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What policies towards Islam?’**

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## **Amel ARFAOUI**

### Professional experience

1996 - 2009 TF1 - Editorial

- Reporting for everyday edition of news and magazines for 12 years, live and on-location coverage for the midday and evening news and the weekend.
- Focused on social issues and then specialist in social debates: exclusion, child protection, school, family, secularism, equality, equal opportunities, suburb, religions, etc..
- Cover of the live events: September 11 special edition, special transmission with Jean-Claude Narcy, wedding celebration of Norwegian King and Queen, first round of Presidential elections in 2007 in Martinique
- 1 year in the Economy Department and 11 years in the Society Department

2000 Awarded with the 'YEUX d'OR' Prize for the reportage on children's hospices in Romania. First television crew to be allowed access in these 'Camins spital' after the fall of the Ceausescu regime

2009 'Fondation de France' Prize for a story circulated at the WE 20h about 'Child labour in the world'

1990-1992 Magazine Le Point - Freelancer

1993 France 3 - Presenter on TV programme on life on the outskirts

1994-1995 France 2 - Editor and Reporter of daily morning news

### Education

1986 DEUG AES Administration, Economy, Faculty of Saint-Denis

1989 Higher Diploma in Journalism, Journalism School of Paris

### Other Activities

2005 Founder of a think-tank on diversity, Elissa Circle, bringing together people from all backgrounds.

2007 Proposal to establish a TF1 foundation dedicated to diversity. This Foundation was established in 2008

- Launch of the Media Diversity Prize in cooperation with the Panos Institute, a European institute for plurality of the press, and several media partners: Libération, le Point, TF1, France 3, Radio France, etc.
- Organisation of 'Dialogue of Diversity' in Amiens

2008 Member of the Association of Women TERRAFEMINA

Regularly invited as a participant to 'Entretiens d'Arville' (organised by Senator Pierre Fauchon in collaboration with the Institute of the Arab World,) on the topic East-West



**Doctor Marouane BOULOUDHNINE, MD**  
**President, "Fédération Mosaic"**

Marouane BOULOUDHNINE, MD, is orthopaedic surgeon specialised in surgery of hand and shoulder.

Member of the French Society of Orthopedic and traumatological Surgery (SOFCOT)

Member of the French Society of Hand Surgery (GEM)

International Member of the American Society of Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)

1962: Born in Tunis, Tunisia

Dr Bouloudhnine, MD, completed his entire medical degree in Montpellier, France. He then postgraduated from the world famous Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minnesota in the U.S.

Dr Bouloudhnine, MD, has obtained the title of Surgeon of the Hand delivered by the

GEM (French Society of the Surgery of the Hand), as well as his degrees in Microsurgery and Sports traumatology. His thesis got a special award and honors as Best Orthopedic Surgery Thesis in France (Prix de thèse, Clinique du Parc à Lyon, 1997).

Dr Bouloudhnine, MD, initiated the implementation of a quality approach within the Island of La Réunion (French Indies) as far as the surgery and the treatment of the hand is concerned.

Dr Bouloudhnine, MD, is very regularly invited to submit his work to the international community of surgeons of the hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder.



**Federico EICHBERG, Responsible of International and European relations,**  
**"Farefuturo" Foundation, Italy, EIN Working Group 5**

Federico Eichberg after obtaining his master's degree in Political Sciences at la Sapienza University in Rome. He specialized in Advanced Studies in political, economical and social sciences at Notre Dame University (USA), and he obtained his PhD in history and policy of contemporary time at university of Bologna. Federico Eichberg worked at the presidency of Ministry's Council and today he is in the Cabinet of economic development ministry. Eichberg is also member of the group for strategies for Italian interests for medium and long term at international levels of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the political level Federico Eichberg is

responsible for international affairs at the "FareFuturo" foundation. He is author of several publications about integration and international relations.



**Wilfried MARTENS, President, EPP; former Prime Minister of Belgium (1979-92)**

**Wilfried MARTENS** was born in Sleidinge, 19th April 1936

**Education**

Doctor of Law - K.U. Leuven - 1960

Licentiate in Notary Science - K.U. Leuven - 1960

Baccalaureus in Thomistic Philosophy - K.U. Leuven - 1960

International Seminar - Harvard University - 1968

**Professional activities**

Lawyer at the Court of Appeal, Ghent since 1960

Adviser to Office of Prime Minister P. Harmel (1965)

Adviser to Office of Prime Minister P. Vanden Boeynants (1966)

Chargé de mission to Office of Minister L. Tindemans (Community Affairs) (1968)

Chairman of the Police Restructuring Commission in Bosnia Herzegovina, OHR (2004-2005)

**Government functions**

Prime Minister from 1979 until 1992 (with an interruption of 8 months in 1981)

**Political activities**

President of the CVP Jongeren (CVP Youth Organisation) (1967-1971)

President of the CVP (1972-1979)

CVP Deputy (District Ghent Eeklo) (1974 until Nov. '91)

CVP Senator (Brussels Halle Vilvoorde) (1991 - 1994)

Co founder of the European People's Party (EPP) (1976)

President of the "Program Commission" (Working Committee on Policy) of the EPP (1976\_1977)

President of the European Union of Christian Democrats - EUCD (1993-1996)

President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament (1994-1999)

President of the Christian Democrat and People's Parties International- IDC(2000-2001)

President of the EPP since 10th May 1990

**Varia**

Chairman of the Kaai theater (8 September 1993 - May 2003)

Charles V Price (Spain), handed over on 25 June 1998

Grand Croix de l'Ordre de Léopold II (2000); numerous decorations from European, African and Central American countries



**Jaime MAYOR OREJA MEP, Vice-Chairman, responsible for Political Strategy and the European Ideas Network EPP Group in the EP**

**Jaime MAYOR OREJA** was born in 1951. Elected from San Sebastián. Agronomist Engineer. Member of the National Executive Committee of the PP (1999). Former President and spokesman of the Grupo Popular in the Basque Regional Parliament. Appointed Vice-Secretary-General of the PP (1996) and Honorary President of the PP in the Basque Country. Minister for Tourism in the Pre-autonomous Government of the Basque Country (1980); Member for Guipúzcoa. Government Delegate in the Basque Country (1982). President and spokesman of the Coalición Popular in the Basque Regional Parliament (1984-1986). Elected autonomous Member of Parliament within the UCD (1980). President of the Grupo Parlamentario Popular in the Basque Regional Parliament (2001-2004). Member of the Cortes for Vizcaya (1989). PP national

member of parliament for Álava in the I, IV, VI, VII and VIII parliamentary terms. Minister of the Interior from 1996-2001. MEP since 2004. Head of the Spanish Delegation to the EPP Group. Committees: Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (Member) Foreign Affairs (Substitute); Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Substitute).



**YAHYA SERGIO YAHE PALLAVICINI, born in 1965 to a Japanese mother and Italian father is a Muslim-born Italian citizen. He works both in Rome and Milan where he lives with his wife and son, Muhammad Umberto.**

- Vice President and imam of the Italian CO.RE.IS. (Italian Islamic Religious Community) ([www.coreis.it](http://www.coreis.it)).
  - Advisor to the Ministry of Interior in the Committee for Italian Islam.
  - President of the ISESCO Council for Education and Culture in the West.
  - Global Expert for the United Nations, Alliance of Civilisations.
  - Advisor for relations with the Vatican and Italy. Catholic-Muslim Forum. Delegation of 138 international Muslim scholars, signatories of “A Common Word” ([www.acommonword.com](http://www.acommonword.com)) addressed to the Christian religious authorities.
- Founding member of the International Committee of Imams, Rabbis and Christians for Peace presented at UNESCO of Paris. ([www.hommesdeparole.org](http://www.hommesdeparole.org)).
  - Alumnus, Interfaith Project Interchange, American Jewish Committee.
  - Member of CEDAR, European Muslim Network-Policy Group.
  - Council member of the Italian Islamic Cultural Centre, Mosque of Rome.

#### Publications

The book, *L’Islam in Europa. Riflessioni di un imam italiano* (Islam in Europe. Reflections of an Italian Imam) was published in 2004 by Il Saggiatore with a preface by Rocco Buttiglione the Minister for Community Policies and Amos Luzzato, President of the Union of the Italian Jewish Communities. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia, awarded the prize for Islamic Studies to the French edition of this book at the World Competition in 2005.

His second book, *Dentro la Moschea* (Inside the Mosque) was published in October 2007 by

BUR-Rizzoli and is a collection of the experiences and sermons of first generation Italian Muslims. In 2009 a catholic publisher, Edizioni Messaggero di Padova, publishes *Il Misericordioso. Allah e i Suoi Profeti*. (The All-Merciful. Allah and His Prophets.)

In 1997 Yahya Pallavicini became part of the National Committee for Intercultural Education of the Ministry for Education, Universities and Research. In the same year he became a member of the Committee for the Heritage and Memory the Culture of the Mediterranean promoted by the Ministry of Cultural and Environmental Assets.

ISESCO the Islamic Organization for Education, Science and Culture appointed him to the board

of governors of the Higher Council for Education in the West. The EIC (European Islamic Conference), first Islamic NGO to be recognised by the European Union, appointed him ambassador for relations with the Vatican and then made him responsible for international relations.

In 1998 he is invited by the Muslim World League to be part of the delegation of Italian Muslims in the pilgrimage to Mecca.

As Vice President of the Italian CO.RE.IS. (Islamic Religious Community) he met Hassan II, King of Morocco, Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arabic Republic of Egypt and Eliyahu Bakshi Doron, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel.

He is the Imam of the al-Wahid Mosque in Milan in Via Meda where he coordinates the training of ministers of worship, preparing doctrinal sermons in Italian. In 2000 he became a member of the Council of Administration of the Italian Islamic Cultural Centre of the Mosque of Rome.

In 2004 he was received in the Quirinale by Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, President of the Italian Republic, and by Marcello Pera, President of the Senate as member of the delegation of Italian Muslims, signatories of the Manifesto against Terrorism and for Life.

In 2005 he participated in the First World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace in Brussels, under the patronage of H.R.H Albert II King of Belgium and H.R.H Muhammad VI King of Morocco. In August of the same year he was invited by the Council of Muftis of Russia to be received in Kazan by the President of the Republic of Tartarstan as member of a delegation of Muslims of the European Union.

Giuseppe Pisanu, Minister of Interior nominated him member of the Council for Italian Islam at the Viminale where he actively collaborated with Minister Giuliano Amato in the writing of the Charter of Values of Citizenship and Integration.

Since 2006 he has begun to develop transatlantic relations participating in a programme of cultural exchange for European Muslim leaders by the American Department of State. He has dealt with politics for integration and prevention of radicalism in Washington (Migration Policy Institute), Rome (International Organisation for Migration), Berlin (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung), Vienna (OSCE), Brussels (European Commission), Pontignano (British Council) and Doha (Debates for the BBC World News).

In light of these experiences he has been invited by ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair to London, visited Jerusalem as Muslim member of the interreligious project organised by the American Jewish Committee and has taken part in the Congress of Imams of Europe promoted by the European Commission in Vienna.

For the fourth time he meets Pope Benedict XVI at the end of the First Catholic-Muslim Forum held in the Vatican and attended by the delegation of the 138 International Muslim Scholars and the delegation of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

In December 2008 the mayor of the city of Milan, Letizia Moratti, presented Imam Yahya Pallavicini with the certificate of civil benevolence and, in the same year, the Council of Europe invite him to preside over a session of the meeting of Ministers of Culture in Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The following year he became the theological representative of an ethics committee for the certification of Halal Made in Italy products, an initiative promoted by the Chamber of Commerce of Milan. He was invited by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, to attend the reunion on Ethics and Economy of Religious Leaders in Europe.

In 2009, Georgetown University placed him among the 500 most influential Muslim institutional representatives in the world, in a publication by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre and The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.



**Walid PHARES, Co Secretary General, Transatlantic Legislative Group on Counter Terrorism (TAG)**

Walid Phares was born in Lebanon, where he studied at the Lebanese and St Joseph Universities. After earning degrees in law, political science and sociology, he practiced law in Beirut. He then earned a Masters degree in International Law from the Université de Lyon in France and a Ph.D. in international relations and strategic studies from the University of Miami. He emigrated to the United States in 1990.

As of 2008, Phares teaches Global Strategies at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. He is a Senior Fellow and the Director of the Future Terrorism Project at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Washington, D.C., and a Visiting Fellow at the European Foundation for Democracy in Brussels. In 2008 he also became the Coordinator of the Trans-Atlantic Parliamentary Group on Counter Jihadi-Terrorism.

Phares taught at the Department of Political Science at Florida Atlantic University between 1993 and 2005. He has been a senior lecturer at the Lifelong Learning Society since 1994. His courses include Middle East Politics, Political History, Ethnic and Religious Conflict and International Terrorism. He has given lectures throughout North America and Europe.



**Tokia SAÏFI, Group of the European People's Party, Member**

**Member**

Committee on International Trade  
Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries  
Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

**Substitute**

Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula

**Curriculum vitae**

Founder and leader of the association Espace Intégration in Lille (1987). Manager of projects for young people of immigrant descent (1988-1989). Coordinator of a project to help create economic micro-projects in urban districts (1998-1999).

Member of the European Parliament (1999-2002).

Minister for sustainable development in the government of Jean-Pierre Raffarin (2002-2004).

Instigator of the national sustainable development strategy (2003). Introduced national sustainable development week (2003).

Member of the EP Committee on International Trade (since 2004). Member of the High-Level Group on Textiles and Clothing (2004). Rapporteur on the future of the textile and clothing sector after the elimination of quotas (2005). Chair of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) (since 2004).

European Parliament representative on the administrative council of the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA).

Vice chair of Jean-Louis Borloo's Radical Party (since 2008).



### **Prof. Dr. H.M. VROOM**

Prof. Dr. has long been involved in Christian Democratic thought. He has coordinated research projects on Interreligious and Intercultural Encounter (published in the series *Currents of Encounter*, Amsterdam: Rodopi) and has published widely on hermeneutics, interreligious dialogue and 'Religions in the Public Sphere'. He is editor-in-chief of *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* (Leuven: Peeters). He holds the 2011–12 Roche Chair for Interreligious Research at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan.

S, 1968 related to the staff of philosophy of religion of the VU-University Amsterdam, s. 1992-as full professor, from 2010 prof. em.

- member of the Dutch Protestant Church's committees on doctrine (1981-1997); ecumenics (1987-2002); European area committee W.A.R.C. (1987-2002); chair interreligious dialogue committee of the Dutch Council of Churches (2001-);
- member of the Board of the Academy of the Dutch Christian Democratic Party (1996-2007)
- coordinator of the VU-research group *Encounter of Traditions* s. 1987
- chair of the Board of the Netherlands School for Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion (2002-31.12.2009)
- board member of the European Society of the Philosophy of Religion (2000-2008)
- coordinator of VISOR, Religion-Public Domain (2007-2009)
- founding member and chair of the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS)
- coordinator of the VU-Center of Islamic Theology (2005-31.12.2011)
- editor in lead of ([www.studiesininterreligiousdialogue.nl](http://www.studiesininterreligiousdialogue.nl)) s. 1991
- co-editor of the series *Currents of Encounter* (s.1989)



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