

APRIL SPEAKER ANNOUNCED



◆ **Hassan Aourid**
Topics: Women’s rights within the new Moroccan constitution and his latest book, *Le Morisque*

- ◆ Tuesday, April 10 • Meeting begins at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Mega Mall (lower level)
 Boulevard Mohammed VI Souissi—Rabat

AIWA members: FREE

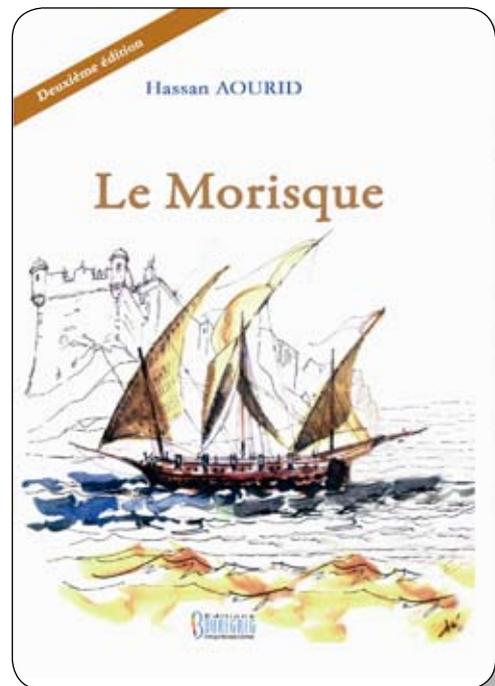
Tickets at the door: Guests 50 Dhs; Students 30 Dhs

AIWA’s Programs’ Committee is very excited to announce the next speaker for AIWA’s General Meeting: Doctor Hassan Aourid, who is a writer and a university professor of public law and political science at the National School of Administration (ENA) and at the Faculty of Political Science.

Dr. Aourid is a talented writer and an intellectual with a keen interest in history and linguistics. He is also a tireless defender of culture and diversity. He is an alumnus of the Royal College in Rabat and holds a BA in public law and a Ph.D in political science from the Mohammed V University of Law and Economic Sciences in Rabat.

From 1988 to 1992, he held the position of research officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Almost immediately, he was promoted to Political Counselor at the Moroccan embassy in Washington, DC, where he served for three years. Soon after King Mohamed VI came to power in 1999, Mr. Aourid was appointed the official spokesman of the Royal Palace. In 2005, he was appointed Governor of the Meknès–Tafilalet region until 2009 when he was nominated as historiographer of Morocco, a position that he held for one year.

Over and above his knowledge in a wide range of the subjects connected to his background and professional life, one discovers through Hassan Aourid’s writings his erudition and his culture in literature, history and philosophy. He has published several works of historical fiction, including, *The Broken Mirror of the West*, where he discusses and examines the impact of the current financial crisis through a philosophical and spiritual lens. His latest book, *Le Morisque* is a fictionalized story of Spanish Muslims torn away from their home country after their expulsions in 1492 and 1609.



In addition to his novels, he is a frequent contributor of essays in newspapers, periodicals and reviews in cultural magazines.

Dr. Aourid manages the Tarik Bnou Zyad Research Center, which specializes in the Amazigh issue.

Husbands, friends, students and colleagues are welcome to attend this special evening.

Tea, coffee, juice and Moroccan cookies will be served.



A book signing will take place at the end of the lecture.

