Migration has emerged as one of the major challenges of our time, from the Syrian refugee crisis or sub-Saharan migration via the Mediterranean to the mobilisation of diaspora groups across Europe or the politics of labour immigration in the Gulf. This interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together scholars working on the interplay between migration and international relations into, out of, and across the Middle East, both historically and in contemporary times.

Papers on all issues related to the international politics of Middle East migration are welcome, including work on labour migration, refugees and forced migration, as well as transnationalism and diasporas. Papers on the following topics are of particular interest:

- The governance of Middle East migration
- European responses to “migration and refugee crises” and the rise of “migration deals”
- The politics of Middle East diasporas
- The management of African and South-Asian migrant populations in the Middle East
- Foreign policy, security and Middle East migration
- Authoritarian states’ responses to labour and forced migration in the region


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