

## Participants

**Maria Auxiliadora Figueiredo** (Brazil). Ambassador of Brazil in Malaysia.

**Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser** (Qatar) assumed his position as the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations on March 1, 2013. Throughout his career, he has contributed to advancing the multilateral agenda in the realms of peace and security, sustainable development and South-South cooperation. Mr. Al Nasser assumed the position of president of the 66<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly from 2011 to 2012. His career as a diplomat spans for more than four decades. From 1998, he represented Qatar in the United Nations as its Amb. Permanent Representative and worked on core issues such as security, terrorism, poverty, hunger and natural disasters. Mr. Al-Nasser has received numerous awards and honorary doctorates from various countries and universities for his work in fostering cross-cultural understanding.

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**Renato Janine Ribeiro** (Brazil), professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy at the University of São Paulo since 1993, has written several books on political philosophy. Some of them concentrated on Thomas Hobbes, but subsequently he has shown a growing concern for the problems that arise when one tries to build a democracy in a dissident Western society, as he characterizes Brazil and some other countries in Latin America and elsewhere. Every Monday he writes an op-ed column in *Valor Econômico* ([www.valoronline.com.br](http://www.valoronline.com.br)) on Brazilian and international politics. He taught at Columbia University in 2003-4, and was Evaluation Director of Brazilian Graduate Studies (a post in the Ministry of Education) from 2004 to 2008. His website is [www.renatojanine.pro.br](http://www.renatojanine.pro.br), and his blog is [renatojanine.blogspot.com](http://renatojanine.blogspot.com).

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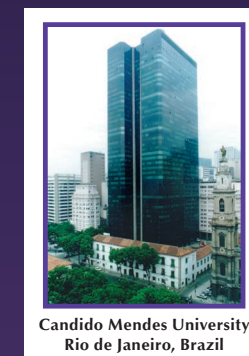
**Syed Farid Alatas** (Malaysia/Singapore). Associate professor of Sociology at the National University of Singapore, Syed Farid Alatas lectured in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Malaya prior to joining NUS. His areas of interest are historical sociology, the sociology of social science, the sociology of religion and inter-religious dialogue. One of his recent books is *Alternative discourse in Asian social science: responses to Eurocentrism* (2006); *Ibn Khaldun* (2013); and *Applying Ibn Khaldun: the recovery of a lost tradition in Sociology* (2013).

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**Tu Weiming** (China). B.A. in Chinese Studies, Tunghai University, Taiwan, 1961; M.A. in Regional Studies—East Asia, Harvard University, 1963; Ph.D. in History and East Asian Languages, Harvard University, 1968; fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1988; fellow of International Institute of Philosophy, 2010. He is director of the Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University; director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute; Harvard-Yenching professor of Chinese History and Philosophy and of Confucian Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University.

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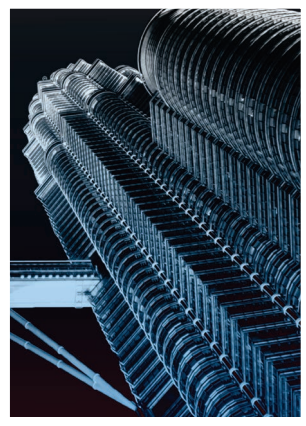


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The 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Academy of Latinity is dedicated to the problem of post-regionalism in the global age. What this involves is the consideration of the profile of the collective inter-subjectivities emerging since the beginning of the new century, by taking into account the consequences of September 11 and, above all, the radical rupture in the context of non-hegemonic globalization and the transformation of American domination.

We see the rising of the BRICS, as well as of the Eurasian colligations in search of a true international coexistence. To what extent can the new identity struggle also escape fundamentalism? And in this emergent scenario, does the experience of Malaysia, within the historic praxis of moderation, reach to the very core of post-regionalism? The questionings of this meeting involve the full richness of that dialectics, such as the new foundations of reciprocal recognition beyond universalism, or the “*vis-à-vis*” of pluralism and multiculturalism, or even the true prospective of cultural tradition in face of modernity. Such an approach essentially involves the strategies of decentralization and assessing the problem of the new intelligentsia’s academic dependence.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Conference, with its axis on Malaysia, has elected as a major theme the issue of the political action of moderation. Exploited to its whole extent, this topic shall show its resonance in the agenda of post-regionalism, starting with the reciprocities between Singapore and Malaysia.

In such a context, the meeting in Kuala Lumpur sets out to respond to the collective subjectivities of our time by recovering the startup of the dialectics of nation in the face of domination, as this was still seen in the early part of this century.

## PROGRAM

### ►Wednesday, 8 January

#### ►9:30 am–10:30 am: Opening Session

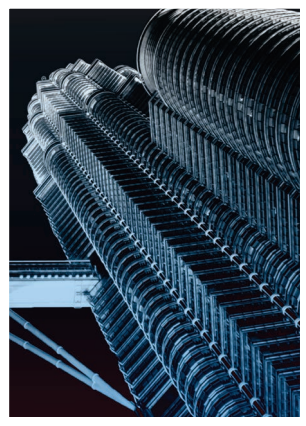
- Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser – UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
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- Maria Auxiliadora Figueiredo – Brazilian Ambassador to Malaysia
- Evelyn Shyamala Paul Devadason – Director of the Centre for Latin American Studies – University of Malaya
- Candido Mendes – Secretary-General of the Academy of Latinity

#### ►11:00 am–2:00 pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Session – Asia in a World in Motion (Part I)

- Tan Sri Razali Ismail (Malaysia) – Contestation of States in Southeast Asia: Searching for Identity, Nationalism or Moderation
- Saifuddin Abdullah (Malaysia) – Moderation as a New Approach in Foreign Policy
- Ooi Kee Beng (Singapore) – Can Development Be Inclusive?
- Shamsul A. B. (Malaysia) – The Experience of Moderation in Malaysia: What Is it Exactly?

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#### ►3:00 pm – 6:00 pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Session – Asia in a World in Motion (Part II)

- Tan Sri Dzulkifli Razak (Malaysia) – Higher Education and the Post-2015 Development Agenda: in Pursuit of Multiculturalism
- Khalek Awang (Malaysia) – Democracy and Multiculturalism in Southeast Asia
- Goh Beng-Lan (Singapore) – Of Crossroads and the Future: Southeast Asia in an Asian Age
- Abdulrahman Al-Salimi (Sultanate of Oman) – The Cultural Conquest of the Indian Ocean and its Landmarks

### ►Thursday, 9 January

#### ►9:30 am–1:00 pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Session – Asia in a World in Motion (Part III)

- Hél   B  ji (Tunisia) – The Disagreements of the Tunisian Democracy
- Tong Shijun (China) – Universalism and Critique of Ideology in Global Politics
- Zhang Longxi (China) – Did the Chinese Modernists Internalize Orientalism? Lu Xun on the Appropriation of the Foreign
- Enrique Rodr  guez Larreta (Uruguay) – China and South America in the Global Oikoumene
- Daniel Innerarity (Spain) – A Walled World

#### ►2:30 pm–6:00 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> Session – Towards Hybrid Modernities: European Heritages and Transculturation

- Susan Buck-Morss (USA) – The Diplomacy of the Global Crowd
- Gianni Vattimo (Italy) – Reciprocal Recognition Beyond Universalism
- Nil  fer G  le (Turkey/France) – Public Space Democracy
- Fran  ois L’Yvonnet (France) – Uprooting and Rooting
- J  r  me Bind   (France) – The Biodiversity Crisis in the Global Age

### ►Friday, 10 January

#### ►10:00 am–1:00 pm: 5<sup>th</sup> Session – The New Challenges for Latin America – Part I

- Candido Mendes (Brazil) – Towards a Non-Hegemonic Globalization: Beyond Regionalism
- Syed Farid Alatas (Singapore) – The Problem of Academic Dependency: Latin America and the Malay World
- Carolina L  pez C. (Mexico/Malaysia) – Developing the Local, Engaging the Global through the Sustainability Approximation Model: Seen from Asia and Latin America
- Lourdes Puma Puma (Ecuador) – Latin American Integration: CELAC and UNASUR contribution to multicultural dialogue in Latin America and the World

#### ►3:00 pm–6:30 pm: 6<sup>th</sup> Session – The New Challenges for Latin America – Part II

- Tu Weiming (China) – Spiritual Humanism in the Age of Cultural Diversity and Religious Pluralism
- Marco Lucchesi (Brazil) – Cultural Pluralism and Linguistic Rights in Latin America
- Renato Janine Ribeiro (Brazil) – Brazil and the Democracy of Protest
- Asp  sia Camargo (Brazil) – The Emergence of Subregional Spaces: The City and Street Protests

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**Asp  sia Camargo** (Brazil) is a state deputy in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and chairman of the Environmental Sanitation Commission. Sociologist, environmentalist, professor and politician, she has been a member of the Green Party since 1991. In 2010 she was elected for the State Government of Rio de Janeiro. In the area of public and business administration, she founded the International Center for Sustainable Development (CIDS) and the Center for Research and Documentation of Brazilian Contemporary History (CPDOC). She earned her Master’s and Doctor’s Degrees at the   cole des Hautes   tudes en Sciences Sociales, Universit   de Paris. She has published many books and articles.

**Candido Mendes** (Brazil). President of Candido Mendes University, president of the Rio de Janeiro Forum of Rectors, member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters, secretary-general of the Academy of Latinity, member of the Economic and Social Development Council to the Presidency of Brazil, president of the Senior Board of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and Alliance of Civilizations Ambassador. Former secretary-general of the Brazilian Justice and Peace Commission and President of the International Political Science Association (IPSA). Among his most recent books are *A presid  ncia afortunada* (1999); *Lula: a op   o mais que o voto* (2002); *Lula depois de Lula* (2005); *Lula apesar de Lula* (2006); *Dr. Alceu, da ‘persona’    pessoa* (2009); and *Subcultura e mudan  a: por que me envergonho do meu pa  s* (2010).

**Carolina L  pez C.** (Mexico/Malaysia). Professor of International Relations at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, and at the Tecnol  gico de Monterrey University in Chihuahua, M  xico. In the early 90s she founded the Center for Dialogue and Human Wellbeing at her university, which collaborates with like-minded academic and civil society organizations both locally and around the world. From professor Dr. Carolina L  pez C.’s work has emerged the Ideological-Structural Analysis—a theory which has been adopted in Latin America, Europe and Asia in situations of both conflict and collaboration among groups of dialogue. Professor Dr. Carolina L  pez C. has 40 publications in the areas of intercivlisational and intercultural dialogue, human rights and wellbeing, international relations and politics.

**Daniel Innerarity** (Spain). Professor of Political and Social Philosophy and Ikerbasque researcher at the University of the Basque Country. Visiting professor at the European University Institute (Florence). His latest books include *The ethics of hospitality, the transformation of politics* (3<sup>rd</sup> Miguel de Unamuno Essay Prize and 2003 National Literature Prize in the Essay category); *The Invisible Society* (21<sup>st</sup> Espasa Essay Prize); *The new public realm, the future and its enemies, and The democracy of knowledge*.

**Enrique Rodr  guez Larreta** (Uruguay). Director of the Cultural Pluralism Institute at Candido Mendes University. His writings include *Gold is illusion* (2003), *Gilberto Freyre e a sociologia cr  tica* (2001), *Collective imagination limits and beyond* (2001), *Identity and difference in the global era* (2002), *Reality / simulacra / artificial ontologies of postmodernity* (2006), and *Subjectivity at the threshold of the digital culture: the self in network* (2007). He is co-author, with Guillermo Giucci, of *Gilberto Freyre, uma biografia cultural* (2007).

**Evelyn Shyamala Paul Devadason** (Malaysia) is director of Centre for Latin American Studies (CLAS) and associate professor at the Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Malaya in 2006. Her research work has seen print in international journals (indexed in SSCI and ASCI) such as the *World Development*, *The China Review*, *The Pacific Review*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Asian Economic Journal*, *Global Economic Review* and *Asia Pacific Education Review*. She has also been engaged in a number of international and local collaborative research projects.

**Fran  ois L’Yvonnet** (France). Professor of Philosophy and publisher in Paris. His most recent works include: *Michel Serres* (2010); *Louis Massignon,   crits m  morables* (with Ch. Jambet, Fr. Angelier and S. Ayada), 2 volumes, coll. Bouquins (2009); *Le D  fi de la diff  rence* (with Candido Mendes) (2006); *Simone Weil, le grand passage* (2006); and *Baudrillard* (2005).

**Gianni Vattimo** (Italy). Emeritus professor of Philosophy at the University of Turin and former member of the European Parliament. He has been a visiting professor at a number of universities in the United States (Yale, Los Angeles, New York University, and State University of New York) and has been awarded the distinction of Doctor *Honoris Causa* on several occasions. He is vice-president of the Academy of Latinity. Among his recent publications are *Credere di credere* (1996); *Dopo la cristianit  . Per un cristianismo non religioso* (2002); *Il socialismo ossia l’Europa* (2004); *Il futuro della religione. Carit  , ironia, solidariet  * (with R. Rorty, 2005); *Ecce Comu. Come si ri-diventa ci   che si era* (2007); and *Addio alla verit  * (2009).

**Goh Beng-Lan** (Singapore) is an associate professor and currently Head of the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore. She researches on issues of knowledge production, intellectual history, urbanism, postcolonial identities and the visual arts in Southeast Asia. She is the author of *Modern dreams: an enquiry into power, cultural difference and the cityscape in contemporary urban Malaysia* (2002); co-editor of *Asia in Europe, Europe in Asia: rethinking academic, social and cultural linkages* (2004); and editor of *Decentering and diversifying Southeast Asian studies: perspectives from the region* (2011).

**H  l   B  ji** (Tunisia) has taught French literature at the University of Tunis. She held an international post at UNESCO and in 1998 founded the International College of Tunis. She has published several essays and novels, such as: *D  senchantement national* (1982); *L’  cil du jour*, a novel (1985); *Itin  raire de Paris    Tunis*, a satire (1992); *L’art contre la culture* (1994); *L’imposture culturelle* (1997); *Une force qui demeure* (2006); *Nous, d  colonis  s* (2008); and *Islam pride* (*Derri  re le voile*) (2011).

**J  r  me Bind  ** (France) is a writer and a futurist. Member of the Club of Rome and of the World Academy of Art and Science. Founding Member of the Acad  my of Latinity. Former deputy assistant director general for Social and Human Sciences and director of the Office of Foresight at UNESCO. He is the editor, author or co-author of books such as *The world ahead: our future in the making* (with Federico Mayor), *Keys to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The future of values, towards knowledge societies, Making peace with the earth and Globalization*. His books have been published in fifteen languages, three of them being translated into Chinese. He has also contributed to numerous TV and radio programs and to op/ed pages of about one hundred leading newspapers from different regions of the world.

**Khalek Awang** (Malaysia) He obtained his bachelor of Laws (Honours) and masters of Comparative Laws degrees at the International Islamic University, Malaysia. Thereafter he started his career as a Law Lecturer at the Law Faculty of the International Islamic University from 1992 till 1997, specializing in Public International Law and Corporate Law. He completed the Post-Graduate Diploma in Syariah Law and currently pursuing Chartered Islamic Finance Professional (CIFP) at the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF). In January 2012, prior to his appointment as the CEO of the Global Movem ent of Moderates Foundation. He is currently the president of the International Islamic University Alumni Association.

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**Marco Lucchesi** (Brazil) is a Brazilian poet and writer. Professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Fiocruz (Fund   o Oswaldo Cruz). Post-doctorate studies at the University of Cologne. Member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters and of the Lucchese Accademia delle Scienze Lettere e Arti. His publications include *Caminhos do Isl  *; *O dom do crime*; *Sph  ra*; *Meridiano celeste*; and *Fi    es de um gabinete oriental*. He has won the Jabuti, Bras  lia and Marin Sorescu awards, as well as a prize from the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities.