Emerging Diasporas outside the Middle East

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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 Tranformation?
- 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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