

## Seminar

# POWER AND POLITICAL REGIMES IN TODAY'S ARAB WORLD

Barcelona, 7-8 April 2008  
CIDOB Foundation  
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The CIDOB Foundation's Mediterranean Programme is organising the final seminar in the research project directed by Ferran Izquierdo, Lecturer in International Relations at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), on the subject of whether political transitions are currently taking place in the Arab world. The seminar will include a presentation of the theoretical-analytical framework on which the project was based, and there will be discussions of nine case studies (each one corresponding to a different country in the Arab world). The studies will analyse the structural factors of the power system and examine the role of the elites, the opposition movements, the system's response to these demands and prospects for future change. Each case study will be presented by the researchers responsible for the work, and an academic of international renown will discuss their findings.

### Programme

#### Monday, 7 April

##### 16 h Welcoming address

Josep Ribera. Director of the CIDOB Foundation.

##### 16.15 h Presentation of the seminar and the theoretical framework of the project

Ferran Izquierdo, Lecturer in International Relations at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

##### 17.15 h Coffee break

##### 17.30 h Political transitions in the Maghreb region

###### Speakers:

###### - Morocco:

María Angustias Parejo, Lecturer in International Relations, University of Granada.  
Laura Feliu, Lecturer in International Relations, Autonomous University of Barcelona.

###### -Algeria:

Rafael Bustos, Lecturer in International Relations, Complutense University of Madrid.  
Aurelia Mañé, Lecturer in Political Economics, University of Barcelona.

###### -Mauritania:

Raquel Ojeda, Lecturer in Political Science and the Administration, University of Jaén.

###### Remarks:

Morocco and Mauritania- Bernabé López García, Lecturer in the Contemporary History of Islam, International Mediterranean Studies Workshop, Autonomous University of Madrid.

Algeria- Imán Amina Ouenzar, Doctor of Philology, University of Toulouse.

Tuesday, 8 April

10 h **Political transitions in the Mashreq region (I)**  
Session with simultaneous translation French-Spanish

Speakers:

- Palestine:

**Salvador Martínez Más**, Researcher at Carlos III University.

-Syria:

**Ignacio Álvarez-Ossorio**, Permanent Lecturer in Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Alicante.

**Ignacio Gutiérrez de Terán**, Lecturer in Arabic, Autonomous University of Madrid.

-Lebanon:

**Elvira Sánchez**, Lecturer in International Relations, Barcelona Institute for International Studies/Open University of Catalonia.

**Amaia Goenaga**, Doctorate student, International Mediterranean Studies Workshop, Autonomous University of Madrid.

Coffee break

Remarks:

**Palestine - Jean-François Legrain**, Head Researcher at CNRS, member of the Groupe de Recherches et d'Études sur la Méditerranée et le Moyen Orient, at the Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée, Lyon.

**Syria - Salam Kawakibi**, Researcher for the Arab Reform Initiative, Associated Researcher with the CIDOB Foundation.

**Lebanon- George Emile Irani**, Director of the Africa and Middle East Programme at the Toledo International Centre for Peace.

13.30 h Lunch

15.30 h **Political transitions in the Mashreq region (II)**

Speakers:

-Saudi Arabia:

**Eduard Soler**, Coordinator of the Mediterranean Programme, CIDOB Foundation.

**Luciano Zaccara**, Lecturer at the International Mediterranean Studies Workshop, Autonomous University of Madrid.

-Jordan:

**Géraldine Barré**, Masters in International Relations, IBEI.

**Luigi Masciulli**, Doctorate student in International Relations at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

-Egypt:

**Athina Kemou**, Researcher, Autonomous University of Barcelona.

**Bárbara Azaola**, Researcher, University of Castilla-La Mancha.

Remarks:

**Saudi Arabia- Fred Halliday**, Professor of International Relations of the London School of Economics (LSE) and the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI).

**Jordan- Haizam Amirah Fernández**, Head Researcher for the Mediterranean Area and the Arab World, Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid.

**Egypt- Gema Martín Muñoz**, Director General, Casa Árabe.

19 h **Conclusions**

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Eduard Soler i Lecha, CIDOB Foundation.

(\*) *To be confirmed*

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**Enrolment:**  
Attendance free, with limited seating  
Please confirm attendance through the CIDOB website

**Working language:**  
Spanish, without simultaneous translation.  
Some commentators may use English or French.