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*International Workshop on:*

### *Iraq: Domestic Stabilization and the Regional Ethno- Religious Polarization*

*Council Room, Municipality of Como,*

*Como, Italy*

9-10 November, 2007

*organized by*

Landau Network Centro Volta (LNCV), Como, Italy  
Iraqi National Academy of Science (INAS), Baghdad, Iraq

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General Directorate for Mediterranean and Middle-East (GDMM)  
of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Rome, Italy

## **Preamble**

In order to analyse the multidimensional aspects associated with the stability, the regional security relations and current trends of the new Iraq and of the Middle-East, the Landau Network–Centro Volta (LNCV) in collaboration with the Iraqi National Academy of Science of Baghdad, and with the support of the General Directorate for Mediterranean and Middle-East (GDMM) of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), is organizing the international Workshop on: *Iraq: Domestic Stabilization and the Regional Ethno-Religious Polarization*.

The Workshop aims to discuss the current political, social and security situation in Iraq, analyzing in particular the many challenges which the new Iraq is facing. Due to the relevance of the neighbouring countries' role for the stabilization of Iraq the Seminar will also focus on the regional scenario and on the necessity of enhancing regional stability in order to reduce the lack of confidence and misperceptions amongst Iraq and its neighbours.

The Workshop represents a follow up of the LNCV Workshops held in Como, on November 24-25, 2006, on *Iraq after the Government: stabilization, security problems and the regional scenario* and on November 4-5, 2005, on *The New Iraq. Stabilization, Reconciliation, Institution-Building and the Regional Scenario*.

## **General Information**

Attendance at the two-days Workshop, organized like a real Roundtable, is strictly on invitation and open to about 40 participants, speakers included.

The official language of the workshop is English. Each Session is coordinated by a Chairperson. Each speech is limited to no more than 10 minutes in order to leave enough time for the general discussion. Each speaker should provide his/her paper (or enlarged abstract) some weeks in advance, in order to allow the preliminary circulation of papers amongst all the participants.

Participants at the Workshop take part as individuals and not as representatives of their institutions or governments in order to encourage wide-ranging and uninhibited discussions among experts.

A press conference, if required, might be arranged at the end of the Workshop.

## **Main Topics of Discussion**

- 1 The concept of representation in multi-ethnic and multi-religious states;
- 2 Main elements of concern of the different Iraqi communities presented by their representatives;
- 3 Ethno-religious sectarianism, *jihadist* terrorism, civil conflict: avoiding the trap of fragmentation;
- 4 Fiscal federalism, the issue of oil revenue distribution and oil fields and related plants management;
- 5 The stabilization of Iraq and the regional scenario: which role for the international communities and the regional states?;
- 6 Enhancing regional security confidence;
- 7 The future of US presence in Iraq;
- 8 The current security scenario in Baghdad as well as in the other provinces;
- 9 Sectarianism in police/security forces and the problem of militias.

# Agenda

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- 09.15 – 09.45      **Welcome and Opening Address**  
Min. Plen. Gianludovico de Martino, Director Task Force Iraq, Italian  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
*The Italian role in the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq*
- 09.45 – 11.00      **Session 1: The Status of Iraqi Ethno-Political and Security  
Environment: Main Issues and Concerns**  
*Chairperson with addressing remarks:*  
Riccardo Redaelli, Director of the Middle East Program, Landau  
Network-Centro Volta (LNCV) and Catholic University of the S. Heart  
*The New Iraq: Security, Political and Economic Scenarios*
- Presentations by Iraqi representatives
  - Round table interaction
- Coffee Break*
- 11.30 – 13.00      **Session 1: Second Part. Round Table**
- Buffet Lunch*
- 14.30 – 16.00      **Session 2: The future of Iraq**  
*Chairperson with addressing remarks:*  
Riccardo Redaelli, LNCV
- Presentations by Iraqi representatives
  - Round table interaction
- Coffee Break*
- 16.30 – 18.00      **Session 2: Second Part. Round Table**
- 20.15                *Social Dinner*

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09.15 – 11.00

**Session 3: Iraq and the Regional Scenario**

*Chairperson:*

Maurizio Martellini, Secretary General, Landau Network-Centro Volta (LNCV)

Presentations:

Peter Jones, Associate Professor, University of Ottawa  
*The Iraq Crisis; Would a Regional Security System Help?*

Mustafa Kibaroglu, Vice Chair & Graduate Advisor, Bilkent University  
*Turkey's Foreign Policy Toward (Northern) Iraq*

Nasser Saghafi-Ameri, Senior Fellow, Department of Foreign Policy & International Relations, Center for Strategic Studies  
*Iran and the US: seeking peace and stability in Iraq*

Round table interaction

*Coffee Break*

11.30 – 13.00

**Session 3: Second Part. Round Table**

13.00

*Closing Remarks by the Organizing Committee*