



The 'state' of Lebanon: Concepts of political order in crisis?

International conference, 15-16 October 2015
Orient-Institut Beirut, Max Weber Stiftung

Program

Thursday, 15th October 2015

09:00-09:30 Coffee

09:30-10:00 Welcome

10:00-11:30

Panel 1 – Chair: Myriam Catusse (IFPO)

Thomas Scheffler (Orient-Institut Beirut)

Lebanon as a challenge to Weberian and Westphalian concepts of state

Antoine N. Messarra (Conseil constitutionnel | Université Saint-Joseph)

Paradoxe ou réalité anthropologique ? Faiblesse et résistance de l'État au Liban

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:15

Panel 2 – Chair: Stefan Leder (OIB)

Edward Alam (Notre Dame University, Zouk Mosbeh)

More than a country: Existential reflections on the history of political society in Lebanon

Walid E. Moubarak (Lebanese American University)

The National Dialogue of Lebanon: An experiment beyond mediation

13:15-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00

Panel 3 – Chair: Achim Vogt (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Beirut)

Martin Beck (University of Southern Denmark, Odense)

Revisiting the Lebanese state in the light of the 'Arab Spring': On the issue of external interference

Walid Hazbun (American University of Beirut)

Assembling security in a 'weak state': The contentious politics of plural governance in Lebanon since 2005

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:45

Panel 4 – Chair: Elizabeth Saleh (OIB)

Reinoud Leenders (King’s College, London)

The first time as tragedy, the second as farce? Lebanon’s nascent petroleum sector and the risks of corruption

Sina Birkholz (Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 700: “Governance in areas of limited statehood” | Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies)

“I can’t imagine the [finance] ministry without them” – UNDP, EU and other donors’ roles in Lebanon’s hybrid governance constellation

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Panel 5 – Chair: Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous (NDU)

Estella Carpi (Sydney / Abu Dhabi)

Winking at humanitarian neutrality: Lebanese statehoods in emergency crises

Veronica Ferreri (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)

On the porousness of warfare, bureaucracy and governmental practices in the shadow of the Syrian displacement in Lebanon

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Panel 6 – Chair: Rita Sakr (OIB)

Fouad Gehad Marei (Free University of Berlin | Arab Council for the Social Sciences)

Resistance, piety and city-making: Interrogating the state in Hezbollah’s capital of resistance

Nabil Nazha (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Challenging Lebanon’s ethnocracy: The role of bottom-up movements in altering structural patterns of socio-political and spatial inequalities

13:15-14:30

Lunch break

14:30-16:45

Panel 7 – Chair: Sami Ofeish (Balamand)

André Sleiman (Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Beirut)

Unpacking the Federalist ideology in Lebanon

Peter Sluglett (National University of Singapore)

Pluralism on trial: difficult times for the “House of many mansions”

Stefan Leder (Orient-Institut Beirut)

Rhetoric of crisis against prospects of change

17:00-17:45

Wrap-up session, concluding remarks