

سلطان الدولة، والسجن، والتعذيب إطلاقات على غَدَوَات الاعتقال السياسي في المشرق والمغرب

November 11-13, 2020

STATE FORCE, PRISON AND TORTURE: The Afterlives of Political Imprisonment in the MENA

The workshop will take place online via "Zoom" as a live stream
Languages: English & Arabic with translation
All times given are in the time zone UTC+2.

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WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Keynote Address:
Yassin Al Haj Saleh:
"Greater Jail: The Politics of Prison in Syria"
Introduction: Stephan Milich

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 10:30 am

Opening Address by Lokman Slim, Monika Borgmann (MPF) & Stephan Milich (UoC)



PANEL I: INSIDE PRISON
Chair: Stephan Milich

10:30 - 11:15 am

Saif Alislam Eid: "The generational conflict inside the Egyptian prisons and the possibility of producing new movements"

11:15 - 12:00 am

Rehab Chaker: "السجان في أدب السجون"
(The Jailor in Prison Literature - talk in Arabic)

12:00 - 12:45 pm

12:00 - 12:45 Jaber Baker: "لحظة الحرية"
(The Moment of Release - talk in Arabic)



LUNCH BREAK



PANEL II : OUTSIDE PRISON
Chair: Lokman Slim

3:00 - 3:45 pm

Basma Abdelaziz: "Prolonged Pre-trial Detention: The effects of helpless waiting on the families of detainees"

3:45 - 4:30 pm

Sonja Hegasy: "Reform, revolution and the recommendations of the Instance Équité et Reconciliation in Morocco"

4:30 - 5:15 pm

Shareah Taleghani: "Towers of the Spirit: Counter-mapping and Emotional Geographies in the Poetry of Faraj Bayraqdar"

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Lokman Slim: "Presentation Project & Website Mena Prison Forum (MPF)"

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 11:00 am

Group Discussion:
"Differences and similarities between Islamist and secular (former) prisoners (coping strategies, narratives, perceptions of self and society, organizational structures)"



PANEL III: AFTER PRISON
Chair: Monika Borgmann

11:00 - 11:45 am

Amer Matar: "Documenting ISIS prisons in Syria and Iraq"

11:45 - 12:30 pm

Sabine Sayegh-Jodehl: "Pain as the Price of Forgetting - a psychotherapeutic perspective"

12:30 - 1:15 pm

Mohammad Berro: "الشخص الثاني: تداعيات العودة والغيب"
(The Second Person: Associations of Return and Absence - talk in Arabic)



LUNCH BREAK

2:30 - 3:15 pm

Mina Ibrahim: "Modes of post-prison alienation and estrangement in Egypt"

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Final Discussion:



Part I "Impact of political incarceration on social structures (individual, family, society, state)"



Part II "Future Research on political imprisonment in the MENA"

In this workshop, participants will discuss how detention and torture of political prisoners in countries of the Middle East and North Africa have been perceived as a socio-politically destructive force and key institution of the authoritarian state. With particular focus on Egypt and Syria, the workshop participants will ask for the ways experiences of imprisonment, its emplotment and representations have shaped and determined perceptions of society, state and self. In what ways do coping strategies, narratives, and accounts – of both life in prison and afterwards – by leftist and secular prisoners differ from those written by Islamist prisoners? This workshop is funded by Competence Area IV and Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (ifa).

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