International Workshop: 
Between Everyday Life and Political Revolution: The Social Web in the Middle East

21 March 2011
9.30-10.00

Introduction
Iain Chambers and Armando Salvatore, University L’Orientale, Naples
Cultural Studies, the Social Web, and the Analysis of Political Transformations
Roberto Tottoli, University L’Orientale, Naples
The Perspective of Islamic Studies

10.00-11.00

Keynote
Albrecht Hofheinz, University of Oslo
Nextopia? Beyond Revolution 2.0

11.00-13.00

Papers
Henri Onodera, University of Helsinki
Promoting Citizen Journalism in Egypt: Blogging, Activism and Politics
Donatella Della Ratta, University of Copenhagen - Augusto Valeriani, University of Bologna
Working on Technology, Working for Society: ICT Startups and Social Activism in Lebanon and Jordan
Enrico De Angelis, University of Forlì/IFPO, Damascus
Syrian News Websites: How Journalists and Politics Adapt to Internet
Maha Taki, University of Westminster
Are Motivations Useful? Methodological Considerations

15.00-16.30

Papers
Said Samir, Research Journalist, Cairo/Berlin
Challenges and Opportunities of Online Political Activism in Egypt
Elisabetta Costa, University of Milan-Bicocca
Online Journalism and Political Activism in Lebanon
Azzurra Meringolo, University of Rome-3
Hussein Barack Obama Surfing the Egyptian Blogosphere

17.00-19.30

General discussion, introduced by Doreen Khouri, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Beirut

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Papers
Armando Salvatore, University L’Orientale, Naples
Only a Question of Time? From Connectedness to Mobilization in the Public Sphere
Andrea De Georgio, University L’Orientale, Naples
Citizen Journalism, New Media and Public Sphere in Palestine
Ermete Mariani, Independent Scholar, Paris
Beyond Preachers and ‘Cyber Counsellors’: Towards the ‘Muslim Campaigner’?
Valentina Gentile, University L’Orientale, Naples
Strategies of Communication in the New da’wa: The Case of Fadil Sulayman

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Final discussion