

Washington Forum 2014 North Africa and the Middle East: Common Challenges

The Fairfax at Embassy Row, Washington, DC

- 09.15 – 10.00** **Registration**
- 10.00 – 10.15** **Welcome remarks**
João Vale de Almeida, Head of EU Delegation to the US, EEAS
Wendy Chamberlin, President, Middle East Institute
Antonio Missiroli, Director, EUISS
- 10.15 – 11.45** **Session 1 – The Arab world: lost in transition?**
Chair: **Antonio Missiroli**, Director, EUISS
Interventions: **Paul Salem**, Vice President, Middle East Institute
Florence Gaub, Senior Analyst, EUISS
William Roebuck, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Egypt and Maghreb Affairs, Department of State
Jon Alterman, Director, Middle East Program, CSIS
EU PSC Ambassadors
- 12.00 – 13.00** **Between EU and US: a conversation with Pierre Vimont and Anne Patterson**
Moderator: **Wendy Chamberlin**, President, Middle East Institute
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 14.30** **Keynote speech by Senator John McCain**
- 14.30 – 15.45** **Session 2 – The wider Middle East: a theatre of competition?**
Chair: **Walter Stevens**, PSC Chair
Interventions: **Robert Ford**, former US Ambassador to Syria
Brett McGurk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iraq and Iran, Department of State
Dennis Ross, Counselor and William Davidson Distinguished Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Mona Yacoubian, Senior Advisor, Middle East, Stimson Center
EU PSC Ambassadors
- 15.45** **Conclusions**