

## **Call for Papers: Workshop ‘Mediterranean Encounters’**

5th EISA European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS)

The Return of Politics to International Relations

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**Deadline for abstract submissions: 10 January 2018**

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Mediterranean encounters are rare, especially concerning scholarly perspectives on international relations. But such encounters are important. Fernand Braudel, being raised in Algeria and having a career in France, one stated, “I believe that this spectacle, the Mediterranean as seen from the opposite side, upside down, had considerable impact on my vision of history”. It seems reasonable to assume that also our perspectives on our subject matter, international relations, are impacted by the characteristics of our observation post. The discipline of International Relations (IR) is cultivated significantly different along Southern,- Northern, Eastern and Western shores of the Mediterranean and, the politics of IR is markedly different in form and substance. The workshop aims at bringing together IR scholars from the Mediterranean region to explore the conditions under which we produce knowledge about international politics/relations; theoretical, methodological and philosophical orientations; research agendas and programmes; advances within the field, including criteria for assessing progress; and the institutional and political settings that enable or constrain our activities. The workshop will provide an opportunity to present and discuss research with a potential to lead to a publication as a special issue/book.

Possible paper topics include but are not limited to:

- Different narratives of development in the Mediterranean
- Mediterranean IR and the politics of climate change
- North African IR perspectives on Europe
- Is there a Mediterranean research agenda on energy cooperation in the Mediterranean region.
- Theoretical IR traditions in the Mediterranean
- Processes of Greek and Turkish identity formation
- Methodological challenges for empirical work on the Mediterranean
- Conceptual IR clusters around the Mediterranean
- Who produces knowledge on security in the Mediterranean
- Critical approaches on orientalism and occidentalism in the Mediterranean
- The uneven development of the IR discipline
- Perspectives on state and society relations in the Mediterranean region

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