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Order and Disorder in the Middle East and North Africa: New Perspectives on Regional Security and Political Economy (Roundtable)

December 12, 2016, Middle East Studies Center, AUC, New Cairo.

AGENDA

9.30 Coffee

10.00 – 12.00 Session One: A new Political-Economy of the MENA

Five years of the Arab revolutions, the political economy of the region has undergone major transformations in terms of actors, flows and hubs. How can these new formations be conceptualized and studied? And how can the new mechanisms of governance, formal as well as informal, be identified and made sense of?

Chair: Ambassador Luigi Narbone

12.00 – 1.00 Lunch

1.00 – 3.00 Session Two: a region of weakened states

How can we approach the new actors and spaces that emerged since 2011 as a result of the weakening or complete withering away of central governments? And how have these dynamics given rise to internationalized Jihadism, new religious-political actors and cross-regional sectarian and ethnic identities in Libya, Syria and Iraq?

Chair: Dr. Robert Mason

3.00 – 3.30 Coffee

3.30 – 5.30 Session Three: International and regional geopolitical dynamics

Weak and war-torn states have become an arena for international and regional rivalry either between Saudi Arabia and Iran or Russia and NATO. How can these international dynamics be connected to security, political and economic developments happening at the local and national level in the MENA? How can they contribute to the (re)creation of order or at least contain disorder in the region?

Chair: Dr. Amr Adly

5.30 Close