

18. Oriana Fallaci, born 1929 in Florence and died 2006 in Florence, Italy. Journalist, author, political interviewer. Fallaci, who has been a partisan during World War II, published in her late career texts mostly critical towards Islamic extremism and Islam in general. "Europe no longer is Europe, it is Eurabia, a colony of Islam..."

19. Thilo Sarrazin, born 1945 in Gera, Germany. Politician and member of the Social Democratic Party, former member of the Executive Board of Deutsche Bundesbank. Mostly known for his book Deutschland schafft sich ab (Germany does away with itself), in which he derides Muslims who he claims do not want to integrate into German society.

20. Geert Wilders, born 1963 in Venlo, the Netherlands. Politician, founder and current leader of the right-wing Partij voor de Vrijheid (PVV: Party for Freedom), known for his anti-islamic statements and views such as "I don't hate Muslims, I hate Islam".

21. Umberto Bossi, born 1941 in Cassano Magnago, Italy. Politician, co-founder and Federal Secretary of the right-wing separatist party Lega Nord (Northern League). Sentenced for a 200-million lire bribe in 1992 and for the incitement of violence in 1998. While being Reforms Minister in 2003, he was quoted in the newspaper Corriere della Sera for saying that "the navy should fire on boats carrying illegal immigrants to Italy".

22. Raffaele Speranzon, born 1971 in Mestre/Venecia, Italy. Politician, member of Lega Nord (Northern League) for Cultural Affairs of the Province of Veneto. He recently proposed to remove books from the public libraries in Veneto written by writers, who signed a petition in favour of former left wing activist Cesare Battisti (see also no. 5. Elena Donazzan).

23. Francesca Zaccariotto, born 1962, Italy. Politician, President of the Province of Venice. Suggested to use the army against street vendors in Venice, calling it "a public awareness campaign".

24. Silvio Berlusconi, born 1936 in Milan, Italy. Entrepreneur and politician, currently Prime Minister of Italy, leader and founder of Il Popolo della Libertà (PDL). He has an extensive record of criminal allegations, including mafia collusion, false accounting, tax fraud, corruption and bribery of police officers and judges. He has been tried in Italian courts in several cases. While Prime Minister, he has retained effective control of 90% of all national television broadcasting of Italy. He is accused of entertaining links to the Mafia and has been involved in a host of sex scandals. He has said: "It is better to like young girls rather than to be gay..."

25. Pope Benedict XVI, born Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, 1927 in Markt, Germany. Was elected Pope in 2005. In April 2010 Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens have asked human rights lawyers to produce a case charging Pope Benedict with his alleged cover-up of sexual abuse in the Catholic church. In his annual New Year's speech to the diplomatic corps of the Vatican City in 2010 the Pope stated that the legalization of gay marriage is an assault upon creation.

26. Luigi Cesaro, born 1952 in Sant'Antimo, Italy. President of the Province of Naples. He began his political career in the Socialist Party, but is now provincial coordinator of the centre right wing party The People of Freedom (PDL). He is accused of having ties with the Camorra.

27. Thomas Kilpper, born 1956, Stuttgart, Germany. Artist, engages with history and the public sphere through artistic interventions that reveal hidden or obscured political conflicts and social significances.

28. Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohamed Al Qasimi, born 1939 in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. The ruler of Sharjah emirate (since 1972). President of Sharjah Biennial, responsible for the dismissal of Jack Persikian, Director of the Sharjah Art Foundation since 2005, after a public outcry over the perceived offensive content in an artwork exhibited in the 10th edition of the Sharjah Biennial by Algerian artist, journalist and activist Mustapha Benfodil.

29. Ignazio La Russa, born 1947 in Paternò, Italy. Politician, current Minister of Defence in the Berlusconi government. He started his career in the neo-fascist Movimento Sociale (MSI) and became later head of the National Alliance that merged with Berlusconi's The People of Freedom Party (PDL). Renowned for anti-islamic, anti-communist tough language.

30. Benjamin Netanyahu, born 1949 in Tel Aviv, Israel. Politician, currently Prime Minister and Chairman of the right wing Likud party. He is not in favour of an independent Palestinian state and stresses that the Palestinians must recognize Israel as a Jewish state. He recently rejected President Barack Obama's support for a two state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

31. Bart de Wever, born 1970 in Mortsel, Belgium. Politician, president of the right-wing separatist New Flemish Alliance.

32. Daniela Santanchè, born 1961 in Cuneo, Italy. Politician, founder of right-wing party Movimento per l'Italia, currently State Secretary to Prime Minister Berlusconi. She is known for saying "I am proud to be a fascist" and known as a militant adversary of Islam.

33. Christoph Blocher, born 1940 in Schaffhausen, Switzerland. Politician, Vice President of the conservative The Swiss People's Party.

Thomas Kilpper
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Workshop : Revolutionary Free Speech

24 June : 2 - 6 pm

25 June : 11 am - 6 pm

Participants include :

Regina Wamper (Germany, sociologist/political scientist), Salah Mathnani (Tunisia, journalist writer), Jakob Jakobsen (Denmark, artist), Gaspár M. Tamás (Hungary, philosopher), and Salong (young artists and students from the Academy of Fine Arts, Munich)

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1. Giulio Andreotti, born 1919 in Rome, Italy. Politician, former Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Interior Defence and Foreign Affairs, associated with the Mafia and the secret P2 lodge (Licio Gelli, Michele Sindona...). Life time member of the senate.

2. Paolo Baratta, born 1939 in Milan, Italy. Politician and manager, former chairman of the Board of Directors of the State Railways and of Telecom Italy, as well as vice-president of the Italian Environmental Fund. President of the Venice Biennale 1998 – 2002 and again since 2007. At the Venice Biennale in 2009 about 110 biennale employees went on strike. Their grievances included unpaid overtime, lack of job security, poor management, and lack of placement for workers who have worked on previous biennales.

3. Marine Le Pen, born 1968 in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France. Politician, member of European Parliament, leader of right wing nationalistic party National Front (FN).

4. Bice Curiger, born 1948 in Zurich, Switzerland. Curator of the Venice Biennale 2011 and thus responsible for its title IllumiNations and its emphasis on the significance of "nation".

5. Elena Donazzan, born 1972 in Bassano del Grappa, Italy. Politician, Minister of Education and Labour in the regional government for the party People of Freedom. In 2010 she approved the removal of books from the public libraries that are written by writers who signed a petition in favour of former left wing activist Cesare Battisti (see also no. 22. Raffaele Speranzon).

6. Flemming Rose, born 1958, Denmark. Journalist and former cultural editor of the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten, which commissioned and published the controversial Mohammad Cartoons in 2006.

7. Vittorio Feltri, born 1943 in Bergamo, Italy. Journalist and editor, strongly affiliated with Berlusconi's media empire. Editor of Il Giornale, founder of right-wing newspaper Libero.

8. Alessandra Mussolini, born 1962 in Rome, Italy. Politician, grand daughter of dictator Mussolini, founder and former leader of the right-wing party Social Action, member of the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of the Italian Parliament, for the party People of Freedom.

9. Roberto Calderoli, born 1956 in Bergamo, Italy. Politician, member of Lega Nord (Northern League), former minister in Berlusconi's government. During the international crisis sparked by the so-called Muhammad Cartoons, he made statements favouring the use of force against Muslims. When France lost the 2006 World Cup Final, Calderoli dubbed France for having "sacrificed its identity for results by fielding niggers, Muslims and Communists".

10. Janet Napolitano, born 1957 in New York, USA. Politician and member of the Democratic Party. Since 2009 she is US Secretary of Homeland Security and as such responsible for the rising numbers of refused entries to the US and for the more and more militarized wall to Mexico. In 2010 she tolerated Joe Lieberman from the Republican Party, when he as a member of the Committee for Homeland Security made Amazon stop dealing with the internet platform WikiLeaks.

11. Christos Papoutsis, born 1953 in Larissa, Greece. Politician and currently Minister for Citizen Protection. Member of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK). In his New Year's speech he unveiled plans of the government to erect a 206 kilometers long separation wall to Turkey to stop immigrants from entering Europe.

12. Pia Kjaersgaard, born 1947 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Politician, co-founder and leader of the right wing nationalistic party "Danish People's Party" DPP. In 2001, she referred to Muslims as people who "lie, cheat and deceive".

13. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, born 1953 in Ginnerup, Denmark. Politician and the current Secretary General of NATO, former Prime Minister and leader of the Liberal Party in Denmark. As Prime Minister he relied on the right wing Danish People's Party (DPP) for support. He started off with a radical cut down on social benefits and restrictive politics towards immigrants.

14. Siv Jensen, born 1969 in Oslo, Norway. Politician, leader of the conservative-liberal Progress Party. In 2009 she claimed that "radical Islam is a dark and scary ideology" and that the fight against it "is the most important fight of our time".

15. Victor Orbán, born 1963 in Székesfehérvár, Hungary. Politician, currently Prime Minister and leader of the Hungarian Civic Party. His government issued a highly controversial new media law, reinstalling state censorship, threatening journalists and editors with high fines in case of so-called "imbalanced writings".

16. Angela Merkel, born 1954 in Hamburg, Germany. Politician, currently Chancellor of Germany and the chairwoman of the Christian Democratic Union. In February 2003 she supported the US-British intervention in Iraq. In May 2011 she welcomed the recent killing of Osama Bin Laden.

17. Mark Rutte, born 1967 in the Hauge, the Netherlands. Politician, currently Prime Minister and leader of People's Party for Freedom and Democracy since 2006. In 2003 as State Secretary Rutte advised to check on the local Somali population. In a court case it was concluded that he had incited racial discrimination.



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