Dear Sir or Madam,

It is our great pleasure to officially and cordially invite you to take part in the Launch Event of the research project Arab-Trans “Political and Social Transformations in the Arab World”.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

**Arab-Trans** is an international research project executing within the FP7 program of the European Commission. The aim is to **look comparatively at the beliefs, values and behavior with respect to political and social transformations** in 7 Arab countries through use of comparative sample surveys. The countries covered are: **Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq**.

The project will help to outline and inform various policy options with regard to the political and social change in the Arab countries. It will provide a valuable and unique source of comparative data, building on previous knowledge, which will be of service to the EC, the policy making and the scientific communities.

**PURPOSE OF LAUNCH EVENT:**

This is an open event where policy makers, members of the press and other stakeholders in the region are welcome to meet our star researchers and gain a better understanding both of the current situation in the region, and their places in our new project.

The Scotland Europa conference hall will be opened for the meeting participants – project partners and guests – on June, 6th from 09:00 for welcoming coffee.

The open meeting starts at 10:00 with the presentation of the Arab-Trans by Project Officer and continues with the description of the scientific concept of Arab-Trans project by Project Coordinator and Principal Investigator Prof. Christian Haerpfer (University of Aberdeen).

Following the introductions, project principal investigators and regional directors will describe the current situation in the studied countries. Then we will have an open panel discussion when audience questions are welcome.

A complimentary, on-site lunch will be served for all participants and guests of the conference between 13:00 to 14:00, thus providing further space for the networking, interviews and follow-up discussions.
**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING:**

All guests are required to register prior to attending the event. Please do so [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iTYmMb31id91AeK4NWlyLZCcbvnL-RrBdTizPadi1Ol/viewform).

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1. Prof. Mhammed Abderebbi, The Current Social and Political Situation in Morocco

2. Prof. Mohamed Benguerna, The Current Social and Political Situation in Algeria

3. Prof Abdelwahab Ben Hafaiedh, The Current Social and Political Situation in Tunisia

4. Prof. Magued Osman, The Current Social and Political Situation in Egypt

5. Dr. Musa Shteiwi, The Current Social and Political Situation in Jordan

6. Dr Munqith Dagher, The Current Social and Political Situation in Iraq and Libya

7. Prof Amaney A Jamal (Princeton University & Arab Barometer), Key Findings from the Second Wave of the Arab Barometer

On behalf of the Arab-Trans Executive Committee, we look forward to seeing you there:

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