



the Ummah. Their clear links and connections with US government and their ambivalent relationships with Israel made the rest. Wahhabi-oriented monarchist regimes still represent dangerous promoters of extremism, terrorism and intolerance but their mono-sectorial economies will never build serious model of development which other Muslim states can refer to.

### **The important heritage of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**

In Europe former president Ahmadinejad has been often seen as an enemy and a dangerous leader. This perception was clearly the result of an artificial operation aimed to damage the credibility of the country in the

West. In truth Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has the unquestionable credit to have accelerated the modernization of Iran in terms of national development in the fields of economy, technology and military affairs. Moreover his 8-years presidential term has been crucial inside the general process of multipolarization of world politics, establishing a new era of international cooperation. Firstable, he has begun and strenghtened closer ties with actors like Russia or Turkey, traditionally hostile to Iran/Persia in the past. Second, he has built a determinant South-South network with China and Venezuela, giving Non-Aligned Countries Conference a new and more concrete political meaning

after its weakening due to the end of the Cold War.

Nevertheless he led the government in a very hard stage for Iran, a stage characterized by US global hegemonism as an heritage of post-9/11 Washington foreign policy. George W. Bush's War on Terror strategy and Donald Rumsfeld's Pre-Emptive War doctrine were perfectly aligned with Israeli interests in the Middle East, ensuring Tel Aviv a loyal support and including Iran in the so-called "rogue states" list. At that time European public opinion was heavily influenced by this status-quo and considered the fake horrific image of Iran painted by mainstream media as true.

Nowadays, after the failure of Arab Spring, Western contradictions are emerged and Barack Obama is in a critical position. Firstable, US support to terrorist activities in Syria unveiled the truth about Washington-Riyad connection. Second, Datagate denounced by former NSA agent Edward Snowden has shown a dangerous situation signed by a rising distrust between the two sides of Atlantic Ocean. Third, the economic crisis of EU caused a significant loss of credibility for European institutions and forced important economies like Germany and France to open their markets to non-EU actors like BRICS, in spite of Brussels attempts to impose unequal antidumping duties against emerging economies.

### **Rouhani's "Carpe diem"**

President Rouhani has brilliantly taken an advantage of this international situation, accepting the dialogue with Western powers just when they are