

Africa, the Middle East and the Maghreb: Society, the State, and Solidarities L'Afrique, le Moyen-Orient et le Maghreb: Société, État et Solidarités العربي: المجتمع، الدولة، والتضامن إفريقيا والشرق الأوسط والمغرب



ISA International Conference 2023, Ifrane

June 21-23, 2023 Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco



WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRS



DRISS MAGHRAOUI AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY





Dear Conference Participants,

We are very pleased to welcome you to the International Studies Association – Al Akhawayn University 2023 International Conference (Ifrane, June 21-23).

We would like to welcome you to our conference on *Africa, the Middle East and the Maghreb: Society, the State, and Solidarities*. We are delighted to bring together a host of established and junior scholars, practitioners, and students. The diverse backgrounds of our panelists will surely enrich discussions, and open spaces on which to build collaborations. We hope that the ideas discussed at the conference will bring new insights to explain the causes of, and offer remedies to, rising challenges that Africa, the Middle East, and the Maghreb are facing. Dialogue and bridgebuilding are very much needed among local and global parties interested in our regions.

Many people made this conference possible. Two remarkable individuals stand out. Nizar Messari (AUI) has been the driving force of this conference and lent us unrelenting support. Alex Walker (ISA) has guided us with remarkable patience and positive energy. At AUI, we would like to thank President Amine Bensaid, Vice-President Chris Taylor and Dean Asma Abbas for their support. We would like to thank you Mr. Rachid Daoudi for his continuous help with the organizational aspects of the conference. Staff at the ISA headquarters were remarkably helpful with assistance and collegiality. We thank Mark Boyer, Liz Fausett-Fuhrman, Jennifer Fontanella, Mary Hartford, Courtney FitzGerald, Kristin Nacovsky, Tara Guilleaume, Lisa Garvey, Nichole Page and many others that helped us virtually.

We would like to recognize the generous hospitality of Al Akhawayn University, which is an ideal location to pursue our intellectual interests. The University's educational goals include enhancing our understanding of socioeconomic challenges facing Africa, the Middle East and Maghreb, thinking of practical multidimensional solutions to these challenges, and promoting cross-cultural exchange. We hope that this will be a great opportunity for productive exchanges around these goals. Al Akhawayn University prides itself for being rooted in Moroccan culture and open to others globally. We wish you an enjoyable stay at Al Akhawayn University, and hope that you will not miss the opportunity to visit the Ifrane region and to get to know more about Morocco.

We would like to thank our institutions, The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Al Akhawayn University, for their support.

We wish you a very successful conference and look forward to meeting you all.

Program Chairs
Driss Maghraoui, *Al Akhawayn University*Imad Mansour, *Doha Institute for Graduate Studies*

CONFERENCE EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 12:00 - 1:30 pm in Conference Room EXCURSION TO FEZ
(PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 IN THE AFTERNOON

Tour, Off-Site Venue - The excursion to Fez will be a guided visit to the old Medina of Fes, one of UNESCO's world heritage sites

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23	
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Lunch Break	12:00pm – 1:30pm
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Panel Sessions (FD)	3:30pm – 5:00pm



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CONFERENCE ONSITE DETAILS

CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION TIMES

At check-in/registration, attendees pick up their programs and name badges. Registration and Check-in are located in the Al Akhawayn Conference Center. During the Conference, Travel Grant recipients must check in at the on-site registration/travel grant desk at the Al Akhawayn Conference Center with a valid photo ID. You may check-in for your travel grant check during registration hours. Registration hours are:

Wednesday, June 21: 8:00am – 4:00pm Thursday, June 22: 8:00am – 10:00pm Friday, June 23: 8:00am – 4:00pm

PANEL & PRESENTATION TECHNOLOGY

A projector and WiFi will be available in each meeting room. Panelists are expected to bring their laptops and adapters to connect their devices (i.e., Windows, MAC, iPad Pro, etc) to HDMI since there will be multiple panels running at the same time.

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CONFERENCE HOTELS

Al Akhawayn Conference	Entrance of Ifrane, Road d'El	212 (0) 5358-63363 or
Center	Hajeb, Morocco	212 (0) 5358-62016
Hôtel Perce Neige	Hay Riad, Boulevard Mohamed	212 (0) 5355-66350 or
	VI BP: 47 CP: 5300, Ifrane,	212 (0) 5355-66351
	Morocco	
Le Palais des Cerisiers	Route du cèdre Gorou	212 (0) 5355-63830 or
	Commune Ben Smim Azrou,	212 (0) 6493-21321
	Morocco	
Michlifen Resort & Golf	Avenue Hassan II – BP 18	212 (0) 5358-64000
	Ifrane, Morocco	
Zephyr Ifrane	30070, Ifrane, Morocco	212 5358-64300

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- Call number 15 (Fire brigade, ambulance)
- Call number 19 (Police Office)
- Call number 177 (Gendarmerie Royale)

As for taxis (small ones serving just in Ifrane), please ask the reception desk at the ACC for an updated list of phone numbers.

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Office of the President

AMINE BENSAID PRESIDENT, AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY IN IFRANE MEMBER, HIGHER COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH



Dear Participants,

I am very pleased to welcome the participants at the joint Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) and the International Studies Association (ISA) conference under the *Africa*, the Middle East and the Maghreb: Society, the State, and Solidarities.

Al Akhawayn University, a global university which is simultaneously Moroccan in its roots and identity and American accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education, with Moroccan and international students from all over the world, considers hosting this conference with Senior and Junior scholars from the field of International Studies a single opportunity to explore and express its global scope to the fullest.

This conference also embodies our ambition at AUI to provide a locus for critical reflections on the state of politics and society in the Middle East and Africa. We are convinced that your presence among us will be an opportunity for fruitful conversations as well as for launching new projects and ideas for collaboration and cooperation among scholars and institutions.

I want to thank the ISA in the person of its Executive Director, Mark Boyer, for its formidable support to make this encounter meaningful and successful. I also want to thank the program chairs, our own Driss Maghraoui and Imad Mansour from the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies for crafting an enticing and fulfilling program. Obviously, an encounter like this one would not be possible without the involvement of many individuals both from AUI and the ISA, to whom I express my deepest gratitude.

I wish all participants a productive and fruitful encounter, and I hope you will explore and enjoy Ifrane, the Atlas Mountains and Morocco.

Dr. Amine BENSAID

President

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President

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WELCOME FROM THE ISA PRESIDENT

LAURA J. SHEPHERD
PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
ASSOCIATION (ISA), 2023-2024
PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, AND VISITING
SENIOR FELLOW AT THE LSE CENTRE FOR
WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE UK



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Ifrane, Morocco, for our 2023 International Conference. The theme of the conference, "Africa, the Middle East and the Maghreb: Society, the State, and Solidarities", draws attention to the relationships and affinities between different groups and actors and explores the possibilities of positive political change. The program chairs, Driss Maghraoui from Al Akhawayn University and Imad Mansour from the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, have crafted an exciting schedule of fascinating panels and roundtables for you to engage with over the next few days. On behalf of the ISA community, I extend my deepest thanks to Nizar Messari, our host at Al Akhawayn University, and the two program chairs, for their significant efforts in creating such a rich and intellectually stimulating conference for us all to enjoy.

In addition to the many highlights of the conference program, I would encourage you all to attend the welcome reception on Wednesday and take advantage of the opportunity to meet our hosts (and each other!). In your down time, Ifrane is a particularly beautiful location, with the world's largest cedar forest and many lakes and parks in which to enjoy peaceful walks. You may even spot a Barbary macaque or a Barbary deer if you venture out into nature. If you want to explore a little further afield, there is a trip to the historic city of Fez planned for Thursday afternoon.

As always, the conference would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of a large team of colleagues. I would like to thank the team at ISA Headquarters for their work on the siting, logistics, program, and conference administration, and everyone from the host institution who has contributed generously to the success of this event. I wish everyone a generative and thoughtful conference – make new friends, think new thoughts, and enjoy Ifrane!

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION.

The International Studies Association (ISA) was founded in 1959 to promote research and education in international affairs. Representing over 100 countries, and with over seven thousand members in North America and around the world, ISA is the most respected and widely known scholarly association in this field. ISA cooperates with more than 60 international studies organizations in over 30 countries, is a member of the International Social Science Council, and enjoys non-governmental consultative status with the United Nations.

Endeavoring to create communities of scholars dedicated to international studies, ISA is divided into 7 geographic subdivisions of ISA (Regions), 29 thematic groups (Sections) and 5 Caucuses which provide opportunities to exchange ideas and research with local colleagues and within specific subject areas.

For more information on our organization and upcoming events, check out our website at www.isanet.org, and join us for our 2024 Annual Convention, taking place in San Francisco, California, USA from April 3-6, 2024.

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Wednesday

WA01: Wednesday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

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Reconfiguring Borders in The Mediterranean: Real and Digital Controls

Room: Meeting Room 1, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Didier Bigo (Sciences Po Paris & King's College London)
 Disc. Elspeth H. Guild (Queen Mary University of London)
 Informal economies and border fluidity: Perspectives of porters from the Melilla-Nador border

Frances Loustau-Williams (Al Akhawayn University)

Informatisation of the Body (and the Mind) in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Era: When the Foreigner Is the Border

Niovi Vavoula (Queen Mary University of London)

EU free movement and migration control

Sandra Mantu (Radboud University)

Migrants dying in North African maritime borders: Responsibility of North African states under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

Younous Arbaoui (Vrije University Amsterdam)

The Impact of International Spanish/Moroccan Relations on the (Im) mobility of Sub-Saharan Migrants Navigating the Euro-Mediterranean Migratory System

Catherine Therrien (Al Akhawayn university of Ifrane)
Nizar Messari (Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane (AUI))

WA03: Wednesday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Critical Approaches to Society and Politics

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 3, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Felipe Alberto (Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ))
 Disc. Norman Sempijja (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University)
 Democracy and Islam in Tunisia and Indonesia: Revisiting the Arab
 Spring

Norman Sempijja (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University)

Contributions of Francis' Papacy to Interfaith Dialogue in a Kaleidoscopic International System: Reflections of the Global South's Arrival to Power in the Vatican as a State

Felipe Alberto (Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ))

Defanging ISIS: A New Approach to Counterterrorism in a World System Weakened by Pandemic

Stacey Pollard (National Intelligence University)

WA04: Wednesday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Critical Approaches to Social Dimensions in Politics

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 4, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Mark A. Boyer (University of Connecticut)Disc. Driss Maghraoui (Al Akhawayn University)

Re-imaging democracy – can African Philosophy produce better democracy

Jacqueline de Matos-Ala (University of the Witwatersrand)

Using the master's tools to dismantle the master's house: international law and Palestinian liberation

Ralph Wilde (University College London)

Are "democratic developmental states" feasible?: Comparative study of two post-conflict countries of Angola and Rwanda

JUICHI INADA (Senshu University)

WA05: Wednesday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Reflections on Non-traditional Security

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 5, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Nitin Narayanan (Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University)

Disc. Mark Langan (King's College London)

India - GCC Food Security Cooperation – Prospects, Challenges and Strategic Implications

Nitin Narayanan (Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University)

The Geopolitics of Fish in the Africa-EU Relationship: Assessing Ghana's Tuna Sector

Mark Langan (King's College London)

New French Strategy in Western Africa: Priorities and Limits

Aleksei Chikhachev (Saint Petersburg State University, School of
International Relations)

Agentic Responses to Covid-19: Creating Africa's New Public Health Order

Emmanuel A. Balogun (Skidmore College)

WB01: Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Rethinking the Contemporary Gulf

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 1, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Maryam Al Kuwari (Qatar University)Disc. Mazhar Al-Zoby (Qatar University)

Qatari Women & Urban Everyday Forms of Resistance

Maryam Al Kuwari (Qatar University)

Rivalries and State building in Arab Gulf States

Imad Mansour (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)

Culture and International Relations of the Arab Gulf Region

Mazhar Al-Zoby (Qatar University)

Qatar's World Cup 2022: Hypocrisy, Bias, and the Subtilty of Racial Discourse in Western Media Coverage

Imed Labidi (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)

The Persistence of Autocracy: Jordan, Morocco, and the Gulf Hassan Barari (Qatar University)

WB02: Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Political, Social, and Intellectual Struggles

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 6, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Naefa Kahn (University of Witwatersrand)

Disc. Ernest Khalema (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

Struggles for Freedom: The North African Contribution to the Resistance to Apartheid

Mohamed Reda Benkhadra (University of Pretoria)

Decolonizing law north and south of the Sahara

Naefa Kahn (University of Witwatersrand)

Jacqueline de Matos-Ala (University of the Witwatersrand)

Better Together: Co-authorship as an Anti-colonial, Equity-building Best Practice

Christina M. Sciabarra (Bellevue College)

Re-Storying and Decolonizing African (Studies) Pedagogies: Asserting Africanity and Recasting Epistemic Decolonization to nurture Black Agency?

Nathan Andrews (McMaster University)

Ernest Khalema (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

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The Ethics of Social Science Research and Teaching in MENA

Room: Meeting Room 3, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Ahmed Morsy (Arab Political Science Network) Chair

Nadim Houry (Arab Reform Initiative) Part.

Saloua Zerhouni (Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco) Part.

Nermin Allam (Rutgers University) Part.

WB04: Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM **Novel Understandings of Gender Dynamics**

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 4, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Razan Shawamreh (Eastern Mediterranean University) Chair

Azadeh Momeni (Carleton University) Disc.

The Role of the Agency of Women In making Changes in Iran from the 20th Century to the Present

Azadeh Momeni (Carleton University)

Gender and Sexuality in the Making of a Nation: The Politics of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)

Ozum Yesiltas (Texas A&M University-Commerce)

Feminist international relations, militarized masculinities and women's integration in security

Najia Hichmine (Ibn Tofail University)

WB05: Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM A Critical Review of International Relations Theory I

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 5, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Zaynab El Bernoussi (New York University Abu Dhabi) Chair

Fikir Haile (Queen's University) Disc.

Who's welcome in the "house of IR"?

Fikir Haile (Queen's University)

An Arab International Relations (AIR): Definitions, Framing and Purpose

Zaynab El Bernoussi (New York University Abu Dhabi)

Decolonization or recolonization? Local community members' perspectives of university student service learning programs in Kenya and Costa Rica

Noel Habashy (Pennsylvania State University)

WC01: Wednesday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Roundtable

Pedagogy Series: How do I cater for the different learning dispositions of my students to encourage them all to engage with my course?

Room: Meeting Room 1, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Michelle Small (University of the Witwatersrand) Disc.

Jacqueline de Matos-Ala (University of the Witwatersrand) Disc.

Nizar Messari (Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane (AUI)) Part.

WC02: Wednesday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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Room: Meeting Room 6, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

When and How Conflicts Transform: Causes and Consequences

Prabin Khadka (University of Essex) Chair

Prabin Khadka (University of Essex) Disc.

FATA after the War on Terror and Tunisia after the Arab Spring: A Comparative Study for A Peace-Building Strategy in the two Regions

Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi (International Relations, **University of Peshawar)**

Nonviolence and Civic Education among IDPs in Somalia **Prabin Khadka (University of Essex)**

Discreet Resistance among Arab Citizens in Israel: Resilient Protest for their Watan and Identity

Aiko Nishikida (Keio University)

Revolution in the Margins: Counterrevolutionary Trajectories Sandra Pogodda (University of Manchester)

WC03: Wednesday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Panel

Our Take on Things: Public Opinion, Leadership Perceptions, and **Politics**

Room: Meeting Room 3, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Abdelkarim Amengay (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies) Chair

Babak Bahador (George Washington University) Disc.

How Populist Are Arab Citizens? Assessing Populist Attitudes Across the MENA Region

Abdelkarim Amengay (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)

Did Facebook increase political violence and civil harms in Africa, the Middle East and the Maghreb?

Babak Bahador (George Washington University)

Deployment of Dignity by Authoritarian Regimes and its Impact on Women's Rights in Post-Colonial Contexts: Lessons from Algeria Meriem Aissa (Texas Woman's University)

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Conflict Analysis in Africa

Room: Meeting Room 4, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Mark A. Boyer (University of Connecticut) Chair Mark A. Boyer (University of Connecticut) Disc.

Sustaining Peace in Fragile States: Exploring the impact of peace

processes Alignment on the recurrence of violence in DR Congo and Mali

Hind Zaamoun (Mohamed VI Polytechnic University) Houyame HAKMI (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University)

The Contracted Continuum of Security Actors in Africa: From Mercenary Activity to Industry Support Organizations

Whitney Grespin (Institute for Security Governance)

State and Civil Society in the Arab Middle East

Stacey Pollard (National Intelligence University)

The Missing Link between the Fight against Climate Change and Peacebuilding: Limits and Future Possibility of Japan's Supports to Climate Change Issues in Africa

Hiromi Nagata Fujishige (Aoyama Gakuin University)

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Panel

Room: Meeting Room 5, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Amira Abdelhamid (University of Portsmouth) Chair

Radwa Saad (Cornell university) Disc.

The Sahara: Barrier or Bridge to Afro-Arab solidarity?

Radwa Saad (Cornell university)

The ineffectiveness of the 'neo-functionalist peace' approach by the European Union as an instrument of long-term peacebuilding in protracted disputes in Kosovo and Mali

Petar Milutinović (Institute of European Studies)

Post-conflict Restitution of Customary Land: Guidelines and trajectories of change

Sandra Joireman (University of Richmond)

Counter-revolutionary Governmentality: Reproducing international hierarchies in Egypt

Amira Abdelhamid (University of Portsmouth)



The Global North in the South of Lebanon: The Practices of the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

Susann Kassem (University of Oxford)

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Room: Meeting Room 6, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Melek Saral (Social Sciences University of Ankara)
 Disc. Laszlo Csicsmann (Szechenyi University, Hungary)
 Evolution of Human Rights in Morocco after the Arab Uprisings
 Melek Saral (Social Sciences University of Ankara)

Filling in the Gaps: China-Maghreb Relations in the 21st Century Steven F. Jackson (Wilson Center)

How adaptive authorianism works? A comparative experience from the 2019 North African protests

Laszlo Csicsmann (Szechenyi University, Hungary)

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Panel

Room: Meeting Room 3, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Claire Amuhaya (RUDN University)

Disc. Aili Tripp (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

East Africa Community states 'space' in the new emerging

international order

Claire Amuhaya (RUDN University)

The Aria of Brutality: The Wagner Group's African Act

Andrea M. Lopez (Susquehanna University)

Beyond Greenwashing: The politics of garbage at 'Africa's COP'

Lauren Baker (Northwestern University)

Why Autocracies in Africa Promote Women as Leaders
Aili Tripp (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

WD04: Wednesday 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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Pressing Issues in Contemporary International Relations

Room: Meeting Room 4, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Jacqueline de Matos-Ala (University of the Witwatersrand)

Disc. Sharon Matzkin (The University of Haifa)

EXPLORING GENERATIVE AVENUES FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THEORY DEVELOPMENT: AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE.

Jacqueline de Matos-Ala (University of the Witwatersrand)

Cyber Attacks and Trust in Government: A Cross-National Survey-Experiment of the Mediating Mechanisms

Sharon Matzkin (The University of Haifa)

Ukraine as a competition of Western/Russian colonialisms?

Exploring anti-colonial narratives for geopolitics and global security

Arsalan Bilal (UiT The Arctic University of Norway)

Nasser's Rhetorical Strategies in the Arab-Israel Six Day War Matthew Ryan (University of North Carolina-Wilmington)

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Novel - Critical - Perspectives of Regional Security

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Chair Ora Szekely (Clark University)Disc. Ilyssa Yahmi (Temple University)

'Breaking Bad': Reframing the Drug Crisis in Africa
Joachim Ozonze (University of Notre Dame)
Adedoyin Okanlawon (University of Notre Dame)

The (re-)emergence of a Western Mediterranean Security Complex Edward Webb (Dickinson College)

Business in Conflict: the Effects of Smuggling on the Production of Violence by Violent Political Organizations (VPOs) in the Sahel

Ilyssa Yahmi (Temple University)

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Part. Jacqueline de Matos-Ala (University of the Witwatersrand)

Part. Michelle Small (University of the Witwatersrand)

TA02: Thursday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Europe's Complex Ties with Regions to its South

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 6, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Berlin)

Chair

Disc. Ahmed Salem (Zayed University)

Perceptions of German Foreign Policy in Tunisia after 2010 - An Examination of Germany's Foreign Policy Role Concept as seen by its Foreign Policy Decision-Making Elites and the Tunisian Nahda Party

Julius Dihstelhoff (Academic Coordinator at MECAM (Université de Tunis/Philipps-Universität Marbrug))

Lars Berger (Federal University of Administrative Sciences,

Transnational authoritarianism, terrorist threat and public opinion on counterterrorism cooperation between Germany and the Arab world

Lars Berger (Federal University of Administrative Sciences, Berlin)

Stephan Lau (Federal University of Administrative Sciences)

The promotion of EU values through cultural initiatives under the EU Neighbourhood Policy and the use of soft law: the Union for the Mediterranean

Francesco Spera (University of Salento)

Tunisia's Undemanding 'Revolution': Theoretical Explanations of the Interim Governments' Soft Policy Towards France

Ahmed Salem (Zayed University)

"North African Migration to Malta: Understanding Factors that Impact Healthcare Access According to Migrant Mothers and Government Officials"

Simone Martin-Howard (LIU-Brooklyn)

TA03: Thursday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Novel Insights on Regional Security Analysis

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Room: Meeting Room 3, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair MARIAM BENSAOUD (AL-AKHAWYN UNIVERSITY)

Disc. MOHAMMED LEMOUDEN (Mohammed V University Rabat) Violent Tranlocal Activism: New Digital Technologies and Diaspora Citizens' Involvement in Insurgency In Nigeria.

Ezenwa Olumba (Royal Holloway University of London)

Irregular Migration under the EU Global Strategy Between Peace and Security: The Case of the Partnership with Morocco

MARIAM BENSAOUD (AL-AKHAWYN UNIVERSITY)

Exploring the Paradox: Why does regional insecurity not promote unity in the Maghreb?

MOHAMMED LEMOUDEN (Mohammed V University Rabat)

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Penser avec Abdelmalek Sayad au-delà de la migration, la circulation, l'Etat et l'international

Room: Meeting Room 5, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Nizar Messari (Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane (AUI))
 Disc. Didier Bigo (Sciences Po Paris & King's College London)
 Abdelmalek Sayad : penser la sociologie politique internationale
 Didier Bigo (Sciences Po Paris & King's College London)

Désirés par la France et courtisés par le Maroc ; Les politiques migratoires à destination des Marocains hautement qualifiés Hicham JAMID (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement)



Friday

FA01: Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM الدولة والعلوم السياسية من منظار نقدي

Panel

Room: Meeting Room 1, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Driss Maghraoui (Al Akhawayn University)

Disc. Imad Mansour (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)

الرياضة في خدمة الرهانات الجيوسياسية : نموذج كرة القدم في دول الخليج وشمال إفريقيا

BOUALAM MOHAMED (Hassan First University of Settat)

التعددية الاثنية في القرن الأفريعي: من أزمات الهوية إلى الحروب الأهلية Adiala Tabar (The University of Khartoum)

من تحرير المصطلح إلى تحرر المفهوم: قراءة وإعادة قراءة تاريخ النطاقات السياسية الخليجية في سياقات متعددة

Abdulrahman AL-Marri (Qatar University)

FA02: Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Iran and Afghanistan in Regional Security

Panel

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Room: Meeting Room 6, Al Akhawayn University Conference Center

Chair Saira Khan (McGill University)

Disc. Heinz Gaertner (University of Vienna/International Institute

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