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Euro-Med Conference 2019: “The EU, Middle East and Africa in the 21st Century”

Middle East Studies Center, The American University in Cairo (New Campus), April 1 -2, 2019

April 1

9:00 – 9:45: Arrival and Registration at MESC

9:45 – 10:00: Welcome

Prof. Robert Mason, Director, Middle East Studies Center, AUC

Prof. Riham Bahi, Head of Euro-Med Programme, Cairo University

10:00 – 11.30: Session 1: EU Foreign and Security Policy in MENA: Summary Assessments

Opening remarks by Eva Saenz-Diez, GERMAC (Université Catholique de Louvain or UCL) - European Neighbourhood Council (ENC).

Azeez Ganiyu (AUC) "Impact of EU-Mediterranean External Border Policy on Irregular Migration"

Kareem Kaldas (AUC) "EU Opportunity in MENA amid Perceived US Withdrawal"

Nouhaila Zaki (Al-Akhawayn University, Ifrane) and Ramzi Darouiche (City University of Applied Sciences, Bremen), "European Foreign Policy and Regime Continuity in Post 2010-11 North Africa"

11:30 – 12:00: Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30: Session 2: New Actors in MENA and the EU Response

Opening remarks by Robert Mason, AUC

Mahmoud Moussa (CU), “The Effects of Russian Intervention in the Mediterranean Region”

Alyaa el-Shafei (CU) “A Comparative Analysis of EU and China’s Drive towards Africa”

13:30 – 14:30: Lunch

END OF DAY 1

April 2

9:00 - 11:30: Session 3: Policy Challenges: Conflict and Crises

Opening remarks by Alexander Neidermeier, CU

Mayada Medhat, (CU), “The Influence of Cultural Identity on Muslim Immigrant’s Integration in Italy”

Rana Magdy, (AUC), “Migrants Smuggling in Libya: The Blurry Line between Smuggling and Human Trafficking in Irregular Migration”

Ahmed Hamdy (AUC) “The Israeli/Palestinian Status Quo: A Problematic of the Rise of Populism?”

Engin Koc (AUC), “Iran and Saudi Arabia’s Power Search in Eastern Mediterranean: The Case of Lebanon”

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Session 4: Middle East and Africa – An Integrated Approach?

Opening remarks by Robert Mason, AUC

Mark Deets (AUC) “North African Borderlands: Colonialism and Nationalism in Egypt and Algeria”

Shady Elsherif (AUC) “Obstacles toward Closer EU – North African Partnership”

Sara Shaltout (AUC) “Migration of Christians to Europe: the Cases of Nigeria and Syria”

13:30 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 14:30: Wrap up

