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The Middle East and North Africa
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Programme
**WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2017**

9:15 – 9:30 **Opening and Introductory Remarks**  
**IRINA DU BOIS**, President, Pierre du Bois Foundation  
**MOHAMMAD-MAHMOUD OULD MOHAMEDOU**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

9:30 – 11:00 **PANEL ONE**  
**From the Twilight of the Ottoman Empire to the ‘Caliphate’ Redux**  
Chair **LISA ANDERSON**, Columbia University  
Speakers  
**BAHGAT KORANY**, American University in Cairo  
**OLIVIER ROY**, European University Institute, Florence  
**SALMAN SAYYID**, University of Leeds

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **PANEL TWO**  
**The Sykes-Picot Paradigm: Overemphasis or Lasting (dis)Order?**  
Chair **BENOÎT CHALLAND**, New School for Social Research  
Speakers  
**JOSEPH BAHOUT**, Carnegie, Washington  
**JORDI TEJEL**, Université de Neuchâtel, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **PANEL THREE**  
**The Iraq Wars: A Paradigm of Unceasing Conflict in the Region**  
Chair **AMATZIA BARAM**, University of Haifa  
Speakers  
**FALEH ABDEL JABAR**, Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies, Beirut  
**STEPHANIE CRONIN**, Oxford University  
**GARETH STANSFIELD**, University of Exeter

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **PANEL FOUR**  
**Peace and Wars: A Century of the Palestine Question**  
Chair **JUSSI HANHIMÄKI**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers  
**AHMAD KHALIDI**, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University  
**BRUCE MADDY-WEITZMAN**, Tel Aviv University  
**RICCARDO BOCO**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

18:30 – 20:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
**Autoritarismes, Interventions et le Nouveau Grand Jeu au Moyen-Orient**  
**BERTRAN BADIE**, Sciences Po Paris

20:00 – 22:00 Conference Cocktail and Dinner (by invitation)

**THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

10:00 – 11:00 **PANEL FIVE**  
**Authoritarianism and Interventionism: Resilience and Renewal**  
Chair **CAROLYN BILTOFT**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers  
**JULIDE KARAKOÇ**, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Istanbul  
**AIDAN HEHIR**, University of Westminster

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **PANEL SIX**  
**The Arab Spring and its Discontents**  
Chair **JEAN-FRANCOIS BAYART**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers  
**NADIA MARZOUKI**, European University Institute, Florence  
**OMAR ASHOUR**, Exeter University  
**RIM TURKMANI**, London School of Economics and Political Science

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **PANEL SEVEN**  
**Alternative Statehood and Armed Militancy: From the Ikhwan to the Islamic State**  
Chair **KEITH KRAUSE**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers  
**FRANÇOIS BURGAT**, National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Aix-en-Provence  
**MAHA YAHYA**, Carnegie Middle East Centre  
**MATTHEW BAMBER**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 17:15 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**  
**Persistent Narratives: The Rise and Fall and Rise of Orientalism**  
Chair **MOHAMMAD-MAHMOUD OULD MOHAMEDOU**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers  
**HAMID DABASHI**, Columbia University  
**KARIM BITAR**, University of Saint-Joseph, Beirut  
**ANNA AKASOY**, City University of New York  
**ADAM SHATZ**, The London Review of Books

17:15 – 17:30 **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND CLOSE**  
**GOPALAN BALACHANDRAN**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
**MOHAMMAD-MAHMOUD OULD MOHAMEDOU**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

17:30 – 18:30 Conference Closing Cocktail (by invitation)