the needs of any kind of events, from technical service, to the management of catering and accommodation, to the organization of social events.

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*The secret of  
change is perpetual  
engagement,  
developing new  
answers to  
old questions*



## The Seminar in a nutshell

The Seminar aims to develop innovative solutions for creating concrete opportunities for dialogue and growth. It was structured around three main subject areas

### 1. New Dynamics of the Middle East Mediterranean Region

Course Directors

**Prof. Gilles Kepel**, PSL Paris Sciences et Lettres-École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France and Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

**Prof. Hela Ouardi**, Université de Tunis, Tunisia

- The Geopolitics of the MEM Region: International, Regional and Domestic Implications
- The Political Economy of the MEM Region
- Social Networks: Friend or Foe?
- Can Entrepreneurs Succeed?
- Mapping the Middle East Mediterranean Crises
- Women's Empowerment: What is at Stake?
- Cultural Policies in Question

### 2. MEM Region: Governance, Administration, and Policy Making

Course Directors

**Prof. Jean-Patrick Villeneuve**, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

**Ms Marlen Heide**, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

**Ambassador Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart**, DFAE, AMON

**Mr Gabriele Derighetti**, DFAE

- Political System and Foreign Policy Agenda of Switzerland
- Sharing Experiences, Learning from Mistakes and Best Practices
- Strengthening Compliance with Democratic Norms
- The Role of Civil Society in Peace Building - The case of Syria
- Decentralisation and Local Governance
- Information Society and Government
- Public Services and Infrastructures

### 3. Middle East Region: Narratives, Representations, and Images

Course Directors

**Prof. Riccardo Bocco**, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

**Prof. Silvia Naef**, Université de Genève, Switzerland

**Dr. Federica Frediani**, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

- Narrating the Middle East Mediterranean Region
- Violence, Memory and Cinema in the MEM Region
- Heritage Preservation and Cultural Memory in the MEM Region
- Exhibiting Art in and from the MEM Region
- Identities, Memories, Migrations, and Diaspora
- Narratives: Past and Present through Cinema and Photography
- Cinema and Stories on Disillusionment, in collaboration with the Locarno Festival

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One of the main objectives has been to identify new narratives proposed by the young change-makers, who brought to the table unconventional and non-stereotyped representations of the region, through positive models. The Seminar, which took place behind closed doors, included plenary sessions, workshops, film screenings, and cultural activities, and saw several professors from USI and other Swiss and international universities, as well as professionals and experts from the region, following the selected group of young participants. Many of the latter have benefitted from scholarships offered by various public and private supporters.

### During the Seminar several cultural public events took place in Lugano

- "Cultures on the table"  
Conference by Anissa Helou
- "Migrante"  
Jazz Concert
- "The Intruder"  
Screening of the film by Leonardo di Costanzo
- "Zindeeq"  
Screening of the film by Michel Khleifi
- "History of Aristotle's Metaphysics"  
Conference by Giovanni Ventimiglia
- "Mediterraneo"  
Jazz Concert
- "Pictures and Algorithms for the Preservation of World Heritage at Risk"  
Conference by iconem

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# 150

Young participants

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# 30

Hailing from 30 different countries

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# 65

% women

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# 50

Speakers

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# 8

Days of Seminar

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# 6

Plenary sessions

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# 15

Workshops

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# 6

Related events

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## The speakers of the Seminar

**Mouna and Shireen Atassi**  
Atassi Foundation and Atassi Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Claudia Baez-Camargo**  
Basel Institute on Governance, Basel, Switzerland

**Fabrice Balanche**  
Hoover Institution, The Washington Institute, Washington, USA

**Jasmin Basic**  
Film Festival's Curator, Switzerland

**Essma Ben Hamida**  
Enda Inter-Arabe NGO, Tunis, Tunisia

**Isa Blumi**  
Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden

**Riccardo Bocco**  
Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

**Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart**  
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

**Jean-François Charnier**  
Agence France-Muséums, Louvre Abu Dhabi, France – United Arab Emirates

**Mario Cristiani**  
Galleria Continua, Italy

**Catherine David**  
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**Gabriele Derighetti**  
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

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Sciences Po, Paris, France

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**Marlen Heide**  
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Writer, Journalist, Food Blogger, United Kingdom-Italy

**Julian Hottinger**  
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs DFAE

**Tomasz Janowski**  
Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland

**Marco Kampp**  
Deutsche Bahn, Frankfurt, Germany - Italy

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**Michel Khleifi**  
Film Writer, Director and Producer, Palestinian Territories-Belgium

**Andreas Ladner**  
Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP), Lausanne, Switzerland

**Martino Lovato**  
Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA

**Xianku Lu**  
Ledeco, Geneva, Switzerland; University of International Business and Economics UIBE, Beijing, China

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Artist, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Silvia Naef**  
Université de Genève, Switzerland

**Yosra Nagui**  
Swisspeace, Geneva

**Moataz Nasr**  
Artist, Darb 1718, Cairo, Egypt

**Ibrahim Olabi**  
Executive Director, Syrian Legal Development Programme, Syria

**Hela Ouardi**  
Université de Tunis, Tunisia

**Francis Piccand**  
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

**Gino Raidy**  
Blogger, Lebanon

**Cosimo Risi**  
Former Italian Ambassador and Professor of International Relations, Italy

**Ghada Sayegh El Rahal**  
Institut d'Etudes Scéniques, Audiovisuelles et Cinématographiques, Université Saint-Joseph Beyrouth, Lebanon

**Sharma Prashant**  
World Bank, Geneva, Switzerland

**Mark Thatcher**  
London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom

**Luca Urech**  
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

**Mattia Vacca**  
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**Giovanni Ventimiglia**  
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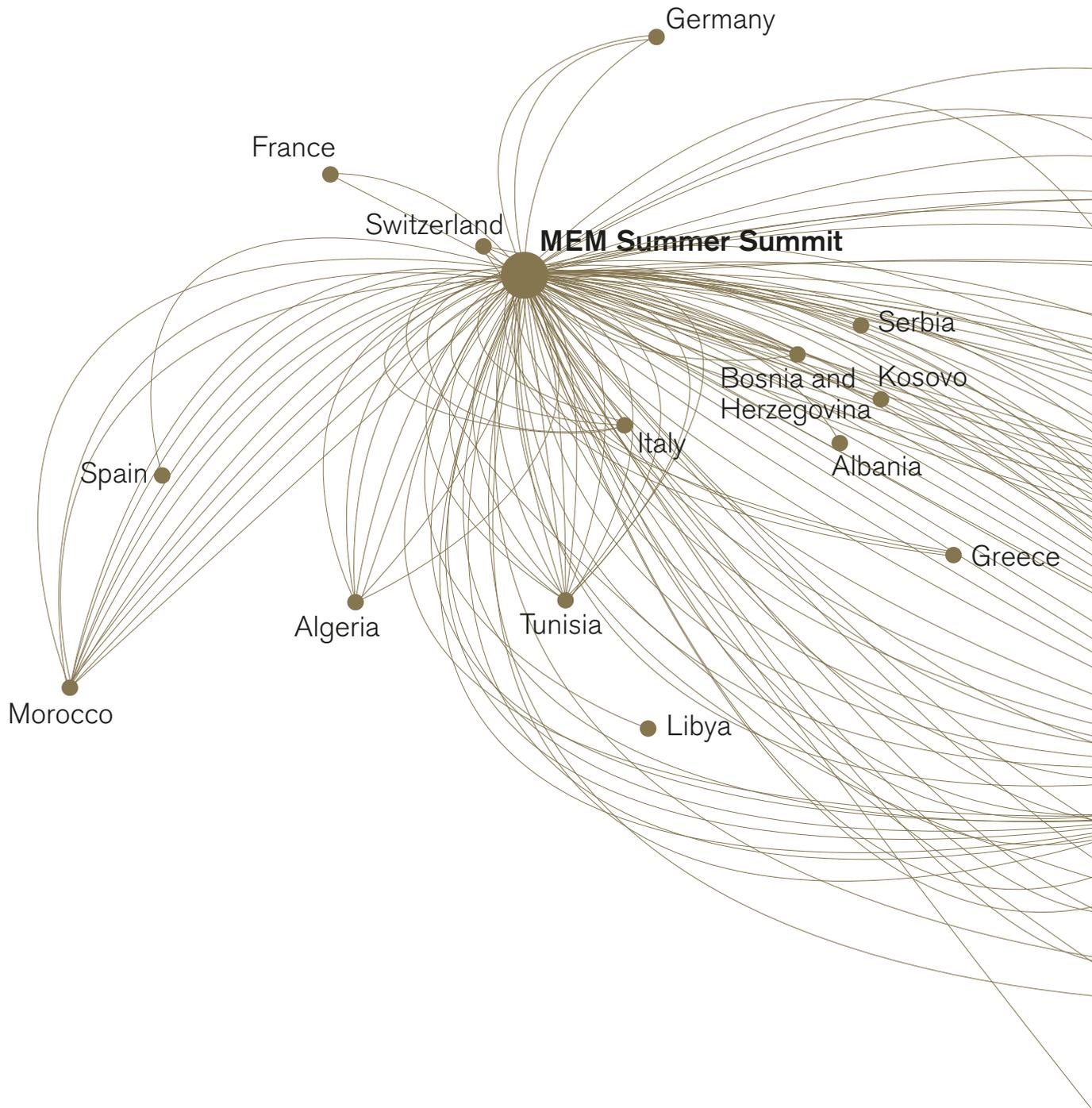
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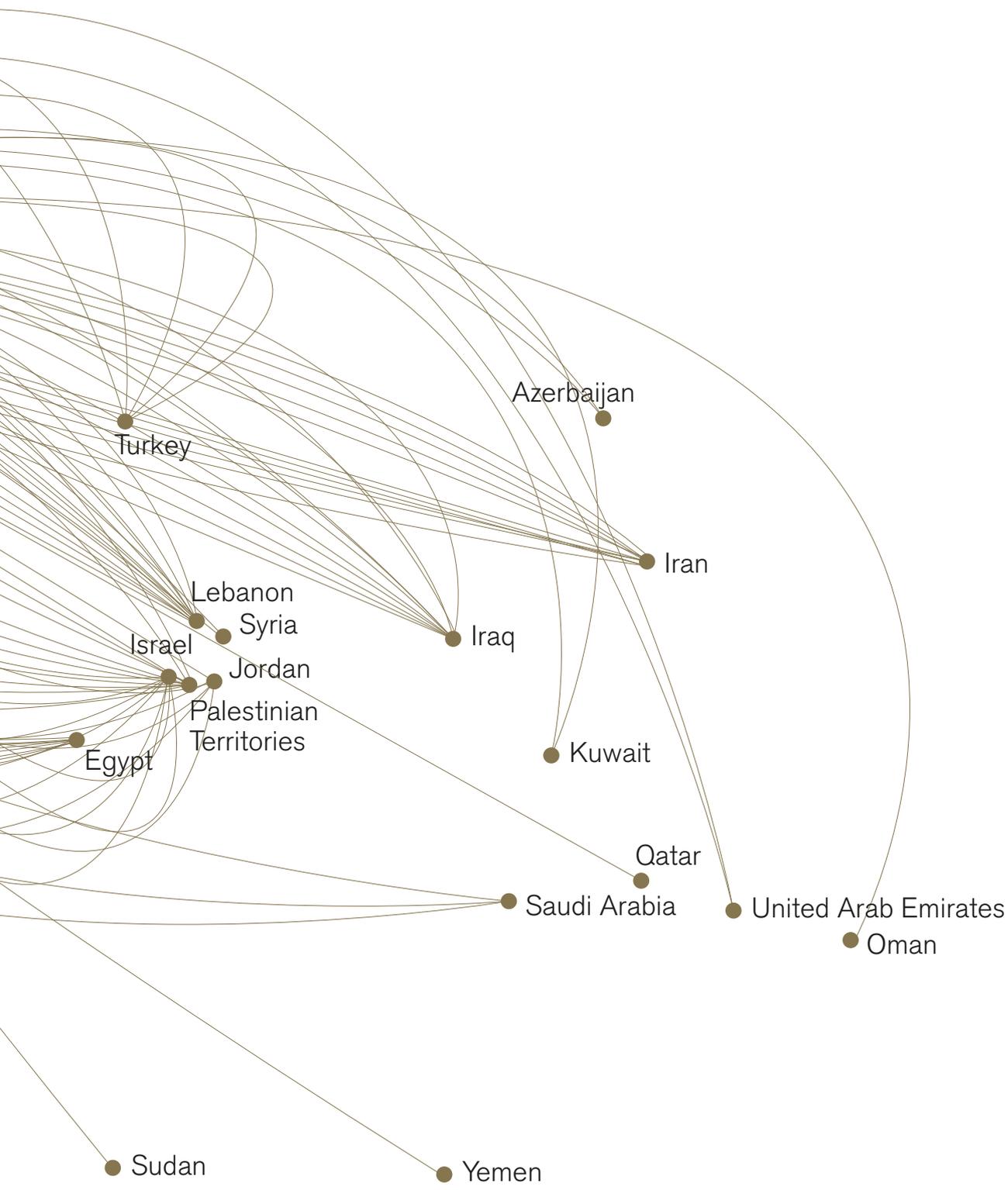
**Édouard Waitrop**  
Cannes Film Festival, Artistic Director Fortnight, Switzerland

**Gabriella Zalapi**  
Independent artist, Paris, France

# The role of young people

The main idea at the heart of the MEM Summer Summit is the role of the new generations: each of the sessions of the Forum will be forged by the active involvement of the young people who will have examined the discussion topic in great depth and detail during the preceding Seminar. The 150 young change-makers come from over 30 countries of the Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe.





# Forum Programme

## Tunisia,

### Guest of Honour

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## Saturday 25.8

### Day 1 / Room A

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7.00	Registrations
9.00	M.C. Diana Segantini, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Boas Erez, Rector, Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland Marco Borradori, Mayor, Lugano, Switzerland Manuele Bertoli, State Councilor, Republic and Canton of Ticino, Switzerland
9.20	<b>Personal Message from H.E. President Beji Caid Essebsi, President of the Republic of Tunisia</b>
9.30	<b>Voices of New Generations: Blueprints for a Better Future</b> Sarah Alsaif, Charbel Chidiac, Amera Markous, Alaa Nasr, Kayla Zafirooulos, Young Change-Makers with Gilles Kepel, Professor, PLS Paris Sciences et Lettres-École Normale Supérieure, France; Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland Boas Erez, Rector, Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland
10.00	<b>Re-building on Shared Cultural Values: The Case Studies of Mosul and Abu Dhabi</b> Muzahm Qassim Al-Khayat, President, Ninevah University; Chairman, Advisory Group for the reconstruction of the Province, Iraq Ernesto Ottone Ramirez, Assistant Director-General for Culture, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, France Yves Ubelmann, President and Co-founder, Iconem, France Jean-François Charnier, former Scientific Director, Agence France-Muséums Louvre Abu Dhabi, France Carelle Sioufi, Young Change-Maker Moderated by Roberto Antonini, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera
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11.30	<b>The Blue Peace Movement: Transboundary Water for Peace and Sustainability</b> Lindsey Aldaco-Manner, President, World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW), United States Mufleh Alalaween Al Abbadi, Regional Blue Peace Coordinator, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Jordan Maysoon Al-Zoubi, Former Secretary-General of the Jordan Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan Danilo Türk, Chairman, Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace; Political Advisor of the Geneva Water Hub, Former President of Slovenia Pio Wennubst, Vice Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA, Switzerland) Samer El Tarchichi, Young Change-Maker Moderated by John Sibi-Okumu, Journalist, Kenya
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15.45	Coffee Break
16.00	<b>Tunisia in Transition: Challenges</b> Sabri Bachtobji, Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia Safwan M. Masri, Executive Vice President, Global Centers and Global Development, Columbia University, United States Ignazio Cassis, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland Amina El Abed, Young Change-Maker Moderated by Bettina Müller, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera
17.15	<b>Ignazio Cassis in Dialogue with Young Change-Makers</b> Monir Ghaedi, Sofiéne Marzouki, Dimitrios Papachristou, Mai Shbeta, Young Change-Maker Moderated by Diana Segantini, Journalist, RSI, Radiotelevisione svizzera
17.45	<b>Conversation</b> Suad Amiry, Writer and Architect, Palestinian Territories with Paola Caridi, Journalist and Writer
18.15	<b>Closure</b>
21.00	<b>Concert</b> <b>Symphony for Water and Peace by the Blue Peace Orchestra</b> This Concert is organised by the Geneva Water Hub (designer of the Symphony) and Milk Music (musical Direction), with the support of: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Université de Genève, Università della Svizzera italiana, Città di Lugano

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## Sunday 26.8

### Day 2 / Room A

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7.00 Registrations

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9.00 **Perspectives on Energy: Global Trends, New Challenges, Shared Objectives**

Amer Saif Saeed Al-Hinai, Director, Sustainable Energy Research Center, University of Sultan Qaboos, Oman  
Kamel Ghribi, CEO, GK Investment Holding Group, Switzerland  
Stéphane Michel, President, Middle East, Exploration and Production Division, Total, France  
Paolo Scaroni, Deputy Chairman, Rothschild Group, Italy  
Enass Abo Hamed, Young Change-Maker  
Moderated by Haig Simonian, journalist, former Correspondent The Economist and Financial Times

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10.15 **Building the Future: Infrastructures and Grand Projects**

Xiankun Lu, Associate Partner, IDEAS Centre Geneva, Switzerland - China  
Mathieu Pitet, Finance Innovation, Ambassador for the Middle East, France  
Almotaz Abadi, Senior Adviser - Managing Director Water and Environment, Union for Mediterranean, Palestinian Territories  
Salim Benaradj, Young Change-Maker  
Moderated by Luca Fasani, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione Svizzera

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11.30 Coffee Break

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11.45 **Towards Sustainable New Business and Economic Models**

Marouane El Abassi, Governor and Chairman, Central Bank of Tunisia, Tunisia  
Bavaguthu Raghuram Shetty, Founder and Chairman, NMC Health, United Arab Emirates  
Bashar Azzeq, AL Quds Holding Company, Palestinian Territories  
Mohammed Laïd Benamor, President, Chambre Algérienne de Commerce et d'Industrie (CACI), Algeria  
Paolo Rotelli, President, Gruppo San Donato, Italy  
Roberto Grassi, Fidinam, Switzerland  
Abdulaziz Albassam, Young Change-Maker  
Moderated by François-Aïssa Touazi, Vice President, France-Saudi Arabia Council; Managing Director Ardian

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13.10 **Closure MEM Summer Summit 2018**

with  
Gilles Kepel, Professor, PLS Paris Sciences et Lettres-École Normale Supérieure, France; Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland  
Boas Erez, Rector, Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland

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13.15 Networking Lunch

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## Sunday 26.8

### Day 2 / Room B

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9.00 **New Citizenships between Voice and Choice**

Iqbal Latifi Gharbi, Professor, Ez-Zitouna University, Tunisia  
Jinan Limam, Professor of Public Law, Tunis Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences, Tunisia  
Philippe Portier, Director of Studies, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes Paris, France  
Antoine Nasri Messarra, Constitutional Council of Lebanon, Lebanon  
Gaelle Abi Khalil, Young Change-Maker  
Moderated by Alessandro Ferrari, Professor of Law and Religion, Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Italy

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10.15 **Rethinking Education: Sharing Experiences**

Badreddine Ouali, Chairman, Vermeg Group; President, Tunisia Foundation for Development, Tunisia  
Salman Bal, Chief, Political Affairs and Partnerships Section, Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland  
Cinzia Catalfamo, Consultant, FIFA, Global Academic Network and Interagency Partnerships, Switzerland  
Enrico Granara, Minister Plenipotentiary, Dir. General for Political and Security Affairs, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy  
Khaled Abushammala, Young Change-Maker  
Moderated by Paola Nurnberg, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera

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11.30 Coffee Break

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11.45 **Grounded Viewpoints: Reports from Civil Society**

Teresa Alberò, President, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Tunisia  
Khayam Turki, President, Think-Tank Jousour, Tunisia  
Wahid Ferchichi, Professor of Law, Tunisian Association of Defending Individual Liberties (TADIL); Vice-President, Tunisian Foundation for Public Administrations Sciences, Tunisia  
Franco Vaccari, President, Rondine Cittadella della Pace, Italy  
Stefania Mancini, Vice-President, Fondation Assistance Internationale - FAI, Switzerland  
Marianne Vidal-Marin, Institut Français, Safir Lab, France  
Kenza Nechar, Young Change-Maker  
Moderated by Alessandro Bertellotti, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera

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# Tunisia, guest of honour at the MEM Summer Summit 2018

The first Arab uprisings broke out in Tunisia between December 2010 and January 2011. Tunisia therefore was the country that lit the spark of a powerful movement for regeneration. It is still the only country to have achieved its democratic aspirations, without relapsing into authoritarianism or descending into civil war – outcomes that have, conversely, affected other countries.

Tunisia, far from being a happy oasis, has had to face serious social problems, soaring unemployment rates, a gap between a prosperous coastal area and a poor rural inland area, bloody attacks of Islamic terrorism against the local population and tourists, and a thousands of young Tunisian citizens leaving to fight Jihad in Iraq and Syria.

These problems notwithstanding, the country has been able to ensure a good transition process, characterised by dialogue and debate between rival political powers, never losing sight of the final objective: the creation of a pluralist and harmonious democracy. To achieve this ambitious goal, the country has had to rethink and question the principles and values of all the actors involved.

An exception defying all parameters, Tunisia presents a model and analytical criteria that help us understand not only its own situation, but also that of other countries of the Middle East Mediterranean region, allowing for specific constants and variables for each of them.

What makes Tunisia's case "exceptional" and anomalous – the result of multiple causes rooted in the far and the more recent past, and in the present – may perhaps be explained by its very identity as a crossroads. Tunisia is a country on the border between Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Arab countries.

The challenges, the success stories and the work that remains to be done in order to complete the process, will all be illustrated by political authorities, high-profile personalities, scholars and stakeholders of Tunisia's civil society. Giving the floor to them means encouraging first-hand narratives and accounts, and unsettling those codified narratives that are already fossilised.

By inviting Tunisia as our first guest of honour at the Summit we take a step back to the initial phases of the insurgency that threw the region into turmoil. Yet we are also looking with hope to the future, reconsidering local and universal dimensions when it comes to secularism and religion, to tradition and innovation.

## Voices of New Generations: Blueprints for a Better Future

The main actors in this session are the young change-makers of the MEM Summer Summit. Over the previous eight days, they have engaged in numerous debates to develop concrete proposals for the future of the MEM region. They will be presenting the results of their labour.



### Young Change-Makers

**Gilles Kepel**  
Professor, PLS  
Paris Sciences et  
Lettres-École  
Normale  
Supérieure,  
France; Università  
della Svizzera  
italiana,  
Switzerland



**Boas Erez**  
Rector, Università  
della Svizzera  
italiana,  
Switzerland

## Re-building on Shared Cultural Values: The Case Studies of Mosul and Abu Dhabi

Reconstructing a society means engaging in concrete action on the ground; but to piece together a peaceful and civilised coexistence requires an effort over the long term, including a programme of specific cultural policies. Reconstructing Mosul from the devastation of conflict and the project Louvre Abu Dhabi have apparently nothing in common; but they are both founded on a common ground of shared universal values and the symbolic role of culture.



**Yves Ubelmann**  
President and  
Co-founder,  
Iconem, France



**Ernesto Ottone Ramirez**  
Assistant  
Director-General  
for Culture,  
United Nations  
Educational,  
Scientific and  
Cultural  
Organization  
(UNESCO), Paris,  
France



**Muzahm Qassim Al-Khayat**  
President,  
Ninevah  
University;  
Chairman,  
Advisory Group  
for the  
reconstruction of  
the Province, Iraq



**Jean-François Charnier**  
Scientific  
Director, Agence  
France-Muséums  
Louvre Abu  
Dhabi, France

### Young Change-Maker

Moderated by  
**Roberto Antonini**  
Journalist, RSI  
Radiotelevisione  
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**The Blue Peace Movement: Transboundary Water for Peace and Sustainability.**

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (DSC) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs has actively promoted Blue Peace, an initiative designed to develop a worldwide movement linking water, peace, and security, in cooperation with universities, cultural and political institutions, governments, civil society and private sector organisations.



**Lindsey Aldaco-Manner**  
President, World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW), USA



**Mufleh Alalaween Al Abbadi**  
Regional Blue Peace Coordinator, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Jordan



**Maysoon Al-Zoubi**  
Former Secretary-General of the Jordan Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan



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**Pio Wennubst**  
Vice Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA, Switzerland)



**Young Change-Maker**  
Moderated by **John Sibi-Okumu**  
Journalist, Kenya

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**The Art of Foreign-Policy Advising**

The panellists will discuss the political and strategic situation in the region, underlining their role as advisors to key political actors. Usually steering politics from behind the scenes, they will step onto the stage, to discuss the challenges of moving from expertise to action.



**Kamel Akrouf**  
First Counselor for National Security to the President, Tunisia



**Nasser Kamel**  
General Secretary, Union for the Mediterranean, Egypt



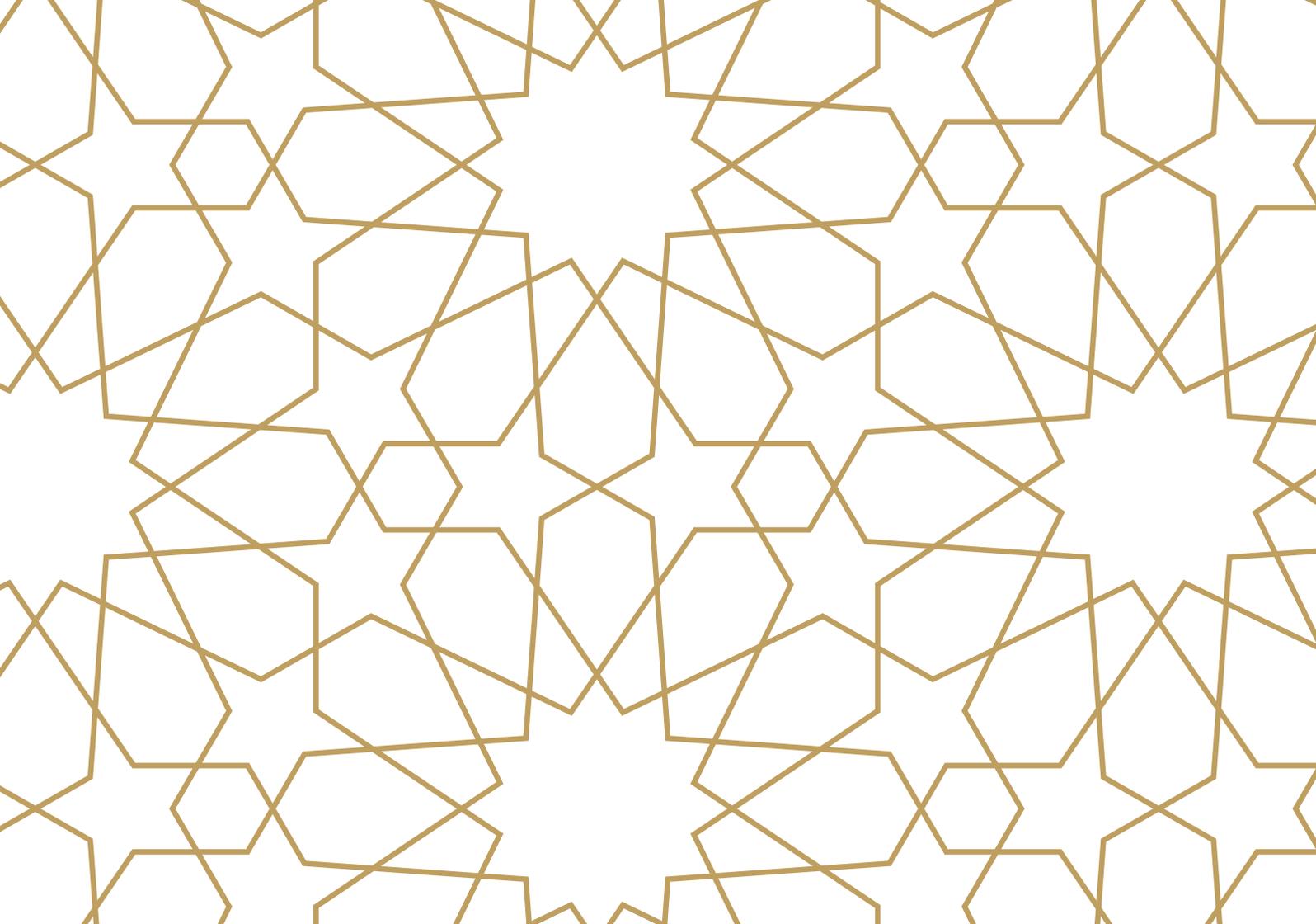
**Pascale Baeriswyl**  
State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland



**Philippe Étienne**  
Foreign Policy Advisor of the President, France

**Young Change-Maker**

Moderated by **Gilles Kepel**  
Professor, PLS Paris Sciences et Lettres-École Normale Supérieure, France; Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland



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**Tunisia in Transition:  
Challenges**

Tunisia, a major crossroads in the Mediterranean civilization, and clear political-constitutional example of a country's successful policy of integration and coexistence of differences, is the guest of honour at this year's Summit.

The case of Tunisia is examined in the context of the political and institutional landscape of the MEM region. Can Tunisia be considered a model for other countries? Participants will address the elements that have made Tunisia's transition to democracy possible.



**Sabri Bachtobji**  
Secretary of State  
to the Minister of  
Foreign Affairs,  
Tunisia



**Safwan M. Masri**  
Executive Vice  
President, Global  
Centers and  
Global Develop-  
ment, Columbia  
University, USA



**Ignazio Cassis**  
Head of the  
Federal  
Department of  
Foreign Affairs  
(FDFA),  
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**Bettina Müller**  
Journalist, RSI  
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## Perspectives on Energy: Global Trends, New Challenges, Shared Objectives

The trend towards renewable energy poses a challenge to the MEM region which is inextricably bound to the fortunes of fossil fuels. These changes have upset the economic model of the so-called 'rentier states' and require a strategy for diversifying the economic activities of countries in the region and to address the social and political consequences of this transition.



**Amer Saif Saeed Al-Hinai**  
Director,  
Sustainable  
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Center, University  
of Sultan Qaboos,  
Oman



**Kamel Ghribi**  
CEO, GK  
Investment  
Holding Group,  
Switzerland



**Stéphane Michel**  
President, Middle  
East, Exploration  
and Production  
Division, Total,  
France



**Paolo Scaroni**  
Deputy Chairman,  
Rothschild Group,  
Italy

### Young Change-Maker

Moderated by  
**Haig Simonian**  
journalist, former  
Correspondent  
The Economist and  
Financial Times

## Building the Future: Infrastructures and Grand Projects

Several countries in the MEM region struggle with the provision of modern, reliable infrastructures. The panel will present and discuss different projects and address the challenges of designing, constructing and managing socially and economically viable systems that are the backbone of the State's capacity to act.



**Xiankun Lu**  
Associate  
Partner, IDEAS  
Centre Geneva,  
Switzerland  
- China



**Khaled El Hosseini**  
Spokesperson  
ACUD -  
Administrative  
Capital for Urban  
Development,  
Egypt



**Mathieu Pitet**  
Finance  
Innovation,  
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**Almotaz Abadi**  
Senior Adviser  
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Director Water and  
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Union for  
Mediterranean,  
Palestinian  
Territories

### Young Change-Maker

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**Luca Fasani**  
Journalist, RSI  
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**Towards Sustainable  
New Business and  
Economic Models**

The economic crisis and soaring unemployment rates played a decisive role in the 2011 Uprisings. In that context, policy and business leaders must develop sustainable and inclusive economic strategies, notably by facilitating entrepreneurial initiatives at the local and national levels.



**Marouane El Abassi**  
Governor and  
Chairman, Central  
Bank of Tunisia,  
Tunisia



**Bavaguthu Raghuram Shetty**  
Founder and  
Chairman, NMC  
Health, United  
Arab Emirates



**Bashar Azzeh**  
AL Quds Holding  
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**Mohammed Laïd Benamor**  
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d'Industrie (CACI),  
Algeria



**Paolo Rotelli**  
President, Gruppo  
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**Roberto Grassi**  
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**François-Aïssa Touazi**  
Vice President,  
France-Saudi  
Arabia Council;  
Managing Director  
Ardian

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**New Citizenships  
between Voice and  
Choice**

In the aftermath of the 2011 Uprisings, concepts and models of citizenship, possibilities and limitations for democratic participation, have been re-examined and re-appraised. The panel provides a 'tour d'horizon' of the various approaches aimed at fostering greater uptake of these fundamental rights.



**Iqbal Latifi Gharbi**  
Professor,  
Ez-Zitouna  
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**Jinan Limam**  
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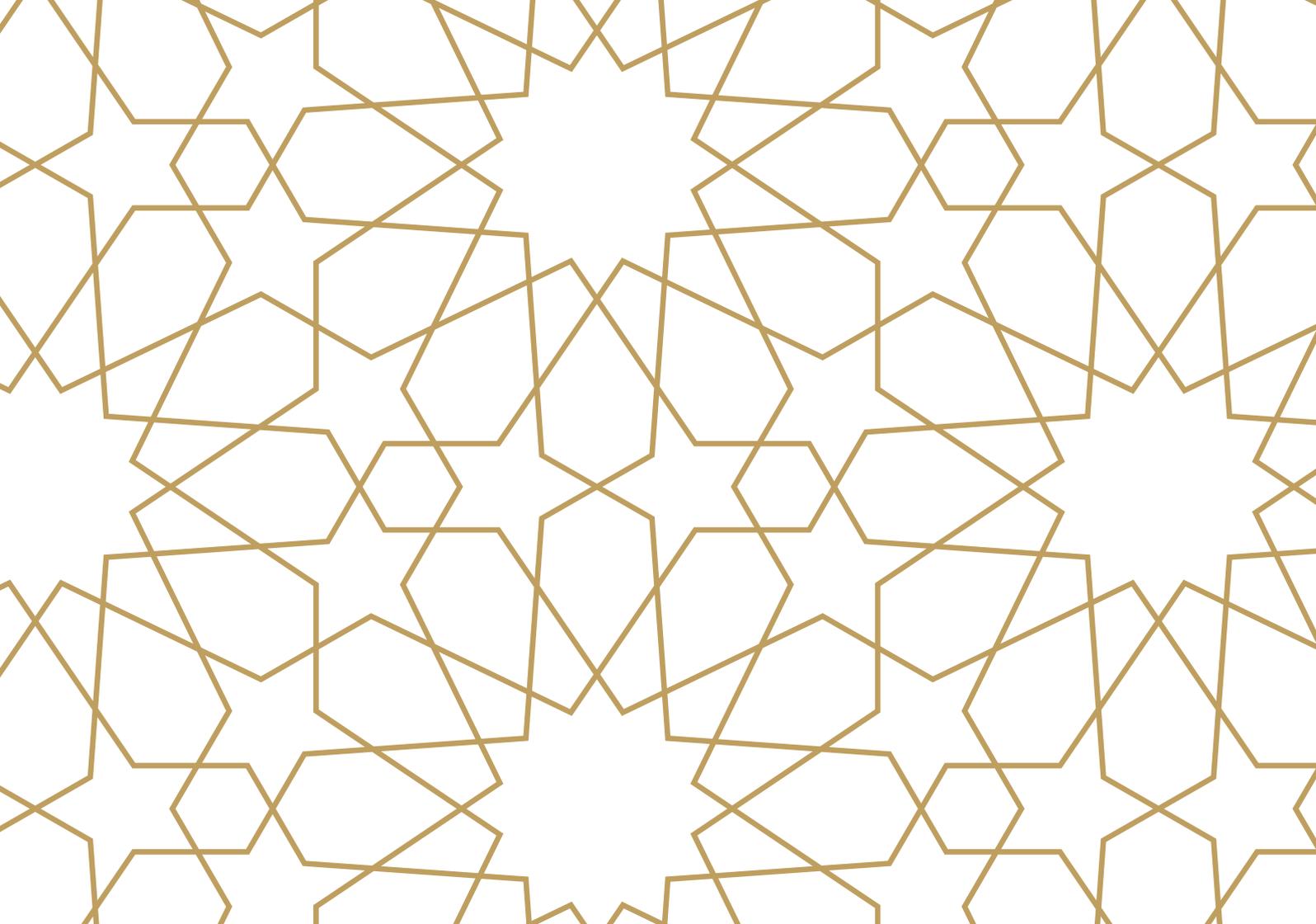
**Philippe Portier**  
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Studies, Ecole  
Pratique des  
Hautes Etudes  
Paris, France



**Antoine Nasri Messarra**  
Constitutional  
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Lebanon,  
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**Rethinking Education:  
Sharing Experiences**

The youth of the MEM Region have more educational opportunities than previous generations. These opportunities represent potential for economic development but also for social and cultural transformations. The panel will address educational strategies as envisioned by organisations acting in diverse contexts. It will address challenges ranging from the funding and organisation of education to the integration of younger generations in the workforce.



**Badreddine Ouali**  
Chairman,  
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**Salman Bal**  
Chief, Political  
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Partnerships  
Section, Office of  
the Director-Gen-  
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**Grounded Viewpoints:  
Reports from Civil  
Society**

Initiatives of NGOs and foundations operating on the ground are an essential component for developing resilient societies. These organisations complement governance activities, give voice to citizen concerns and can function as a laboratory for public sector innovations. Positive models and success stories will be presented by selected actors who have taken up the region's challenges.



**Teresa Albero**  
President, Office  
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Institut Français,  
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**Multimedia installations  
by Moataz Nasr  
25 - 26 August 2018  
Room B3, Palazzo dei  
Congressi**

Courtesy: the artist and  
GALLERIA CONTINUA,  
San Gimignano / Beijing /  
Les Moulins / Habana

**Merge and Emerge  
2011**

The three Sufi dancers, dressed in blue, green and red, the primary colors of the spectrum, rotate incessantly in a movement that remains on the retina and almost hypnotizes the viewer. Seen from above, the dancers' movement makes their skirts rotate like corollas, now converging within the space and grouping together, now moving apart.

**The Mountain  
2017**

Fear may be the least acknowledged of our primal instincts. Yet, fear, and that of the unknown most of all, plays a large role in shaping the world we live in today. It influences our relationships, our opinions and ultimately our actions, keeping us from moving forward and living our lives to their fullest. In *The Mountain*, Egypt's entry at the 57th Venice Biennale, Moataz Nasr invites us to explore this pervasive human condition through the story of a small village in Egypt. The inhabitants of this village do not question their reality; life simply passes them by, un-lived, as they hide every night, in their self-imposed twilight world.





**About the artist**  
**Moataz Nasr**

Egyptian artist Moataz Nasr explores traditions and new globalism, questioning geopolitical and social development in Africa. The artistic practice for Nasr is a tool and a language that embraces art, sociology, Sufism and history in order to encourage dialogue across geographical boundaries. The most recent group shows include: 'The See Is My Land', curated by Francesco Bonomi and Emanuela Mazzonis (MAXXI, Rome, 2013); 'Metropolis. Afriques Capitales', curated by Simon Njami (La Villette, Paris, 2017); 'Senses of Time: Video and Film-based Arts of Africa' (LACMA and The Smithsonian National Museum of African Arts, Washington, 2017). His most recent solo shows include: Galleria Continua / Beijing in 2012 and Galleria Continua / Le Moulin in 2015. In 2017, he was selected to represent Egypt during the 57th Venice Biennale. The work presented in the Egyptian Pavilion was an immersive installation showing the original film 'The Mountain'. In June 2018, Nasr participated in the Yinchuan Biennale, China, curated by Marco Scotini.



**The Blue Peace Orchestra will perform for the first time the new version of the “Symphony for Water and Peace” live in Lugano.**

Saturday,  
25 August 2018  
21.00 - 22.30  
Court of the City Hall,  
Lugano

Entrance is free and open to all with the aim of raising awareness on the issues of peace and water.

This Concert is organised by the Geneva Water Hub (designer of the Symphony) and Milk Music (musical Direction), with the support of: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Université de Genève, Università della Svizzera italiana, Città di Lugano.

The Geneva Water Hub presents the beauty of music telling the story of water for peace. The enchanting “Symphony for Water and Peace” is a musical interpretation of the recent report “A Matter of Survival” of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace. Composed collaboratively by Mich Gerber (Switzerland), Alune Wade (Senegal), Tarek Younis (Jordan), Carlos Guzman (Costa Rica) and Serge Frasnukiewicz (Brazil), it is a hymn and inspiration for water and peace initiatives around the world. The project is coordinated by François Muenger and Jelena Milenkovic from the Geneva Water Hub. Musical direction and production are managed by David Carroll and Laurent Cabrillat from french label and studio Milk Music (Bordeaux).



**The programme of the concert in Lugano will include the five movements of the symphony**

- Woda (Mich Gerber)
- Saloum (Alune Wade)
- Aguacero en el tropico (Carlos Guzman)
- Firewater (Tarek Younis)
- Chuva no Sertao (Serge Frasnukiewicz)

**The orchestra will also play a selection of tunes based on the water and peace themes**

- Wade in the water (Trad)
- Agua de Beber (Antonio Carlos Jobim)
- Aguas de Março (Antonio Carlos Jobim)
- Peace (Horace Silver)
- Love and peace (Joachim Kuhn)
- Search for peace (Mc Coy Tyner)
- Smoke on the water (Deep Purple)

### **Musicians**

Percussion: Pablo Echarri  
Percussion: Alexandre Pascau  
Bass: Laurent Cabrillat  
Sax, flute, vocals: François Marie Moreau  
Trumpet, vocals: Franck Vogler  
Trombone: Simon Mestres  
Alto, vocals: Aurelien Petillot  
Violin: Pierre Meunier  
Violin 2: Paul Roux  
Cello: Raphaël Stefanica  
Piano & conductor: Manuel Martin  
Vocals, Guitar, Percussion: Blandine Millepied  
Guitar and coordination for Milk Music: Nicolas Aigrot  
Producer for Milk Music: David Carroll



**“Journeys Through Our Fragile Heritage: discover, preserve, transmit”**

Until the end of  
September 2018  
Parco Ciani, Lugano

The photo exhibition 'Journeys through our Fragile Heritage' is showcased on the perimeter area of Parco Ciani. From a project by Wikimedia and UNESCO it highlights the beauty and fragility of our common heritage. It landed in Lugano thanks to the cooperation between the UNESCO chair, founded and directed by USI Professor Lorenzo Cantoni, and the Swiss commission for UNESCO. The photo exhibition is organised within the framework of the #Unite4Heritage ([www.unite4heritage.org](http://www.unite4heritage.org)) campaign, a global movement launched in 2015 by UNESCO with the aim of celebrating and protecting cultural heritage, calling on everyone to report destruction by groups of extremists, and making everyone understand that the responsibility to safeguard cultural heritage lies in the hands of each individual. USI UNESCO Chair is one of the main supporters of this project on social media, through the #faces4heritage campaign (<https://twitter.com/Faces4Heritage>).

The exhibit illustrates the richness and diversity of a heritage that belongs to everyone and that needs help to be preserved and passed on to future generations. Intentional destruction, negligence, intensive tourism and uncontrolled economic development, ignorance and poor maintenance jeopardizes much of our cultural heritage and diversity. This exhibition shows threatened cultural heritage, both built and intangible, and reports illicit trafficking of artworks. The exhibition was first shown in Paris and in other capitals such as Rome, Montréal and Stockholm, and then landed in Switzerland on the UN building in Geneva. Lugano is the second Swiss stop, organized in collaboration with the department of events and conferences of the City of Lugano (Divisione Eventi e Congressi) to become part of the 'Long Lake Festival' and 'Lugano Arte Urbana'. The exhibition is also part of the activities of the USI MEM - Middle East Mediterranean Freethinking Platform ([www.usi.ch/mem](http://www.usi.ch/mem)) - as an additional effort to foster public debate and promote awareness of the current situation in the region.



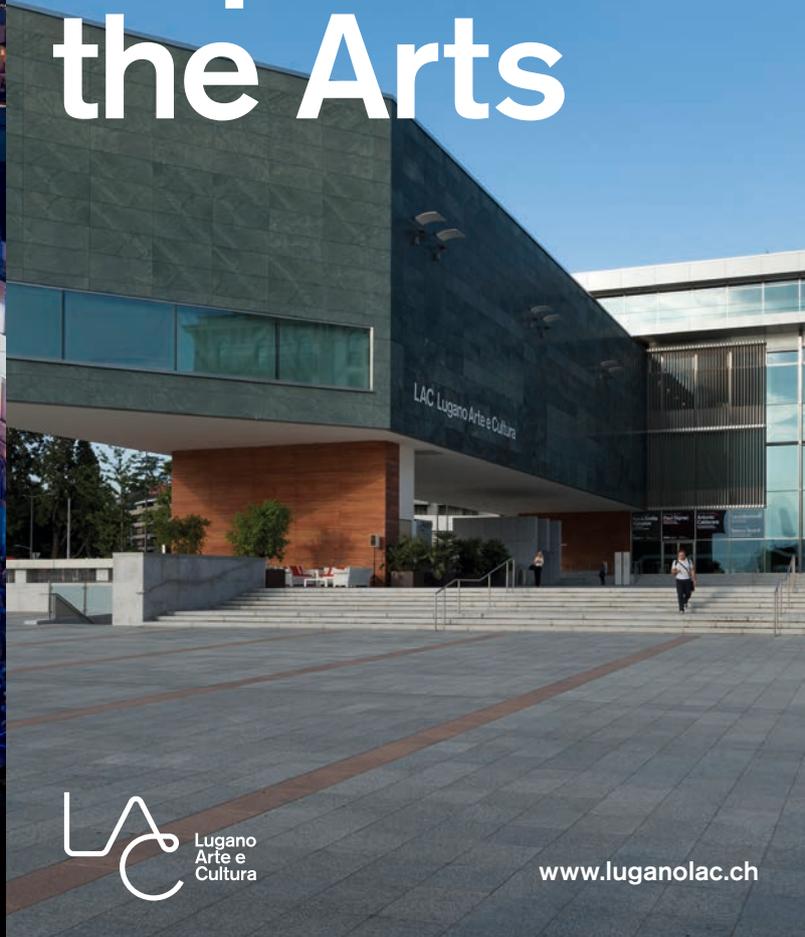
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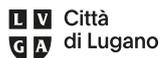
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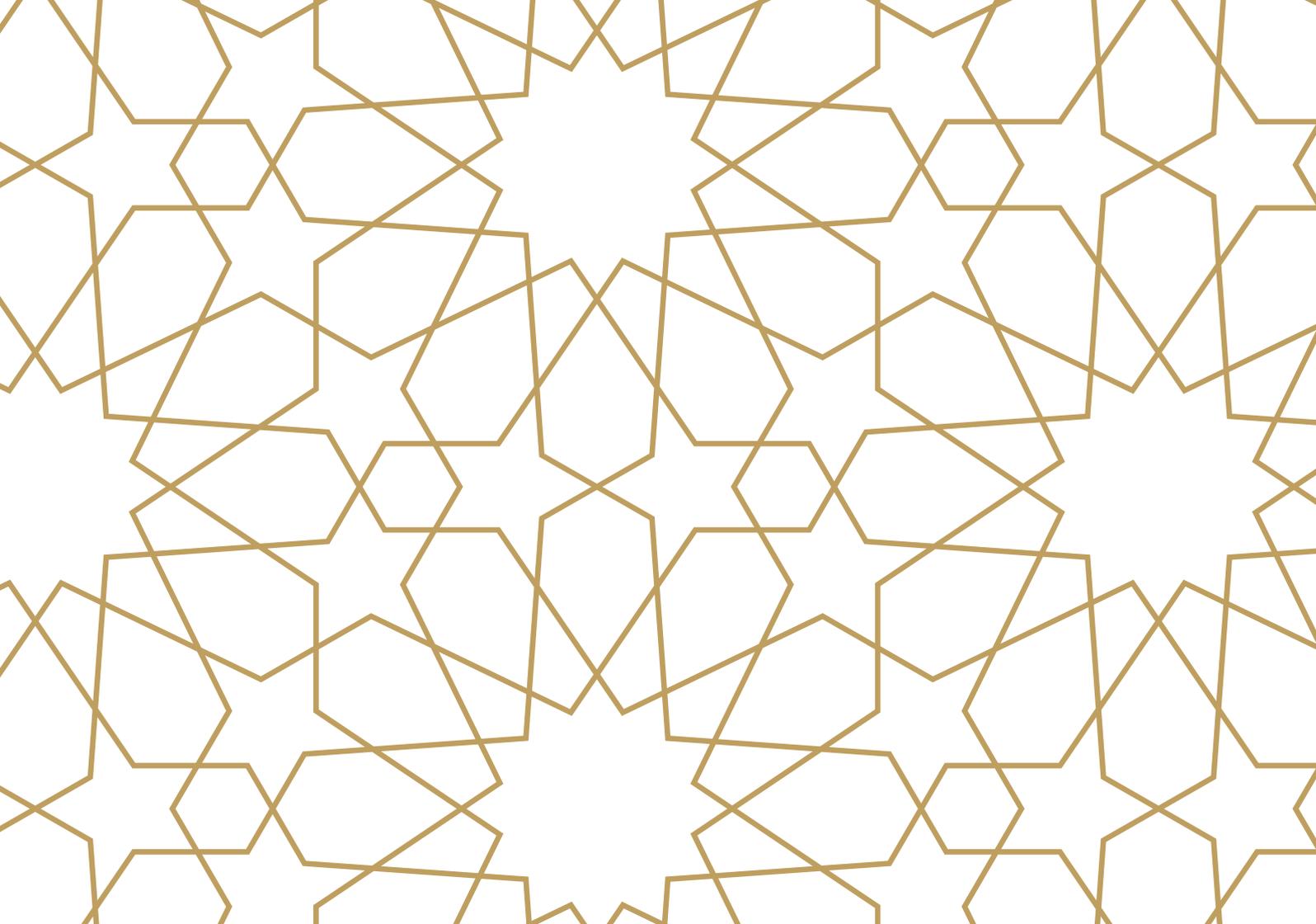


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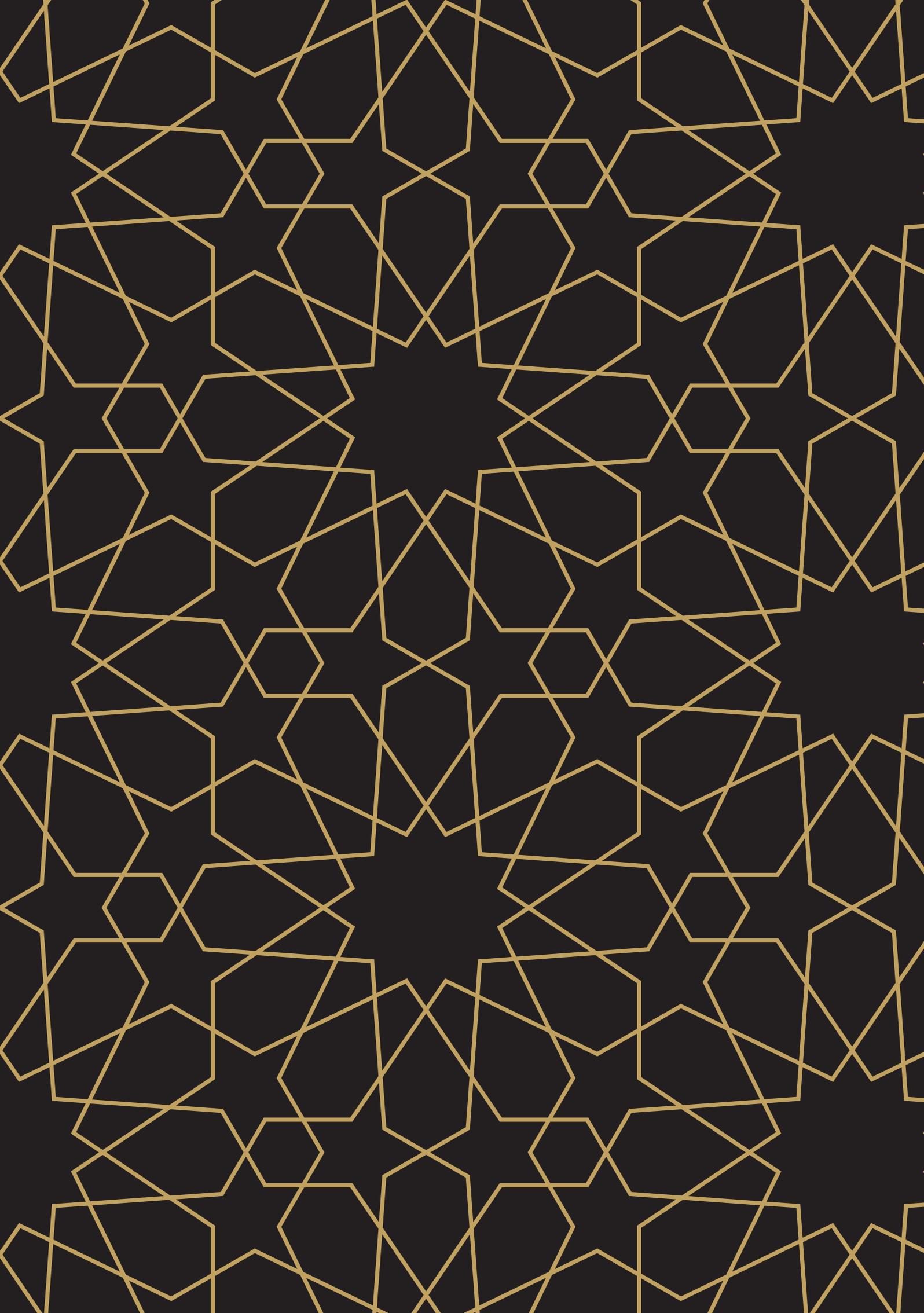
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