

EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East Research Group

Complementing the research project an EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East research group has been set up aiming at discussing, debating and analysing theoretical and empirical issues revolving around various themes concerning EU democracy promotion in the Middle East.

The working structure of the research group is in the form of seminars, workshops and reading sessions.

Launch meeting

The research group launched its first meeting on August 06 2008. Oz Hassan, former PhD candidate at the POLSIS department, University of Birmingham presented a paper on "Bush's Freedom Agenda: Between Democracy and Domination". The paper was further discussed by Dr Vincent Durac, Head of Subject (Development Studies) at the School of Political Science and International Relations, University College, Dublin, Ireland.



- [Launch meeting report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/launch-meeting-one.pdf\)](#)

Second meeting

The second meeting of the group took place at the LSE on Friday, 09 of January 2009. After the very successful meeting in Birmingham, this workshop once again brought together a diverse group of scholars, researchers and representatives from civil society and the policy making community, including representatives from Chatham House and the British Council.



- [Second meeting report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/second-meeting-report.pdf\)](#)

Third meeting

The PI, Dr Michelle Pace, represented the ESRC research group at a Contributors' Workshop on EU International Democracy Promotion: Models, Mechanisms and Findings organised by the Swiss National Science Foundation NCCR "Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century" Project, ETH, Center for Comparative and International Studies, Zurich, Switzerland, between 3-5 June 2009. The contributions have been published in Democratization, Volume 18, Issue 4, 2011.

- [Third meeting programme \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/third-meeting-programme.pdf\)](#)

Fourth meeting

The fourth meeting of the research group was co-organised with the University of Leeds' ESRC project on Law, War and the State of the American Exception (PI: Dr Jason Ralph) and the Security and International Relations Research Group, POLIS, University of Leeds. The meeting was held on Friday 16 October 2009.

- Final programme: [Fourth Meeting Programme \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/fourth-meeting-programme.pdf\)](#)
- Report: [Fourth Meeting Report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/fourth-meeting-report.pdf\)](#)

Fifth meeting

The fifth meeting of the research group was held at the University of Sheffield on 22 January 2010.

- Workshop programme: [Sheffield Workshop Programme \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/fifth-meeting-programme.pdf\)](#)
- Workshop poster: [Sheffield Workshop \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/fifth-meeting-poster.pdf\)](#)
- Report: [Sheffield Workshop Report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/fifth-meeting-report.pdf\)](#)

Sixth Meeting

The sixth meeting of the Research Group was co-organised with the EU-iPodS project on 'The Substance of EU International Democracy Promotion (coordinators: Jan Orbie and Fabienne Bossuyt from the Centre for EU Studies at Ghent University and Anne Wetzel of the NCCR, University of Zurich). It took place at Ghent University, Belgium on 24 June 2011.

- Workshop programme: [Ghent Workshop Programme \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/eu-democracy-promotion/sixth-meeting-programme.pdf\)](#)
- Report: [Ghent Workshop Report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/GhentworkshopReport.pdf\)](#)

A follow up workshop to the 6th meeting of the Research Group took place on 16-17 December 2011 again at Ghent University, Belgium. At this workshop papers were selected for submission of a Special Issue of a renowned journal and were discussed in greater detail. The final programme of the workshop is available at here: [Follow-up Meeting Programme. \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/followupeventprogramme.pdf\)](#)

Members

The research group brings together a diverse number of distinguished academic scholars, young researchers, postgraduate students and civil society representatives.

If you are interested in joining the research group please contact:

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