



Beyond Freedom and Democracy. Ideals of Europe Seen from the Contentious Mediterranean (1980s-2010s).

Workshop n.3 in the series “Interrogating the Idea of Europe” jointly organised by the Max Weber Programme and the Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre.

27 April, 3pm to 6pm
Sala Emeroteca, Badia Fiesolana

■ **ABSTRACT:**

This workshop is the third part of the series “Interrogating the Idea of Europe: Views from North Africa.” It will explore the construction of political narratives regarding Europe on the Southern shore of the Mediterranean. By decentering the dominant perspective, the panel will provide a critical understanding of Europe as a space of cultural diversity and material opportunity. At the same time, it will also interrogate the role of the European Union after the Arab uprisings of 2010-2011, and try to understand the contradictions that characterize its action in favor of democracy and peace-making. Finally, this workshop will shed light on the transnational dynamics and strategies that shape the Euro-Mediterranean relationship, and show how the EU's normative claims have been produced, transferred, contested or reinterpreted with the active participation of the Southern neighborhood.

Aitana Guia (EUI)

Back to the Future: Importing North African experiences of Nativism, Migration, and Gender to Europe, 1985-2015

Thomas Serres (EUI)

The European Union in Algerian politics: Negotiating, Interpreting and Redefining European “Core-Values” from the South

Farida Souiah (University of Lausanne - ISSRC/ORS)

Hope and Disillusion: The Images of Europe in Algerian and Tunisian Cultural Production about Undocumented Migration

Virginie Collombier (EUI)

Part of the 'big family'. The Libyans' natural relation to Europe and its ambiguities

Chair :

Raffaella A. Del Sarto (EUI)

Discussant :

Katharina Lenner (EUI)