THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA TODAY:
CRISES, MOBILITIES AND PATHS TO THE FUTURE

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The recent events in North Africa and Middle East have produced an impact that has widely transcended the local or regional scale, unveiling other historical fault-lines in the Mediterranean and beyond. This makes the comprehension of the ongoing processes of paramount importance for a deeper understanding of how the problems faced by the societies of the area represent common challenges for a shared future. Nonetheless, most analysis have been carried out under perspectives that emphasize the political and geostrategic stakes for Europe and the Global North, leaving aside the experience of people and their effort to survive and build a better future. Indeed, while the undisputed leading role of the citizens was widely acknowledged in the first phase of the revolt, it quick lost preeminence after the reorganization of the authoritarian regimes, which took again the center stage.

This summer school aims to further a deep view over the region with a specific attention to people’s experience, imaginaries, forms of organization and motivations. The objective is to provide an understanding of the current social and political dynamics through a community-centered perspective, able to highlight the ways in which people negotiate forms of coherence and meaning, ethical plausibility and imaginaries of the future. This approach allows to connect the ongoing political and historical processes with the strategies pursued by people through their aspirations and attempts of social reproduction.

**MAIN TOPICS**

Activism and Generation / Gender and Mobility  
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