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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP, AMMAN, JORDAN

The EU and Strategic Relations with the MENA-Region in a Post-Arab Revolt Context. Case Studies from the Perspective of Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya and Syria

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Venue

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Organized by the Center for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark and Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan

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Introduction

The workshop has invited leading country experts within Middle Eastern research to introduce each panel by pointing at the most significant challenges for the specific state and society in a recent context. By discussing particular challenges for the five states of Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya and Syria it is the ambition to point at important strategic issues of importance for European-Middle Eastern relations.

Each panel is opened by a presentation (20-30 min.) followed by a comment by the moderator (10 minutes). After that the floor will be opened for discussion. The invited participants in the workshop will be scholars and practitioners from the MENA region and from Europe.

The workshop is part of [Project DJUCO](#) (Danish – Jordanian University Cooperation), which focuses on academic cooperation (research projects, conferences, student exchange program, student conferences, workshops, innovation camps) between University of Southern Denmark and universities and academic institutions in Jordan.

Participation in the workshop is per invitation. Please sign up no later than Monday May 27 at 12:00 a.m. to Bo Vestergaard Thiesen, thiesen@sdu.dk

PROGRAM

9.00-9.30 Welcome by Musa Shteivi and Peter Seeberg, coffee and tea

09.30-11.00 Case Study: Jordan

Curtis Ryan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics,
Appalachian State University, US
(Jordan)

Moderator

Dr. Musa Shteivi, Director, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman

11.00-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.45 Case Study: Egypt

Sally Khalifa Isaac, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political
Science
Cairo University, Giza

Moderator:

Salam Kawakibi, Research Director, Arab Reform Initiative, Paris

12.45-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-15.00 Case Study: Lebanon

Tamirace Fakhoury, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science/ International Affairs, Social
Sciences Department, Lebanese American University, Beirut

Moderator

Peter Seeberg, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark

15.00-15.15 Coffee Break

15.15-17.15 Case Study: Syria

Reinoud Leenders, Ph.D., Reader in International Relations and Middle East Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College, London

Salam Kawakibi, Ph.D., Research Director, Arab Reform Initiative, Paris

Moderator

Musa Shteivi, Director, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman

17.15-17.30 Coffee Break**17.30-18.30 Case Study: Libya**

Peter Seeberg, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark

Moderator:

Sally Khalifa Isaac, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Cairo University, Giza

20.00 Conference dinner