

## Who We Are

Past and Present Activities  
2020/2021



Crossing Cultures  
Convening Minds  
Circulating Ideas

## 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: “Communities and the Individual: Democracy’s Building Blocks”; **May 25/30, 2020.**

– In partnership with **Università Ca’Foscari.**

– Recent Speakers: Giuliano Amato, Albenaz Azmanova, Karen Barkey, Seyla Benhabib, Sheri Berman, José Casanova, Alessandro Ferrara, Nilüfer Gölle and many others.

– Participation of 60 top international scholars and 120 young professionals from Indonesia, China, India, Northern Africa, Turkey, Russia, the EU and the US, since 2017.

## 2) The Reset Dialogues School on Pluralism

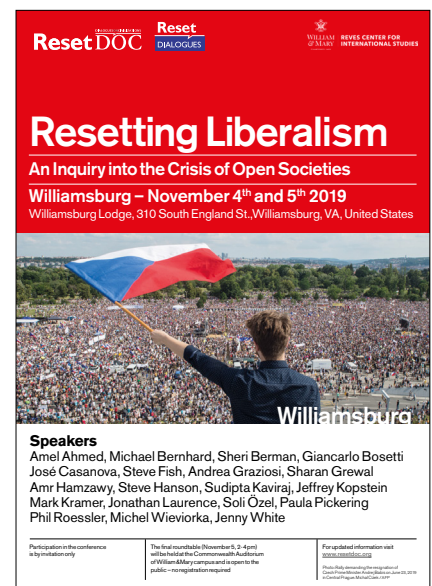
*An international conference and summer school on religious pluralism, education and political liberties.*

– Next Summer School: “Cultural Pluralism and Political Liberties”; **Carthage, Tunisia.** In partnership with the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts (Beit al-Hikma), University of Carthage; **June 29/July 10, 2020.**

– Previous Summer Schools: **Casablanca, Morocco** (July 2018/2019). In partnership with the King Abdul-Aziz Foundation for Islamic Studies and Human Science, and the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

– Recent Speakers: Asma Afsaruddin, Massimo Campanini, Jocelyne Cesari, Khalid Hajji, Aziz Mehouat, Abdulaziz Sachedina and many others.

– Participation of 40 top international scholars and 71 young professionals from Turkey, Northern Africa, the Middle East, the US and the EU, since 2018.



### 3) Reset Dialogues on Illiberal Trends

*A series of debates in the United States and Italy.*

– Next Conference: “The Divided Society” at The Italian Academy at **Columbia University, New York, March 11, 2020.**

– 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); and “Resetting Liberalism: An Inquiry into the Crisis of Open Societies” at the **College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia** (November 2019).

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

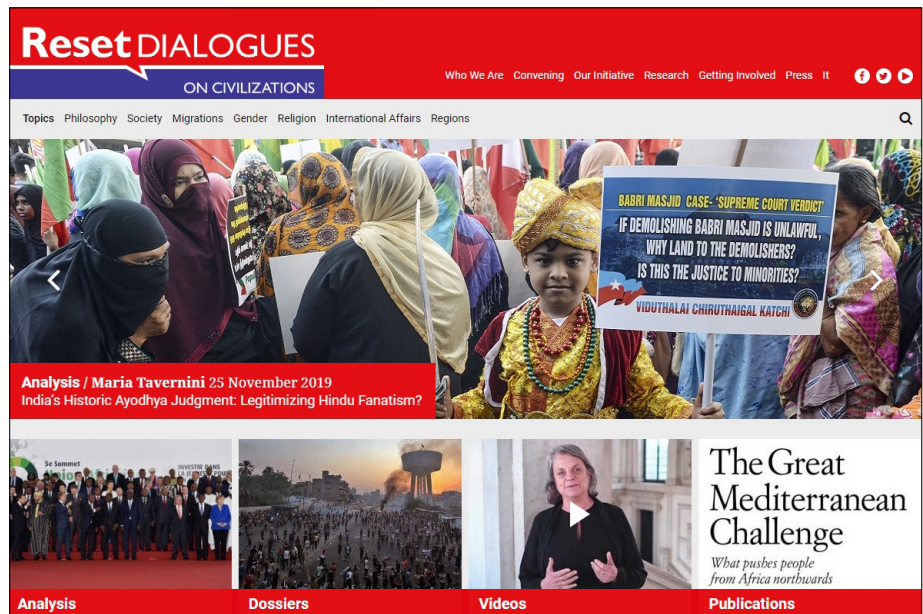
– Next Conferences: “Toleration in Comparative Perspective: Concepts, Practices and Documents” at the **University of California, Berkeley, April 3/4, 2020**; “Getting to Reconciliation: A Comparative Perspective” in collaboration with the Faculty of Islamic Studies of the **University of Sarajevo**, October (2020); “Comparative Secularisms: Conceptions and Practices of Religious Liberty in the Public Sphere” at the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, **Princeton University** (2019).

– Recent Speakers: Joseph Chan, Mohsen Kadivar, Cécile Laborde, Stephen Macedo, Alan Patten, Michael Walzer and many others.

– Participation of two dozen top international scholars and 30 Young Professionals from the US and Europe.







## Circulating Ideas

OurWebsite

### Resetdialogues.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 of cutting-edge international 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.

\_ **Recent Essays:** Marina Forti, "When Gasoline Turns Political. Protests and Repression Dismay Iran" December 2019; Moncef Djaziri, "The Libyan Crisis and the Ineffectiveness of the International Community" November 2019.

\_ **Recent Dossiers:** "A Thousand Lessons from the Berlin Wall" November 2019; "The Square is Back" October 2019.

\_ **Recent Video Interviews:** Yael Tamir, "Liberals need to Engage in the Nationalism of the Vulnerable" December 2019; Patrick Deneen, "The Rise of Populism Comes from the Failure and Success of Liberalism" November 2019; Jon Elster, "Compensating the Losers from Globalization" November 2019; Soli Özel, "Have we Overcome the Peak of the Cycle of Populism and Economic Turmoil?" September 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 Critical History*; Mohammed Hashas (ed.), *Pluralism in Islamic Contexts: Ethics, Politics and Modern Challenges*; Jonathan Laurence (ed.), *Secularism in Comparative Perspective: A volume of the Intercultural Lexicon*; J. Laurence and A. Alibašić (eds.), *Tolerance in Mediterranean Societies: History, Ideas, and Institutions*; V. Kaul and A. Vajpeyi (eds.), *Minorities and Populism: Critical Perspectives from South Asia and Europe*; Federica Zoja (ed.), *The Tunisian Exception*; D. Tonelli and G. Mannion (eds.), *Exiting Violence: from Texts to Theories*.



**Reset Dialogues on Civilizations** (DOC) has been convening experts, scholars and young professionals, 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 Founding Committee was chaired by US philosopher Seyla Benhabib and former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato until 2019, and was composed of its strongest early backers 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. The Committee is currently chaired by José Casanova of Georgetown University.

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**Reset Dialogues** is an American non-profit organization created in 2009 to promote cultural and religious pluralism, the rule of law and human rights in various contexts. Initially established to support its Italian partner organization, Reset Dialogues now works together with ResetDOC to commission and publish research in the human and social sciences and to convene conferences at American universities, in addition to administering the annual Seminars and School on Pluralism in North Africa.

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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

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