



Expert Workshop on the State of Emergency and COVID-19 in the MENA Region

July 16-17, 2020

Organizers: Prof. Francesco Biagi (University of Bologna), Mr. Islam Khalifa (Central European University), Mr. Siraj Khan (University of Tübingen)

Moderators: Prof. Nathan Brown (George Washington University) and Prof. Clark Lombardi (University of Washington)

Workshop Description:

COVID-19 has revealed that in some jurisdiction, States of Emergency are fast becoming the rule, not an exception. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused States to enact various legal and procedural measures to respond to the numerous crises that have resulted from the effects of the pandemic. In the MENA region especially, with its particular geo-political context, resort to States of Emergency has also been varied, although in the vast majority of cases it seems that the principles of constitutionalism have not been strictly followed.

The [MENALegalNetwork.org](https://menalegalnetwork.org) is hosting an Expert Workshop to analyse the legal and constitutional framework that regulates the State of Emergency in a selected number of countries in the MENA region. The Workshop will provide a forum for Experts to share insights and provide contextual and critical analyses on the State of Emergency in general, and on the current crisis in particular.

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Workshop Schedule

Thursday, July 16, 2020

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17.30 – 17.45: Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop

Francesco Biagi (University of Bologna)

Moderator: **Nathan Brown** (George Washington University)

17.45 – 18.00: Tunisia

Ahmed Ellaboudy (The Legal Agenda)

18.00 – 18.15: Q&A

18.15 – 18.30: Egypt

Islam Khalifa (Central European University)

18.30 – 18.45: Q&A

18.45 – 19.00: Israel

Jeremie M. Bracka (Hebrew University)

19.00 – 19.15: Q&A

19.15 – 19.30: Lebanon

Tamara El Khoury (IE University)

19.30 – 19.45: Q&A

19.45 – 20.00: Jordan

Siraj Khan (University of Tübingen)

20.00 – 20.15: Q&A

20.15 – 20.30: Closing



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17.30 – 17.45: **Welcome and Introduction to Day Two**

Islam Khalifa (Central European University)

Moderator: **Clark Lombardi** (University of Washington)

17.45 – 18.00: **Sudan**

Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker (University of Khartoum)

18.00 – 18.15: Q&A

18.15 – 18.30: **Iran**

Ebrahim Afsah (University of Vienna / University of Copenhagen)

18.30 – 18.45: Q&A

18.45 – 19.00: **Palestine**

Sanaa Alsarghali (An-Najah University)

19.00 – 19.15: Q&A

19.15 – 19.30: **Turkey**

Nilay Arat and **Ash Topukcu** (Kadir Has University)

19.30 – 19.45: Q&A

19.45 – 20.00: **Algeria**

Moncef Chaibi (Independent Scholar)

20.00 – 20.15: Q&A

20.15 – 20.30: **Closing**

Siraj Khan (University of Tübingen)