

<u>Hassan Rahmouni Bio.</u>

Dr Hassan RAHMOUNI has an extended experience in <u>Law</u> and Politics as well as in Middle East regimes, democracy building and Mediterranean security issues. He is presently a <u>practicing attorney</u> at the Casablanca Order of Lawyers, specializing in <u>business law</u> and legal advising. Up to the fall semester of 2005, he has served as Professor of Public Law and Constitution Systems at Hassan II University - Mohammedia (Morocco), of which he was also Vice President (2002-2003). He has also served as faculty member in Moroccan universities since 1973. He was also <u>governor of Casablanca</u> between 1992 and 1998; prior to that, he had contributed to the drafting of the Moroccan Constitution of 1992 and the Constitution of Equatorial-Guinea in 1991. He holds a <u>PhD from Sorbonne University</u> (Paris, 1986) and has lectured between 1999 and 2006 in various US campuses such as IUPUI (Indianapolis), Wayne State (Detroit), Indiana State University (Indiana), Purdue (West Lafayette), the College of Charleston (South Carolina) and <u>Harvard University</u> (Mass.).

Dr RAHMOUNI has recently been particularly active in bringing together US and Moroccan Universities. One of his most successful initiatives is linked to the Partnership Agreement between Hassan II University and Indiana State University which led to various academic field projects funded by the US government: i.e. the University Leadership Enhancement project for which he acted as co-project director and which brought, in 2003, to the US 20 Presidents, vice presidents and deans of academic institutions from Morocco.

In May 2004, Dr RAHMOUNI was invited to the *JFK School of Government* in Harvard University as a Fulbright Visiting Specialist on Islam. He had also previously been a *Fulbright Scholar at George Washington University* in 1985 and an American Field Service Scholarships Grantee (Fairfax High School, Virginia, 1968-1969). Among his most noticeable contributions to US policy making are his *UCLA papers* on 'gender' and 'democratic issues' in the MENA region (<a href="http://www.hassanrahmouni.com">http://www.hassanrahmouni.com</a>), his presentations on *NATO and Mediterranean Security*, both at the Rand Corporation Doha Conferences (May 2004 & December 2005) and at the *George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies*, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (December 2004, May 2005 and January 2006). In March 2006, he took part at the 'Advanced Research Assessment Group' workshop of the *Defense Academy of the United Kingdom* on "Governance" and other Middle East related issues. He also served as a *UNDP expert* on Human Development issues linked to the Arab world [Cairo, December 2005 and Beirut, May 2006]. His numerous publications and conference contributions may be directly consulted and downloaded from his above mentioned personal website.