

Citizens, States, and Wars in the Middle East: A Perpetual Crisis?

Seminar organized by The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, 21 June 2019.
Venue: Litteraturhuset in Oslo

PROGRAMME

First part: 0900-1300 Citizenship, human rights, and democracy in the Middle East

0900-0910: Welcome address. Gentian Zyberi, Director Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.

0915-0930: Nils Butenschøn: Introduction to the major themes of the seminar.

0930-1015: Keynote address: Elizabeth F. Thompson: The Struggle for Constitutional Government in the Middle East.

1015-1030: Q & A

1030-1100: Roel Meijer: Citizenship in the Middle East and the transition from colonial to authoritarian populist pact.

1100-1130: Rania Maktabi: Statelessness and Female Citizenship: Lebanon and Kuwait after 2011.

1130-1200: Asbjørn Eide: Citizenship and International Human Rights Law.

1200-1230: Kåre Vollan: Building Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies. Experiences from Lebanon and Palestine.

1230-1300: Q & A

1300-1400: Lunch.

Second part: 1400-1700. State formation and patterns of conflict in the Middle East

1400-1430: Øyvind Østerud: Nationalism and state formation in the Middle East.

1430-1500: Einar Wigen: The legacy of the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East.

1500-1530: Q & A

1530-1600: Gunvor Mejdell: Middle East studies at the University of Oslo. Cross-disciplinarity at a crossroad.

1600-1630: Lars Mjøset: Typological maps of the Middle East. Can we learn from Stein Rokkan's comparative studies of Western Europe?

1630-1700: Q & A and summing up.

