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 Winter Semester 2024/25

Political Economy of EU-Arab Relations

Seminar

Alexander Niedermeier:

Friday, 25.10.2024, 12-17.

Friday, 08.11.2024, 12-18.

Friday, 15.11.2024, 12-18.

Friday, 29.11.2024, 12-18.

Friday, 06.12.2024, 12-18.

Friday, 20.12.2024, 12-15.

Theocharis Grigoriadis:

Tuesday, 15.10.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 23.10.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 05.11.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 15.10.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 19.11.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 26.11.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 03.12.2024, 12-14.

Tuesday, 17.12.2024, 12-14.

Place

328 Lecture Hall (Boltzmannstr. 16-20).

Office Hours

Alexander Niedermeier: Appointment upon request.

Theocharis Grigoriadis: Mondays, 8-10, Garystr. 55/101A.

Modules

Master of Science in Economics/Public Economics: *Topics in Applied Economic Policy Analysis*.

Master of Arts in East European Studies: *Resources & Infrastructures*.

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies of the Middle East: *Elective*.

This course constitutes a fascinating intersection between economics and politics with focus on the EU relationship with the Arab world. From the development of new borders in the aftermath of World War I to the decolonization processes and the Cold War in the aftermath of World War II, the Middle East has been in the epicenter of political and economic developments on the European continent. The emergence of the European Union as the institutional continuation of the European Economic Community in 1992 has provided a unique framework for the discussion and resolution of major policy challenges that have been endemic in the Arab region.

The part of the course taught by Prof. Niedermeier focuses on EU foreign policy and economic diplomacy in the Arab world, while looking at the domestic politics of key Arab states and their

related interaction with major European economies. The part of the course taught by Prof. Grigoriadis will concentrate on a series of EU-MENA policy themes such as trade and growth, development aid, energy, climate change, and international security (including Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine).

Regular participation

75 percent attendance.

Active participation

Collective presentation (12 slides per person, 15 minutes per person).

Grade

Research Paper (4 K words).

Alexander Niedermeier

1.1: Title: Between Decolonialization and Cold War: Western Europe and the MENA-region

- Required Readings
- Citino, Nathan J. (2019) The Middle East and the Cold War, in: Cold War History 19 (3): 441-456.
- Jones, Howard/Woods, Randall B. (1993): Origins of the Cold War in Europe and the Near East: Recent Historiography and the National Security Imperative, in: Diplomatic History 17 (2): 251-276.
- Further Readings
- Ashton, Nigel J. (Ed.) (2007): The Cold War in the Middle East Regional conflict and the superpowers, 1967-73, Milton Park, Routledge.
- Karam, Jeffrey D. (2021): The Middle East in 1958. Remembering a Revolutionary Year, London: IB Tauris

1.2: Title: Bringing the Regional Actors back in: The Middle East Conflict from an Israeli/Jewish and Palestinian/Arab Perspective

- Required Readings
- Abraham, Bobbette D. (2007): From Mandate to Mineshaft: The Long Rocky Road to the Modern State of Israel, in: Regent Journal of International Law 5(1): 123-182.
- Adwan, Sami et al. (2012): Side by Side, Parallel Histories of Israel-Palestine, New York, The New Press.
- Further Readings
- Siniver, Asaf (Ed.) (2023): ROUTLEDGE COMPANION TO THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT, London, Routledge.

1.3: Title: MENA Political Systems, European Neighborhood Policy and the Issue of the Exporting European/Western Norms and Values

- Required Readings
- Balfour, Rosa (2013): EU political dilemmas in North Africa and the Middle East: the logic of diversity and the limits to foreign policy, in: Noutcheva, Gergana et al. (Eds.) (2013): The EU and its Neighbours, Values versus security in European foreign policy, Manchester, Manchester University Press: 67-83.
- Huber, Daniela/Paciello, Maria C. (2015): Overhauling EU Policy in the Mediterranean. Towards More Inclusive, Responsive and Flexible Policies, IAI Working Paper 15/35.
- Reptova, Zuzana (2022): European Neighbourhood Policy Differentiated integration beyond the EU's Eastern and Southern borders, in: Leruth et al. (Eds.) (2022): The Routledge Handbook of Differentiation in the European Union,
- Further Readings

- Davis, Muriam H./Serres, Thomas (Eds.) (2018): Europe seen from North Africa. Institutions, Governance, Culture, New York, Bloomsbury Academic Publishing
- Teti, Andrea et al. (2020): Democratisation against Democracy. How EU Foreign Policy Fails the Middle East, Zug, Springer Switzerland (Routledge).

1.4: Title: Economies as Political Instruments: Politics, Political Economy and Regime Security

- Cammett, Melani (2015): A Political Economy of the Middle East, 4E, New York, Routledge: Ch. 3.
- Greenwood, Scott (2003): Jordan's "New Bargain:" The Political Economy of Regime Security, in: Middle East Journal 57 (2): 248-268.
- Jackson, Richard (2010): Regime Security, in: Collins, Alan (Ed.): Contemporary Security Studies: 185-201
- Lannon, Erwan (2021): The Externalization of EU Policies in the Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood: The Potential Impact of the New Mediterranean Agenda, in: IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2021: 17-23

1.5: Title: War, Peace and Politico-Economic Affairs: The MENA-region from an International Security Studies Perspective

- Required Readings
- Hanau Santini, Ruth (2017): A New Regional Cold War in the Middle East and North Africa: Regional Security Complex Theory Revisited, in: The International Spectator, 52 (4): 93-111.
- King, Marcus D. (2023): Weaponizing Water: Water Stress and Islamic Extremist Violence in Africa and the Middle East, Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Lambert, Laurent A. et al. (2022): The EU's natural gas Cold War and diversification challenges, in: Energy Strategy Reviews 43: 1-9.
- Further Readings
- Kelly, Robert E. (2007): Security Theory in the "New Regionalism, in: International Studies Review , 9 (2): 197-229.
- Stanič, Ana/Karbusz, Sohbet (2021) The challenges facing Eastern Mediterranean gas and how international law can help overcome them, in: Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law 39 (2): 213-247.

1.6: Title: Challenges to EU-MENA-Relations: The Impact of China & Co.

- Required Readings
- Gurol, Julia (2020): The Role of the EU and China in the Security Architecture of the Middle East, Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies
- Further Readings
- Zoubir, Yahia H. (Ed.) (2023): Routledge Companion to China and the Middle East and North Africa, London, Routledge.

Theocharis Grigoriadis

2.1: Borders

- Del Sarto, Raffaella A. Borderlands: Europe and the Mediterranean middle east. Oxford University Press, 2021.

2.2: Russia & the Cold War

- Kirasirova, Masha. "Russia's Foreign Policy in the Middle East." (2020): 263-271.
- Maher, David, and Moritz Pieper. "Russian intervention in Syria: Exploring the nexus between regime consolidation and energy transnationalization." Political Studies 69.4 (2021): 944-964.#

2.3: EEC/EU & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

- Konyukhovskiy, Pavel and Theocharis Grigoriadis. "Proxy Wars & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict", *Defence & Peace Economics*, Special Issue: Political-economic Perspectives of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Vol. 31, No. 8 (2020): 904-926.
- Bicchi, Federica, and Benedetta Voltolini. "The European Union and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: How Member States came together only to fall apart again." *Routledge Handbook of EU-Middle East Relations*. Routledge, 2021. 311-320.

2.4: Energy

- Matallah, Siham. "Economic diversification in MENA oil exporters: Understanding the role of governance." *Resources Policy* 66 (2020): 101602.

2.5: Trade & Growth

- Benaddi, Atika, and Peri Silva. "The multilateral trade policy of the Arab league countries: An empirical investigation." *The World Economy* 45.11 (2022): 3420-3450.

2.6: Development Aid

- Saviolo, Luca. "Patterns of EU aid and development policy: The EU security-stability nexus within the Neighborhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument." Brussels, Belgium: EST (2021).
- Dandashly, Assem. "EU democracy promotion and the dominance of the security-stability nexus." *The EU in the Mediterranean after the Arab Uprisings*. Routledge, 2020. 62-82.
- Van Hüllen, Vera. "Europeanisation through cooperation? EU democracy promotion in Morocco and Tunisia." *From Europeanization to Diffusion*. Routledge, 2020. 117-134.

2.7: Migration & Security

- Tsourapas, Gerasimos. "The long arm of the Arab state." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43.2 (2020): 351-370.
- Cooper, Luke, and Maissam Nimer. "Generating instability? The impact of the EU's hybrid migration governance in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan." *Governance* 37.3 (2024): 785-802.
- Grigoriadis, Ioannis N., and Gerasimos Tsourapas. "Understanding Greece's new foreign policy towards the Arab world: Instrumentalisation, balancing, and emerging opportunities." *Mediterranean Politics* 29.3 (2024): 307-330.

2.8: Environment & Climate Change

- Emre Erdogan, Theocharis Grigoriadis and Murat Eroz. "The Political Economy of the Green Hydrogen Transition", *Mercator-IPC Policy Brief*, Istanbul.
- Mrabet, Zouhair, et al. "Can human development and political stability improve environmental quality? New evidence from the MENA region." *Economic modelling* 94 (2021): 28-44.