

Conference 12.-13.11.2015, Byblos, LAU

Wars and Wars' Ending in the Post-2011 Middle East

A Cooperation of GIGA, Hamburg, and LAU, Byblos

Outline

The conference shall address the following questions:

- How can we explain the increasing outbreak of wars in the region in the aftermath of the “Arab Spring”?
- What is novel in these wars compared to their precedents in the region?
- How is it possible to exit these wars and to prevent a further spillover of violence?
- What can we learn from former wars (e.g. the Lebanese Civil War) to end the recent ones?

The conference refers to a multidimensional analysis as it takes into consideration:

- Comparing cases locally, regionally and globally,
- Studying external interference and spillover effects
- Developing scenarios for conflict resolution.

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Welcome Note by Representatives of LAU and GIGA

9.00-9.15

9.15-10.30

“Violent Dynamics and New Wars in the Middle East Since 2011” (Keynote Speech)

Maha Yahya (Carnegie, Beirut)

Coffee break 10.30-11.00

Country Cases I

11.00-13.00

Introduction to the Conference

Stephan Rosiny and Marwan Rowayheb

Lebanon's Civil War (1975-1990): Lessons for Current Events

Lebanon: Genesis, Actors and Dynamics of the Lebanese Civil War

Paul Tabar (LAU, Beirut)

Lebanon's Wars not Ending: External Actors and Regional Dynamics (1970-2015)

Walid Moubarak (LAU, Lebanon)

Interim Stabilization Arrangements in Lebanon: A Blueprint for Today's Wars?

Erik Mohns, (Berghof Foundation, Berlin)

Lunch break 13.00-14.00

Iraq and Syria

14.00-17.00

The Long Path of War in Iraq

Henner Fürtig (GIGA, Hamburg)

Iraq: Local and Regional Dynamics of War

Faleh Abd al-Jabar (Iraq Studies, Beirut)

Syria: The Security Dilemma of Religious Minorities

Leon Goldsmith (Sultan Qaboos University, Maskat)

Coffee break 15.30-16.00

Cross-Border Effects of the Syrian War

André Bank (GIGA, Hamburg)

On the Origins of ISIS: A Multivariate Model for Explaining the Emergence and Growth of the "Islamic State"

Sami Baroudy (LAU, Beirut)

Dinner 18.00 Restaurant Al Baher, Byblos

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Country Cases II

The Yemen-War 2015

9.30-10.30

Genesis, Actors, and Dynamics of the Yemen Uprising and Escalation to War

Adam Baron (Sanaa Center for Strategic Studies, ECFR)

Why Did Saudi Arabia Go to War in Yemen?

May Darwich (GIGA, Hamburg)

Coffee break 10.30-11.00

Causes and Endings of Wars

Regional Conflict Patterns

11.00-12.30

Geo-Strategic Dimensions and the Resource Curse of the Middle East

Thomas Richter (GIGA, Hamburg)

Ethnic-Sectarian Cleavages as Conflict Determinant / Stimulator

Sami Ofeish (Balamand University, Balamand)

Migration and Conflict in the Post-2011 Landscape

Tamirace Fakhoury (LAU, Byblos)

Lunch break 12.30-13.30

Conflict Resolution (How to Exit Wars)

13.30-15.00

Power-sharing arrangements for the Middle East

Stephan Rosiny (GIGA, Hamburg)

Mediation by Third Parties

Makram Ouais (LAU, Byblos)

Wrap-up and future steps

16.00-18.00

A guided tour through the ruins of Byblos

Dinner 18.00 Restaurant Marinus, Byblos