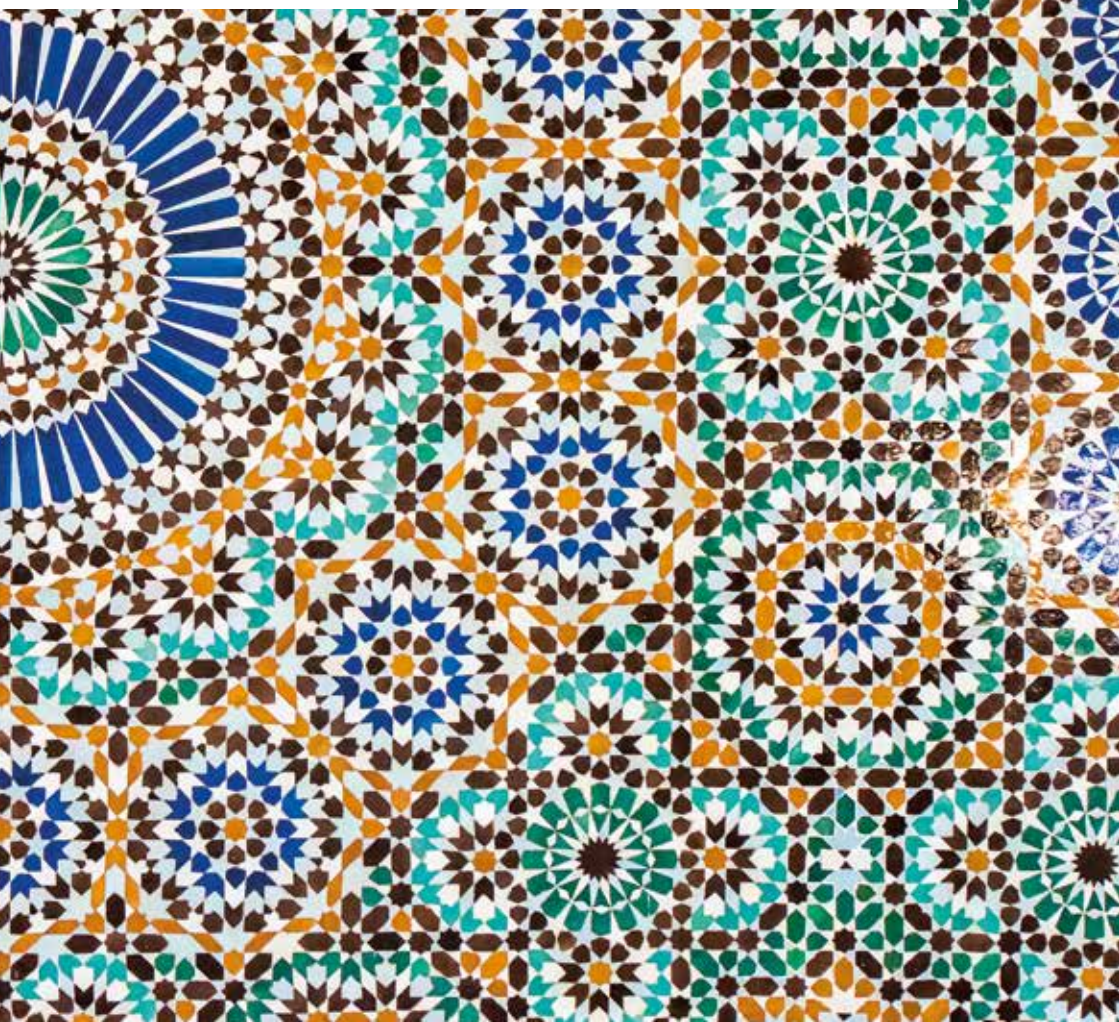


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Forced Displacement and
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Since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria in 2011 over 4.5 million people have fled the country to find safe havens in neighbouring countries, including Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. As of 2016 Lebanon is host to over 1 million Syrian refugees in addition to a population of over 400,000 Palestine refugees that have been living in a protracted refugee situation in the country.

This year's Autumn School will be hosted by the Lebanese American University (Beirut and Byblos Campus) and will address the questions and problems that shape the local response to the Syrian refugee crisis in light of the regional political environment.

The programme will cover a range of topics, including

- Theoretical approaches to the field of International Relations in the Middle Eastern context
- War economies and post-conflict reconstruction
- Refugee protection under international law (legal framework, UN mandates, the status Palestine refugees)
- Hosting refugees: Camp vs. non-camp settlement of refugees (economic, geographic and sociological perspectives)

The Autumn School aims to give participants the opportunity to discuss their research projects in an international and multidisciplinary environment. It further aims to bring together scholars from the Middle East and Germany as well as practitioners and humanitarians from leading organisations working on the issue in Lebanon.

The programme will consist of

- Lectures by scholars in the fields of Politics and International Relations in the Middle East, Migration and Forced Displacement as well as International Law
- Panel discussions bringing together scholars, practitioners and humanitarians
- Small and interactive workshops for the students to discuss their work with experts and peers
- Lively daily discussion groups
- Fieldtrips

The Autumn School is jointly organised by the Department of Social Sciences at the Lebanese American University, the Faculty of Law at the University of Jordan, the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at Ruhr University Bochum and the Graduate Centre for Development Studies.

The Autumn School is part of the German-Arab Joint Research, Training and Networking Programme 'From Responsibility to Protect to Responsibility to Assist: Conflict, Reconstruction and Sustainable Development in the Middle East'. The programme is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service/Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) as part of the 'Hochschuldialog mit der islamischen Welt'. At the core of the programme is the joint supervision of six PhD students from Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Germany. The doctoral training is part of the structured PhD programme in International Development Studies at the Institute for Development Studies and Development Policy Ruhr University Bochum.

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DAY 1: MONDAY 03.10. – BYBLOS

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Welcome	Prof. Baroudi (LAU) Dean Nashat Mansour (LAU) Prof. Rowayheb (LAU) Jasmin Fritzsche (RUB)	Science 607
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	Reading		
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:45-15:15	Cities, Migration and Displacement	Prof. Fakhoury (LAU)	Science 607
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
15:30-17:00	Concurrent Reading Groups: Forced Migration Conflict/ Post-Conflict	Loubna Abi Khalil Assem Abi Ali	Science 607 Jamil Iskandar

DAY 2: TUESDAY 04.10. – BYBLOS

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Dealing with 'Mass' Refugee Flows: Lessons from the Syrian Crisis	Prof. Ouais (LAU)	Science 607
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	Theoretical Approaches to the Field of International Relations in the Middle Eastern Context	Prof. Baroudi (LAU)	Science 607
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:45-15:15	Theories of Regional Cooperation and Integration: Regional Politics in the Middle East from a Comparative Perspective	Prof. Hartmann (UDE)	Science 607
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:30-17:00	Reading Groups	Afsin Evren Laura Hofmann	Science 607 Science 608

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 05.10. – BYBLOS

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Workshops Research Design	Prof. Gerharz, Prof. Hartmann, Prof. Baroudi	Science 607
		Prof. Heintze	Science 608
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15-12:45	Workshops Research Design		Science 607
			Science 608
12:45-13:45	Lunch		
13:45-15:15	Coexistence and Peacebuilding on a local level	Prof. Gerharz (RUB)	Science 607
15:15-15:30	Coffee break		
15:30-17:00	Reading Groups	Jasmin Fritzsche	Science 607
		Mohammad Al Asadi	Jamil Iskandar

DAY 4: THURSDAY 06.10. – BYBLOS

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Workshops Research Design		Science 607 Science 608
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15-12:45	Workshops Research Design		Science 607 Science 608
12:45-13:45	Lunch		
13:45-15:15	Excursion		

DAY 5: FRIDAY 07.10. – BYBLOS

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Refugee Law	Prof. Heintze (RUB)	Science 607
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	Research Presentation	Loubna Abi Khalil Salam Al Haj Hassan	Science 607
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:45-15:15	Research Presentation	Assem Abi Ali Mohamed Al Asadi	Science 607
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:30-17:00	Research Presentation	Mohamed El Shewy Sonja Hövelmann	Science 607

DAY 6: SATURDAY 08.10. – BYBLOS

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Research Presentation	Afsin Evren Jasmin Fritzsche	Science 607
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	Research Presentation	Laura Hofmann Ihsan Madbouh	Science 607
12:45-13:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
13:45-15:15	Research Presentation	Sophia Schröder Amal Al Saoub Fredrieke Müller	Science 607
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		

DAY 7: SUNDAY 09.10. – FREE

DAY 8: MONDAY 10.10. – BEIRUT

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Speaker/ Visit German Scholarship in Lebanon	Jonathan Kriener Orient Institute	Orient Institute
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	Tour of Beirut	Choucair Khalil	
12:45-13:45	<i>Break</i>		
13:45-15:15	Qalandia International	Rasha Salah Dar El Nimer for Arts and Culture	Dar El Nimer
15:15-15:30	<i>Break</i>		
15:30-17:00	Reading/ Discussion Groups	Salam Alhaj Hasan Ihsan Madbooh	AKSOB 903

DAY 9: TUESDAY 11.10. – BEIRUT

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Gender-based Violence: Global Guidance, Good Practice, and Regional Implications	Prof. Abirafeh (LAU)	AKSOB 903
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	The Contemporary Rise of Middle Eastern Communitarianism	Prof. Salamey (LAU)	AKSOB 903
12:45-13:45	<i>Break</i>		
13:45-17:00	Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon (15:30)	Olfat Mahmoud 'Palestinian women's huma- nitarian organization'	PWHO
17:30	Cultural Event	Dar El Nimer for Arts and Culture	Dar El Nimer

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 12.10. – BEIRUT

TIME	CONTENTS	FACILITATED by	ROOM
09:30-11:00	Memory and Post Conflict Societies	Monika Borgmann UMAM Documentation and Research	UMAM
11:00-11:15	<i>Break</i>		
11:15-12:45	The Political Economy and Ideological Hegemony of Sectarianism in Postwar Lebanon	Prof. Salloukh (LAU)	AKSOB 903
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:45-15:15		(tbc)	AKSOB 903
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:30-17:00	Round-Up	Prof. Baroudi (LAU) Jasmin Fritzsche (RUB)	AKSOB 903

LECTURERS



PROF. GERHARZ

Professor Dr. Eva Gerharz is Junior Professor of Sociology of Development in the Department of Social Sciences at the Ruhr-University Bochum and Director of the German-Arab Joint Research, Training and Networking Programme. Her research interests lie in conflict studies, (forced) migration and ethnicity. In 2014 she authored the monograph “Politics of Reconstruction and Development in Sri Lanka-Transnational Commitments to Social Change”.



PROF. BAROUDI

Professor Dr. Sami Baroudi is Professor of Political Science and Assistant Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the Lebanese American University. Prof. Baroudi has published extensively on the political economy of the Middle East, particularly Egypt and Lebanon. His current research agenda focuses on the political economy of postwar Lebanon, Arab reactions to U.S. Middle East policy, and communal relations in Lebanon.

PROF. HEINTZE

Professor Dr. Hans-Joachim Heintze is Professor of International Law at Ruhr-University Bochum, where he is based at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV). Prof. Heintze has published widely on issues of self-determination, secession, disarmament and international humanitarian law. He is also the Director of the Institute's Master's in International Humanitarian Action.



PROF. HARTMANN

Professor Dr. Christof Hartmann is Professor of International Politics and Development Politics at the University of Duisburg-Essen. His research interests fall into two broad areas. Firstly, institutional change in Africa, including comparative studies of African parties and electoral systems. Secondly, he is interested in the political and security dimensions of regional cooperation, specifically in West Africa.



STUDENTS



ASSEM ABI ALI

Assem Abi Ali is an LAU graduate. He graduated with a BA in Communication Arts with an emphasis on Radio/TV/Film and Journalism. Later, he joined the Political Science major and received an MA in International Affairs. His interests are diverse, from a strong activist and lobbyist during student university elections to a strong advocate for the environment. He worked as a freelance media consultant for prominent Lebanese politicians. As a young scholar he has ventured into the field of writing, publishing “The Survival of Minorities in a Turbulent Environment: The Case of the Druze in the Arab Spring”, which proposed a new theory in international affairs regarding minorities’ survival strategies in chaotic environments. Currently, he is part of the German-Arab PhD program in International Development organized by Ruhr University Bochum in partnership with the Lebanese American University and the University of Jordan. His research emphasizes the structural factors that shape the representation and interests of minorities in unstable political systems, taking the Druze of Syria as a case study. The research proposes group, national, and international levels of analysis in helping to understand how minorities can sustain their position and coexist within a multi-ethnic and cultural political systems.



LOUBNA ABI KHALIL

Loubna Abi Khalil is a doctoral candidate at the Rhur University of Bochum Germany working on forced migration and conflict. Her research work entitled “Refugees as Agents of Conflict Resolution: the Case of Syrians Refugees in Lebanon” aims at exploring inter-communal relations from the refugees’ perspectives. This helps in getting a deeper understanding of the social factors that come into play at the different interfaces between refugees and host communities and highlight innovative, individual and community-based initiatives for resolving or preventing tensions between the two communities. Her previous research topics included Syrian refugees in Lebanon, the implications on host communities and on the internal conflict dynamics. She has also participated in rigorous workshops on researching refugees, programming, conducting assessment and evaluation exercises. Her professional experience includes, most recently, working on youth empowerment projects with Search for Common Ground Lebanon and previously a three years’ experience working on community empowerment and outreach with UNHCR Lebanon.

MOHAMMAD AL-ASADI

Holding a joint Master's degree in Economic Change in the Arab Region from Marburg University (Germany) and Damascus University (Syria), Mohammad has been engaged in researching, evaluating, and planning several development programs for Syria since 2010. Following a successful internship, Mohammad was a Research Assistant with a GIZ program supporting economic reform in Syria. Following the outbreak of the conflict in the country, he joined a private development research bureau in Damascus as Research Economist. During the same period, Mohammad worked as a consultant for the National Social Aid Fund (Public Entity) in Syria whose primary objective was alleviating poverty in the country. Starting from 2014, he worked as a Macroeconomic Consultant in a UN-ESCWA program that is designing a national agenda for the future of Syria in the aftermath of the conflict. Coming back to academia in late 2015, Mohammad is currently pursuing his PhD degree in International Development Studies at the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy (IEE) in Ruhr University Bochum (Germany). His research topic deals with financing post-conflict reconstruction.



SALAM ALHAJ HASSAN

Salam is a PhD student at the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy. She is a member of the German-Arab joint Research, Training and Networking program. Born and raised in Aleppo, she studied economics believing it could be the key to understanding, and later contributing to social change. Prior to coming to Germany on a scholarship, she worked as a research assistant. She holds a Master's degree in Economics from the university of Freiburg. Her Master's thesis held the title "The Effects of Microfinance on the Social and Economic Status of Women". She is currently working on refugees' economies and is interested in development economics, conflict studies and forced migration studies.





MOHAMED EL-SHEWY

Mohamed El-Shewy is currently engaged in two areas, both directly involving Egypt. Firstly, he is a freelance writer and researcher with interests in political transitions (and transitional justice), social movements and democratisation studies. He is a regular contributor to the Carnegie Endowment's Sada journal, where his writing is featured in the book 'The Middle East Unbalanced' (2016). Mohamed is also a Consultant for the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), where he researches security, political and economic developments on Egypt for the IISS's Armed Conflict Database.

Mohamed was previously Transitional Justice Researcher at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR) in Cairo and holds a Master's degree in Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He is looking to begin doctoral studies in the near future.



AFSIN EVREN

Afsin Evren was born in Turkey. He received his Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences from Anadolu University in Turkey. He lived in London between 2001 and 2006 where he completed his Master's degree in European Studies at the University of Westminster. Upon returning to Turkey, he worked with different NGOs on refugees issues and managed different humanitarian aid projects between 2007 and 2014. Afsin was one of the first humanitarian aid workers who responded to needs of refugees in Southeastern Turkey when the Syria crisis started. He had chance to work in the field (particularly in border cities like Sanliurfa, Kilis, Adana, Hatay and Gaziantep) and observe their situation closely. He also monitored the Turkish Asylum policy process and its impacts on Syrians through several needs assessments and case studies. The experience and knowledge he gained in the field triggered his intention to carry this experience into an academic level. He then started his PhD career in 2015 at the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at Ruhr-University Bochum as part of the German-Arab Program.

His PhD research title is "Analysis of Protection and Integration Process of Non-camp Syrian Refugees Living under Temporary Protection in Turkey".

JASMIN FRITZSCHE

Jasmin Fritzsche is a PhD candidate and coordinator of the German-Arab Joint Research, Training, and Networking Programme. Jasmin's research interests lie in international human rights law, international refugee law and refugee protection, with focuses on the Middle East and Africa. Her doctoral project is provisionally titled 'Meanings of Protection: The Forced Secondary Displacement of Palestinian Refugees in the Middle East- A Case Apart?'. Jasmin holds an MSc in Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and a BA in African Development Studies in Geography from Bayreuth University.



LAURA HOFMANN

Laura Hofmann is a PhD candidate in the German-Arab Joint Research, Training, and Networking Programme at the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at Ruhr University Bochum. Her doctoral thesis focuses on deliberate attacks against cultural property by armed non-state actors. The research focuses on the protection regime for cultural property under international humanitarian law and looks to international human rights law, and cultural rights in particular, as a complementary means of protection. Prior to commencing her PhD, Laura studied at University College Maastricht (UCM), earning a B.A. (Hons.) in Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2012. She completed her postgraduate studies at Maastricht University and the University of Sussex and holds an LL.M. in International Laws from Maastricht University.

Laura is a research associate at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) at Ruhr University Bochum.





SONJA HÖVELMANN

Sonja is currently enrolled at Ruhr-University Bochum studying social sciences, on the Master's Program Globalization, Transnationalization and Governance. Her academic interests are in education in developing and emerging countries, humanitarian action and development politics.

Alongside her studies, Sonja has been working at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) for the past four years. At the IFHV, she mainly supports the coordination of the Master's Program in International Humanitarian Action.

During her Bachelor's studies, Sonja has conducted field research in India and consequently wrote her thesis on education in that country.

During an internship with Kindernothilfe e.V – a German development organization – Sonja assisted the humanitarian action team. Thus, she was in contact with AMURT, an INGO which supports Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Out of these experiences, Sonja started to engage further with education projects in precarious circumstances. She will now write her Master's thesis with World Vision on education in emergency contexts.



IHSAN MADBOUH

Ihsan is a PhD student in International Development at Ruhr University- Bochum. He holds an MA in International Humanitarian Law. He worked as a legal advisor for Human Rights NGOs for four years (2011-2015) and has authored two books titled "Palestine, an Observer and Non-member State in the United Nations: Political and Legal Dimensions." and „Controls to arresting civilians under occupation – Palestinian civilians under the Israeli occupation as an example”.

FREDERIKE MÜLLER

Frederike Müller is a Master's student in Geography at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University in Bonn. She received a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the Johannes-Gutenberg University in Mainz. Currently she writes her thesis on "The Riskscape(s) of Syrian migrants between Lebanon and Germany". She spent one year at the Sorbonne-University in Paris specialising in international relations and subsequently went to Jordan where she took classes at the French Institute for the Middle East in Amman, Jordan, specialising in the Arab language and the Arab world. Her main areas of interest are the exchanges between the Arab world and the European countries, migration processes, the constitution of risks in unstable environments and the construction of local-global spaces. Besides her studies she was a research assistant at the University of Mainz and at the Center of European Integration Studies in Bonn and worked as a freelancer for a daily newspaper in Germany.



AMAL AL SAOUB

Amal is a Master's student at the University of Jordan. She is studying Human Rights and Human Development in the Faculty of International Studies. In 2012, Amal earned a BA degree in law from the same university. During her studies, she volunteered in the SOS Village of Orphans. As a believer in the importance of education, Amal was a tutor helping the orphans in studying after school time. She also volunteered in the Faculty's Legal Clinic for Refugees and Human Trafficking, where she held and translated interviews with Iraqi refugees for resettlement procedures in the US. This was done in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Iraqi Refugees Assistance Project (IRAP) (now called International Refugees Assistance Project). She also used to analyze human trafficking cases with the court decisions.

Last year, Amal became an advocate after finishing two years of training in a law firm. During the training, she worked as a legal researcher in Qistas for Information Technology. In addition, Amal helped in establishing DJUCO Academic Debate Club. She currently runs the club at the University of Jordan in cooperation with DJUCO Partnership (Danish Jordanian University Cooperation).





SOPHIA SCHRÖDER

Sophia Schroeder is a young researcher working on constitution-making in the MENA region. She holds an LL.M. degree from King's College London, a Master's in International Law from Panthéon-Assas University and the German First State Exam in Law. During her time in Paris, she also studied International Relations. Prior to completing a six-month Arabic course in Jordan, she was a research fellow at Birzeit University in the Palestinian Territories and analyzed the PA's governmental system, its breakdown and possible future solutions. Sophia's other research areas include International Human Rights, Humanitarian and Refugee Law. Amongst other things, she has critically examined the specific status of Palestinian refugees under international law and provided further arguments for a comprehensive protection scheme. Sophia recently produced a study on 'Compensation Mechanisms in Clinical Drug Trials in Germany' for the Indian NGO Sama Women's Health. She also interned with the German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Cairo and with a Member of the European Parliament in Brussels. Sophia previously participated in the Humboldt Law Clinic Human Rights, where she collaborated with the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights. Her work included an analysis of amendments to the UN blacklisting regime and its human rights compatibility. In 2014, she was a member of the King's College London team that won the international law and diplomacy competition Day of Crisis in Paris.

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