

Who We Are

Past and Present Activities
Projects 2019/2020



Crossing Cultures
Convening Minds
Circulating Ideas

Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations, founded in 2004 by scholars with different backgrounds is committed to the goals of **generating** scientific insights on cultural pluralism, **analyzing** the root causes of cultural, religious, ethnic conflicts, **connecting** different viewpoints in scholarly research, **promoting pluralism**, toleration and human rights in different civilizational environments

1) The Venice Seminars on Toleration

An International Forum and Summer School on the prospects for democracy, human rights, secularism and religion across different cultures.

– Next Seminar: “Sources of Democracy: Citizenship and Cohesion”; May 20-25, 2019.

– In partnership with Fondazione Cini, Università Ca’Foscari, and the Mominoun Foundation.

– Recent Speakers: Giuliano Amato, Karen Barkey, Seyla Benhabib, Homi Bhabha, Michael Sandel and many others.

– Participation of 60 top international scholars and 120 young professionals from Indonesia, Morocco, Turkey, Russia, Italy, Germany, the US and Uganda (2017-).

2) The Casablanca School for Pluralism

An International Conference and Summer School on Religious Pluralism, Education and Political Liberties.

– Next Summer School: July 2019. In partnership with the King Abdul-Aziz Foundation for Human Sciences and Islamic Studies, Granada Institute for Higher Education and Research, and Mominoun Foundation.

– Speakers: Asma Afsaruddin, Clinton Bennett, Massimo Campanini, Nouzha Guessous, Mohsen Kadivar, Oliver Leaman and many others.

– Participation of 20 top international scholars and 52 Young Professionals from US, Morocco, Tunisia, Indonesia, Italy (2018-).

3) Reset Dialogues on Illiberal Trends

A series of debates in the United States and Italy.

– Next Meetings: on themes of Fragility, Cohesion, Vulnerability and Europe/Migration at the University of Milan (2018/2019); on “The Trap of Polarization, and The Erosion of the Democratic Discourse” at Columbia University (March 2019); a “Global Illiberal Trends in Comparison” at the College of William and Mary (October 2019).

– In Partnership with: Zampa Foundation and the University of Milan (2018-); The Italian Academy at Columbia and the New York Review of Books (2019); The College of William and Mary (2019).

– Speakers: Giuliano Amato, Anthony Appiah, Karen Barkey, Seyla Benhabib, Sheri Berman, Stanley Greenberg, Mark Lilla, Yascha Mounk, Chiara Saraceno, Michael Walzer and many others.

– Participation of Young Scholars and General Public

4) The Intercultural Lexicon

A political dictionary for cross-cultural engagement.

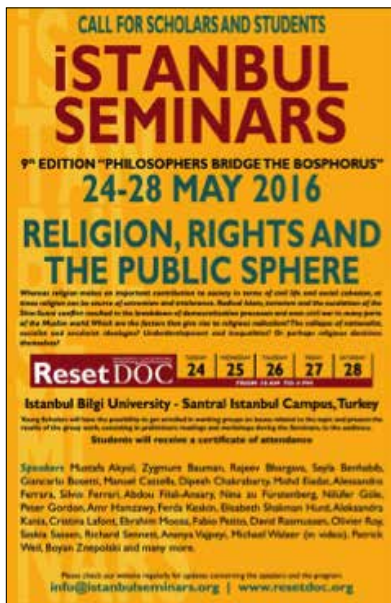
– Next Conference: “Comparative Secularisms”; April 4-6, 2019 at the Center for Human Values, Princeton University.

– Related Conferences: University of Tunis (2017, 2019); Havel Library of Prague (2020); University of California, Berkeley (2020).

– Recent Speakers: Mohammed Haddad, Mohamed Salah Kherigi, Francois Jullien, Esther Lin, Stephen Macedo, Ayelet Shachar and many others.

– Participation of two dozen top international scholars and 30 Young Professionals from the US, Tunisia and Italy, since 2017.

– Web dictionary launch planned for September 2019.



Related Projects

Ongoing/PastEvents

Istanbul Seminars: Bridging Cultural Borders between East and West (currently suspended)

– In partnership with Bilgi University and the journal *Philosophy and Social Criticism*.

– Recent Participants: Lisa Anderson, Akeel Bilgrami, Amr Hamzawi, Manlio Graziano, Mohammed Hashas, Nader Hashemi, Riva Kastoryano, Dilek Kurban, Avishai Margalit, David Rasmussen, Michael Walzer and many others.

- Around 1,000 attendees, including 200 young professionals, from 2007-2016.

Venice-Delhi Seminars: Democracy and Pluralism between Europe and India (continuing)

– In partnership with *Seminar* magazine.

– Recent Participants: Rajeev Bhargava, Rachel Dwyer, Ramin Jahanbegloo, Jytte Klausen, Will Kymlicka, Olivier Roy, Ananya Vajpeyi, Shiv Visvanatahn and many others.

- Around 250 attendees, including 100 young professionals, since 2010.

Euro-Arab Forum for democracy, inclusive secularism and human rights

– Rome (2014); Tunis (continuing).

– Recent Participants: Rafik Abdessalam, Yadh Ben Achour, Lina Ben Mheni, Emma Bonino, Mohamed Haddad, Ferida Labidi, Ridha Tlili, Fabio Petito, Jonathan Laurence, Abdullahi An-Na'im.

– Around 80 attendees, including 30 young professionals, in 2014 and 2015.

Exiting from Religious Violence

– In partnership with Berkley Center and Bruno Kessler Foundation.

– Trento (Oct. 2017); Washington (Oct. 2018).

– Recent Participants: José Casanova, Gerard Mannion, Judd Birdsall, Jocelyne Cesali, Katherine Marshall.

CirculatingIdeas

OurWebsite

ResetDOC.org

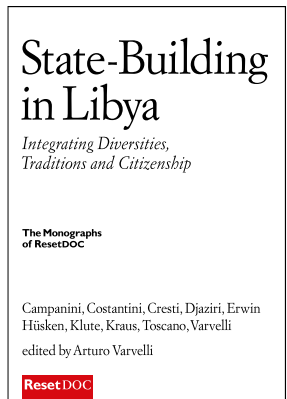
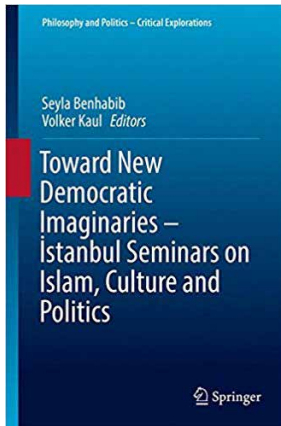
An Online Forum for Cross-Cultural Analysis, Commentary and Scholarship

In addition to providing information on Reset Dialogues' latest programming and events, the website serves as a forum for **original articles**, **video interviews** as well as **curated translations** contributed by cutting-edge, non-Anglophone authors. New content is uploaded weekly, and around seven articles are published monthly in addition to a bimonthly thematic dossier, and an e-magazine. The videos and short snapshot interviews of prominent intellectuals & specialized researchers focus on compelling topics such as the evolution of democracy, human and women's rights, and cultural and religious pluralism. These products share an approach to current events through the lens of pluralism and toleration in theory and historical practice – always keeping an eye out for what works. Since 2017 Resetdoc.org has published more than **120** articles, **30** video interviews and **12** thematic dossiers. The site receives 5,000 visits per month.

_ Recent Essays: Federico Finchelstein, "The Extremist Bolsonaro: The Very Dangerous Face of Populism in Brazil" January 2019; Mujibur Rehman, "Towards the Elections in India, the Road of Secularism is still Long" January 2019.

– Recent Dossiers: “After the Elections, how Turkey is Heading towards and Authoritarian Regime” October; “The Iran Nuclear Deal After US Withdrawal,” June 2018.

– Recent Video Interviews: Homi Bhabha, “The Danger of the New Politics of Dishonor and Denigration” November 2018; Lisa Anderson, “Populism and The Shared Sense of Abandonment” January 2018; Josè Casanova, “The Principles of Religious Pluralism”, December 2018; Nayla Tabbara, “Islamic Pluralist Theology and other Religions” January 2019.



Reset Publications

- Volumes of selected essays (Springer Publishing).
 - Journal: Special Issues of *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, (2009-).
 - Monographs (hard copies and e-book).
- Forthcoming volumes: Mohammed Haddad (ed.): *Muslim Reformism. A historical critique*; Riccardo Mario Cucciolla (ed.): *Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism*; Stefano Torelli (ed.): *Demographic Imbalances between Europe and Africa*.

Reset Dialogues on Civilizations (DOC) has been convening experts, scholars and young professionals and sharing ideas across borders, cultures, religions and languages since 2004. Founded in Rome by Nina zu Fürstenberg and Giancarlo Bosetti and a small committee of dedicated supporters, its strongest early backers on the Founding Committee chaired by US philosopher Seyla Benhabib and former Prime Minister Giuliano Amato of Italy, are figures such as Abdou Filali-Ansary, Fred Dallmayr, Vartan Gregorian, Nilufer Göle, Nasr Hamid, Avishai Margalit, Otto Schily, Karl von Schwarzenberg, Nadia Urbinati and Michael Walzer, who have made vital contributions alongside scores of others.

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