

# ISLAMISTS, LEFTISTS AND THE RADICAL BATTLEFIELD IN THE MENA

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Circonvallazione Tiburtina 4  
Edificio Marco Polo Aula T03  
(Groundfloor)

10:00 **Welcome Greetings**

10.15 **Assessing and Explaining Cross-Ideological Collaborations/Conversions in Arab Political Thought and Practice - *Michaëlle Browers* (Wake Forest University)**  
Chair: Prof. Laura Guazzone (Sapienza University of Rome)

11:00 **Panel 1 - The Shia-Communist Conundrum**

Chair: Nathaniel George (SOAS University of London)

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**The Iranian Left and Political Islam, 1941-1979: An Overview**

*Siavush Randjbar-Daemi* (University of St. Andrews)

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Chair: Daniela Melfa (University of Messina)

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**Engaging in the cultural battle: Islamist and leftist cultural activism in 1980s Tunisia**

*Alessia Carnevale* (University of Naples 'L'Orientale')

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Chair: Andrea Teti (University of Salerno)

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**"Sometimes with the Islamists, Never with the State!": The Egyptian new left and the question of Islamism - *Hossam El-Hamalawy* (Independent Researcher)**

**The 'Left' and the Sadrists in post-2003 Iraq: the rising of a protest movement and the challenge of building up a popular basis**

*Gennaro Gervasio* (Roma Tre University) and *Daniela Pioppi* (University of Naples 'L'Orientale')

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