

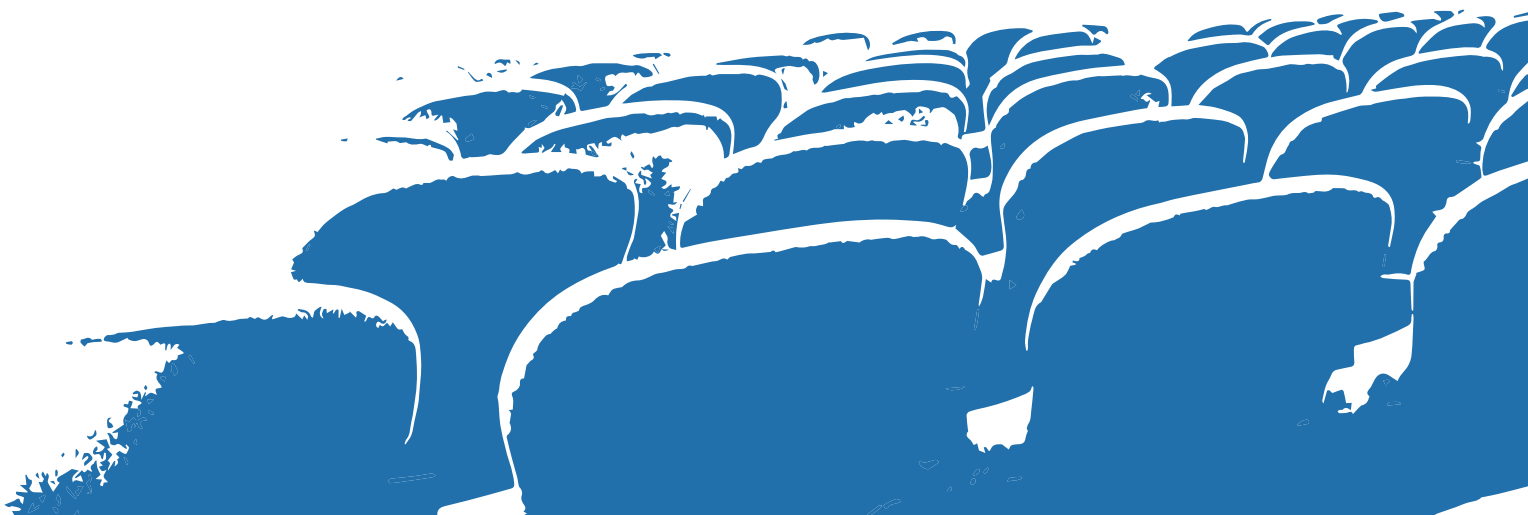
SERIES OF LECTURES

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Thinking about the Mediterranean of the 21st Century

The inter-university programme Aula Mediterrània, which this year celebrates its twelfth edition, is an initiative led by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed). This is only possible thanks to the invaluable collaboration of different Catalan universities that form a university network, expanded this year with two new master's degrees, which has established itself as an academic hub for analysis and research on the Mediterranean, as well as a key space for the promotion of research and the exchange of knowledge between both shores of the Mediterranean, since it has the presence of professors and researchers from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean.

More than a decade of continuous activity has made Aula Mediterrània a reference thanks to its holistic touch and its interdisciplinary and inclusive approach from different academic perspectives. It is also a meeting point for students, faculties and researchers, experts and journalists interested in the region.

This edition offers 27 lectures that address key issues to understand the social, political, economic and cultural environment of the Euro-Mediterranean region. All of them discussed with the deepest academic rigour, but in a spirit of communication and dissemination designed for a wide audience. The programme of this edition is marked by current regional political events. First, the conflict between Israel and Palestine, which will be analysed from the perspectives of international law, the impact on the regional order, and the position of the European Union. We thus focus on opposition movements and economic policies in the countries of the South.

Secondly, we are committed to providing a historical perspective on relations between the two shores of the Mediterranean with lectures on female migration, slavery and diplomacy in early modern history.

Another central line is the migration issue, on which we study the narratives surrounding migrants, the relationship between gender and migration policies, as well as between the latter and the rise of the extreme right in Europe, border control, or the reception of refugees in the region, among other matters.

The programme also focuses on debates related to disinformation, cultural expressions of the countries of the South and diasporas, climate change, and sustainability.

Aula Mediterrània and Aula Àrabe Universitaria, an initiative promoted by Casa Àrabe, continue the exchange of speakers between the two programmes, thus enriching academic debates on key issues related to the region. Moreover, starting from this edition, the undergraduate students of the Faculty of History and Geography at the University of Barcelona will be able to choose participation in the Lecture Series as an activity to obtain the free-elective credits.

Aula Mediterrània invites you to take part in this space of reflection and key dialogue to comprehend the challenges of the Euro-Mediterranean region of the 21st century.

MÁSTERES PARTICIPANTES

Master's Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB; IBEI Master's Degrees; Master's Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean, 15th-19th Centuries, UB/UA/UV/Universitat Jaume I; Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Organisations, CEI/UB; Master's Degree in Lifelong Learning in Sustainability. Environment, Society, and Economy CEI/UB; Master's Degree in International Relations, Security and Development, UAB; Master's Degree in International Journalism, Blanquerna-URL; Master's Degree in Advanced Studies in International Affairs, Blanquerna-URL; CEU Universitat Abat Oliba; Master's Degree in Construction and Representation of Cultural Identities, UB; Master's Degree in World History, UPF; Master's Degree in Governance - Migration Studies Track, GRITIM-UPF; Master's Degree in Urban Anthropology, Migrations and Social Intervention, URV; Master's Degree in Migratory Movements in the 21st Century: Concepts, Realities and Actions, UdG; Master's Degree in Advanced Studies in Architecture, ETSAB-UPC; Master's Degree in Internationalisation: Economic, Business and Legal-Political Aspects, UB; Master's Degree in Contemporary History and Today's World, UB.

PROGRAMME

OCTOBER

Thursday, 9 October

Master's Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean, 15th-19th Centuries, UB/UA/UV/UJI

6.30 pm Opening Session of the Aula Mediterrània Lecture Series

Agustí Fernández de Losada, Secretary of European, Multilateral and Development Cooperation Affairs, Government of Catalonia

Senén Florensa, Executive President, IEMed

Opening Lecture

6.45 pm Women and Migration in Early Modern History

Ofelia Rey Castelao, Professor of Early Modern History, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

Jaume Dantí, Professor of Early Modern History, UB

Session language: Spanish

Tuesday, 14 October

Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Organisations, CEI/UB

12 noon Palestine's Maritime Rights vs Israel's Bully Take Over: An Exit Path

Mutaz M. Qafisheh, Professor of International Law, University of Hebron

Adrià Reyes, Executive Coordinator of the Master's Programme

Session language: English

Thursday, 16 October

Àula Àrabe Universitaria, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CEARC) and Aula Mediterrània

6.30 pm United Nations and Palestine

Gemma Aubarell, Gemma Aubarell, Director of the Culture, Gender and Civil Society Department, IEMed, presents the dialogue between:

Ardi Imseis, Associate Professor of International Law, Queen's University, Kingston

Mutaz Qafisheh, Professor of International Law, Hebron University

Chair

Sonia Boulos, Associate Professor of International Human Rights Law, Universidad Nebrija, and Member of the Board of Directors, CEARC, Madrid

Session language: English

Tuesday, 21 October

Master's Degree in Governance - Migration Studies Track, GRITIM-UPF

6.30 pm Integrating Migrants for Integrating Regions. Shared Challenges around the Mediterranean

Philippe Fargues, Professor of Sociology and Demography; Director of the Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute

Ricard Zapata, Professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, and Director of GRITIM-UPF

Session language: English

Monday, 27 October

Master's Degree in World History, UPF

6.30 pm The Corsair Mediterranean: Tales of Slaves, Pirates, and Renegades in the Early Modern Era

Giovanna Fiume, Professor of Early Modern History, Università degli Studi di Palermo

Jorge Luengo, Tenure-track Professor of Modern History, UPF

Session language: Italian (with translation into Spanish)

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 4 November

IBEI Master's Degrees

6.30 pm The European Union and Palestine: Complicity, Silence and Double Standards

Dimitris Bouris, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam

Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, IBEI

Session language: English

Thursday, 13 November

Master's Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean, 15th-19th Centuries, UB/UA/UV/UJI

6.45 pm Genoa and Spain: A Mediterranean Axis between Geopolitics, Finance and Trade in the Early Modern Age

Paolo Calcagno, Professor of Early Modern History, Università di Genova

Diego Sola, Senior Lecturer of Early Modern History and Coordinator of the Master's Degree, UB

Session language: Italian (with translation into Catalan)

Wednesday, 19 November

Master's Degree in Construction and Representation of Cultural Identities, UB

6.30 pm [The Black Mediterranean: Diasporic and Ecocritical Anxieties](#)

Camille Lavoix, Researcher, Universität Würzburg

Myriam Mallart, Lecturer and Coordinator of the Master's Degree, UB

Session language: Spanish

Monday, 24 November

Master's Degree in Advanced Studies in Architecture, ETSAB-UPC

6.30 pm [Water Sensitive Urban Design for the Arid Mediterranean in the Context of Climate Change](#)

Hayriye Esbah, Professor of Landscape Architecture, Istanbul Technical University

Eulàlia Gómez-Escoda, Associate Professor, Barcelona School of Architecture, ETSAB-UPC

Session language: English

DECEMBER

Thursday, 4 December

Master's Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB

6.30 pm [The Care and Reception of Refugees in the Euro-Mediterranean Region](#)

Alberto Ares, Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, Ixelles

Sònia Parella, Associate Professor and Director of the Department of Sociology, UAB

Session language: Spanish

Thursday, 11 December

Master's Degree in History and Identities in the Western Mediterranean, 15th-19th Centuries, UB/UA/UV/UJI

6.45 pm [Spanish-Muslim Diplomacy in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Issues and Challenges](#)

Rubén González Cuerva, Researcher, Institute of History, CSIC, and Lecturer, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Joan-Lluís Palos Peñarroya, Associate Professor of Early Modern History, UB

Session language: Spanish

Wednesday, 17 December

Master's Degree in Migratory Movements in the 21st Century: Concepts, Realities and Actions, UdG

6.30 pm The Politicization of Local Migration Policy-Making and the Role of the Far Right

Andrea Pettrachin, Researcher, Department of Political Sciences, Law and International Studies, Università degli Studi di Padova

Eila Prats Brugat, Lecturer of the Master's Degree, UdG

Session language: English

Venue: Sala de graus, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, Plaça San Domènec, 9, Campus Barri Vell, Universitat de Girona, Girona

JANUARY

Tuesday, 13 January

Master's Degree in Urban Anthropology, Migration and Social Intervention, URV

6.30 pm The Transnational Dimension of the Gnawa Music and Rituality

Josep Lluís Mateo Dieste, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, UAB

Jordi Moreras, Serra Hunter Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Philosophy and Social Work, and Coordinator of the Master's Degree, URV

Session language: Catalan

Venue: Arxiu d'Etnografia (Aula 521), Campus Catalunya URV (Av. Catalunya 35, Tarragona)

Thursday, 22 January

Master's Degree in Advanced Studies in International Affairs, Blanquerna-URL

6.30 pm Safeguarding the Future: UN Challenges, Multilateral Action and Child Protection

Carne Monclús, Protection Manager, Unicef Syria

Lurdes Vidal Bertran, Lecturer in International Relations, UNICEF Syria

Session language: Spanish

Thursday, 29 January

Master's Degree in Governance - Migration Studies Track, GRITIM-UPF

6.30 pm The Mediterranean's Atlantic Route: the African-Canary Islands Necrocorridor

Mohammed Ouhemmou, Assistant Professor, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir

Luisa Faustini, Senior Researcher, GRITIM-UPF

Session language: English

Thursday, 5 February

Master's Degree in International Journalism, Blanquerna-URL

6.30 pm Disinformation and Freedom of Speech in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Joan Barata, Expert on Freedom of Speech and Social Media Regulation & Senior legal advisor for *The Future of Free Speech*

Pere Franch, Associate Professor, Faculty of Communication and International Relations, Blanquerna-URL, Blanquerna-URL

Session language: English

Thursday, 12 February

CEU Universitat Abat Oliba

6.30 pm Paradoxes and Challenges to Blue Economy Progress in the Mediterranean Region

Ademun Ademuni-Odeke, Professor of International Maritime Law, Ankara University

Carmen Parra Rodríguez, Professor of International Law, CEU UAO

Session language: English

Thursday, 19 February

Master's Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB

6.30 pm The Construction of Narratives about Migrants in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Eynel Pilatowsky, Consultant and Expert in the field of Migration

Romina Tavernelli, Researcher, Department of Sociology, UAB

Session language: Spanish

Tuesday, 24 February

Master's Degree in Internationalisation: Economic, Business and Legal-Political Aspects, UB

6.30 pm Neoliberalism and Extractivism in Turkey

Fikret Adaman, Professor in the Department of Economy, Boğaziçi University

Aurèlia Mañé, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economic History, Institutions, Politics and World Economy, UB

Session language: English

MARCH**Tuesday, 10 March**

Master's Degree in Lifelong Learning in Sustainability, Environment, Society, and Economy CEI/UB

6.30 pm Climate Change Adaptation: Impacts on Human Rights in the Mediterranean Region

Michiel Hoornick, Researcher in International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute

Didac Amat Puigsech, PhD in Climate International Law and Lecturer of the Master's Degree, CEI/UB

Language: English

Thursday, 12 March

IBEI Master's Degrees

6.30 pm Gender and Immigration Politics in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Sara R. Farris, Reader, Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths University of London

Susana Galán, Ramón y Cajal Assistant Professor, IBEI

Session language: English

APRIL**Thursday, 16 April**

Master's Degree in Contemporary History and Today's World, UB

6.30 pm The Fifteen Wars of Israel against Gaza

Jean-Pierre Filiu, Professor of History of the Middle East, Sciences-Po, Paris

Antoni Segura, Professor of Contemporary History, UB

Session language: Spanish

Tuesday, 21 April

Master's Degree in Governance - Migration Studies Track, GRITIM-UPF

6.30 pm Borders Control and Search and Rescue (SAR) Obligations in the Mediterranean: Between Human Rights and Security

Silvia Morgades, Associate Professor of International Public Law and International Relations, UPF

Emilien Miner, Researcher, GRITIM-UPF

Session language: English

Tuesday, 28 April

Master's Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB

6.30 pm [How migration is reshaping bilateral relations in the Mediterranean](#)

Evelyn Ersanilli, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Amsterdam

Teresa Sordé, Professor, Department of Sociology, UAB

Session language: English

MAY

Thursday, 7 May

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

6.30 pm [A New "New Middle East"? Regional Order after 7 October 2023](#)

Christopher Phillips, Professor of International Relations, Queen Mary University of London

Blanca Camps-Febrer, Lecturer in International Relations, UAB

Session language: English

Thursday, 14 May

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

6.30 pm [From Oil to AI: the Middle East's Quest for Digital Autonomy](#)

Sara Bazoobandi, Researcher at the Institute for Safety Policies, Kiel University

Olivia Glombitza, Lecturer in International Relations, UAB

Session language: English

Thursday, 21 May

Master's degree in International Relations, Security and Development, UAB

6.30 pm [Opposition Learning as Capitulation: Leftist Parties' Trajectories in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

Francesco Cavatorta, Professor of Political Science, Laval University, and visiting professor at Universidad de Cádiz

Blanca Camps-Febrer, Lecturer in International Relations, UAB

Session language: English

Place

Sala de actes del IEMed, C/ Girona, 20 – 08010 Barcelona (except for some lectures)
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DIPLOMA OF ATTENDANCE

People who have attended 40% of the sessions (11 sessions) in person may request a diploma of attendance awarded by the IEMed, issued jointly with the master's programmes participating in the cycle. In case you want to apply for the diploma, please complete the form on the following link www.iemed.org/aula-mediterrania

This year the twinning with Casa Árabe's Aula Árabe Universitaria programme, which began five years ago, is maintained. This is reflected in: 1) the exchange of speakers between both programmes in Madrid and Barcelona, when agendas allow it; (2) the organisation of joint seminars; and 3) the recognition of the respective lectures in terms of certification, thanks to the possibility of connecting live to them online. In other words, if Aula Árabe Universitaria students connect online to an Aula Mediterrània lecture, that attendance will be recognised in order to acquire the Aula Árabe Universitaria certificate (up to a maximum of 2 lectures). In the same way, Aula Mediterrània students who connect online to one of the Aula Árabe Universitaria lectures will have their attendance recognised by the Aula Mediterrània certificate (also a maximum of 2 lectures).

DIPLOMA OF ATTENDANCE AT THE MIGRATION MODULE: People who have attended in person (with the exception of the session of 19 March) the 8 sessions organised by: Master's Degree in Governance - Migration Studies Track, GRITIM-UPF; Master's Degree in Urban Anthropology, Migrations and Social Intervention, URV; Master's Degree in Migratory Movements in the 21st Century: Concepts, Realities and Actions, UdG, and Master's Degree in Contemporary Migrations, Rights and Social Cohesion, UAB/UB.

Undergraduate students from the Department of History and Geography of the UB who have chosen the Aula Mediterrània Lecture Series as an activity for the recognition of elective credits must attend 70% of the sessions in person.

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