2020 APSA MENA Workshop
"Securitization and Insecurity in the Middle East and North Africa"
Virtual Summer Program - July 27 to August 21, 2020

The virtual summer program is the first part of the 2020 APSA MENA Program. It will take place over four weeks starting with a "Meet and Greet" session on Tuesday July 28 and followed by weekly sessions on Thursdays - July 30, August 6, 13 & 20. The virtual program will provide fellows with initial research feedback and an opportunity to engage in thematic discussions related to Critical Security Studies in the MENA region. We expect the virtual program to be followed by an in-person workshop in spring/summer 2021 featuring research feedback, scholarly engagement, and other professional development support.

The four thematic issues that will be discussed during the virtual program are:

1. Securitization
2. International Intervention and Insecurity
3. South-South Relations and Comparative Regionalism
4. Migration and Borders

For each thematic issue, fellows will be provided 4-5 required readings as well as a short video recorded by the co-leaders. Fellows are required to review this content and then submit a 300-500 word reflection. The reflection may highlight a specific argument that fellows would like to discuss further; critiques of the arguments found in the readings; or outline how the readings might relate to fellows' research papers.

Weekly discussions will be held on Thursdays. Fellows will be divided into two groups so that each discussion is attended by 8 fellows and facilitated by 2 co-leaders. The co-leaders moderating each discussion group will rotate so that each group will meet with each of the co-leaders across the four weeks of the program. Fellows are expected to attend and actively participate in each of the weekly sessions. We encourage all participants to keep their cameras on during the virtual sessions, which could help compensate a little for not being in-person. It also helps your peers and co-leaders maintain a lively session.

One of the key components of the MENA workshops is research feedback. Fellows are required to submit a full draft of their papers at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the workshop (no more than 8,000 words; based on the abstract submitted as part of the workshop application). Co-leaders will read and provide feedback so that each fellow receives two written reviews on their research papers. At the end of the virtual program, fellows will be invited to provide written feedback to their peers' work. More information on the optional peer feedback assignments will be shared at the conclusion of the virtual program.

Please note that draft research papers are shared among this closed group with the understanding that they are not to be shared, referenced, or quoted from without prior consent of the author.

Additional program information will be uploaded to a closed workshop site, which will be updated with readings, short videos, schedule, fellows' manuscripts, and other relevant information. We will send a note as soon as the website is ready. Following the virtual program, we encourage fellows and co-leaders to stay engaged with the thematic issues and connected with one another. Discussion groups may continue to meet periodically on their

own, and co-leaders may be available for mentoring as their scheduled permit. We expect to have a better sense of when we can hold the in-person workshop by early fall and will updated all fellows as soon as possible.

Reading list for the Summer 2020 Virtual Program

Securitization (Samer/Salim)
- Can Mutlu and Mark B. Salter (2013), The Discursive Turn: Introduction. In, *Research Methods in Critical Security Studies: An Introduction*, London: Routledge, pp. 111-119.
- Luis Lobo-Guerrero, "Archives" In, Salter & Multu (Eds), *Research Methods in Critical Security Studies: An Introduction*, 2013. London: Routledge, pp. 121-124.
- Juha A. Vuori, "Speech Act Theory" In Salter & Multu (Eds), *Research Methods in Critical Security Studies: An Introduction*, 2013. London: Routledge, pp. 133-137.
- May Darwich & Tamirace Fakhoury (2016) Casting the Other as an existential threat: The securitisation of sectarianism in the international relations of the Syria crisis, *Global Discourse*, 6:4, 712-732.
- Helle Malmvig (2019) Allow me this one time to speak as a Shi'i: The sectarian taboo, music videos and the securitization of sectarian identity politics in Hezbollah's legitimation of its military involvement in Syria, *Mediterranean Politics*.

International Intervention and Insecurity (Samer/Zaynab)
- Waleed Hazbun (2010). US Policy and the Geopolitics of Insecurity in the Arab World, *Geopolitics*, 15:2, 239-262.
- Abboud, S. N., & Muller, B. J. (2013). Geopolitics, insecurity and neocolonial exceptionalism: A critical appraisal of the UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon. *Security Dialogue*, *44* (5-6), 467–484.
- Pinar Bilgin (2015). "Region, Security, Regional Security: 'Whose Middle East?' Revisited," in E. Monier (ed.). Regional Insecurity After the Arab Uprisings, London: Palgrave, pp. 19-39.
- Melani Cammett, Ishac Diwan & Irina Vartanova (2020) Insecurity and political values in the Arab world, *Democratization*, 27:5, 699-716.

South-South Relations and Comparative Regionalism (Omar/Salim)
- Barry Buzan and Ole Wæver (2003). "Security complexes: a theory of regional security," in, *Regions and powers: The structure of international security.* Cambridge University Press. pp. 40-89.
- Isaac S.K. (2015) "A Resurgence in Arab Regional Institutions? The Cases of the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council Post-2011," in E. Monier (ed.). *Regional Insecurity After the Arab Uprisings*, London: Palgrave, pp. 151-167.
- Söderbaum, F. (2016) "Old, new, and comparative regionalism," in Börzel, Tanja A. and Thomas Risse (eds). *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism*, pp.16-37.
- Dahi, O. and Demir, F. (2016) "Introduction to South-South Relations" in *South South Trade and Finance in the Twenty-First Century: Rise of the South Or a Second Great Divergence*. Anthem
- Salim Hmimnat (2020) 'Spiritual security' as a (meta-)political strategy to compete over regional leadership: formation of Morocco's transnational religious policy towards Africa, *The Journal of North African Studies*, 25:2, 189-227.
- تصدير "الأمن الروحي "كآلية إستراتيجية لدعم التمدد المغربي في إفريقيا. 2018 سليم حميمنات
https://mipa.institute/5496

Migration/Borders (Omar/Zaynab)
- Biigo, Didier. "The (in) securitization practices of the three universes of EU border control: Military/Navy–border guards/police–database analysts." *Security Dialogue* 45.3 (2014): 209-225.

- El Qadim, Nora. "The symbolic meaning of international mobility: EU–Morocco negotiations on visa facilitation." *Migration Studies* 6.2 (2018): 279-305.

Schedule for the Summer 2020 Virtual Program

Schedule	Weekly Events	Co-leader responsibilities
Preparation	- *Fellows submit working draft (including abstract) of research prior to the start of the program* - *Draft papers, readings, and short video lectures are posted to the workshop website* - *Fellows are divided into 2 Discussion Groups*	- *Co-leaders write read and complete 1-2 page reviews of the 8 fellows in their initial discussion group* - *Co-leaders moderating each discussion group will rotate so both groups interact with all four leaders*
Week 1: Securitization	- Zoom: Introductions and Overview **resources for Thematic Issue #1 developed by** - Zoom: Thematic discussion with Group A - Zoom: Thematic discussion with Group B	- All co-leaders and fellows (Tuesday) **Samer/Salim** - Samer/Zaynab (Thursday) - Omar/Salimb (Thursday)
Week 2: International Intervention and Insecurity	**resources for Thematic Issue #2 developed by** - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group A - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group B	**Samer/Zaynab** - Omar/Zaynab (Thursday) - Samer/Salim (Thursday)
Week 3: South-South Relations and Comparative Regionalism	**resources for Thematic Issue #3 developed by** - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group A - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group B	**Omar/Zaynab** - Omar/Salim (Thursday) - Samer/Zaynab (Thursday)
Week 4: Migration and Borders	- Zoom: Professional Development session **resources for Thematic Issue #4 developed by** - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group A - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group B	- Samer / Zaynab (Tuesday – optional) - **Samer/Salim** - Samer/Zaynab (Thursday) - Omar/Salim (Thursday)
Follow-up	- *Fellows complete survey for program feedback* - *Fellows submit revised working drafts of their research for peer review by fellows in their discussion groups (optional)* - *Fellows and co-leaders are encouraged to stay engaged and in communication with one another over the interim period*	