

## THE CONVERGENCE OF CIVILIZATIONS: CONSTRUCTING A MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Recent efforts by the United States and its allies to promote democracy, security, and stability in the Middle East owe much to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP) – also known as the Barcelona process – an important region-building plan in the Mediterranean area since 1995. *The Convergence of Civilizations* represents the output of an innovative and much needed collaborative project focused on the EMP. Editors Emanuel Adler, Federica Bicchì, Beverly Crawford, and Raffaella A. Del Sarto have set out to show that security and stability may be achieved through a cultural approach based on the concept of regional identity construction, and to analyse the EMP in relation to this goal.

The contributors to this collection focus on the obstacles Mediterranean region construction faces as a result of post-9/11 regional and global events, the difficulties of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, tensions between the European Union and the United States over Iraq, and the expected consequences of EU enlargement. They also seek to bring the EMP and region-making practices to the attention of American scholars in order to promote a more fertile academic exchange.

Ultimately, the contributors demonstrate that the EMP and related region-making practices, while failing so far to promote the development of a Mediterranean identity and to achieve regional stability, nonetheless provide a viable model for partnership and cooperation, and thus for preventing a 'clash of civilizations' in the long term.

(German and European Studies)

EMANUEL ADLER is the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Chair of Israeli Studies in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

FEDERICA BICCHI is a lecturer in the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

BEVERLY CRAWFORD is a professor with the Center for German and European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

RAFFAELLA A. DEL SARTO is a Marie Curie Fellow with the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute.

GERMAN AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

General Editor: James Retallack

# The Convergence of Civilizations

## Constructing a Mediterranean Region

*Edited by Emanuel Adler, Federica Bicchì,  
Beverly Crawford, and Raffaella A. Del Sarto*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESS  
Toronto Buffalo London

© University of Toronto Press Incorporated 2006  
Toronto Buffalo London  
Printed in Canada

ISBN 0-8020-3864-6 (cloth)  
ISBN 0-8020-3804-2 (paper)



Printed on acid-free paper

---

**Library and Archives Canada Cataloguing in Publication**

The convergence of civilizations : constructing a Mediterranean  
Region / edited by Emanuel Adler ... [et al.].

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 0-8020-3864-6 (bound)

ISBN 0-8020-3804-2 (pbk.)

1. Mediterranean Region – Politics and government – 1945–.

I. Adler, Emanuel

DE100.C675 2006      320.9182'2      C2005-906406-4

---

University of Toronto Press acknowledges the financial assistance to its  
publishing program of the Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario  
Arts Council.

University of Toronto Press acknowledges the financial support for its  
publishing activities of the Government of Canada through the Book  
Publishing Industry Development Program (BPIDP).