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***Political Stability, Ethno-religious Representation and Core-
Periphery Relations***

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Main Topics of the debate

i) Problems and challenges at the security level

- a) Strengthening the effectiveness and the impartiality of the Iraqi security forces (ISF).
- b) Integration of Sons of Iraq and former militias in the ISF.
- c) ISF relations with KRG security forces
- d) The “securitization” of the Iraqi society: assessment of the current scenario and future trends.
- e) Al-Qa’ida in Iraq: assessing the capabilities of the movement and his interaction with the remaining cadres of the insurgency.

ii) Problems and challenges at the political level

- a) New alliances for the 2010 elections. The search for new national non sectarian political gatherings.
- b) 2009 provincial elections outcomes: comparing new and old actors’ influence on the Iraqi political system.
- c) Which role can Iraqi tribes play in the political Iraqi scenario at the regional and at the national level?
- d) The constitutional revision process and the oil law.
- e) The Arab-Kurdish divide: how to create a multinational Iraq and to improve the current situation.
- f) Assessment of the current status of the disputed areas’ standoff and possible measures to favour a final solution.

iii) Problems and challenges at the socio-economic level

- a) Restarting Iraqi economy: reforms, better management of the resources, incentives to domestic and foreign investments, appropriate legislation and good governance.
- b) The developments in the oil, electricity, water, agriculture, housing, education and transport sectors.
- c) Toward a real and inclusive Iraqi identity: assessment of the current situation and suggestions.
- d) Refugees, internal displaced people, middle-class exodus and drain-brain phenomenon: initiatives in place and possible measures.

Agenda

- 09.15 – 09.45 **Welcome and Opening Address**
Maurizio Martellini - Landau Network-Centro Volta
Stefano Queirolo-Palmas – Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 09.45 – 11.00 *Session 1: Problems and challenges*
Chairperson: Riccardo Redaelli - Landau Network-Centro Volta
Inspirational papers by
- Riccardo Redaelli and Andrea Plebani - Landau Network-Centro Volta
- Coffee Break*
- 11.30 – 13.00 *Session 1: Continuation*
- Buffet Lunch*
- 14.30 – 16.00 *Session 2: How to move forward: indications, suggestions and proposals*
Chairperson: Riccardo Redaelli - Landau Network-Centro Volta
Inspirational paper by
- Brian Katulis – Center for American Progress and Sam Parker – United States Institute of Peace
- Coffee Break*
- 16.30 – 18.00 *Session 2: Continuation*
- 18.00 **Final Remarks**
- Dario Rivolta - Envoy of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Riccardo Redaelli - Landau Network-Centro Volta

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