Wednesday 27 September 2017 | Thursday 28 September 2017
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium 2, Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Geneva

ELUSIVE STATE-BUILDING
The Middle East and North Africa
1917–2017

Programme
**WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2017**

9:15 – 9:30  **Opening and Introductory Remarks**  
Irina Du Bois, President, Pierre du Bois Foundation  
Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

9:30 – 11:00  **Panel One**  
From the Twilight of the Ottoman Empire to the ‘Caliphate’ Redux  
Chair: Lisa Anderson, Columbia University  
Speakers: Baghat Korany, American University in Cairo  
Olivier Roy, European University Institute, Florence  
Salman Sayyid, University of Leeds

11:00 – 11:30  **Break**

11:30 – 13:00  **Panel Two**  
The Sykes-Picot Paradigm: Overemphasis or Lasting (dis)Order?  
Chair: Benoît Challand, New School for Social Research  
Speakers: Joseph Bahout, Carnegie, Washington  
Jordi Tejel, Université de Neuchâtel, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

13:00 – 14:00  **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  **Panel Three**  
The Iraq Wars: A Paradigm of Unceasing Conflict in the Region  
Chair: Amatzia Baram, University of Haifa  
Speakers: Faleh Abdel Jabar, Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies, Beirut  
Stephanie Cronin, Oxford University  
Gareth Stansfield, University of Exeter

15:30 – 16:00  **Break**

16:00 – 17:30  **Panel Four**  
Peace and Wars: A Century of the Palestine Question  
Chair: Jussi Hanhimäki, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers: Ahmad Khalidi, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University  
Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, Tel Aviv University  
Riccardo Bocco, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

18:30 – 20:00  **Keynote Lecture**  
Authoritarismes, Interventions et le Nouveau Grand Jeu au Moyen-Orient  
Bertrand Badie, Sciences Po Paris

20:00 – 22:00  Conference Cocktail and Dinner (by invitation)

**THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

10:00 – 11:00  **Panel Five**  
Authoritarianism and Interventionism: Resilience and Renewal  
Chair: Carolyn Biltoft, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers: Jülide Karakoc, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Istanbul  
Aidan Hehir, University of Westminster

11:00 – 11:30  **Break**

11:30 – 13:00  **Panel Six**  
The Arab Spring and its Discontents  
Chair: Jean-Francois Bayart, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers: Nadia Marzouki, European University Institute, Florence  
Omar Ashour, Exeter University  
Tarek Masoud, JFK School of Government, Harvard University

13:00 – 14:00  **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  **Panel Seven**  
Alternative Statehood and Armed Militancy: From the Ikhwan to the Islamic State  
Chair: Keith Krause, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers: François Burgat, National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Aix-en-Provence  
Maha Yaha, Carnegie Middle East Centre  
Matthew Bamber, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

15:30 – 16:00  **Break**

16:00 – 17:15  **Roundtable Discussion**  
Persistent Narratives: The Rise and Fall and Rise of Orientalism  
Chair: Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
Speakers: Hamid Dabashi, Columbia University  
Karim Bitar, University of Saint-Joseph, Beirut  
Anna Akasoy, City University of New York  
Adam Shatz, The London Review of Books

17:15 – 17:30  **Summary of Discussions and Close**

18:30 – 19:30  Conference Closing Cocktail (by invitation)