

Invitation to PEN International, HALMA & ICORN's joint conference

# OPENING SESSION

Friday, March 25th 2011

09.30 - 11.00

KVS Theatre, Brussels



Presentation of

**PEN International's Writers in Prison Committee** by WiPC Chair Marian Botsford Fraser  
**HALMA / Literature Across Frontiers** by Sigrid Bousset and Alexandra Büchler  
**ICORN** by Executive Director Helge Lunde



## “ON THE MOVE”

Writer statements by

**Jeroen Theunissen**, poet and novelist (Belgium)

**Naziha Rejiba**, poet and journalist (Tunisia)

**Andrei Nekrasov**, journalist and filmmaker (Russia)



## IS JASMINE A CHINESE FLOWER?

There are tens of thousands of large-scale demonstrations in China each year. People protest against poisonous baby food, against environment destruction, illegal land seizures, or forced relocation etc. Yet these movements have never swept through the whole country, not to mention across borders to become a Jasmine Revolution as in Egypt. After Liu Xiaobo received the Nobel

Peace Prize 2010, the strike-hard campaign against intellectuals is more severe than ever. In this presentation, the speaker will try to elucidate the background of the mass movement and update the human rights situation in China.

Keynote speech by **Tienchi Liao**, President of ICPC (Independent Chinese PEN Center)



Moderator **David Van Reybrouck** (PEN Flanders)

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