

Legacies of the 'Arab Spring'

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Project description:

A series of uprisings in late 2010-2011 changed the face of the Middle East region profoundly. Four longstanding regimes fell – those of presidents Ben-Ali in Tunisia, Mubarak in Egypt, Gaddafi in Libya and Saleh in Yemen. But four years later, the sense of hope and renewal sweeping the region has receded in the face of civil war in Syria, political repression in Bahrain, a military coup in Egypt that deposed the elected president Mohamed Morsi, the rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq, and the power vacuum in Yemen and Libya. The legacies of the so-called 'Arab Spring' are many, but the spread of freedom and liberal democracy have not been prominent among them.

In light of these events, we would welcome research proposals into any aspect of the Arab uprisings and their legacies. In particular:

- The political situation in Egypt after the 2011 revolution and the 2013 coup;
- The Syrian refugee crisis, particularly in Turkey, Jordan or Lebanon;
- Refugee and migrant flows across the Mediterranean, including European state and supranational responses to them;
- Western interventions and policy towards the region – particularly in light of renewed military actions targeting ISIS;
- Perceptions of ISIS in the West – for example among Muslim communities in Europe

Entry requirements

Applicants are normally required to have a bachelors degree in a relevant discipline at upper second class or above (or equivalent), and a masters in a relevant discipline (or equivalent experience).

Funding

This project may be eligible for the competition for ESRC scholarships at the University of Birmingham: see

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx>

These scholarships are available for UK and EU applicants only. Applicants wishing to apply for this funding should contact the School or supervisor by January 5th 2015 at the latest.