

Conference Agenda (Preliminary)

ASSYRIAN DIASPORA IN EUROPE:

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Berlin, 3-4 May 2014

**Haus der Gewerkschaft
Keithstr. 1-3, 10787 Berlin,
(City-West near KaDeWe)**

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Arrival Day (Friday, May 2nd)

19:00 Reception

(Location: Interkulturelles Haus,
Geßlerstr. 11, 10829 Berlin Schöneberg)
*Beware that location for the reception is
different from the conference venue!*

Day 1 (Saturday, May 3rd)

- 09:00–09:10 *Word of Welcome*
Abdulmesih BarAbraham, Yoken-bar-Yoken Foundation
- 09:10–09:30 *Overview of the EPIA Project and Activities*
Soner Önder, Inanna Foundation

Session 1: Emigration and Settlement in Europe

Chair: Dr. Aryo Makko, University of Stockholm

09:30–10:10 *Emigration to Europe - Country Specific Experiences*

- Germany (Aziz Said)
- Sweden (Dr. Gabriel Oussi)

10:10–10:20 ***Break*** (10 min.)

- Netherlands (Adnan Challma)
- Belgium (Abbud Gabriel)

11:00–11:40 Discussion

12:00-13:00 ***LUNCH***

Session 2: Identity & Integration

Chair: Dr. Önver Cetrez, University of Uppsala

13:00–13:20 *Out or Both? – Identity and Political Activism among Young Diaspora Assyrians*

Dr. Aryo Makko, University of Stockholm

13:20–13:40 *Syriacs of Europe: Process of Identity Construction and Acculturation Process*

Bachar Malki, Free University of Brussels - F.S.R.-NFSR

13:40–14:10 Discussion

14:20–14:30 ***Break*** (10 min)

Session 3: Second Generation

Chair: Prof. Dr. Shabo Talay, University of Berlin

14:30–14:50 *Breaking the Silence: An Intergenerational Transmission of Fear and Distrust*

Dr. Önver Cetrez, University of Uppsala

14:50–15:10 *Genocide and Diaspora: A History that Does Not Pass*

Dr. Gabriele Yonan, Berlin

- 15:10–15:30 *Media-shadow: Consequences for the Second Generation
Assyrians Remaining Silent*
Abraham Staifo, Journalist, Göterborg Posten, Sweden
- 15:30–16:00 Discussion
- 18:00 Free Evening in Berlin

Day 2 (Sunday, May 4th)

Session 4: Mother Tongue and integration

Chair: Dr. Gabriele Yonan, Berlin

- 09:00–09:20 *Mother Tongue and Integration - Surayt (Turoyo) as a Case Study*
Prof. Shabo Talay, Freie Universität Berlin
- 09:20–09:40 *Youth's Expectations to Adopt Surayt: Feedback from a Language Workshop*
Abdulmesih BarAbraham, Yoken-bar-Yoken Foundation
- 09:40-10:00 Discussion
- 10:00–10:10 ***Break*** (10 min)

Session 5: Integration & Social Transformation

Chair: Soner Önder, Inanna Foundation

- 10:10–10:30 *Die Rolle der Kirche bei der Integration*
Dr. Raid Scharbil Gharib, Chairman of the Diocesan Council of
Syriac-Orthodox Church, Germany
- 10:30–10:50 *From migrants to active citizens – A journalist's observations on a social
transformation process among Assyrians in Sweden*
Dikran Ego, Journalist, Sweden
- 10:50-11:10 Discussion

11:10–11:20 ***Break*** (10 min.)

Session 6: Results & Perspective

Chair: Abdulmesih BarAbraham, Germany

11:20–11:40 *Summary of the EPIA Project Results*

Soner Önder, Inanna Foundation

11:40–12:10 Open Panel Discussion:

Exchanging Best Practices in the Field of Integration

12:10–12:20 Closing Speech

LUNCH/Departure