

International Workshop - Networks of Dependency

"Re-configurations of clientelism, patronage, and corruption in the Middle East and North Africa"

Zeit: 21.07.2015 09:00 h - 22.07.2015 16:30 h

Ort: Department of Geography, Deutschhausstr. 10, 35032 Marburg, Room: 00 0070

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In all the uprisings that took place in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in 2011, one common demand was the call for freedom, dignity, and social justice. Citizens saw in the actions of the rulers an explicit violation of tacit political and socioeconomic norms, and thereby of the old social pacts that had been concluded in the 1950s and 1960s (Harders 2003; Hibou 2001; Zorob 2013). Yet we know little about the specific norms and social orders that people in the streets actually called for in 2011. Whereas most of the attention has previously been attributed to formal institutions and their procedural norms (and to their violations: widespread corruption and lack of accountability of the state, respectively), the informal dimension of (re)distribution as well as its power relations from the local to the national level has thus far been marginalized in the literature.

This international workshop aims at filling this gap by analyzing the development and the reconfigurations of networks of dependency (i.e. based on clientelism, patronage and corruption) in the region.

In MENA societies, like in other world regions (e.g. South America), networks of dependency play an important role in the access to material and immaterial goods and for the (re)distribution of private and public resources in everyday life (Ayubi 1995; Leca and Schemel 1983). Political change - incremental or in forms of ruptures such as the uprisings of 2011 - can thus be only partially understood if these (sometimes competing) networks, embedded in unequal vertical power relations and contributing to the reproduction of specific sociopolitical orders, are not taken into account. Therefore, this workshop suggests using the notion of networks of dependency as an original point of entry to understand both the uprisings of 2011 and the different ensuing sociopolitical and economic transformation processes. The study of these networks also provides a promising link between different disciplines that deal with socioeconomic distribution (economics, sociology, political science, or anthropology) and may generate new insights into the cross-cutting developments that are taking place in the region.

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(NoD)**

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Tuesday, 21 July 2015

9:00	Welcome & Introduction	Mohammad Farzanegan / Laura Ruiz de Elvira / Christoph Schwarz / Irene Weipert-Fenner
10:00	<i>Session 1: State, Regime and NoD (in the Gulf)</i>	Thomas Demmelhuber (<i>University of Hildesheim</i>) Long Live the King! State, Society and Legitimacy in the Gulf Monarchies Discussant: Luciano Zaccara (<i>Qatar University</i>)
11:00	Coffee break	
11:15	<i>Session 2: State, Business and NoD (in AKP's Turkey)</i>	Esra Gürakar (<i>Okan University Istanbul</i>) Clientelism, Patronage, Politics, and Corruption in Turkey: State-Business Relations in the AKP Era Abdullah Aydogan, Melissa Marschall, Alper Bulut (<i>Rice University</i>) Party Voting in Turkey: Explaining the Durability of AKP Support Discussant: Ali Fakih (<i>Lebanese American University</i>)
12:45	Lunch break	
14:00	<i>Session 3: Civil society and NoD (in Jordan and Morocco)</i>	Nadine Kreitmeyr (<i>University of Tübingen</i>) Neoliberal Co-Optation and Authoritarian Renewal: Social Entrepreneurship Networks in Jordan and Morocco Angela Suarez Collado (<i>University of Duisburg-Essen</i>) The Role of Global Associations in the Re-Configuration of State's Patronage Networks in the Rif Discussant: Andrea Fischer-Tahir (<i>University of Marburg</i>)

15:30	Coffee break	
16:00	<i>Session 4: Labour and NoD (in Egypt)</i>	<p>Nadine Abdallah (<i>Free University of Berlin</i>) The Egyptian State-Labor Relations Four Years after 2011 Uprising: Is the Moral Economy still prevailing?</p> <p>Ain El Hayat Zaher (<i>Independent Researcher</i>) The Independent Teachers Movement in Egypt between Co-Optation and Emancipation</p> <p>Discussant: Mohammed Fahmy Menza (<i>American University of Cairo</i>)</p>
17:30	End of first day	

Wednesday, 22 July 2015

9:30	<i>Session 5: Change and Challenge of NoD in times of Neoliberalism (in Jordan and Tunisia)</i>	<p>Luis Melian Rodriguez (<i>University of Salamanca</i>) Patronage and Clientelism in Jordan: Tribes and the Kingdom within the Arab Spring</p> <p>Mohammad Yaghi (<i>University of Guelph</i>) From Imperative-Coordination to Volitional: a new Trend in Patron-Client Relations in Tunisia and Jordan</p> <p>Discussant: Ghassan Dibeh (<i>Lebanese American University</i>)</p>
11:00	Coffee break	

11:15	Session 6: Failure and success of NoD (in Lebanon)	<p>Tine Gade (<i>Sciences Po Paris</i>) The Transformation of Clientelism in Lebanon: How Vote Buying was Insufficient in Helping the Future Current Persist</p> <p>Diana Zeidan (<i>École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales</i>) Networks of Dependencies and Governmentality in Southern Lebanon: Development as a Tool to Reconfigure and Reinforce Clientelist Strategies</p> <p>Discussant: Stéphane Valter (<i>Le Havre University</i>)</p>
12:45	Lunch break	
14:00	Session 7: Transnational NoD (in Lebanon, Tunisia and Libya)	<p>Sina Birkholz (<i>Free University of Berlin</i>) Funding Favouritism? International Security Sector Assistance and Clientelist Dynamics in Lebanon</p> <p>Hamza Meddeb (<i>European University Florence</i>) Smugglers and Politicians the Tunisian-Libyan Border Economy in the Wake of the Arab Uprisings</p> <p>Discussant: Svenja Gertheiss (PRIF, Frankfurt)</p>
15:30	Coffee break	
15:45	Closing remarks	Mohammad Farzanegan / Laura Ruiz de Elvira / Christoph Schwarz / Irene Weipert-Fenner
16:45	End	

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Directions to conference venue

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