

Subject: Lecture by Dr.Murad Hofmann on 27 October

I had suggested in my letter to Prof. Ihsanoglu that the following personalities be invited.

Can you please check whether this has been done ?

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Curriculum vitae

Family name: HOFMANN

First name: Murad Wilfried

Birthday / -place: 6 July 1931 in Aschaffenburg, Germany

Nationality: German

Marital status: married with Bülben Hofmann, née Uz, Turkish and German national

Children: one son (from previous marriage with Elizabeth Ann Griffeth)

Religion: Islam (Sunni); 1982 umrah; 1992 hajj

Education:

- 1950-1951, Union College, Schenectady, New York (sociology, American civilization, economics)
- 1951-1954 Munich University Law School
- 1955-1958 Junior Barrister and Assistant Professor for Civil Procedure at Munich Law School
- 1957 Doctorate in Jurisprudence, Munich
- 1959 German Bar Exam
- 1959-1960 Research Assistant for Civil procedure at Harvard Law School
- 1960 Master of Law (LL.M.), Harvard Law School
- 1961-1963 Diplomatic Schooling in Bonn and abroad

Career:

- 1961 - 1994 Diplomatic Service, e.g. serving in Algiers (1961/62); Paris (NATO) 1967/68; Brussels (NATO) 1968 - 1970; Vienna (MBFR) 1973-1976; Belgrade (CSCE) 1976-1978.

Last positions:

- 1979 -1983 Director, NATO and Defense Affairs, Foreign Office, Bonn
- 1983 -1987 Director of Information, NATO, Brussels
- 1987 -1990 Ambassador in Algeria
- 1990 -1994 Ambassador in Marocco

Honorary office:

- * Member of the Board of Directors of the Ibn Rushd Islamic University of Andalusia in Cordoba, Spain
- * Corresponding Member of the Academy of Islamic Civilization Research in 'Amman, Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan
- * Free lance book reviewer for the Muslim World Book Review (Leicester, U.K.)

- Decorations:
- * Federal Cross of Merit (Germany)
 - * Commander of the Order of Merit (Italy)
 - * Grand Cordon (Marocco)

Publications

Book Publications: **Diary of a German Muslim** (German editions Cologne 1985 and 1991; English edition Cologne 1987; French editions Algier 1990 and Rabat 1991; Arabic edition Cairo 1993).

Islam: The Alternative (German editions Munich 1992 and 1993; English edition Reading 1993; Arabic edition Munich / Kuwait 1993)

Islam 2000 (Arabic edit. Cairo 1995, English addition forth-coming)

Small publications: **A philosophical approach to Islam** (German edit. Cologne 1981, 1983; English edit. Cologne 1983, Los Angeles 1994)

On the Rôle of Islamic Philosophy (German edit. Cologne 1984, English edit. Cologne 1985, Los Angeles 1994)

Of Beauty and the Dance, Dance Perspectives Vol.55, New York 1983

Forth-coming publications **Voyage to Makkah - How to practice Islam** (German edit., Munich, spring 1996)

Dr.Murad Hofmann

Short Summary for Press Release

In his lecture "The European Mentality and Islam" Dr. Murad Hofmann addresses the phenomenon that occidental pluralistic tolerance excludes Islam. He demonstrates that this attitude leads to the application of a double standard vis-à-vis Islamic issues to a point where being anti-Islamic is considered "politically correct". Hofmann analyzes the historical roots of this "anti-Arabic anti-Semitism", including the long term effects of the regular Ottoman campaigns into Central Europe. His conclusion is that historically rooted fear and anxiety, as well as a warped image of the Orient, are responsible for decisions, e.g. effecting Bosnia and possibly also Turkey's position in the European Market.

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