



30 June - 4 July 2025

Barcelona Summer School of the Mediterranean and the Middle East

6 hour courses

The International Relations of the Middle East

Fawaz Gerges
(London School of Economics and Political Science)

The (Geo)Politicization of Migration: Two Sides of the Same Coin

Blanca Garcés (CIDOB)

Mediterranean Geopolitics: Power Struggles, Critical Infrastructures, and International Cooperation

Eduard Soler (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona -
Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals)

Climate Change and Natural Disasters: Towards an Effective MENA Cooperation

Laurent Alfonso
(Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France)

Palestinian Self-Determination: What Was Possible Before Oct 7th, and What Remains Possible Now?

Yezid Sayigh
(Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)

Establishing Connectivities in the Mediterranean: Thematic Threads Across East-West Geographies (in collaboration with PRIO)

Harry Tzimitras (PRIO Cyprus Center), Carsten Wieland
(PRIO) and Dalia Ghanem (The Middle East Council
on Global Affairs)

Gender and Politics in the Arab Spring

Monica Marks (NYU Abu Dhabi)

The Geopolitics of the Sea: A Multidimensional Analysis of the Mediterranean

Raffaele Mancini
(Senior Environment and Sustainability Expert)

Events

Opening Ceremony - JUNE 30, 2025

(in collaboration with CCCB, Centre de Cultura
Contemporània de Barcelona)

The Fred Halliday Award Lecture

Neil Ketchley (St Anthony's College,
University of Oxford)

*The Possibilities of Protest
in the Middle East and North Africa*

Panel Discussion with Yezid Sayigh, Monica Marks and Neil Ketchley

The Future of the Middle East

Public Lecture - JULY 2, 2025

(Blanquerna, Universitat Ramon Llull)

Fawaz Gerges (London School of Economics
and Political Science)

Syria's Morning After: Who Owns the Revolution?

Discussant: Yezid Sayigh

SUMMER SCHOOL

The **Barcelona Summer School of the Mediterranean and the Middle East** is a joint initiative of IBEI, Blanquerna, Catalonia International and IEMed.

The 2025 edition of the School will consist of a number of interactive courses on the politics and international relations of the Mediterranean and the Middle East, taught by experts of international reputation. These will be complemented by various field trips and cultural events.

This integrated structure will enable the programme to cater to the needs of both students and practitioners. Students will have the opportunity to obtain ECTS credits, provided they are recognized by their university. **The events will be free for all registered participants.**

The format will be face-to-face.

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

- **Umut Özkırmılı** (Senior Research Fellow, IBEI; Professor, Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull; and Senior Research Associate, CIDOB).

PRICES AND DISCOUNTS

Category	6 hour course
Students	195 €
Professionals & researchers	280 €

Special discount of 20% for IBEI and Blanquerna students and alumni.

Additional 10% discount for early full payments received on or before June 2, 2025.

Discount pricing for participants taking more than one course:

Courses	Discount
2nd course	20 %
3rd course	30 %
4th course or more	40 %

Your registration will be complete once the payment has been confirmed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships to cover full or half course fees will be available.

To apply for a scholarship, interested persons must send a letter of interest, a CV, and a recommendation letter to IBEI Research Department (research@ibei.org) by **May 23, 2025**.

Scholarship decisions will be communicated before 2 June 2025.

CERTIFICATE

At the conclusion of the Barcelona Summer School, **participants will receive a certificate for the number of hours attended.** All courses require an average of twice the lecture hours for readings, pre-readings and class preparation. Upon previous request, the faculty can provide an assessment of the courses, and the grade obtained can be included into the certificate, in case students aim to transfer them into ECTS credits.

For **credit recognition**, please contact IBEI Research Department (research@ibei.org).

ADMISSION PROCESS

Interested candidates should apply before June 27, 2025. After this deadline, your place may not be guaranteed.

Please complete the [registration form](#), including your CV and detailing the courses you are interested in.

Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis, and candidates will be informed of the decision in less than two weeks. A document will be attached to our response with payment information (using online credit card system or a transfer to bank account).

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