

A multilateral approach to ungoverned spaces: Libya and beyond

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

11.00-11.10 Registration

11.10-11.15 Welcome remarks: **Nicolò Russo Perez**, Compagnia di San Paolo

11.15-13.15 Session I

Libya's ungoverned spaces and the escalating civil war

Weak to begin with under Gaddhafi, Libya's state structures never materialised in the four years following the fall of the old dictator. The government's reach barely extended to the south when the civil war began in 2014, quickly resulting in the creation of two separate governments, one in Tobruk and one in Tripoli, neither of which has any grip on the country. The expansion of ungoverned spaces has gone hand in hand with the escalation of the civil war. This panel will analyse the dynamics behind this vicious cycle and the ways it can be stopped.

Chair: **Mattia Toaldo**, Policy Fellow, ECFR

Introductory remarks:

Tarek Megerisi, London-based Libya analyst, former advisor to Libya's Prime Minister's office

Claudia Gazzini, Tripoli-based Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group

Wolfram Lacher, Senior Researcher, SWP

Hassan al Amin, Editor, Libya al Mustakbal

Guma Al Gumaty, NTC representative to the UK at the time of the 2011 intervention

13.15-13.45 Light lunch

13.45-15.45 Session II

The regional dimensions of the conflict in Libya

The combination between expanding ungoverned spaces and an escalating civil war creates growing threats for both North African and European neighbours of Libya: a humanitarian and a refugee crisis; the rise of Daesh; a collapsing energy security and a growing regional interference. While Egypt has been increasingly and more directly involved in Libya's civil war, ostensibly to address some or all of these threats, Europeans have sought a negotiated solution through the UN and the involvement of their regional allies. This panel will attempt to answer the question of how a concerted, multilateral approach to the threats created by Libya's ungoverned spaces can be adequate and effective.

Chair: **Emiliano Alessandri**, Mediterranean Focal Point, OSCE

Introductory remarks:

Younes Abouyoub, Special Advisor, UNSMIL

Roberto Aliboni, Scientific Advisor, IAI

Wolfgang Muehlberger, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Florence Gaub, Senior Analyst, EU ISS

Abdulrahman Al Ageli, Former advisor to the office of Libya's Prime Minister on borders and security

15.45-16.15 **Conclusions: a multilateral approach to ungoverned spaces in the Middle East and North Africa**

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