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## Sheikh Zayed Book Award Names Abdallah Laroui "Cultural Personality of the Year"

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The Sheikh Zayed Book Award has announced the Moroccan historian and scholar, Abdallah Laroui, is to be celebrated as the advertisement info Cultural Personality of the Year for the award's eleventh session 2016-2017. The title honours prominent figures for their unique contributions to the advancement of Arabic culture, and for works that portray tolerance and promote peaceful coexistence.

Speaking on the decision of the board of trustees and scientific committee, Dr Ali Bin Tamim, Award's Secretary General, said: "The choice of the prominent historian and theoretician Abdallah Laroui as Cultural Personality of the Year has been made to reflect his well-founded thought movement and cultural momentum spanning the entire Arab World. His valuable contribution to academic institutes and scientific bodies has profoundly influenced Arab political thinking and inspired numerous cultural and literary practices."

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