

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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

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

0915-0930: **Nils A 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.

1015-1045: **Roel Meijer**:

Citizenship in the Middle East and the transition from colonial to authoritarian populist pact.

1045-1115: Q & A and coffee

1115-1145: **Rania Maktabi**: *Statelessness and Female Citizenship: Lebanon and Kuwait after 2011.*

1145-1215: **Asbjørn Eide**: *Citizenship and International Human Rights Law.*

1215-1245: **Kåre Volla**:

Building Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies. Experiences from Lebanon and Palestine.

1245-1300: 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.



17:15 – 18:00: Reception at Domus Bibliotheca

Welcome by Professor **Alf Petter Høgberg**, Dean for Research

Rania Maktabi presents festschrift in honour of Professor **Nils A Butenschøn**

Exhibition of Butenschøn's works

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