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## Programme

### Monday 28 March 2022

<b>14:30-15:00</b>	<b>Welcome Coffee and Tea</b>
<b>15.00-16:30</b>	<b>Opening of the Conference</b>
<b>Panel 1</b>	Opening Remarks by Dr. Wisam Hazimeh, Assistant Professor at University of Jordan
	Opening Remarks by Dr. Dimitris Bouris, Scientific Coordinator of EUMENIA Jean Monnet Network and Assistant Professor at the University of Amsterdam
	Welcome speeches by Mr. Adam Janssen, Political Counsellor at the European Union Delegation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Mr. Akram Hayajneh, EU Affairs department at the Jordan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Drinks and Cakes</b>

### Tuesday 29 March 2022

<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>Registration, Coffee and Tea</b>
<b>9.30-11:00</b>	<b>Panel 1. Contemporary approaches and issues in EU-Middle East Relations</b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr. Ayman Barasneh, Head of Political Science, University of Jordan <b>Discussant:</b> Prof. Michelle Pace, Professor in Global Studies at Roskilde University (RUC)
<b>Panel 1</b>	Itxaso Domínguez de Olazábal (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid): The European Neighbourhood Policy and the unacknowledged Mediterranean colour line
	Yazid Zahda (ISS, Erasmus University Rotterdam): The European Union: A Facilitator of Free Market Economy in Palestine?
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.30-13:00</b>	<b>Panel 2. Development, Democracy and Refugees in EU-Middle East Relations</b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr. Mohammed Khraisha, Head of International Development Department, University of Jordan <b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Beste İşleyen, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, University of Amsterdam
<b>Panel 2</b>	Panagiota Strikou: Private and Public Sectors in EU Development Cooperation
	Smaro Boura (University of the Peloponnese): The EU's democracy and human rights promotion in the Mediterranean: is the migration crisis a chance or a dilemma?
	Lina Aleassa (Corvinus University): Resilience : The Dilemma for Donors and Hosts in Response for the Syrian Refugee Crisis : Evidence from Jordan and the European Union
	Clothilde Facon (Université Sorbonne Paris Nord): Depoliticization of European Union's responses to Syrian refugee arrivals in Lebanon

<b>13:00-15:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>15:00-16.30</b>	<p><b>Panel 3. External Actors: The EU, Russia and NATO in the Middle East</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Waleed Abu Dalbough, Vice Dean of International Relations, University of Jordan</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Andrea Dessi, Head of the Italian Foreign Policy programme, IAI (Istituto Affari Internazionali)</p>
<b>Panel 3</b>	<p>Dr. Serena Sandri (German Jordanian University), Dr. Hussam Hussein (University of Oxford) &amp; Dr. Nooh Alshyab (Yarmouk University): The Implications of the European Green Deal for the Middle East</p> <p>Matteo Moretti (UN Office in Geneva): Looking for content in political discourse: an analysis of EEAS statements addressed to the GCC countries</p> <p>Ragnar Weilandt (Centrum voor Europese Studies, KU Leuven): The EU and the 2013 political crisis in Egypt</p>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

# Bios

**Dr. Walid Khalid Nawwash Abu-Dalbouh** is a Professor of Politics and International Studies. He is currently the Vice Dean of the faculty of International Studies at the University of Jordan. He specialises in Security and Conflict Resolution and is the founder of some political and cultural research centres.

**Dr. Ayman Al-Barasneh** is an Assistant Professor of the Political Science Department at the University of Jordan specialising in International Relations with a particular interest in foreign policy/strategic studies, and Gulf foreign relations.

**Lina Aleassa** has participated at many international conferences including the NORDSCI International Conference on Social Sciences twice, in 2020 and 2021 as online events, but was supposed to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria. In addition, she has participated in the 4th International Conference on Social Science, Humanities and Education which was supposed to be held in Berlin, Germany 2020, but also became an online event. In both events the papers were published as book chapters of the conference proceedings.

**Dr. Mohammed Jamal Al-Khraisha** is an Associate Professor in International Relations at the University of Jordan. He is the Head of the International Development Department and is an expert in Foreign Policy and identity's impact on politics.

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**Smaro Boura** is a PhD candidate at the Department of Political Sciences and International Relations at the University of the Peloponnese. She has received her B.A. Honours Degree in Journalism from University of Sunderland and her M.A. in Comparative European Social Studies from London Metropolitan University. She is a graduate from the College of Europe and holder of the ENP scholarship.

**Dr. Dimitris Bouris** is an Assistant Professor (Senior Lecturer) at the Department of Political Science at the University of Amsterdam, an Associate Editor of the academic journal *European Security* and a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin). He is also the leader and coordinator of the EU-Middle East Jean Monnet Network EUMENIA ([www.eumenia.eu](http://www.eumenia.eu)). Dr Bouris is the author of "The European Union and Occupied Palestinian Territories: State-building without a State" (Routledge, 2014), the co-editor (with Tobias Schumacher) of the "Revised European Neighbourhood Policy: Continuity and Change in EU Foreign Policy" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017) and the co-editor (with Daniela Huber and Michelle Pace) of the "Routledge Handbook of EU-Middle East Relations" (Routledge, 2022).

**Dr. Andrea Dessì** is Head of the Italian Foreign Policy programme and Senior Fellow within the Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa programme at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), where he is also Editorial Director of the IAI Commentaries series. He holds a PhD in international relations from LSE in London.

**Itxaso Domínguez de Olazábal** recently completed her PhD in Arab and Islamic Studies at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain). The title of her dissertation was 'A constellation of visions of decolonisation and resistance. On the explanatory factors for the resurgence of the so-called "one-state solution" amongst contemporary Palestinians'. Her research interests include colonialism and coloniality (as well as their intersections with racism, imperialism and neoliberalism) in historic Palestine and the Middle East as a whole, critical indigenous theory, and the now and then of counter-hegemonic and

anticolonial resistance.

**Clothilde Facon** is a PhD candidate in Political Sociology at the University Sorbonne Paris Nord and a research affiliate at the Institut Français du Proche-Orient in Beirut. She graduated from the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon with a Masters' Degree in Social Sciences. Her current research interest revolves around the depoliticisation and repoliticisation of foreign aid in Lebanon with a focus on responses to Syrian arrivals, and with a comparative approach between Western and Gulf donors. She also focuses on the interaction between humanitarian and security governance.

**Dr. Wisam Hazimeh** is an Assistant Professor in the Political Department at the University of Jordan. He is the Assistant Dean for Student and Graduate Affairs. He specialises in Terror and Radicalisation and its impact on international politics.

**Dr. Hussam Hussein** is a Lecturer and Research Fellow in International Relations at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford. His research focuses on the political economy of environmental resources in arid and semi-arid regions, with the Middle East as his main case study.

**Mr. Ádám Janssen** is Political Counsellor at the European Union Delegation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since September 2020. Of Hungarian nationality, he has been an EU official since 2004. He started working at the European Parliament before joining the European Commission and then the European External Action Service upon its creation in 2010. His diplomatic postings included Fiji, Mauritania and now Jordan. He holds a Master of Arts in European Politics and Administration from the College of Europe, Belgium, and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Spanish Diplomatic Academy.

**Dr. Beste İşleyen** is a Senior Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Amsterdam. She is co-leader of the 'Europe in the World' theme of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies. Dr. İşleyen is a governing board member of the European International Studies Association (2021-2015) and editor of *International Political Sociology* (2022-2027). Her research interests include critical security studies, borders and migration and postcolonial theory.

**Matteo Moretti** is Junior Member at IAI in Rome. He holds a BA in International Studies from the University of Siena and a double master's degree in European and International Studies from the University of Trento, and the Metropolitan University of Prague. His Master's thesis examines relations between the EU and the GCC. After an internship at the Italian Embassy in France, he is now an intern at the UN Office in Geneva. His research interests include the EU's external relations with the Middle Eastern countries (especially with the GCC and Lebanon), and the impact of climate change in the Middle East.

**Prof. Michelle Pace** is Professor in Global Studies at Roskilde University (RUC). She is also Associate Fellow at Chatham House, Europe Program. Michelle serves as Associate non-resident Member at the Middle East Studies Forum, Deakin University as well as Member of the Scientific Advisory Board at the Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University and of the editorial board of the journal *Mediterranean Politics*. Her research areas of interest include: migration studies, emotions in IR, democratization and de-democratization in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and decolonization.

**Dr. Serena Sandri** is Associate Professor at the Logistics Department of German Jordanian University in Amman, Jordan. Her main fields of expertise are behavioural and institutional economics, with a strong focus on environmental and development issues, mostly applied to the Mediterranean Basin and to the Middle East.

**Panagiota Strikou** holds Masters in European Studies from Athens University of Economics and Business and Middle Eastern Studies from the American University of Beirut. She lived four years in

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**Ragnar Weilandt** is a postdoc at KU Leuven's Centre for European Studies and an Adjunct Professor at the Brussels School of Governance of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He obtained his PhD in Politics and International Studies from the Université libre de Bruxelles and the University of Warwick. Prior to embarking on his doctoral research, he completed degrees in International Relations and European politics at Royal Holloway and the LSE. His research interests include EU external action, Euro-Mediterranean relations as well as the politics of West Asia and North Africa.

**Yazid Zahda** is a PhD researcher at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) Erasmus University Rotterdam. His research focuses on neoliberalism in the case of Palestine. He has been a guest lecturer on neoliberalism (Palestine as a case study) at ISS since 2016. He also worked as a part-time lecturer in the European Studies Program at Al Quds University in Palestine between 2016 and 2019. He is the coauthor of *Local perceptions of the EU's role in peacebuilding: The case of security sector reform in Palestine* published in 2018.