SERIES OF LECTURES

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Programa Interuniversitari de l’IEMed.

2023-2024
Aula Mediterrània, the interuniversity programme promoted by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) in collaboration with the academic world, will celebrate its tenth edition this year. Throughout these years, Aula Mediterrània has established itself as an academic meeting point and a reference for the study and understanding of the Mediterranean and the Arab region. With 23 lecturers from 17 European and Mediterranean universities, this series of lectures also reaffirms its commitment to enabling Euro-Mediterranean academic exchange.

The 2023-2024 edition consolidates the interdisciplinary approach, addressing a wide range of disciplines: international relations, political sciences, international law, communication sciences, modern and contemporary history, and postcolonial studies, among others. Moreover, the 23 sessions tackle crucial issues, such as diversity and religiosity in the modern era in the Mediterranean, as well as more contemporary topics such as the current political situation in Lebanon and Iraq, and conflicts and social, political and cultural realities that have emerged after the Arab revolts in 2011.

Particularly noteworthy this year are the sessions devoted to migrations, which are addressed from the diverse perspectives required by such a complex issue, ensuring that the programme is firmly committed to matters of social impact and open to a public made up of scholars, professionals and journalists interested in Mediterranean current affairs.

In this new edition, the IEMed maintains and strengthens its collaboration with Aula Árabe Universitaria, a programme organized by Casa Árabe, an alliance which started four years ago with the aim of promoting the study and understanding of the Arab region.
MASTERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMME

Master's in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB; IBEI Master's Degrees; Master's in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean (15th-19th Centuries), UB/UA/UV/Universitat Jaume I; Master's in Diplomacy and International Organizations, CEI/UB; Master's in International Relations, Security and Development, UAB; Master's in International Studies – International Organizations and Cooperation, UB; Master's in International Journalism, Blanquerna – Universitat Ramon Llull; Master's in Advanced Studies in International Affairs, Blanquerna – Universitat Ramon Llull; Master's in Logistic and International Trade, Universitat Abat Oliba – CEU; Master's in Construction and Representation of Cultural Identities, UB; Master's Degree in World History, UPF; Master's in Migrations Studies, GRITIM-UPF.

Guest masters

University Master's Degree in Urban Anthropology, Migrations and Social Intervention, URV
University Master's Degree in Migratory Movements in the 21st Century: Concepts, Reality and Actions, UdG
PROGRAMME

OCTOBER

Thursday 19 October
Master's Degree in Migration Studies (GRITIM-UPF)

6.30 pm Welcome remarks
    Gemma Aubarell i Solduga, director of the Culture, Gender and Civil Society department, IEMed

6.40 pm At history’s edge: the Mediterranean question
    Iain Chambers, professor of Sociology of Cultural Processes, Università di Napoli-L’Orientale
    Ricard Zapata, full professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences and director of the master’s degree, GRITIM-UPF

Language: English

Tuesday 24 October
Master’s Degree in International Studies – International Organizations and Cooperation, UB

6.30 pm The containment of migration flows in the Mediterranean: a challenge for human rights
    Eva María Díez Peralta, associate professor of International Public Law, Universidad de Almería
    Laura Huici, associate professor of International Public Law and co-director of the master’s degree, UB

Language: Spanish

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2 November
Master’s Degree in Logistics and International Trade, Universitat Abat Oliba – CEU

6.30 pm Med mess. The Mediterranean basin facing the crisis of the liberal international order: challenges, threats, opportunities
    Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, professor of International Relations, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
    Sergi Rodríguez López-Ros, vice dean of Institutional Relations, Universitat Abat Oliba-CEU

Language: English
Thursday 9 November
Master’s Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean (15th-19th Centuries), UB/UA/UV/Universitat Jaume I

6.30 pm Politics of history. Aragonese chroniclers between institutional logic and imperial dynamics (1547-1711)
   Héloïse Hermant, associate professor of Modern History, Université Côte d’Azur
   Ida Mauro, senior lecturer, Faculty of Geography and History, UB

Language: Spanish

Thursday 23 November
IBEI Masters

6.30 pm Lebanon: a state in political paralysis?
   Assem Dandashly, associate professor, Department of Political Science, University of Maastricht
   Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués, associate professor, IBEI

Language: English

Wednesday 29 November
Master’s Degree in World History, UPF

6.30 pm From Mediterranean to global history in the modern age: a round-trip historiographic journey
   José Miguel Escribano Páez, lecturer in Modern History, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville
   Jorge Luengo Sánchez, lecturer in History and coordinator of the master’s degree, UPF

Language: Spanish

Tuesday 12 December
Master’s Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean (15th-19th Centuries), UB/UA/UV/Universitat Jaume I

6.30 pm “Te daré alas de águila y pies de ciervo”: identity and alterity in the writing of the early modern age nuns
   Julia Lewandowska, researcher and lecturer, faculty of “Artes Liberales”, University of Warsaw
   Mariela Fargas Peñarrocha, associate professor of Modern History, UB

Language: Spanish
Thursday 14 December
Master’s Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean (15th-19th Centuries), UB/UA/UV/Universitat Jaume I

6.30 pm Diversity in Moorish communities (16th-17th centuries)
   Jorge Català, senior lecturer in Modern History, Universitat de València
   Àngel Casals Martínez, senior lecturer in Modern History, UB

Language: Catalan

Thursday 18 January
Master’s Degree in Advanced Studies in International Affairs, Blanquerna – Universitat Ramon Llull

6.30 pm The digital revolution transforming the MENA region
   Speaker to be confirmed
   Javier Albarracin, advisor and professor in Blanquerna - URV

Language: English

Thursday 25 January
Master’s Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB

6.30 pm Unveiling migrant and refugee integration during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic: a comparative study between Greece and Spain
   Theodoros Fouskas, assistant professor of Sociology, Department of Public Health Policies, University of West Attica, Athens
   Massoud Sharifi, postdoctoral researcher, Centre d’Estudis i Recerca en Migracions (CER-Migracions), UAB

Language: English

Thursday 1 February
Master’s Degree in International Studies – International Organizations and Cooperation, UB

6.30 pm The situation of refugees and asylum seekers in Greece
   Elli Kriona Saranti, lawyer for the HIAS Association
   Laura Huici, associate professor in International Public Law and co-director of the master’s degree, UB

Language: English
Thursday 8 February
Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Organizations, CEI/UB

12 pm The corporate sustainability within the EU framework. Analysis of practices in the Mediterranean area
María del Carmen Márquez Carrasco, professor, director of the Department of International Law, Universidad de Sevilla
Iraida Giménez, professor, and coordinator of the master’s degree, CEI International Affairs

Language: Spanish

Thursday 15 February
Master's Degree in International Journalism, FCRI Blanquerna – Universitat Ramon Llull

6.30 pm What is the role of disinformation technology in Israel’s foreign policy?
Shir Ever, manager of the Alliance for Justice between Israelis and Palestinians (BIP)
Montserrat Arbós, coordinator of the Master's Degree in International Journalism, URL

Language: English

Thursday 7 March
Master’s Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB

6.30 pm title to be defined
Javier de Lucas, founder of the Instituto de Derechos Humanos and former president of CEAR (Spanish Refugee Aid Commission)
Diego Boza, assistant professor in Criminal Law, Universidad de Cádiz, and researcher at the Centre d'Estudis i Recerca en Migracions (CER-Migracions), UAB

Language: Spanish

Thursday 14 March
Master's Degree in Migrations Studies (GRITIM-UPF)

6.30 pm Libya and the Sahara migration system
Julien Brachet, researcher at the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Lorenzo Gabrielli, senior researcher, GRITIM-UPF

Language: English
Thursday 21 March
Master’s Degree in Diplomacy and International Organizations, CEI/UB

12 pm Sustainable development and education: challenges and opportunities in the Euro-Mediterranean region
Álvaro Albacete, diplomat, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, and deputy general secretary, Union for the Mediterranean
Andrea Noferini, academic director, CEI International Affairs, and associate lecturer, UPF

Language: Spanish

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Thursday 18 April
Master’s Degree in Construction and Representation of Cultural Identities, UB

6.30 pm Italy and the Mediterranean between colonialism and postcolonialism
Valeria Deplano, associate professor of Contemporary History, Università degli Studi di Cagliari
Mònica Rius-Piniés, director of the research center ADHUC-Theory, Gender, Sexuality, UB

Language: Italian

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Thursday 25 April
IBEI Masters’ Degrees

6.30 pm Whose security? A critical analysis of the migratory crisis in the Mediterranean
Pınar Bilgin, professor of International Relations, University of Bilkent
Eduard Soler i Lecha, associate professor of International Relations, UAB

Language: English

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May

Thursday 2 May
Master’s Degree in Migration Studies (GRITIM-UPF)

6.30 pm Nexus between migration and urban governance in the Mediterranean
Rafik Arfaoui, postdoctoral researcher, GRITIM-UPF
Diletta Marcucci, assistant researcher, GRITIM-UPF, PhD student, UPF

Language: English
Thursday 9 May
Master's Degree in International Relations, Security and Development, UAB

6:30 pm  Armed conflict in the MENA region since 2011: keys, trends and challenges for peace
Pamela Urrutia Arestizábal, researcher, Escola de Cultura de Pau, UAB
Laura Feliu, senior lecturer in International Relations, faculty of Political Science and Sociology, UAB

Language: Spanish

Thursday 16 May
Master's Degree in International Relations, Security and Development, UAB

6:30 pm  Tales of freedom: international relations and democratization in the Middle East
Adham Saouli, professor at the School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, and at the department of Political Science, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
Olivia Glombitza, associate lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology, UAB

Language: English

Thursday 23 May
Master’s Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB

6:30 pm  Migrants and Media. Polarised discourses and radicalised frames
Silvia Pezzoli, associate professor, Department of Sociology of Cultural and Communicative Processes Università degli Studi di Firenze
Romina Tavernelli, senior researcher, Centre d'Estudis i Recerca en Migracions (CER-Migracions), UAB

Language: English

Thursday 30 May
Master's Degree in International Relations, Security and Development, UAB

6:30 pm  Post-2003 Iraq: the rise and uncertain future of Shia politics
Fanar Haddad, assistant professor, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen
Olivia Glombitza, associate lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology, UAB

Language: English

*speaker to be confirmed
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ATTENDANCE DIPLOMA
Those who attend 40% of the sessions (9 lectures) can request an attendance and achievement diploma delivered by the IEMed jointly with the Master’s programmes participating in the lectures. Anyone wishing to request the diploma should complete the registration form at www.iemed.org/aulamediterrania

The twinning with the Aula Árabe Universitaria programme, organized by Casa Árabe, which began four years ago, continues this year. This means: 1) the exchange of speakers between both programmes, when agendas allow it; 2) the organization of joint seminars; and 3) the recognition of both programme’s lectures when requesting the attendance diploma, due to the possibility of following them online. In other words, if Aula Árabe Universitaria students connect online to an Aula Mediterrània lecture, it will be recognised for the Aula Árabe Universitaria diploma (up to a maximum of 2 lectures). In the same way, Aula Mediterrània students who follow one of the Aula Árabe Universitaria lectures will also qualify for the Aula Mediterrània diploma (also up to a maximum of 2 lectures). If they also follow another 7 Aula Mediterrània lectures, they will also be able to obtain the Aula Mediterrània diploma.