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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Does rising economic inequality create a representation gap between rich and poor? Evidence from Europe and the United States (LSE EUROPP)

Economically powerful individuals are assumed to have greater capacity to influence politics than those with lower incomes. This might imply that as economic inequality increases, we should see a growing representation gap between rich and poor. Read more [here](#).

EU, Turkey Clash over Hagia Sophia, Mediterranean Drilling (The National Herald)

Turkey and the European Union clashed on Monday over Ankara's decision to change the status of Hagia Sophia from a museum to a mosque and its continued energy exploration in disputed Mediterranean waters. Read more [here](#).

Is Lebanon collapsing? (US12 Campaign)

Lebanon, one of the world's most indebted countries, is spiraling into poverty and political chaos after decades of economic mismanagement. Its government is seeking a \$10 billion bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), but the IMF insists that Lebanon must first reform its bloated and corrupt public sector. So far, Beirut's power brokers have resisted. Is Lebanon about to implode? Read more [here](#).

China in the Mediterranean: Implications of expanding Sino-North Africa relations (Brookings)

The southern shores of the Mediterranean have become one of the most significant sites of great power competition as the United States continues to take a back seat in global affairs. Read more [here](#).

Environment

WWF urges Med countries to save sharks (ANSAméd)

Mediterranean a trap for illegally fished species. Read more [here](#).

A blacklist of pesticides used in Turkey that are most harmful to bees (Bianet)

Taking into account the PAN's list, I have created a list by individually reviewing which pesticides that are allowed to be used in Turkey harms bees (and other insects in natural life) the most. Read more [here](#).

Plastic waste level in seas increases as Turkish waters at risk (Hurriyet Daily News)

Microplastics formed by the shrinkage of plastics thrown into the sea will take up more space than fish in 2050 and the ecosystem on the Turkish coasts are at risk from increasing plastic waste, experts have warned. Read more [here](#).

Hydro power to the people: the fight against Bosnia and Herzegovina's hydroelectric dams (Euronews)

The development of hydroelectric dams in the Western Balkans is creating a flood of debate. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

10 awesome Israeli archeological sites you never heard of (Israel21c)

Find out where the largest Philistine city, largest Canaanite city, largest ancient city gate and largest Neolithic village were discovered. Read more [here](#).

Climate Change Did Not Drive Neanderthals of Western Mediterranean to Extinction (News18)

No significant or impactful enough climate change had taken place during the period when Neanderthals existed. Read more [here](#).

Euro-Mediterranean Cities in the Post-pandemic Era (WHC UNESCO)

The coronavirus has challenged the core of what makes cities vibrant and successful: busy streets full of people. Read more [here](#).

Bodrum Castle waiting for underwater archeology enthusiasts (Hurriyet Daily News)

As the second stage restoration works have been completed in the Bodrum Castle, a 1,100 square-meter of indoor exhibition area has been opened to visitors. The castle is among the places frequented by holidaymakers. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



By Alessandro Gatto (Italy)

The original website of the caricature can be found [here](#).

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