“Narratives of Change: Cooperation and Partnerships among Communities in the MENA Region”

Guidelines for participants’ contributions

As a requirement of the conference, each participant shall produce a policy paper addressing one of the themes outlined on pages 2-3:

1. An abstract of 300-500 words of this policy paper must be sent to the organising committee

2. the policy paper must be submitted and presented in the relevant session at the conference.

Your policy paper should :

 Not exceed 4 pages

 Introduce or argue for relevant scholarly research that is related to one of the themes and one or several of the related guiding questions and present opportunities for future research and discussion.

 Relate to the same topic as your abstract.

 Outline an original idea for presentation and discussion among conference participants.

We strongly recommend the use of infographics in the policy paper (Infographics can be charts, graphs, diagrams, or tables that visualise data and information)

We strongly encourage you to generate your own ideas and proposals, using your personal research, experiences, education, interests, and creativity as a guide. You will strictly have 10 minutes to present your ideas to the group, so please prepare several “talking points” that would allow you to summarise the core ideas in your statement in a brief oral/PowerPoint presentation.

subject to modifications

IV. Radicalism and Violent Extremism: identified trends in the Middle East and in Europe

 How might Daesh change its operative and ideological strategies in view of its territorial losses on the ground? Are we nearing Daesh’s defeat? What is going to happen going forward?

 How can we better understand the radicalisation phenomena and processes in the Middle East and in Europe, and how can they be prevented?

 What role can be played by youth in their communities to counter radical beliefs and actively contribute to preventing extremism and promoting tolerance? V. The role of technology in fostering cooperation, communication and tolerance

 What tools/initiatives currently exist that provide a platform through the virtual/cyber world for fostering cooperation, communication and tolerance?

 What attracts youth in the startup scene in the Middle East?

My introduction was:

“Terrorism is a word that has been repeated in recent times, and this word has become a panacea for everyone who hears it. Everyone is struggling with everything he can to escape. It is the nightmare that has turned the light and light in the eyes of some of them into total darkness and turned their lives into an unbearable hell. Terrorism is an old crime in a new dress, a lethal weapon on the neck. Terrorism has many meanings for grave actions.

There are many types of terrorism that is contrary to the Islamic Shari'a law, all divine religions and all the laws of status, and everyone seeks to eliminate it, and to eradicate this cancer, which has recently spread in the body of the nation.

What is terrorism? Who is the terrorist? What causes it? How is it fought and uprooted from its roots? What is the position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on terrorism, violence and extremism taking place at the domestic and international levels? These questions and others that are now in mind will be dealt with in this study. The study will first address the position of Islamic Sharia law from the phenomenon of terrorism practiced by some people who are misguided and how to address this serious phenomenon.”