

Conference 12.-13.11.2015, Byblos, LAU

Wars and Wars’ Ending in the Post-2011 Middle East

A Cooperation of GIGA, Hamburg, and LAU, Byblos

# Outline

The conference shall address the following questions:

* How can we explain the increasing outbreak of wars in the region in the aftermath of the “Arab Spring”?
* What is novel in these wars compared to their precedents in the region?
* How is it possible to exit these wars and to prevent a further spillover of violence?
* What can we learn from former wars (e.g. the Lebanese Civil War) to end the recent ones?

The conference refers to a multidimensional analysis as it takes into consideration:

* Comparing cases locally, regionally and globally,
* Studying external interference and spillover effects
* Developing scenarios for conflict resolution.

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9.00-9.15

### Welcome Note

Dr. Nashat Mansour (LAU) and Henner Fürtig (GIGA)

9.15-10.30

## “Violent Dynamics and New Wars in the Middle East Since 2011” (Keynote Speech)

Maha Yahya (Carnegie, Beirut)

Coffee break 10.30-11.00

11.00-13.00

### Introduction to the Conference

Stephan Rosiny and Marwan Rowayheb

## Lebanon’s Civil War (1975-1990): Lessons for Current Events

Chair: Marwan Rowayheb

### Lebanon: Genesis, Actors and Dynamics of the Lebanese Civil War

Paul Tabar (LAU, Beirut)

### Lebanon’s Wars not Ending: External Actors and Regional Dynamics (1970-2015)

Walid Moubarak (LAU, Lebanon)

### Interim Stabilization Arrangements in Lebanon: A Blueprint for Today’s Wars?

Erik Mohns, (Berghof Foundation, Berlin)

## Iraq and Syria

14.00-17.00

Welcome Note by the German Ambassador Martin Huth

Chair: Stephan Rosiny

### The Long Path of War in Iraq

Henner Fürtig (GIGA, Hamburg)

### Iraq: Local and Regional Dynamics of War

Faleh Abd al-Jabar (Iraq Studies, Beirut)

Coffee break 15.00-15.30

Chair: Thomas Richter

### Syria: The Security Dilemma of Religious Minorities

Leon Goldsmith (Sultan Qaboos University, Maskat)

### Cross-Border Effects of the Syrian War

André Bank (GIGA, Hamburg)

### On the Origins of ISIS: A Multivariate Model for Explaining the Emergence and Growth of the “Islamic State”

Sami Baroudy (LAU, Beirut)

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## The Yemen-War 2015

Chair: André Bank

9.30-10.30

### Genesis, Actors, and Dynamics of the Yemen Uprising and Escalation to War

Adam Baron (Sanaa Center for Strategic Studies, ECFR)

### Why Did Saudi Arabia Go to War in Yemen?

May Darwich (GIGA, Hamburg)

Coffee break 10.30-11.00

Causes and Endings of Wars

# Regional Conflict Patterns

Chair: Marwan Rowayheb

11.00-12.30

### Geo-Strategic Dimensions and the Resource Curse of the Middle East

Thomas Richter (GIGA, Hamburg)

### The Politicization of Sectarianism and Ethnicity: Lessons from Lebanon

Sami Ofeish (Balamand University, Balamand)

### Migration and Conflict in the Post-2011 Landscape

Tamirace Fakhoury (LAU, Byblos)

# Conflict Resolution (How to Exit Wars)

Chair: Tamirace Fakhoury

13.30-14.30

### Power-sharing Arrangements for the Middle East

Stephan Rosiny (GIGA, Hamburg)

### Mediation by Third Parties

Makram Ouaiss (LAU, Byblos)