

FRAMING CO-EXISTENCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

- SCHOLARS ACROSS BOUNDARIES

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The National Museum of Denmark, Ny Vestergade 10, 1220 Copenhagen K

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During the past weeks the world has experienced tensions across societies. Cartoons published by a Danish newspaper in the fall of 2005 have caused anger and led to worldwide protest and burning of embassies. In some places, clashes between demonstrators and security forces have resulted in the tragic death of people. In Denmark and internationally, the conflict has started a heated general debate on the freedom of speech, the role of religion in secular society, as well as the notions of respect, ethics, tolerance and human rights. Furthermore, the impact of domestic policy on foreign policy has been highlighted.

We are a group of scholars at research institutions in Denmark who want to show how academic knowledge is an important component in the analysis of and dialogue between societies, religions and cultures in a globalised world. In short, it is our intellectual responsibility as scientists to contribute to our societies, as best we can.

PROGRAMME

09.30-10.00 **Registration and coffee**

10.00-10.15 **Welcoming Address**

Carsten U. Larsen, Director, National Museum of Denmark and
Nanna Hvidt, Director, Danish Institute of International Studies

SESSION I: GLOBALISATION

Chair: *Heidi Bojsen*, Assistant professor, Roskilde University and *Birthe Hansen*, Associate professor, International Relations, University of Copenhagen

10.15-10.30 **The Role of the 'Global' in Framing Co-existence in the 21st Century**

Grahame F. Thompson, Professor, Open University, UK

10.30-10.45 *Achille Mbembe*, Professor, Witz Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand

10.45-11.00 *Mohammad al-Sayyed Said*, Deputy director, Al Ahram Centre for Strategic Studies, Cairo

11.00-12.00 **Discussion with the Audience**

12.00-13.00 **Lunch break**

SESSION II: RELIGION

Chair: *Catharina Raudvere*, Professor, and *Jørgen Bæk Simonsen*, Dr. Phil, Associate professor, Institute for Cross Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen

13.00-13.15 *Shamsul A.B.*, Professor, Asia-Europe Foundation and National University of Malaysia

13.15-13.30 *Cameron Brown*, Deputy Director, Global Research in International Affairs (GLORIA) Center, Herzliya, Israel

13.30-14.30 **Discussion with the Audience**

14.30-15.00 **Coffee break**

SESSION III: NORMS AND INTERNATIONAL RULES

Chair: Ulla Holm, Senior researcher, DIIS, and Cynthia Chou, Associate professor, University of Copenhagen

15.00-15.15 *Kumar Amirthalingam*, Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

15.15-15.30 *Turan Kayaoglu*, Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Washington

15.30-16.30 **Discussion with the Audience**

16.30-17.00 **Framing Co-existence in the 21st Century: The Baton for the 'Copenhagen Lab of Co-existence' – summit to be held 7-8th of June 2006**

The chair holders from the three sessions hand over the Baton to *Erik Rasmussen*, initiator of Co-existence of Civilizations, CEO of the Think Tank Monday Morning