



19th RESEARCH SEMINAR 2020-2021

MA Erasmus Mundus EUROSUD- South European Studies
MA Democracia y Gobierno



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This Research Seminar is taught since 2001/2002. The aim of the seminar is to familiarize the students with what doing research of different kinds entails. Since 2019/2020, the Seminar prioritizes topics that affect **Southern Europe**.

The sessions will take place every **Tuesday 3 to 5 pm** in **Aula 2 de Informática, 1st floor Edificio de CC. Jurídicas, Políticas y Económicas**. There will be both **in-person and online** sessions. Each session will consist of a presentation of 45 ms. followed by Q&A.

Sessions are **open to the public**. Please contact the coordinator.

Programme

26-1	In-person	Introduction Irene Martín Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
2-2	Online	Geopolitics in the Mediterranean: Impact on the EU and Spain Eduard Soler CIDOB
9-2	In-person	Gender and political representation: Do women really hide away from political power? Marta Fraile CSIC
16-2	In-person	Whither Euromediterranean energy geopolitics? Gonzalo Escribano Real Instituto Elcano
23-2	In-person	Voicing outrage, contending with austerity: Political Mobilisation in Spain under the Great Recession Martín Portos Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
2-3	Online	Public Administration as a science, an art, a profession, and a form of practical humanism: perspectives and implications for government and democracy Edoardo Ongaro The Open University
9-3	Online	Explaining the emergence of the Radical Right in Spain and Portugal Mariana Mendes MIDEM, Technische Universität Dresden
16-3	Online	Polarisation in the Greek Elections of 2019 E. Teperoglou – M. Tsatsanis Aristotle U. of Thessaloniki - EKKE/ELIAMEP
23-3	In-person	Preferences about the Territorial Constitution in Catalonia and Spain Robert Liñeira University of Glasgow
6-4	Online	Partisan-motivated reasoning and COVID-19 conspiracy beliefs in Europe Moreno Mancuso Università degli Studi di Torino
7-4*	Casa Árabe	Democratization Against Democracy: How EU Policy Fails the Arab Uprisings Andrea Teti University of Aberdeen
13-4	Online	A passage from provinciality to cosmopolitanism? How a new narrative rebranded Thessaloniki, attracting, tourism, events, and businesses Nikos Hlepas National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
20-4	In-person	Return in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict. Rationality and Emotions Inmaculada Serrano Universidad de Comillas
27-4	Online	Democratic trajectories: Culture and inclusion in Portugal, Spain and the United States Robert Fishman Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

*This session will take place at Casa Árabe, on Wednesday at 7pm



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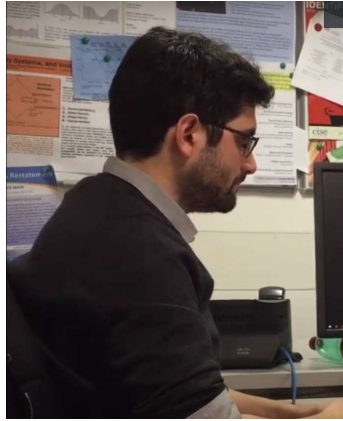


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His research focuses on the politics of democracy promotion in the Euro-Mediterranean area. His analyses are considered leading exemplars of Constructivism and of Poststructuralism in these areas, as well as innovative uses of Critical Discourse Analysis in unpacking EU foreign policy towards the Middle East and influential critiques of orthodox models of Democratization in the region. Andrea appears regularly on national and international media. He is also a regular contributor to *OpenDemocracy* and *The Conversation*.



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Her dissertation, combining long-term ethnographic work and quantitative analysis, focused on the return process of IDPs in Bosnia-Herzegovina after the 1990s conflict, and it was awarded the 2011 Juan Linz award for the best doctoral thesis in political science.

Her research focuses on international migration and forced migration, as well as violent conflict. She has participated in various national and international research projects in the field of migrations (e.g. TEMPER, MAFE/MESE) and political behavior. She has worked in different capacities with international organizations such as OHCHR, UNHCR, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and ILO.



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