

**Who We Are**  
Past and Present Activities  
2019/2020

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**Crossing Cultures  
Convening Minds  
Circulating Ideas**

Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations, founded in 2004 by scholars with different backgrounds is committed to the goals of **generating** scientific insights on cultural pluralism, **analyzing** the root causes of cultural, religious, ethnic conflicts, **connecting** different viewpoints in scholarly research, **promoting pluralism**, toleration and human rights in different civilizational environments

### 1) The Venice Seminars on Toleration

*An International Forum and Summer School on the prospects for democracy, human rights, secularism and religion across different cultures.*

\_ Next Seminar: "Communities and the Individual: Democracy's Building Blocks"; May 20-25, 2020.

\_ In partnership with [Università Ca'Foscari](#).

\_ Recent Speakers: Giuliano Amato, Albena Azmanova, Karen Barkey, Sheri Berman, José Casanova, Alessandro Ferrara and many others.

\_ Participation of 60 top international scholars and 120 young professionals from Indonesia, China, India, Northern Africa, Turkey, Russia, the EU and the US (2017-).

### 2) The Reset Dialogues School on Pluralism

*An International Conference and Summer School on Religious Pluralism, Education and Political Liberties.*

\_ Next Summer School: [Tunisia](#) (July 2020). In partnership with the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts (Beit al-Hikma), University of Carthage.

\_ Previous Summer Schools: [Casablanca](#), Morocco (July 2018/2019). In partnership with the King Abdul-Aziz Foundation and the Granada Institute for Higher Education and Research, and the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

\_ Recent Speakers: Asma Afsaruddin, Massimo Campanini, Jocelyne Cesari, Khalid Hajji, Aziz Mechouat, Abdulaziz Sachedina and many others.

\_ Participation of 20 top international scholars and 71 young professionals from Turkey, Northern Africa, the Middle East, the US and the EU (2018-).

### 3) Reset Dialogues on Illiberal Trends

*A series of debates in the United States and Italy.*

\_ Meetings: on themes of Fragility, Cohesion, Vulnerability and Europe/Migration at the [University of Milan](#) (2018/2019); on "The Trap of Polarization, and The Erosion of the Democratic Discourse" at [Columbia University](#) (March 2019); and "Resetting Liberalism: an inquiry into the crisis of open societies" at the College of William and Mary (November 2019).

\_ In Partnership with: Zampa Foundation and the University of Milan (2018-); The Italian Academy at Columbia and the New York Review of Books (2019); The [College of William and Mary](#) (2019).

\_ Speakers: Giuliano Amato, Anthony Appiah, Karen Barkey, Seyla Benhabib, Sheri Berman, Stanley Greenberg, Mark Lilla, Yascha Mounk, Chiara Saraceno, Michael Walzer and many others.

\_ Participation of Young Scholars and General Public.

### 4) The Intercultural Lexicon

*A political dictionary for cross-cultural engagement.*

\_ Next Conference: "Liberalism, a comparative perspective"; Jan 31/Feb 1, 2019 at the [Havel Library, Prague](#).

\_ Related Conferences: University of Tunis (2017, 2019); Center for Human Values, [Princeton University](#) (2019); University of California, [Berkeley](#) (2020).

\_ Recent Speakers: Joseph Chan, Mohsen Kadivar, Cécile Laborde, Stephen Macedo, Alan Patten, Michael Walzer and many others.

\_ Participation of two dozen top international scholars and 30 Young Professionals from the US, Tunisia and Italy, (2017 -).

**Reset DOC** The New York Review of Books THE ITALIAN ACADEMY

## The Trap of Polarization

### The Erosion of Democratic Discourse

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, 2:00 – 6:30 pm  
Italian Academy, Columbia University  
1161 Amsterdam Ave, New York 10027

**Participants:** Giuliano Amato, Anthony Appiah, Karen Barkey, Seyla Benhabib, Sheri Berman, Giancarlo Bosetti, Jose Casanova, David Freedberg, Stanley Greenberg, Stephen Hanson, Joseph LaPalombara, Jonathan Laurence, Soli Özel, Ece Temelkuran, Michael Walzer

Attendance is free and open to the public  
Registration: [info@resetdoc.org](mailto:info@resetdoc.org)  
See [www.resetdoc.org](http://www.resetdoc.org) for updates

**Reset DOC** UNIVERSITÀ CA' FOSCARI

## Sources of Democracy

### Citizenship, Social Cohesion and Ethical Values

Venue: Giorgio Cini Foundation – Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice

Thursday, 23 May Friday, 24 May Saturday, 25 May

**Participants:** Robert Aronowitz, The Honorable Sergio Cusani, Secretary General, European Commission, Maurizio De Luca, President, European Council, Patrick Dunne, School of Public Administration, Dublin City University, Dilek Kurban, School of Public Administration, Dublin City University, Michael Wiley, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Peter Van Marrewijk, School of Public Administration, Dublin City University, Michael Wiley, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Patrick Dunne, School of Public Administration, Dublin City University, Dilek Kurban, School of Public Administration, Dublin City University, Michael Wiley, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Peter Van Marrewijk, School of Public Administration, Dublin City University, Michael Wiley, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

CALL FOR SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

# ISTANBUL SEMINARS

1<sup>st</sup> EDITION "PHILOSOPHERS BRIDGE THE BOSPHORUS"  
24-28 MAY 2016

## RELIGION, RIGHTS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE

When religion makes an important contribution to society in terms of civil life and social relations, it does not mean the absence of patriotism and intolerance. Muslim faith, however, and the evolution of the Muslim world itself are the result of the breakdown of democratic processes and civil law in many parts of the Muslim world. What are the factors that give rise to religious intolerance? The culture of intolerance, might and justice through? Underdevelopment and inequality? Or perhaps religious intolerance itself?

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Istanbul Bilgi University - Santral Istanbul Campus, Turkey

Young scholars will have the possibility to get involved in working groups on issues related to the topic and present the results of the group work, including in preliminary readings and workshops during the Seminars on the weekend. Students will receive a certificate of attendance.

**Speakers:** Mustafa Akinci, Zygmunt Bauman, Rajeev Bhargava, Seyla Benhabib, Giancarlo Bosetti, Manuel Castells, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Mohd Eddie, Alessandro Ferrara, Silvio Ferrati, Abbas Fikri-Ahmed, Nina zo Furstenberg, Nils-Göran Gulle, Peter Gordon, Amr Hamzawy, Ferit Karahan, Elisaveta Stalman, Husein Ali, Anandita Karia, Cristina Lafont, Ebrahim Moosa, Fabio Petito, David Rasmussen, Olivier Roy, Berkia Sassen, Richard Sennett, Ananya Vajpey, Michael Walzer (in video), Patrick Weil, Boyan Zarevski and many more.

Please check our website regularly for updates concerning the speakers and the program.  
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PastEvents

## ConveningMinds

**Istanbul Seminars:** Bridging Cultural Borders between East and West (currently suspended)

– In partnership with Bilgi University and the journal *Philosophy and Social Criticism*.

– Recent Participants: Lisa Anderson, Akeel Bilgrami, Amr Hamzawi, Manlio Graziano, Jürgen Habermas, Mohammed Hashas, Nader Hashemi, Riva Kastoryano, Dilek Kurban, Avishai Margalit, David Rasmussen, Charles Taylor, Michael Walzer and many others.

– Around 1,000 attendees, including 200 young professionals, from 2007-2016.

**Venice-Delhi Seminars:** Democracy and Pluralism between Europe and India (continuing)

– In partnership with *Seminar* magazine.

– Recent Participants: Rajeev Bhargava, Rachel Dwyer, Ramin Jahanbegloo, Jytte Klausen, Will Kymlicka, Olivier Roy, Ananya Vajpeyi, Shiv Visvanatahn and many others.

– Around 250 attendees, including 100 young professionals, since 2010.

**Euro-Arab Forum for democracy:** inclusive secularism and human rights

– **Rome** (2014); **Tunis** (2019).

– Recent Participants: Yadh Ben Achour, Ahmed Bouazzi, Issam Chabbi, Emanuele Felice, Ali Hafsi, Mounir Kchaou, Zied Laddhari, Mehdi Mabrouk, Mohsen Marzouk, Ferdinando Nelli Feroci.

– Around 150 attendees, including 50 young professionals, in 2014, 2015 and 2019.

**Exiting Violence: The Role of Religion**

– In partnership with Berkley Center and Bruno Kessler Foundation.

– **Trento** (Oct. 2017); **Washington** (Oct. 2018).

– Recent Participants: José Casanova, Gerard Mannion, Judd Birdsall, Katherine Marshall.

**Reset DOC** DIALOGUES OF CIVILIZATIONS

Who We Are Convening Our Initiative Research Getting Involved Press It

Topics Philosophy Society Migrations Gender Religion International Affairs Regions

**Analysis / Rajeev Bhargava 4 October 2019**  
A multiple belonging: recovering Gandhi's religious vision

**Dossiers** **Analysis** **Videos** **Publications**

**State-Building in Libya**  
Inspiring Democracy, Tradition and Citizenship  
Cassimir Casanova, Coast, Dhan, Erwin Holm, Khan, Kuan, Tawana, Vercelli  
The Philosophy of Democracy

OurWebsite

## CirculatingIdeas

**ResetDOC.org**

An Online Forum for Cross-Cultural Analysis, Commentary and Scholarship

In addition to providing information on Reset Dialogues' latest programming and events, the website serves as a forum for original articles, video interviews as well as curated translations contributed by cutting-edge, non-Anglophone authors. New content is uploaded weekly, and around seven articles are published monthly in addition to a bimonthly thematic dossier, and an e-magazine. The videos and short snapshot interviews of prominent intellectuals & specialized researchers focus on compelling topics such as the evolution of democracy, human and women's rights, and cultural and religious pluralism. These products share an approach to current events through the lens of pluralism and toleration in theory and historical practice – always keeping an eye out for what works.

– Recent Essays: Rajeev Bhargava, "A Multiple Belonging: Recovering Gandhi's Religious Vision" October 2019; Yonatan Levi, "Where has Israel's Social Justice Movement gone?" September 2019.

– Recent Dossiers: "Is Orange the New Black? New Far-Right in the Netherlands" April 2019; "Gathering at the Bedside of Liberal Democracy" March 2019.

– Recent Video Interviews: Soli Özel, "Have we Overcome the Peak of the Cycle of Populism and Economic Turmoil?" September 2019; Stanley Greenberg, "President Trump's Tea Party Revolution and the End of America's Polarization" September 2019; Ece Temelkuran, "We Need Global Solidarity" July 2019; Mark Lilla, "Too much Identity Politics?" May 2019.



### Reset Publications

- Volumes of selected essays (Springer Publishing).
  - Journal: Special Issues of *Philosophy and Social Criticism* (2009-).
  - Monographs (hard copies and e-book).
- Forthcoming volumes: Mohammed Haddad (ed.): *Muslim Reformism. A historical critique*; Mohammed Hashas (ed.): *Pluralism in Islamic Contexts: Ethics, Politics and Modern Challenges*; Riccardo Mario Cucciolla (ed.): *Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism*; Stefano Torelli (ed.): *Mediterranean Challenge: What Pushes People from Africa Northwards?*

**Reset Dialogues on Civilizations** (DOC) has been convening experts, scholars and young professionals and sharing ideas across borders, cultures, religions and languages since 2004. Founded in Rome by Nina zu Fürstenberg and Giancarlo Bosetti and a small committee of dedicated supporters, its strongest early backers on the Founding Committee chaired by US philosopher Seyla Benhabib and former Prime Minister Giuliano Amato of Italy, are figures such as Abdou Filali-Ansary, Fred Dallmayr, Vartan Gregorian, Nilufer Göle, Nasr Hamid, Avishai Margalit, Otto Schily, Karl von Schwarzenberg, Nadia Urbinati and Michael Walzer, who have made vital contributions alongside scores of others.

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**Reset Dialogues** is an American non-profit organization created in 2009 to promote cultural and religious pluralism, the rule of law and human rights in various contexts. Initially established to support its Italian partner organization, Reset Dialogues now works together with ResetDOC to commission and publish research in the human and social sciences and to convene conferences at American universities, in addition to administering the annual Seminars and School on Pluralism in North Africa.

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