



The MENA Programme at Chatham House is one of the leading centres for analysis of the Middle East and North Africa. The programme undertakes research and runs projects and events on political, economic and security issues, with a strong policy focus. The work is interdisciplinary, involving scholars in political science, economics, law, history and area studies, and also specialists from the public sector, journalism and business.

Middle East and North Africa Programme

Our research is focused around four main themes:

Arab Futures

Effective policy responses to the 2011 uprisings depend on a detailed knowledge of how specific local and sub-regional elements interact within individual societies to shape often varied outcomes. Our work will examine change and development in a number of states including Egypt and Tunisia in transition, scenarios for Yemen and Libya, and the future of the Gulf monarchies.

Economic Transformations and Young Entrepreneurs

In a region where the majority of people are aged under 30, our work seeks to identify and give voice to new actors in the region and analyse entrepreneurs as agents of change. It will consider how young entrepreneurs are likely to move away from traditional business models, developing new opportunities to contribute to growth, employment and economic diversification.

Governance, Society and Security

The complexity of the challenges now facing the Middle East requires new ways of addressing questions of justice, pluralism and the inclusion of the region's minorities. This area of research includes analysis of poor governance and state fragility, the future of the Middle East peace process, minorities and refugees, identities and citizenship, the application of international law, and the politics of sectarianism.

Rethinking Western Engagement with the MENA Region

Our research analyses the longer-term implications for the US and EU of the emergence of new and often competing trends within the region through a reassessment of the geo-strategic assumptions underlying existing policy templates and approaches. Unusually for policy work, our approach starts from an analysis of the needs and perspectives of the region, rather than developments in EU and US policy alone.



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The programme welcomes support and input from organizations and individuals who recognize the importance of independent policy-orientated research. The programme fundraises for 100% of its activities and costs, including salaries.

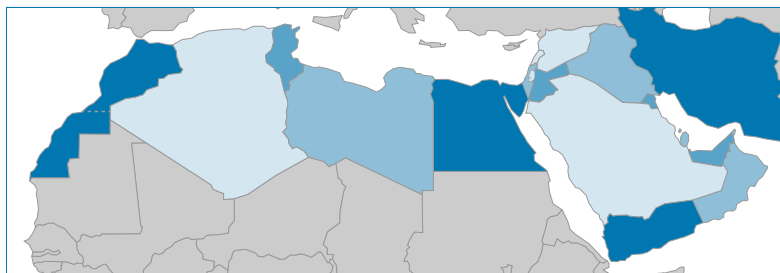
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Current projects include:

Egypt in Transition

This workshop-based project aims to create and sustain a platform for inclusive political dialogue about the current situation and the political future of post-Mubarak Egypt. Key themes include the role of the military, civil society, democracy and political organization, the evolution of political Islam and economic policy challenges.

The Politics of Iran

The significance of Iran within its region and beyond is reflected in several projects on the country. Our current work is focused on the political crisis between Iran and the West, the evolution of domestic Iranian politics and the nuclear deadlock.

Palestinian Refugees

Maintaining a network of researchers and policy-makers on Palestinian refugees has been a core part of our activity for the past decade. Our current work seeks to promote better understanding between regional players and international donors.

The Yemen Forum

Our flagship Yemen Forum project is a specialist global network that raises awareness, shares expertise and supports governments in forming policies that directly address the causes of conflict, poverty and poor governance in Yemen.

Events, Publications and Media

To complement our research, the programme runs a variety of discussion groups, roundtable meetings, workshops and public events. The convening power of Chatham House attracts influential figures from the region, alongside senior analysts, journalists, policy-makers, activists and the private sector. Events seek to inform and broaden current debates about the region and about UK and international policy. Our research staff are regularly in demand for public and private briefings, and contributions to specialized policy forums.

We produce a range of publicly available reports, books and papers which are widely read within the region, the UK and internationally. Recent publications include titles on the Iranian elections, Britain and the Middle East, Kurds in international affairs, the conflict in Jerusalem and Yemen's regional relations. We also regularly make informed contributions to national and international media coverage, helping to improve the quality of information disseminated about the region.



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