



HANDOUT

“Discussing journalism trends in North Africa”

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Outline of the presentation

Round table chaired by professor emeritus **Tuomo Melasuo** and visiting professor **Rauli Virtanen**, both University of Tampere.

In this round table we will discuss the general trends of media in the Maghreb –

Trends, visions, comparisons

- Has there been changes after the so-called ‘Arab Spring’?
If yes, what they are, have they been significant, and why?

Comparisons between different media themselves

- Different modes of media?
Press, radio, television, social media, traditional media?
- Does language matter and/or make the difference?
Is the discourse in French more moderate and laic (secular) and in Arabic more radical and religious?

Comparisons between countries

- Freedom of media and its limits, differences between countries?
Most controlled in Morocco, more free in Algeria, and in Tunisia between the two?

Comparisons internationals

What is the importance of the international media, first of all satellite channels?

- in Arabic? Al-Jazeera, Al-Hayat, etc.
- Europeans channels
- In Morocco, Spanish channels, in Tunisia Italian channels, as well as in Algeria and in all the Maghreb countries French channels such as RFI, France24, TV5Monde, RAI (Italian)
- “Local” radio channels in France such as France Culture, France Interne, RAI, etc.
- European Press; paper and digital versions?
- Press in Arabic?; paper and digital versions?
- North-African media compared with European and Middle-Eastern media?
More close to European media landscape than anything else.

Suggested preliminary extra reading:

<http://www.institut-gouvernance.org/fr/document/fiche-document-154.html>

About the Speaker

Professor emeritus **Tuomo Melasuo** has concentrated on North African colonial and recent history since the beginning of the 1970's. Since the end of the 1980's he has directed the TAPRI Mediterranean Studies Project which deals also with Euro-Mediterranean relations. Professor Melasuo has represented more than a decade Western Europe and North America as vice-president in the UNESCO social science program MOST (Management of Social Transformation), he has also been active in Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) as a member of its Advisory Council and as a coordinator of Finnish national ALF network. Today he continues to concentrate in his North African studies being active in Euro-Mediterranean scientific networks such as SIHMED, FEMISE and EuroMeSCo. Tuomo Melasuo is also a Chevalier of Palmes Académiques, and he has recently been awarded together with the Tunisian Dialogue Quartet by a special homage of Ahmed Tlili Foundation in Tunis.



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