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

OPENING SESSION

Friday, March 25th 2011
09.30 - 11.00
KVS Theatre, Brussels

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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

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“ON THE MOVE”

Writer statements by
Jeroen Theunissen, poet and novelist (Belgium)
Naziha Rejiba, poet and journalist (Tunisia)
Andrei Nekrasov, journalist and filmmaker (Russia)

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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)

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Moderator David Van Reybrouck (PEN Flanders)

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