

Research Workshop

Perceptions of State-Society Relations: Historical Perspectives on Communication and Control in the Maghreb

Location: MECAM, ISEAHT, Rue Florian 27, Borj Zouara, Tunis, and online via Ms Teams

Wednesday, 23 October	
13:00-13:45	Lunch
13:45-15:45	Session 1: Welcome by MECAM Director Prof. Amel Guizani Theory and methods
	<p>Chair: Kressen Thyen Discussant: Sean Yom</p> <p>Maria Josua: Communicating repression in autocracies: Theory and findings Merouan Mekouar: Research methods and challenges in researching repressive states and apparatuses Lisel Hintz: Filmmaking Turkey Great Again: Audiovisualizing History in the Authoritarian Toolkit</p>
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17.30	Session 2: Tunisia under Ben Ali
	<p>Chair: Julius Dihstelhoff Discussant: Mirjam Edel</p> <p>Maria Josua: Ben Ali's rhetoric and its reception during the Arab uprisings Kressen Thyen (& Mounir Mrad): Rural Resistance to Ben Ali: The Effects of Agrarian Extractivism</p>
19:30	Conference Dinner (Dar el Jeld, 5-10, Rue Dar El Jeld, 1005 Tunis)

Thursday, 24 October	
11:00-12:30	Session 3: The role of national and international actors
	<p>Chair: Maria Josua Discussant: Merouan Mekouar</p> <p>Charlotte Fiedler: International reactions to major political transformation processes: the case of Tunisia Imad Alsoos (& Julius Dihstelhoff): Ennahda's Muslim democracy in post-Arab spring Tunisia: Synthesizing political thought and practice Mirjam Edel: Digital infrastructures and repressive patterns in North Africa</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Session 4: The Maghreb in Comparative Perspective
	<p>Chair: Charlotte Fiedler Discussant: Lisel Hintz</p> <p>Massensen Cherbi: Permanences and novelties in the repression of the Algerian Hirak Sean Yom: Repression in Jordan Sofian Philip Naceur: Patterns of repression in Egypt under Sisi</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee break (with group photo)
15:30-16:45	Roundtable: State and (civil) society
	<p>Moderator: Sarah Mersch</p> <p>Speakers: Messaoud Romdhani Ahlem Bousserwel Selim Kharrat</p>
16:45-17:00	Wrap-up and Goodbye

List of Confirmed Participants

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