

# *Conference Programme*

*After the Uprisings:*  
**Political, Economic, and Social Transformations in  
the Middle East and North Africa**

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## ***After the Uprisings: Political, Economic, and Social Transformations in the Middle East and North Africa***

**– Programme –**

**Tuesday, 31 May (8:00-18:30)**

**Venue: Seminar Room 1 &2, Chrystal MacMillan Building, University of Edinburgh.**

<b>08:00 – 09:00</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Poster Set-up</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>First session</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:15</b>	<b>Opening Plenary</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Second session</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch / Poster Session</b>
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Round Table “Key findings of the Arab Transitions Survey”</b>
<b>16:15 – 17:45</b>	<b>Third Session</b>
<b>17:45– 18:30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>



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- Registration & Poster Set Up [8:00 – 9:00]

- First session [9:00 – 10:00]

Room	Panel topic	Presentation author	Presentation title
[Chrystal MacMillan Building - SR 1 and 2]	<b>Panel 1.1</b>	Munqith M. Dagher <i>IACSS, IMR – Iraq.</i>	Public opinions toward ISIL in Syria and Iraq with special focus on public opinions in the areas currently controlled by ISIL
	<b>[Islamic state]</b>	Ahmed Khattab <i>Georgetown University, USA.</i>	Lingering effects of state formation in the post-Arab Spring regional order: The Kurds and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria
	Chair: Adham Saouli, <i>University of St Andrews.</i>	Michael Robbins <i>Arab Barometer, USA.</i>	Passive support for the Islamic State in the Middle East and North Africa: Evidence from a survey experiment
[Old Medical School - West Wing room G.13]	<b>Panel 1.2</b>	Natalia Waechter <i>University of Graz, Austria.</i>	Young people as main actors of the revolutions and of social change? New insights into generational aspects of the Arab spring
	<b>[Role of youth and ICTs]</b>	Miquel Pellicer <i>Hamburg University, Germany.</i>	Education, youth grievances and political participation in Tunisia and Egypt
	Chair: Kathryn Vincent, <i>University of Aberdeen, UK.</i>	Nicholas Gjorvad <i>Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.</i>	The ‘Youth of the Brotherhood’ before and after June 30: Evolving social and political worldviews
[ Old Medical School - West Wing room G.15]	<b>Panel 1.3</b>	Žilvinas Švedkauskas <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania.</i>	Facilitating political stability: cohabitation of non-legalistic Islam and the Moroccan Monarchy
	<b>[Political stability and social change]</b>	Nasim Basiri <i>Youth for Human Rights International (UHRI), Iran.</i>	Gender and social change in the Middle East
	Chair: Mariana Crismaru, <i>Conclusia, Moldova.</i>	Tarfa Alfayez <i>Nottingham Trent University, UK.</i>	The Influence of U.S. aid policy on regime survival and policy-making in Jordan



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## - Opening Plenary [10:15 – 11:15]

Venue: *Chrystal MacMillan Building -SR 1 and 2.*

### **Welcome remarks:**

10:15 – 10:20

Andrea Teti,  
*Scientific Leader ArabTrans project.*

10:20 – 10:25

Margaret Ross,  
*Vice Principal and Head of College of Arts and Social Sciences,  
University of Aberdeen, UK.*

10:25 – 10:30

Fiona Mackay,  
*Dean of the School of Social and Political Studies,  
University of Edinburgh, UK.*

### **Keynote speech:**

10:30 -11:00

Nicola Pratt, *Warwick University, UK.*

**“Gendered Paradoxes of Socio-political Transformations in the Arab  
World after 2011”**

11:00 – 11:15

Q & A



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- Second session [11:30 – 13:00]

Room	Panel topic	Presentation author	Presentation title
[ Chrystal MacMillan Building - SR 1 and 2]	<b>Panel 2.1</b> <b>[Security concerns and Refugee flows]</b>  Chair:  Ewan Stein <i>University of Edinburgh, UK.</i>	Juan Díez-Nicolás <i>ASEP, Spain.</i>	The perception of security in the MENA region
		Ana Maria Lopez Narbona <i>University of Malaga, Spain.</i>	
		Anthony Deriziotis <i>Athens University, Greece.</i>	Turkish-American relations vis-à-vis the war in Syria: Conflicting interests and delicate diplomacy
		Shelley Deane <i>Brehon Advisory, UK.</i>	Fragile accommodation: comparing Lebanese and Jordanian adaptive responses to the Refugee Crisis
[ Old Medical School - West Wing room G.13]	<b>Panel 2.2</b> <b>[Uprisings and Civil war]</b>  Chair: Jamie Allinson <i>University of Edinburgh, UK.</i>	Ibrahim Natil <i>University College Dublin, Ireland.</i>	NGOs Intervention in Libya: civil state and peacebuilding challenges
		Mehair Kathem <i>SOAS, University of London, UK.</i>	The transformation of the Iraqi NGO sector after 2011
		Ferdinand Arslanian <i>University of St Andrews, UK.</i>	Developing an integrated framework for analysing the Syrian conflict: Coalescing the writings of Mohammad Sayed Rassass
[ Old Medical School - West Wing room G.15]	<b>Panel 2.3</b> <b>[Egypt]</b>  Chair: Gennaro Gervasio <i>Roma Tre University, Italy &amp; The British University in Egypt.</i>	Roman Stadnicki <i>Tours University, France.</i>	An urban counter-revolution in Egypt?
		Maria D’Aria <i>University of Edinburgh, UK.</i>	The revival of Nasserism in the Egyptian counter-revolution
		Mohammad Afshary <i>University of Kent, UK.</i>	Law and Revolution: the praxis of Egyptian activist lawyers after the 2011 revolution as everyday utopia



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- **Poster Session / Lunch** [13:00 – 14:30]

Room	Presentation author	Presentation title
[Chrystal MacMillan Building - SR 1 and 2]	Irwan Saidin <i>Exeter University, UK.</i>	Between revolution and political stability: the perceptions and influences of the 'Arab Spring' among the Islamist movements in Malaysia.
	Gabriella Fahlström Spiik <i>Independent scholar.</i>	The invasion of Iraq as a prologue to the recent and still ongoing transitions in the MENA region
	Swati Chakraborty <i>University of Calcutta, India.</i>	Generation gap, empowerment and liberty: a Human Rights dialogue
	A. H. M. Ershad Uddin <i>Marmara University, Turkey.</i>	Fanatic ISIS vs. Islam: a comparative analysis through the lens of Islamic law
	Sedat Benek <i>Harran University, Turkey.</i>	An evaluation on the refugee crisis between Turkey and the European Union (EU)

- **Round table** [14:30 – 16:00]

Room	Panel topic	Presentation author	Presentation title
[Chrystal MacMillan Building - SR 1 and 2]	<b>Key findings of the Arab Transitions</b>  Chair: Andrea Teti <i>Scientific Leader of the Arab Transitions project.</i>	Pamela Abbott <i>University of Aberdeen, UK</i>	After the Arab Uprisings: political attitudes and behaviour in the MENA Region
		Natalia Waechter <i>University of Graz, Austria.</i>	Media, youth and political engagement
		Valeria Talbot <i>ISPI, Italy.</i>	Attitudes towards the EU in the MENA region



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- Third session [16:15 – 17:45]

Room	Panel topic	Presentation author	Presentation title
[Chrystal MacMillan Building - SR 1 and 2]	<b>Panel 3.1</b> <b>[Regional changes, external actors]</b>  Chair: Paolo Maggiolini, ISPI, Italy	Jan Claudius Völkel <i>Cairo University, Egypt.</i>	Parliaments as driver for democratisation? Legislatures' contributions to the Arab transformation processes
		Irene Fernández-Molina <i>University of Exeter, UK.</i>	The foreign policy of 'democratisation' and the EU's validation of authoritarian reform: Morocco-EU relations in the aftermath of the 2011 Arab uprisings
		Ewelina Wasko-Owsiejczuk <i>University of Bialystok, Poland.</i>	American Plans to build democracy in the Middle East after 9/11: the case of Iraq
[Old Medical School - West Wing room G.13]	<b>Panel 3.2</b> <b>[Tunisia]</b>  Chair: Francesco Cavatorta, <i>University of Laval, Canada</i>	Ida Saidani <i>ASSF, Tunisia.</i>	Tunisian youth political apathy
		Ragnar Weilandt <i>University of Warwick, UK.</i>	Divisions in post-2011 Tunisian secular civil society
		Loes Debuysere <i>Ghent University, Belgium.</i>	'La Femme' before and after the Tunisian uprising: (Dis)continuities in the configuration of women in the truth regime of 'Tunisianité'
[Old Medical School - West Wing room G.15]	<b>Panel 3.3</b> <b>[Postgraduate session]</b>  Chair: Sarah Hynek, <i>University of Aberdeen, UK</i>	Hager Ali <i>Goethe University, Germany.</i>	The role of armed forces in regime change. A comparison of Tunisia, Egypt and Libya
		Ivo Bantel <i>University of Bremen, Germany.</i>	Unique – or just another revolution? Exploring the Tunisian case
		Firat Kimya <i>Koç University, Turkey.</i>	Iranian – Turkish Relations during the AKP Era: from strategic cooperation to the regional competition
		Ahmed M. Abozaid, Paola Cascinelli <i>International Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Dubai, U.A.E.</i>	Ambivalent engagement: GCC, EU, and Mediterranean since the outbreak of Arab Spring

- Closing remarks [17:45 – 18: 30]

Andrea Teti, *Scientific Leader ArabTrans project.*



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