North Africa – Middle East Politics and EU Security

27 June - 30 June 2023

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

Tuesday, 27 June

9.30 – 11:00. "The Iranian revolt 2022-2023: Challenges Towards Freedom and Secularism". **Pejman Abdolmohammadi,** Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Trento, Italy.

11:00 – 11:30. Coffee-break (not included)

11:30 – 12:45. "Discourses of moderation in the Gulf monarchies: the case of Oman" Giulia Daga, PhD Candidate University of Trento / Junior Researcher MENA Programme at IAI "Istituto Affari Internazionali".

12:45 - 14:45. Lunchbreak

14:45 – 15:00. Welcome and Opening Remarks: **Stefano Schiavo**, Director of the School of International Studies, **Pejman Abdolmohammadi**, Academic Coordinator of NAMEPES Project.

15:00 – 16:30. Keynote speech, Fawaz A. Gerges, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics, UK.

16:30 - 17:00. Coffee-break

17:00 - 18:30. Keynote speech and open discussion with Fawaz A. Gerges.

Wednesday, 28 June

9:30 – 11:00. "The Black Sea Grain Initiative: Trading with Belligerents in the Ukraine/Russia Conflict" by Marco Pertile, Professor of International Law, University of Trento, Italy.

11:00 - 11:30. Coffee-break

11:30 - 13:00. Open discussion with Marco Pertile.

13:00 - 15:00. Lunchbreak

15:00 – 16:30. "Redefining the 'Archive': State Secrets, Private Possessions, Graphic Graffiti and Ephemeral Evidence" by Joel

Gordon, Professor of Political and Cultural History of the Middle East; Editor of the International Journal of Middle East Studies.

16:30 - 17:00. Coffee-break

17:00 - 18:30. Open discussion with Joel Gordon.

Thursday, 29 June

9:30 – 11:00. "Authoritarian 'resilience' or 'fragility': interpreting the Islamic Republic of Iran" by Ali Ansari, Professor of Modern History, University of St. Andrews, UK (online).

11:00 - 11:15. Coffee-break

11:15 – 12:45. Open discussion with Ali Ansari (online)

12:45 - 15:00. Lunchbreak

15:00 – 17:30. Roundtable: What possible future for MENA region in the 2030s geopolitical perspective?

19:45. Departure to Caldonazzo Lake and social dinner

Friday, 30 June

9:30 - 11:00. "Iraq and the politics of intervention 20 years on". Irene Costantini, Research Fellow in International Relations, University

"I'Orientale" of Naples, Italy.

11:00 - 11:30. Coffee-break

11:30 – 13:00. Open discussion with Irene Costantini.

13:00 – 15:00. Lunchbreak

15:00 – 16:30. Lecture with focus on Egypt (Title TBC) by **Nicolas Pelham**, Middle East correspondent at "The Economist".

16:30 – 17:00. Coffee-break

17:00 – 18:30. Open discussion with Nicolas Pelham.

Saturday, 1 July

Scientific Board Evaluation Committee Meeting

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