

Workshop

Hybrid Governance and Limited Statehood in the MENA Region

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Sala Europa - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

This workshop draws on the fresh empirical research of the EU-LISTCO project and aims to take stock of how limited statehood and contestation have affected forms of governance in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The Arab uprisings in 2011 gave a voice to local actors, but their hopes have not become reality. In some countries, protests sparked violent conflicts that drew in regional and international actors, while remaining unsolved. In others, regimes reasserted their grip on power, coercing or co-opting local actors.

The workshop will consider how local, national and international actors have interacted in forms of hybrid governance to address a political, social, and economic landscape that remains deeply unsettled more than eight years after protests first shook the region. It will address the issue of limited statehood in the Arab world and the extent to which governance - defined as the provision of collectively binding rules and of common goods - has been provided by actors other than the state, both at the international and at the local level. The overall goal is to identify different ways in which constellations of actors can provide governance, in order to improve understandings of the MENA region, and help situate the region's experiences in comparative terms.



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Draft Programme

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09.15 - 09.30 Opening Remarks: **Federica Bicchi** | European University Institute and London School of Economics

09.30 - 11.15 **PANEL I: The state and areas of limited statehood in the MENA**

Chair: **Federica Bicchi** | European University Institute and London School of Economics
Discussant: **Ruth Hanau-Santini** | Università Orientale di Napoli

The state in the Arab world: from weak to fierce
Steven Heydemann | European University Institute

Understanding the war economy in Libya
Matteo Capasso | European University Institute

Role-reversal in flows of (in)security across the Sahel
Jędrzej Czerep | Polish Institute of International Affairs

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00 **PANEL II : Radicalisation and counter-terrorism**

Chair: **Luigi Narbone** | European University Institute
Discussant: **Patrycja Sasnal** | Polish Institute of International Affairs

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Moussa Bourekba | Barcelona Centre for International Affairs

Resilience to violent radicalization: Why haven't more Islamists taken up arms in Egypt since 2013?

Georges Fahmi | European University Institute

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 **PANEL III: Migration - a unique set of dynamics?**

Chair: **Daniela Huber** | Istituto Affari Internazionali
Discussant: **Max Gallien** | London School of Economics

Policy responses to mass influxes of migrants: Turkey and the EU in comparative perspective
Saime Özçürümez | Bilkent University

Rethinking smuggling: the facilitation of migrants' journeys in Libya
Gabriella Sanchez | European University Institute

15.15 - 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 - 17.15 **PANEL IV: The role of international actors**

Chair: **Agnieszka Legucka** | Polish Institute of International Affairs

Discussant: **Silvia D'Amato** | European University Institute

International actors and resilience in the MENA

Andrea Dessi | Istituto Affari Internazionali

From regional rivalry to competitive mediation: the case of Libya

Eduard Soler | Barcelona Centre for International Affairs

Russia in North Africa: Seizing the opportunities

Alain Kfoury | European University Institute

17.15 - 17.45 Final Remarks: The way forward

Speakers

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Andrea Dessi	Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
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