

**Agenda**

SWP-USIP Workshop, kindly supported by the German Marshall Fund (GMF)

**The Challenge of Islamists for EU and US Policies  
Conflict, Stability and Reform**

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin, September 27/28, 2007

Thursday, September 27 (Venue: SWP Berlin, Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4, 10719 Berlin, Großer Konferenzraum)

**9:30-10:00 Welcome and Introduction**

Günther Maihold, Deputy Director, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)  
Steven Heydemann, Special Advisor to the Muslim World Initiative, Director of  
Grants, United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

**10:00-11:30 Opening Session: Challenges for and Framing of Policies towards the Muslim World**

**Chair:** Muriel Asseburg, Head, Research Unit Middle East and Africa, SWP

Steven Heydemann, USIP  
Cilja Harders, Professor, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Free  
University Berlin

**Discussants:**

Oliver Wilcox, Democracy and Governance Advisor for the Middle East and North  
Africa, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, US Agency for International  
Development (USAID)  
Alar Olljum, Head of Unit Forward Studies, EU Commission

**11:30-12:00 Coffee Break**

**12:00-13:30 Dealing with Islamists in Muslim Democracies**

**Chair:** Farish Noor, Center for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO)

*The Case of Indonesia*, Felix Heiduk, SWP  
*The Case of Turkey*, Steven A. Cook, Council on Foreign Relations

**Discussant:**

Matthias Weiter, Humboldt University Berlin, Middle East Development Policy Advisor to the  
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

**13:30-15:00 Lunch Break**

**15:00-16:30 Framing Conflicts and Policies: The Use and Abuse of Islam**

**Chair:** Christian Wagner, SWP

*The Case of Somalia*, Annette Weber, SWP

*The Case of Sudan*, Dorina Bekoe, USIP

**Discussants:**

Karin von Hippel, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Carola Müller-Holtkemper, Head of Division, East Africa/Horn of Africa, Federal Foreign Office

**19:00-22:00 Dinner** (Venue: Hotel Concorde Berlin, Augsburger Str. 41, 10789 Berlin, Raum „Montmartre“)

**Key Note Speeches**

*Toward “Normal Politics” in the Arab World: The Case for Engaging Islamists in International Democracy Assistance Initiatives*, Leslie Campbell, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa Programs, National Democratic Institute (NDI)

*European Union and the Muslim World - Democratization by Cooperation?* Cem Özdemir, Member of the European Parliament, German Green Party

**Friday, September 28** (Venue: SWP Berlin, Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4, 10719 Berlin, Großer Konferenzraum)

**9:30-11:00 Political Participation of Islamists in Authoritarian Systems**

**Chair:** Andrä Gärber, Head of Division, Middle East/North Africa, Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES)

*The Case of Morocco*, Eva Wegner, SWP

*The Case of Yemen*, Mona Yacoubian, USIP

**Discussants:**

Laura Schulz, US Department of State, Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

Oliver Schlumberger, German Development Institute (GDI-DIE)

**11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 Concluding Session: A Shared US-EU Agenda towards the Muslim World?**

**Chair:** Merete Bilde, Policy Unit, Council of the European Union

Charles King Mallory IV, Director, Aspen Institute

Muriel Asseburg, SWP

**Discussants:**

Steven Heydemann, USIP

Renate Schimkoreit, Head of Division, Barcelona Process; BMENA, Federal Foreign Office

**13.00 Light Lunch and Farewell**