



Exploring the Path of Federalism in the Middle East

European Parliament, Brussels
Altiero Spinelli Building, Room 5E3
Wednesday, 2 October 2013
2-4pm

1.15pm Registration

2pm Opening Remarks

Tunne Kelam – *Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group)*
Marino Busdachin – *General Secretary of UNPO*
Marco Scurria – *Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group)*

Panel I – What Future for Human Rights and Federalism in the Middle East?

Setting the Record Straight: Iran's Ethnic Composition

Ayda Karimli
(Southern Azerbaijan)

The Congress of Nationalities for a Federal Iran: Challenges and Opportunities

Loghman Ahmedi
CNFI (Sweden)

Federalism as a way to accommodate the needs of minorities: the case of Iraq

William Spencer
Institute for International Law and Human Rights (U.S.A.)

Q&A

Panel II – Enhancing Democracy through Federalism

Sustainable Reconciliation through Federalism

Michael Jewkes
Expert on Federalism, KU Leuven Inst. of Philosophy (Belgium)

State reactions to National Minorities in the Middle East: A Focus on Iran

Nasser Boladai
Balochistan Peoples Party and Congress of Nationalities for a Federal Iran (Sweden)

Democracy and Accommodation of National Minorities in Europe: Policy solutions for the Middle East

Ivan Serrano & Ricard Vilaregut
On behalf of the Centre Maurits Coppieters and CIEMEN.

Q&A

Conference Close