Transformations in the Middle East - Focus on Christian Minorities

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Program 5-7 Dec in Lund (with reservations for possible changes)

**Wednesday 5th:**
Center for Languages and Literature (SOL), Helgonabacken 12

- **18.00** Evening buffet at SOL
- **19.00** **Panel: Women Voices in the Middle East- Carriers of Transformation?**
  - Salwa Duaibis, Palestine, Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC),
  - Dalia Abdelhady, Senior Researcher, Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)
  - Kholoud Manosur, Guest researcher (CMES), Alexandra Sandels, Los Angeles Times,
  - Bitte Hammargren, Foreign Correspondent, SvD. Moderator. Prof. Elisabeth Gerle

**Thursday 6th:**
Domkyrkoforum, Kyrkogatan 6

- **9.15** Gathering
- **9.30** **Opening of Conference**
  - Antje Jackelén, Bishop of Lund, Associate Professor in Systematic Theology, Sweden.
  - Moderator all morning. Dr. Dan-Erik Andersson
- **9.45** **Historical Overview of Christians in the Middle East**
  - Prof. Samuel Rubensson, Lund University, Sweden
  - **Overview of the Present Situation for Christians in the Middle East**
  - Dr. Svante Lundgren, Lund University, Sweden
- **10.30** Coffee
- **11.00** **Overview of the Situation in Egypt especially for Christians**
  - Introductions by Youssef Sidhom, Chief Editor of the Coptic Weekly Watan, and
  - Sameh Egyptson, doctoral student Cairo/Lund University.
- **13.00** Lunch
- **14.15** **Palestinian Christians in the Palestinian Territory and in Israel: Challenges of Transition and Identity**
  - Prof. Bernard Sabella, Bethlehem University. Moderator. Svante Lundgren
- **15.30** Coffee
16.00  **Panel: The Image of the Middle East - Media Coverage**  

19.30  Dinner - Magasinet Domkyrkoforum

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**Friday 7th:**  
Domkyrkoforum, Kyrkogatan 6

8.45  Gathering

9.00  **Christians in the Middle East, especially in Syria**  
Prof. Leif Stenberg, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Kholoud Mansour, Guest Researcher, at CMES and Viola Furubjelke, Former Ambassador to Syria. Moderator. Svante Lundgren

10.00  **Christians in Iraq Today**  
Prof. Malik Merza, Head of Research and Development, Boehringer Ingelheim Svanova, Uppsala. Moderator. Svante Lundgren

11.00  Coffee

11.30  **Panel: Activist Perspectives**  
Salwa Duaibis (Palestine/Israel), Sameh Egyptson (Egypt), Roni Doumit (Lebanon)  
Alexandra Sandels, LA Times. Moderator. Göran Gunner

13.00  Lunch

14.15  **Emerging Diasporas Outside the Middle East**  
Göran Gunner, Dan-Erik Andersson, Svante Lundgren, Afram Jakoub

15.00  **Panel: Prospects for the Future in the Middle East**  
Prof. Bernard Sabella (Palestine/Israel), Salwa Duaibis (Palestine/Israel), Prof. Malik Merza (Sweden), Youssef Sidhom (Egypt), Roni Doumit (Lebanon). Moderator. Elisabeth Gerle

16.30  Concluding coffee

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