

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Institut d'Estudis Catalans (IEC)  
C/del Carme, 47, Barcelona

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

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10.00 – 10.30 **Accreditations and coffee**

10.30 – 11.00 **Welcoming remarks**

*Room: Pere i Coromines*

**Àngel Messeguer**, secretary general, Institut d'Estudis Catalans (IEC)

**Gerard Vives**, director general of European Union Affairs, Government of Catalonia

**Senén Florensa**, executive president, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

11.00 – 12.30 **Round table Researching the Mediterranean**

“Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation on Higher Education”. Tacking stock of what has been accomplished so far and identifying prospective trends

*Room: Pere i Coromines*

*Interpretation services will be provided in Catalan, English and Spanish*

**Mouïn Hamzé**, member of the management board, Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)

**Camille de Garidel-Thoron**, director of the Consortium of Euro-Mediterranean Universities Téthys

**Raúl Ramos**, vice-president, Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED)

### Chair

**Itaf Ben Abdallah**, senior advisor on Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

12.30 – 13.30 **Awards ceremony for the Best Aula Mediterrània Master's Dissertations – 4<sup>th</sup> edition**

*Room: Pere i Coromines*

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**Senén Florensa**, executive president, IEMed

**Cristina Rodríguez Reche**, visiting scholar, Interdisciplinary Research Group on Migration-Universitat Pompeu Fabra (GRITIM-UPF)

With the collaboration of

**Laura Huici**, deputy director of the Master's Degree in International Studies - International Organizations and Cooperation, Universitat de Barcelona (UB)

**Andrea Noferini**, academic director, CEI International Affairs

#### **Presents**

**Elisabetta Ciuccarelli**, programme manager, Culture, Gender and Civil Society department, IEMed

#### **Dialogue among the winners of the Best Master's Dissertations**

**Alexander Gerritsen**, Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Organizations, CEI International Affairs-Universitat de Barcelona (CEI-UB)

**Anna Serra**, Master's Degree in International Studies - International Organizations and Cooperation, Universitat de Barcelona (UB)

**Marta Egidi**, Master's Degree in Migration Studies, Interdisciplinary Research Group on Migration-Universitat Pompeu Fabra (GRITIM-UPF)

#### **Chair**

**Sònia Parella**, co-coordinator of the Inter-University Master's Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, CER-Migracions, UAB

13.30 – 15.00 **Lunch break**

15.00 – 19.00 **Workshop Researching the Mediterranean**  
State of the art, trends and fields of cooperation

15.00 – 16.30 **A shared research and innovation agenda as a transformative path for the region**  
*Room: Pi i Sunyer*  
*Interpretation services will be provided in Catalan, English and Spanish*

**Armela Dino**, responsible for Multilateral Relations at the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities; **Mouïn Hamzé**, emeritus secretary general of the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research; **Alicia Pérez-Porro**, scientific coordinator, Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF)

#### **Open debate**

#### **Chair**

**Giuseppe Provenzano**, Higher Education and Research Division, UfM

16.30 – 18.00 **Researching the Arab World and the Mediterranean: trends and new lines of research**

**Amel Boubekour**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne; **Eduard Soler Lecha**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB); **Ignacio Gutiérrez de Terán**, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)

Open debate

**Chair**

**Laura Feliu**, associate professor in International Relations, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

18.00 – 19.00 **Ideas to strengthen Mediterranean research cooperation within the framework of the Aula initiative**

Open debate

**Summary of the proposals**

**Gemma Aubarell**, director of the Culture, Gender and Civil Society department, IEMed;

**Olivia Orozco**, coordinator of Education and Economy, Casa Árabe

**Chair**

**Senén Florensa**, executive president, IEMed

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February

09.30 – 11.15 **Parallel sessions**

## I - FUTURE CHALLENGES OF THE CONTEMPORARY MEDITERRANEAN

**Session 1.** Local contexts and immigrant political participation: contemporary challenges in Southern European countries

*Language: English*

*Room: Pere i Coromines*

*Inter-University Master's Degree in Contemporary Migration, Rights and Social Cohesion, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and Universitat de Barcelona (UB)*

### Chair

**Sònia Parella**, co-coordinator of the Master's Degree, CER-Migracions, UAB

Local immigrants councils as a form of participation and governance: opportunities and challenges

**Maria Schiller**, associate professor, Public Policy, Migration and Diversity, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Self Advocacy Teams: experiences of immigrants' political participation

**George Stefanopoulos**, project coordinator, Greek Forum of Refugees

Migrants' political participation in Europe: exploring the internal dynamics

**Massoud Sharifi**, post-doctoral researcher, CER-Migracions, UAB

**Session 2.** Ethical and regulatory challenges of Artificial Intelligence in the Euro-Mediterranean region

*Language: Spanish*

*Room: Pi i Sunyer*

*Master's Degree in Logistics and International Trade, Universitat Abat Oliba – CEU (UAO-CEU)*

### Chair

**Juan Francisco Jiménez Jacinto**, director, department of Communication Studies, UAO-CEU

Building consensus on Artificial Intelligence toward its regulation in Mediterranean countries

**Sergi Rodríguez López-Ros**, vicedean of International Relations, UAO-CEU

Artificial Intelligence as the new gas and oil: how to reshape Euro-Mediterranean relations?

**Miguel Ángel Medina**, analyst in International Relations and professor at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)

The challenge of the European Union AI Act and its impact on business companies

**Idoia Salazar**, president and founder of OdiselA

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**Session 3.** Sovereign funds and sovereignty: the evolving role of sovereign funds in the Middle East, from domestic reordering to foreign policy

*Language: English*

*Room: Nicolau d'Oliver*

*Master's Degree in International Relations, Security and Development, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)*

**Chair**

**Eduard Soler Lecha**, associate professor of International Relations, UAB

Power and responsibility: SWFs and the evolving nature of economic statecraft in the Arab Gulf

**Julien Barnes-Dacey**, director, Middle East and North Africa Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations

Gulf sovereign wealth funds and human rights (online)

**Kristine Beckerle**, visiting fellow, Schell Center for Human Rights, Yale Law School

With and without the wealth: sovereign funds in Egypt. Mimicry or strategy?

**Timothy Kaldas**, adjunct professor of International Relations, UAB, and deputy director, The Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy, Washington

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11.15 – 11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45 – 13.30 **Parallel sessions**

## II - REVISITING THE MEDITERRANEAN: MEMORY, GENDER AND SUSTAINABILITY

**Session 4.** Mediterranean mobilities from a gender perspective: insights for research and collaboration

*Language: English*

*Room: Pere i Coromines*

*Master's Degree in Migration Studies, Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration- Universitat Pompeu Fabra (GRITIM-UPF)*

### Chair

**Gemma Aubarell**, director of the Culture, Gender and Civil Society department, IEMed

*Insights from Morocco on employment, entrepreneurship and women's migration*

**Manal el Abboubi**, professor, University Mohamed V, Rabat

*Researching gender, migration, music, and sound in Athens from an intersectional feminist perspective*

**Nelli Kambouri**, assistant professor, department of Cultural Anthropology, Panteion University

*Science diplomacy from an intersectional lens*

**Alicia Pérez-Porro**, marine biologist and scientific coordinator, Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF)

*The displacement of gender equality activists from the Middle East and North Africa*

**Carmen Geha**, senior researcher on Migration and Gender, GRITIM-UPF

**Session 5.** Slavery and captivity in the Mediterranean and the first Atlantic (14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> centuries)

*Languages: Catalan and Spanish*

*Room: Pi i Sunyer*

*Institut d'Estudis Catalans (IEC), Milà i Fontanals Institution for Research in Humanities (IMF-CSIC) and research group CAIMMed*

### Chair

**Antoni Riera**, vice-president of the Historical-Archaeological department, IEC

The initial and the final stage of captivity in the Western Mediterranean: sources and comparative perspectives from the case study of the Island of Mallorca (1410-1458)

**Victòria Burguera-Puigserver**, postdoctoral researcher, Universität Heidelberg

From Caffa to Guinea. Slavery in the late medieval Mediterranean from the Barcelona observatory (c. 1300-1520)

**Ivan Armenteros Martínez**, teanured researcher, Milà i Fontanals Institution for Research in Humanities, CSIC-Barcelona

Mediterranean-Atlantic slavery. Ibero-African trade in Arguin and the beginnings of the transatlantic slave trade (1519-1521)

**David Wheat**, associate professor, department of History, Michigan State University

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**Session 6.** Cities and sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean

*Language: English*

*Room: Nicola d'Olwer*

*Master's Degree in International Studies - International Organisations and Cooperation, Universitat de Barcelona (UB)*

**Chair**

**Laura Huici**, associate professor, faculty of Law, UB

Costal tourism sustainability in the Mediterranean: environmental and socio-economic implications

**Nezha Mejjad**, researcher, National Centre for Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (CNESTEN), Morocco

Cities alliances on short term holiday rental: an exemple of cooperation for a sustainable urban environment

**Yolanda Martínez**, associate lecturer, faculty of Law, UB

15.00 – 16.45 **Parallel sessions**

### III - MEDITERRANEAN IN PERSPECTIVE: OLD AND NEW DIPLOMACIES

**Session 7.** The Mediterranean macroregion: an instrument for cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region

*Language: Spanish*

*Room: Puig i Cadafalch*

*Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Organizations, CEI International Affairs-Universitat de Barcelona (CEI-UB)*

**Chair**

**Andrea Noferini**, academic director, CEI International Affairs

The Mediterranean: from the Arc to the macroregion. Scales and challenges of territorial cooperation

**Thomas Perrin**, associate professor in Urban Planning, Université de Lille

Sub-state actors and cooperation networks in the Euro-Mediterranean context

**Davide Strangis**, deputy secretary general, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Rennes

Territorial cooperation in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean relations: evolution and perspectives

**Iván Martín**, senior fellow, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat

**Session 8.** The horizons of the Mediterranean: diasporas and mobilities in historical perspective

*Language: Spanish*

*Room: Prat de la Riba*

*Master's Degree in World History, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)*

**Chair**

**Jorge Luengo**, lecturer, department of Humanities, UPF

Cosmopolitan diplomatic and commercial frameworks in the structure of the Hispanic Monarchy. Genoa, Hamburg and Ragusa at the service of the Catholic Monarch (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries)

**Manuel Herrero**, professor of Modern History, Universidad Pablo de Olavide Sevilla



Old and new slavery: form and perception of forced labour in the Modern Age between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic

**Thomas Weller**, senior researcher, Institute of European History, Mainz

The cities of Southern Italy, a crossroad of news and knowledge in the 16th century Mediterranean

**Ida Mauro**, senior lecturer in Early Modern History, UB

16.45 – 17.00 **Coffee break**

17.00 – 18.45 **Parallel sessions**

#### IV - MEDITERRANEAN: EXCHANGES AND NARRATIVES

**Session 9.** Intertwined voices: women's narratives in postcoloniality

*Languages: Catalan, Spanish and Italian*

*Room: Puig i Cadafalch*

*Master's Degree in Construction and Representation of Cultural Identities, Universitat de Barcelona (UB)*

##### Chair

**Andrea Villar del Valle**, pre-doctoral researcher, Research Centre for Theory, Gender and Sexuality, ADHUC-UB

A silence that makes noise. The "Lybian" novel *The Oasis* (1929) by Leda Rafanelli

**Daniele Comberiati**, associate professor, Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3

Polyphony and the writing of the intimate as a "counter-narration": the example of *Crépuscule du tourment* by Léonora Miano

**Anna Eberle**, PhD candidate, Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3

The language of creatures or the monstrous ecofeminism of Penda Diouf in *La Grande Ourse* (2019) and *Noire comme l'or* (2022)

**Myriam Mallart**, lecturer of the master's degree, UB

**Session 10.** Christians and Muslims in the Mediterranean in the Early Modern era.

Beyond the conflict: diplomacy, exchanges, negotiations

*Language: Spanish*

*Room: Prat de la Riba*

*Master's Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean (15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Centuries), Universitat de Barcelona (UB), University of Alicante (UA), Universitat de València (UV), Universitat Jaume I (UJI)*

### Chair

**Joan-Lluís Palos**, associate professor of Early Modern History, UB

*"Con secreto y disimulación". Form and formality of Spanish-Ottoman diplomacy in the Mediterranean of the 16<sup>th</sup> century*

**Francesco Caprioli**, department of Early Modern History, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)

*Cross-cultural diplomatic practices: the embassy of Juan de Boulogne (1779-1790) and the reunion of the Spanish-Ottoman empires.*

**Pablo Hernández Sau**, postdoctoral researcher, department of Humanities, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

*Freedom and security in the Serenissima. Moriscos in Venice and its territories*

**Bruno Pomara**, associate professor, department of Early Modern and Contemporary History, Universitat de València (UV)

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