



## OUR RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Dynamics of Power in the Middle East Program aims at developing a body of transdisciplinary and field-based expertise to address questions of changes and dynamics of power in the Middle East region.

Considering the growing demand for accurate information and foresight analysis, we put pride into promoting in-depth knowledge with original approaches that abide by the most rigorous criteria of scientific research.

## FOCUS

### AUTHORITARIANISM

Our program seeks to take a comprehensive multi-scale approach to **authoritarian dynamics** by exploring state and institutional practices and analyzing its dovetail with the social arena.

### CONFLICTS

Combining micro and macro analyses, our program carefully studies **conflicts** and attempts to challenge monopolies of the state and their resulting rival institutions and new rationalities that often privilege sectarian and ethnic normative orders.

### MIGRATIONS

Our aim at unfolding the diversity of migratory flows, to further our grasp on **refugees'** experience and the relevance of policies implemented by domestic or international organizations, in response to their forced migrations.

## ACTIVITIES

### THE MIDDLE EAST PAPERS

Publishing research on current socio-political issues in the Middle East and North Africa, described in a clear and accessible style and respecting the three principles of intellectual independence, scientific rigor and field expertise.

### THE MIDDLE EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In order to promote in-depth discussions between academics, experts and decision-makers working in the MENA region we gather international specialists and researchers around an issue pertaining to our areas of research.

### THE MIDDLE EAST TALKS

Conducted by our researchers, Middle East Talks are monthly interviews with local researchers or experts that aim at shedding light on undebated issues and offering an informed perspective to the public debate.

## OUR TEAM

### ROBIN BEAUMONT, *CO-DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM*

Robin Beaumont is a PhD candidate in Political Studies at the Paris-based École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS). His research explores the reconfigurations of Shia political authority in post-2003 Iraq.

### ARTHUR QUESNAY, *CO-DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM*

Arthur Quesnay is a PhD candidate in Political Science and Junior Research Fellow at the ERC-funded CivilWars program at the Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Paris 1). His doctoral thesis focuses on sectarian conflicts in Northern Iraq. He has also conducted parallel fieldwork in Libya and Syria.

### YOHANAN BENHAIM

Yohanan Benhaim is a PhD candidate in Political Science at Panthéon Sorbonne University (Paris 1) and a teaching assistant at Sciences Po Paris. His thesis focuses on Turkish foreign policy towards Kurdish regions of Iraq and Syria since 2003.

### CLÉMENT DESHAYES

Clément Deshayes is a PhD candidate in Political Anthropology/Sociology at Paris 8 Saint Denis University. He is engaged in a PhD on emerging political protest movements of the political order in urban areas in Sudan.

### XAVIER GUIGNARD

Xavier Guignard is a PhD candidate in Political Science at Panthéon Sorbonne University (Paris 1), where he is finishing a thesis on the emergence of a Palestinian diplomacy.

### FÉLIX LEGRAND

Félix Legrand is an independent researcher and consultant working on the Syrian conflict. His research focus on the political and military structures of the non-state actors in Syria.

### MAAÏ YOUSSEF

Maaï Youssef is a PhD candidate in Political Science at Pantheon Sorbonne University (Paris 1). Her research explores the effects of political contexts on Syrian exiles in Egypt and Turkey, along with political activism and the building of transnational networks in exile within authoritarian contexts.