

HEGEMONIES & ALLIANCES

Curated by Walter Posch

Public Lectures

AFTER THE US-ELECTIONS: PERSPECTIVES ON TURKEY, NATO AND THE MIDDLE EAST REGION

Barkey, Henri, Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, Professor emerit. at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania

Moderator: **Posch, Walter**

2. Dezember 2020

FROM IMPERIAL SPLENDOR TO REVOLUTIONARY ISLAM

40th Anniversary of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Fragner, Bert, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Limbert, John, National Iranian American Council

Sadeghi, Atefe, Development Associate East West Institute Brussels

Salamatian, Ahmad, Former Member of the Iranian Parliament

Moderation: **Posch, Walter**, National Defense Academy

28. Februar 2020

THE OTHER GAME: MIDDLE EAST POWERS IN AFRICA

Welcome **Georg Lennkh**, Bruno Kreisky Forum Board member,

Framing: **Walter Posch**, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK)

Panel Debate:

Hassan Ahmadian, University of Tehran(**Roland Marchal**)*, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique CNRS, Paris

**currently detained in Iran*

Galip Dalay, Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul

Annette Weber, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik SWP, Berlin

Ellen Laipson, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

Moderator: **Gudrun Harrer**, Senior Editor, Der Standard; Lecturer on Modern History and Politics of the Middle East, University of Vienna and Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

28. November 2019

TURKEY'S GEOPOLITICAL BALANCING ACT BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE WEST: DRIVERS AND PROSPECT

Dalay, Galip

IPC - Mercator Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP); Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul

17. Juni 2019



ON RESILIENCE AND ESCALATION: THE SYRIAN IMPASSE

Hiltermann, Joost, International Crisis Group, Brussels

Laipson, Ellen, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

Sazhin, Vladimir, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow

Shahvar, Soli, University of Haifa

Pedde, Nicola, Global Studies Institute, Rome and Brussels

Moderation: **Guadrn Harrer**, University of Vienna; Senior Editor, *Der Standard*

10. Oktober 2018

ON LIQUID ALLIANCES AND RIVALRIES

Alcaro, Ricardo, Istituto Affari Internazionali IAI Rome

Allin, Dana IISS, Senior Fellow Form US Foreign Policy and Transatlantic Affairs

Khanfar, Wadah, Al-Sharq Forum, Istanbul

Özel, Soli, Kadir Has-University, Istanbul

Zaman, Amberin, Expert on Turkey and the Kurds and a columnist for the Washington DC based online news portal Al-Monitor

Moderation: **Harrer, Guadrn**, Senior editor, Der Standard, Austrian Association for the Middle East

19. Oktober 2017

Seminars and Workshops

Und Chatham House Rules

In Cooperation with the Directorate for Security Policy, Federal Ministry of Defense and Sports and the International Institute for Peace (IIP)

ON HEGEMONIES AND ALLIANCES

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY POLICY IN THE GULF REGION

9.-10. November 2015

Auer Borea, Gertraud, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum

Colombo, Silvia, Senior Fellow Istituto Affari Internazionali

Dazi Heni, Fatiha, l'Institut de recherches stratégiques de l'école militaire (IRSEM) et à Sciences Po Lille

Harrer, Guadrn, Senior Editor of the daily Der Standard

Hiltermann, Joost, International Crisis Group, Program Director, Middle East and North Africa, Brussels

Hokayem, Emile, Senior Fellow Form Middle East Security, the International Institute Form Strategic Studies

Hussein, Safa Rasul, Deputy National Security Davoser, Iraq

Khashoggi, Jamal, General Manager, Alarab News Channel

Kücükkeles, Müge, PhD candidate at the Institute Form Middle East Studies at Marmara University in Istanbul

Limbirt, John, Professor at US Naval Academy

Malaek, Hossein, Ambassador at large, Iran

Miller, Rory, Professor of Government at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, Qatar



Oweis, Khaled Yacoub, Research Fellow at SWP Berlin
Pedde, Nicola, Global Studies Institute, Rome/Brussels
Posch, Walter, Senior Fellow at Institute Form Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK)
Rupp, Jasmina, Institute Form Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK)
Sariolghalam, Mahmood, Professor at Teheran University
Steinberg, Guido, Senior Fellow at SWP Berlin
Swoboda, Hannes, President of IIP, Board member of BKK

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ON HEGEMONIES AND ALLIANCES 2.0
STRATEGIC COMPETITION AND REGIONAL INSECURITY IN THE GULF REGION AND THE LEVANT

29.-30. September 2016

Ahmadian, Hassan, Center for Strategic Research, Tehran
Allin Dana, IISS, London
Auer Borea, Gertraud, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for international Dialogue
Bashir, Bashir, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
Cascone, Gabriele, NATO HQ, Brussels
Dalay, Galip, Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul
Fragner, Bert, Professor emer., President of Austrian Orient Society ÖOG
Frank, Johann, Director, Bureau for Security Policy
Gerlach, Daniel, Editor in chief, Zenith, Berlin
Gruber, Verena, King's College London
Harrer, Gudrun, Austrian Orient Society, senior editor, Der Standard, Vienna
Hassan, Majdoleen, Consulting Council of the Mistura-Commission
Kawakibi, Salam, Arab Reform Initiative, Paris
Khalaf, Rana, Academy Senior Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Program, Chatham House
Krüger, Andreas, MoFa Berlin
Laipson, Ellen, Stimson Center, DC
Nader, Sami, LISA Levant Institute for Strategic Affairs, Beirut
Oweis, Khaled Yacoub, SWP, Berlin
Pasztory, Clarisse, European External Action Service, Brussels
Pedde, Nicola, Director, Institute for Global Studies, Rome
Posch, Walter, Curator, Senior Fellow of IFK/National Defense Academy, Austrian Orient Society
Raheb, Viola, University of Vienna, Senior Fellow at Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue
Rupp, Jasmina, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK), Vienna
Sazhin, Vladimir, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow



Schiewek, Eckart, UN New York
Selcuk, Müzehher, GIZ, currently in Dohuk
Steinberg, Guido, SWP, Berlin
Swoboda, Hannes, President of International Institute for Peace,
Vienna
Van Wilgenburg, Wladimir, Jamestown Foundation, currently in Mosul area
Von der Schulenburg, Michael, UN Expert, Austria

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ON HEGEMONIES AND ALLIANCES 3.0

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19.-21. Oktober 2017

Ahmadian, Hassan, University of Tehran
Alaaldin, Ranj, Brookings Institution, Doha
Alcaro, Riccardo, Istituto Affari Internazionali IAI Rome
Allin, Dana, IISS, Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy and Transatlantic Affairs
Angerbauer, Silvia, Head Defense Policy Division, Federal Ministry of Defense and Sports
Bashir, Bashir, Senior Fellow of the Bruno Kreisky Forum
Bensaid, Atallah, Conference of Islamic Countries, Ankara
Borea d'olmo, Gertraud, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum
Cascone, Gabriele, NATO HQ, Brussels
Crook, Alistair, Conflicts Forum, Beirut/London
Dalay, Galip, Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul
Dazi Heni, Fatiha, l'Institut de recherches stratégiques de l'école militaire (IRSEM), Lille
Dunaeva, Elena, Senior researcher, Institute of Oriental studies, Russian Academy of Sciences
Flichy, Thomas, l'Ecole Spéciale de Saint-Cyr
Fragner, Bert, Chairman, Austrian Association for the Middle East
Harrer, Gudrun, Senior editor, Der Standard, Austrian Association for the Middle East
Krüger, Andreas, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik und MoFa, Berlin,
Laipson, Ellen, Stimson Center, DC
Nader, Sami, LISA Levant Institute for Strategic Affairs, Beirut
Özel, Soli, Kadir Has-University, Istanbul
Özhan, Taha, Member of Turkish Parliament and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee
Pedde, Nicola, Director, Institute for Global Studies, Rome
Porzio, Giovanni, Reporter, covering all major conflicts in Africa, the Middle East, a.o.
Posch, Walter, Curator, Senior Fellow of IFK/NDA, Austrian Association for the Middle East
Richter, Wolfgang, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
Rudolf, Inna, Candid Foundation
Rózsa, Erzsébet, University of Budapest, Head of International Relations and Diplomacy Dep.
Selcu,k Müzehher, GIZ, currently in Dohuk
Soler I Lecha, Eduard, Senior researcher and scientific coordinator of the MENARA, CIDOB



Swoboda, Hannes, Chairman, International Institute for Peace, Vienna
Yousef, Tarik, Brookings Doha
Zaman, Amberin, Expert on Turkey and the Kurds, columnist for the Washington DC based online news portal Al-Monitor

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**HEGEMONIES AND ALLIANCES 4.0
ON RESILIENCE AND ESCALATION**

11.-14. Oktober 2018

Ahmadian, Hassan, University of Tehran
Alaaldin, Ranj, Brookings Institution, Doha
Allin, Dana, IISS, Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy and Transatlantic Affairs
Ashour, Omar, Doha Institute
Badawi, Tamar, Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul
Borea d'Olmo, Gertraud, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum, Vienna
Cascone, Gabriele, NATO HQ, Brussels
Dalay, Galip, Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul
Dazi Heni, Fatiha, l'Institut de recherches stratégiques de l'école militaire (IRSEM), Lille
Flichy, Thomas, l'Ecole Spéciale de Saint-Cyr
Habibi, Hessam, University of Krems
Harrer, Gudrun, University of Vienna; Senior Editor, Der Standard
Hijab, Nadia, Co-founder and president of Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network
Hiltermann, Joost, International Crisis Group, Brussels
Krüger, Andreas, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik und MoFa, Berlin
Laipson, Ellen, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.
Nader, Sami, LISA Levant Institute for Strategic Affairs, Beirut
Özhan, Taha, Former Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Turkey
Palani, Kamaran Mohamad, Middle East Research Institute, Kurdistan, Iraq
Pedde, Nicola, Director, Institute for Global Studies, Rome and Brussels
Posch, Walter, Curator; Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK), Austria
Rózsa, Erszébet, University of Budapest, Head of International Relations and Diplomacy Dep.
Sazhin, Vladimir, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow
Shahvar, Soli, the Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, University of Haifa
Selcuk, Müzehher, GIZ, currently in Dohuk
Soler i Lecha, Eduard, Senior researcher and scientific coordinator of the MENARA, CIDOB
Steinberg, Guido, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
Swoboda, Hannes, Chairman, International Institute for Peace (IIP), Vienna
Yildiz, Guney, European Council on Foreign Relations

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HEGEMONIES AND ALLIANCES 5.0
FROM IMPERIAL SPLENDOR TO REVOLUTIONARY ISLAM
40th Anniversary of the Islamic Republic of Iran
1. März 2019

Session I **Contemporary History**

Ahmad Salamatian, Former Member of the Iranian Parliament

The strategic aspects before and after the revolution

Bert Fragner, Deputy Chairman of Austrian Institute for Oriental Studies

The revolutionary shift from Marxist left wing to revolutionary clerical

John Limbert, National Iranian American Council

The takeover of the US embassy and its aftermath

Walter Posch, National Defence Academy, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management

The takeover of the security apparatus

Erzsebet Rozsa, University of Budapest, Head of International Relations and Diplomacy Dep.

Islamic Revolution as seen from its neighbors - then and now

Session II: **Economic Developments and the Iranian Society**

Bijan Khajepour, Managing Partner Eurasian Nexus Partners

Economic developments

Thierry Coville, Research Fellow at IRIS and Professor of Economics in Novancia

Sanctions against Iran – a collective punishment of the Iranian society

Miriam Shabafrouz, Independent Researcher, Bonn

Economic Diversification in Iran – Policies in times of crisis

Atefe Sadeghi, Development Associate, East West Institute Brussels

Changes in the Iranian society

Jafar Haghpanah, University of Tehran

Minorities in today's Iran

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HEGEMONIES AND ALLIANCES 6.0

THE OTHER GAME: MIDDLE EAST POWERS IN AFRICA

28-30. November 2019

THE HORN OF AFRICA

Session I: **Scene Setting: MIDDLE EAST IN AFRICA**

History, geography and globalization are the general drivers why many regional powers reviewed their relations with African countries. Yet it is not only objective facts driving the “new Africa” policy of regional powers. In general, (re)-engagement in Africa is as also the result of a new assessment of their country’s role on the global stage on behalf of national foreign policy elites. Do they see Africa as a whole or are their interests limited to certain regions or, as it is with the EU, limited to “one-issue” policies? In addition, what role does the presence of global powers play for the assessment of their own Africa policy?

Introduction and Chair: Walter Posch, Senior Fellow at Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK)

Iran: Hassan Ahmadian, University of Tehran

Saudi - Iranian Rivalry in Africa: Riham Bahi, Associate Professor of international relations at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Turkey: Mehmet Ozkan, Professor of International Relations

Gulf: Nicola Pedde, Institute for Global Studies

Session II: **HORN OF AFRICA AND ITS REGION**

The strategic value of the Horn of Africa as both a maritime nodal point as well as bridge between Arabia and Africa is well known. It does therefore not come as a surprise that international powers keep a presence in this region. In the following three sessions we ask specific questions for each session.

1. Given the fact that many countries in the enlarged region of the Horn of Africa are torn by civil war one has to ask to what extent are they able to choose their partners and how does their presence payoff in the regional conflict setup?

Chair: José Costa Pereira, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee of the EU, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU

Somalia: Viktor Marsai, Associate Research Fellow, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest

Ethiopia-Eritrea: Annette Weber, Senior Fellow at SWP, Berlin

Yemen: Stephan Reiner, Federal Ministry of Defence, Vienna

Djibouti: Abdoukader Hossein Mohamed, Institute for Political and Strategic Studies, Djibouti

Session III: **POWERS ON THE HORN**

2. What kind of nature is the presence of Middle East and Mediterranean powers in the region; and how do their ambitions, means and partner forces in the region correlate?

Chair: Erzsébet Rózsa, Professor of International Relations and Diplomacy, University of Budapest

Turkey: Kani Torun, Former Turkish Ambassador to Somalia

Iran: Atefe Sadeghi, Independent Researcher, University of Antwerp

Israel: Haggai Erlich, Professor Emeritus at Tel Aviv University

Session IV: **INTERNATIONAL SECURITY**

3. Great powers are “Ordnungskräfte” forces of order, hence providers of security. Or is their presence nothing but the usual strategic rivalry?

Chair: Gabriele Cascone, NATO HQ, Brussels

European Union: Georg Lennkh, Bruno Kreisky Forum Board Member, former special envoy for Africa

USA: Ellen Laipson, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

Russia: Vladimir Sazhin, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow

China : Juliette Genevaz, l'Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire (IRSEM)

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Session V: **WEST AFRICA**

Western analysts usually ignore developments within African Islam, whilst literature on political Islam and its strategic ramifications elsewhere is abundant. This said a (weak) consensus has formed according to which traditional Sufism (good) is on the retreat jihadism on the rise (very bad) and to make matters more complicated Shiites (not so good) made their appearance in Sub-Saharan Africa a few decades ago. Are these assumptions correct? If so, what are its social or political roots and what does this mean for local reactions on intervening powers?

How do selected countries in the region react to the presence of foreign, especially ME/Mediterranean powers?

Chair: Walter Posch, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management

West Africa: Tighisti Amare, Africa Program, Chatham House

Chad: (Roland Marchal)*, Researcher, CNRS

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Sahel: Yousra Hamdaoui, Researcher, Faculté de droit, Rabat

Nigeria: Leena Koni Hoffmann, Africa Program, Chatham House

Session VI: **ME POWERS AND EUROPEAN SECURITY ENGAGEMENT IN WEST AFRICA**

All ME/Mediterranean powers are present in West Africa. Hence, there is fierce Israeli-Iranian competition and a surprisingly strong albeit low profile presence of Turkey. Does their presence follow a strategy on the region or is it a presence par default meaning in order to beat a strategic competitor?

Sub-Saharan Africa is one of the last places where “Europe” meaning European powers and the EU act as regulating forces. Where we are with these peacekeeping missions and what are the challenges ahead?

Chair: Günther Barnet, Directorate for Security Policy

Turkey: Kani Torun, Former Turkish Ambassador to Somalia

Iran: Jędrzej Czerep, Polish Institute of International Affairs

Israel: Irit Bak, Tel Aviv University

Europe: Thomas Flichy, l'Ecole Spéciale de Saint-Cyr



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EUROPEAN GAS SECURITY: BETWEEN SANCTIONS AND COOPERATION

27. November 2020

EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY: BETWEEN SANCTIONS AND COOPERATION

Closed online Chatham House Rule Expert Talk

Presentation:

Walter Posch, Senior Fellow Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK)

Welcome:

Arnold Kammel, Director for Security Policy, MoD Austria

Contributors:

On Turkey and Greece

Thanos Dokos, National Security Advisor

Galip Dalay, Research Director, Al Sharq Forum

On Syria

Fabrice Balanche, Associate Professor and Research Director, University of Lyon 2; Adjunct Fellow, the Washington Institute

Daniel Gerlach, Editor-in-Chief, Zenith magazine

On Libya and the region

Nicola Pedde, Director, Institute for Global Studies in Rome

Erzsébet Rozsa, Institute for World Economics, National University of Public Services, Budapest

On Europe:

Nathalie Tocci, Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali and Special Advisor to EU High Representative and Vice President of the Commission Josep Borrell

Jean Philippe Alary, Business Development Manager, Engie (tbc)

Barbara Posch, Councilor at Austrian Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy a.m.

Concluding Remarks:

Johann Frank, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK), director (tbc)

Moderator

Leo Wigger author, Zenith magazine; Project Officer, Candid Foundation