NAMEPES Summer School

North Africa – Middle East Politics and EU Security

20 – 23 June 2022

School of International Studies, Via Tommaso Gar 14, 38122 Trento (Italy)

Monday 20th June

14:30 – 15:00. Welcoming Remarks: Stefano Schiavo, Director of the School of International Studies, Vincent Della Sala, Jean Monnet Centre Coordinator.

15:00 – 15:30: Opening Address: Pina Picerno, Vice-President of the European Parliament (online).


Follows Participants’ Round of introductions and practical information.

Tuesday 21st June

9:30 – 11:00. Keynote speech: “The International Relations of the Middle East: Continuity and Change”. Fawaz A. Gerges, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics, UK.

11:00 – 11:45. Coffee-break.

11:45 – 13:00. Open discussion with Fawaz A. Gerges.

13:00 – 15:00. Lunchbreak.

15:00 – 16:30. “The EU’s relationship with the MENA countries from a historical perspective. Towards a partnership of mutual interest?”: Birte Wassenberg, Professor of Contemporary History, University of Strasbourg, Visiting Professor, College of Europe.


Wednesday 22nd June

9:30 – 11:00 “Where is the Middle East and Whatever Happened to Old Europe?”. Joel Gordon, Professor of Political and Cultural History of the Middle East; Editor of the International Journal of Middle East Studies.
11:00 – 11:45. Coffee-break.
11:45 – 13:00. Open discussion with Joel Gordon.
13:00 – 15:00. Lunchbreak.
15:00 – 16:30. “The US, Iran, Russia and the politics of the JCPOA”. Ali Ansari, Professor of Modern History, University of St. Andrews, UK. (Online)

Thursday 23rd June
9:30 – 11:00. “Maritime delimitations on the Mediterranean”. Marco Pertile, Professor of International Law, University of Trento, Italy.
11:00 – 11:45. Coffee-break.
11:45 – 13:00. Open discussion with Marco Pertile.
13:00 – 15:00. Lunchbreak.
15:00 – 16:30. “The Geopolitics of the Persian Gulf: ideology, identity and international relations”. Pejman Abdolmohammadi, Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Trento, Italy.

Social dinner

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