

Workshop agenda

Russian Repertoires of Power in the MENA region (RUSMENA)

1 June 2022

Venue:

Aula Polivalente

LUISS main campus

Viale Romania 32, 00197 Roma

This closed workshop will bring a small group of participants from international academia, the expert community and Italian policy circles together with the RUSMENA project team, led by Dr. Jakub M. Godzimirski (NUPI). Discussions will focus on Russian policymaking process and Russian power practices in the MENA region, and North Africa in particular, with a view to reflecting on recent developments and longer trends and identifying trends and features relevant to policy-making.

9:45 – 10:00 **Welcome and introductions**

- General introduction | Giovanni Orsina
- Presentation of the LUISS Mediterranean Platform | Luigi Narbone (online)
- Presentation of the RUSMENA project | Jakub M. Godzimirski

10:00 – 12:00 **Session 1**

- Imperial legacies in the MENA region | Jeff Mankoff
- Russia and the new global order: implications for MENA region | Iver B. Neumann
- Russia's changing roles in Nord Africa: a view from Rome | tbc
- Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break****13:00 – 15:15** **Session 2**

- Russia's men in the MENA region: a sociological portrait of the Russian envoys in the region | Jakub M. Godzimirski
- Russian strategic innovation in the MENA region: private security entrepreneurs and their role | Karen Philippa Larsen
- Russia's power at play on the ground: focus on Libya | Virginie Collombier
- Discussion

15:15 – 15:30 **Concluding remarks**

Participants:

Thomas Christiansen | Professor, Political Science Department, LUISS

Maria Francesca Corrao | Full Professor, Political Science Department, LUISS

Virginie Collombier | School of Government, LUISS

Pasquale Ferrara | Director General Policy and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

Andrea Gilli | Senior Researcher, NATO Defense College

Jakub M. Godzimirksi | Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Karen Philippa Larsen | PhD candidate, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) & Visiting Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Jeffrey Mankoff | Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University

Raffaele Marchetti | Professor in International Relations & Deputy Rector for Internationalisation, LUISS

Luigi Narbone | School of Government, LUISS

Siri Neset | Research Fellow, Ch. Michelsen Institute (CMI)

Iver Neumann | Director, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)

Nicola Orlando | [Special Envoy for Libya, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation \(tbc\)](#)

Giovanni Orsina | Full Professor of Contemporary History & Director of the School of Government, LUISS

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