

Student Presentation by Jens

Laurie Brand "*National narratives and migration: Discursive strategies of inclusion and exclusion in Jordan and Lebanon*"

Peter Seeberg "*The EU as a realist actor in normative clothes: EU democracy promotion in Lebanon and the ENP*"

Current challenges

EU democracy promotion in Lebanon

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"...restoring Lebanon's full sovereignty and territorial integrity (...) IAW International law and relevant UN resolutions."

"...work together to promote the shared values of democracy and rule of law including good governance and transparent, stable and effective institutions (and) strengthen measures against corruption..."

EU democracy promotion in Lebanon

No direct mentioning of foreign involvement

Only economic aspects are explicitly mentioned

No "operational language concerning democratic conditionality"

"Pragmatic realist agenda"

Hides "neglect of its democracy promotion ambitions"

"Realist actor in normative clothes"



Areas of contention

Shebaa Farms

Parameters:

- Land: Syria (Occupied by Israel)
- Lebanon does not recognize Blue Line
- Lebanon claims Farms as Lebanese land
- Lebanon has no cartographic proof
- Border was drawn 1920 by French General on map from 1862
- It was not checked as both Lebanon and Syria was French mandate
- Already in the 1930s problems were reported

An aerial photograph of the Shebaa Farms area, showing a green-shaded region outlined in green. The text "Approx 30sq km" is written across the area. A blue line represents the border, and a river labeled "Ghajar" is visible. An inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of the Shebaa Farms within the borders of Lebanon and Syria.



How to determine the line in the field


