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The Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship fosters dialogue among Jewish and Muslim communities by building an international network of social entrepreneurs

The Edmond de Rothschild Foundation in partnership with Columbia Business School and scholars from the University of Cambridge

New York, NY – December 1, 2009 – Today, as a result of globalization, territorial boundaries are gradually disappearing while deep polarization is emerging both on national and cultural grounds. Fear, ignorance of the ‘other’, and media stereotypes have resulted in the emergence of a feeling of defensiveness and ‘retrenchment’.

At the same time, western societies are becoming mosaics of multiple ethnicities, faiths and cultural identities. The need arises to foster engagement within and between these various communities and we are presented with an unprecedented opportunity to create a new paradigm for cross-cultural dialogue.

As welfare states find it increasingly difficult to fulfill their roles as social providers, the challenge lies with civil society and foundations to develop innovative models for sustainable change. All members of a particular society regardless of its faith, ethnicity or background can share this purpose.

The Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship: Social Entrepreneurship and Cross Cultural Network – 2010 will hold its second session at Columbia Business School, New York from July 4 – 16, 2010.

Thirty social entrepreneurs mainly from Muslim and Jewish backgrounds from France, the United Kingdom and the United States will join the program. National juries will select the Fellows based on their commitment and ability to generate sustainable social impact in their respective societies. They will all share

a common aspiration to bring change in a variety of fields, ranging from education, environment, the arts and healthcare. In addition to scholarship and practical training, they will have the opportunity to experience the unique diversity of a city like New York.

Professor Bruce Kogut, Program Director, Columbia Business School.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship and be part of a program that can serve as a model for fostering leadership and building relationships between communities. Columbia Business School Executive Education’s expertise in imparting both business and leadership skills will compliment academic tutorials and practical training led by Cambridge scholars.”

Professor Gareth Stedman Jones, Cambridge Faculty Director

“At the Centre for History and Economics, King’s College, University of Cambridge, we are very pleased to make our contribution to the Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship Program. The Summer School has been very imaginatively designed; combining as it does the best of business expertise with the latest scholarly insights into history, politics and contemporary issues in as far as they affect religious and communal tensions in the World today.”

Firoz Ladak, Executive Director, the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation

“We are delighted to partner with scholars from Columbia Business School and University of Cambridge in building a truly transatlantic initiative. The outstanding expertise and commitment demonstrated by our partners will help propel the Fellows’ ventures and allow them to build longstanding connections. We intend to create a network of AdR Fellows with a true global vision and the ability to capture the benefits of cultural differences.”

**For more information about the Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship:
Social Entrepreneurship and Cross Cultural Network
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