

Project Workshops and Conferences

This ESRC project focuses on Egypt and Palestine, two cases from the Middle East which experienced controversial elections during 2005 (while Egypt was still ruled by President Mubarak) and 2006 respectively and which challenge the EU's rhetoric on democracy promotion. These two cases offer a huge amount of unexplored data on which this project draws.

Therefore, workshops have been held in the two cases studies of the project. Two workshops were held in Cairo, Egypt between the 10th and 11th October, 2009 at the Arab Forum for Alternatives, and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service, in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung) facilities, respectively.

Arab Forum for Alternatives

- Poster: [AFA Workshop Poster \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/AFAPoster.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/AFAPoster.pdf)
- Report: [AFA Workshop Report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/afa-report.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/afa-report.pdf)

Workshop recordings:

- [AFA Workshop \(1\) \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/afa-cairo-1.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/afa-cairo-1.mp3)
- [AFA Workshop \(2\) \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/afa-cairo-2.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/afa-cairo-2.mp3)
- [AFA Workshop \(3\) \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/afa-cairo-3.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/afa-cairo-3.mp3)

The Recordings from this workshop are in Arabic. A summary of the issues discussed is available in English at: [AFA Workshop Summary \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/AFASummary1.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/AFASummary1.pdf).

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service, in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung)

- Programme: [DAAD Workshop Programme \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/DAADseminarprogramme.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/DAADseminarprogramme.pdf)
- Report: [DAAD Workshop Report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/daad-report.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/daad-report.pdf)

Workshop recordings:

- [DAAD Workshop \(1a\) This recording starts off with a bad quality but it does eventually get better and clearer \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/daad-workshop-1a.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/daad-workshop-1a.mp3)
- [DAAD Workshop \(1b\) \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/daad-workshop-1b.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/daad-workshop-1b.mp3)
- [DAAD Workshop \(2a\) \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/daad-workshop-2a.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/daad-workshop-2a.mp3)

A summary of the issues discussed at this workshop is available at: [DAAD Workshop Summary \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/daadworkshopsummary.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/daadworkshopsummary.pdf).

The Maltese Embassy in Egypt issued a press release of the workshop held at the DAAD, which is available at: [Maltese Embassy Press Release \(http://www.mfa.gov.mt/default.aspx?MDIS=360&NWID=625\)](http://www.mfa.gov.mt/default.aspx?MDIS=360&NWID=625).

A workshop was also organised at the Kenyon Institute in Jerusalem on November 11th, 2009.

Kenyon Institute

- Programme: [Kenyon Institute Workshop Programme \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/11112009Workshoppro.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/11112009Workshoppro.pdf)
- Report: [Kenyon Institute Workshop Report \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/kenyon-institute-report.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/kenyon-institute-report.pdf)

Workshop recording:

- [Kenyon Institute Workshop \(http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/Kenyon-workshop-palestine.mp3\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/eumena/Kenyon-workshop-palestine.mp3)

A summary of the issues discussed at this workshop is available here: [Kenyon Institute Workshop Summary \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/kenyoninstituteworkshopsummary.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/workshops-conferences/kenyoninstituteworkshopsummary.pdf).

(It was not possible to go ahead with two other planned workshops, one in Gaza (13th November) and another in Nablus (15th November), due to political restrictions.)

These workshops offered the possibility for an increased awareness of the environment of the recipients of EU efforts at democracy promotion and their localized identities and contexts.

Final project events were held in Brussels in February 2012. These included a Public Hearing on 1 February 2012 at the European Parliament and two workshops co-organised with the European Policy Centre (EPC) held at the EPC premises in Brussels on 2nd and 3rd February 2012. For more information see the [Final Events \(/research/activity/government-society/eumena/final-events.aspx\)](/research/activity/government-society/eumena/final-events.aspx) page.

A 'Modern Islamist Democracy? Perceptions of Democratisation in the Arab-Mediterranean World (2007 - 09)

The Principal Investigator has also been running another complimentary project which was funded by the British Academy on A 'Modern' Islamist Democracy? Perceptions of Democratisation in the Arab-Mediterranean World. This was a two-year project (from April 1, 2007 until March 31, 2009). The final conference of this project was entitled 'Europe and Progressive Islamist Movements: Perceptions of Democratisation in the Middle East'. It was held at the European Research Institute, University of Birmingham on March 6, 2009.

- [British Academy Final Conference Report March 2009 \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/publications/marchreport09final.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/eumena/publications/marchreport09final.pdf)

This event was co-funded by the British Academy, the European Politics research group of the Department of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Birmingham, the British International Studies Association (Working Group on International Mediterranean Studies) and the University Association for Contemporary European Studies.



The PI chaired a panel on Europe in the World: Relations with the Southern Neighbours at a major conference on The Future of Europe at the European Research Institute, University of Birmingham on 14-15 May 2009. For more information visit: <http://www.futureofeuropa.bham.ac.uk/> (<http://www.futureofeuropa.bham.ac.uk/>)

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