



*Call for Papers*

# **Research in Times of Change and Uncertainty: Europe, the Middle East, and Beyond**

IAIS and Politics Postgraduate Conference

**23-24 May 2016**

*Venue: Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University*

***Submission deadline: 11 April 2016***

The current political events are fostering new paradigms for the study of emerging challenges on both sides of the Mediterranean. Borders and domestic politics no longer pose limits for the interconnected world we live in. The Syrian crisis spilled over in its neighbouring states, and waves of refugees escaping the violence and seeking asylum in Europe are testing host countries and the European project itself. At the same time, non-state actors, such as *Daesh*, are well positioned to confront the perceived and long-established paradigm of security in Europe since the end of the II World War.

The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies and the Politics Department of the University of Exeter will be holding a conference on 23-24 May 2016 to address this current state of uncertainty in Europe, the Middle East and world, and to understand how we, as researchers, should conduct our work within these complex dynamics.

We invite submissions from all researchers wishing to share their experiences of working in these times of change for the benefit of current and future researchers, especially PhD students. We especially encourage postgraduates and recent PhD graduates to apply.

The conference is open to all researchers working in the humanities and social sciences, including, but not limited to:

- Anthropology
- Literature
- Archaeology
- Development studies
- Gender studies
- History
- International relations
- Islamic studies
- Language studies
- Law
- Material culture
- Political economy
- Political science
- Political theory
- Security and Strategic Studies
- Sociology

Speakers will be given 15 minutes to present their papers and a half hour for Q&A at the end of their panels.

To apply, please email the accompanying application form to [iaisprconference@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:iaisprconference@exeter.ac.uk). Please put **IAIS-Pol Research conference 2016** in the subject line.

**Deadline** for the submissions is **11 April 2016**.

Presenters are required to submit a **draft paper** of c.3,000 words by **15 May 2016**.

If you wish to attend the conference without presenting a paper, please email your request to [iaisprconference@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:iaisprconference@exeter.ac.uk). Please include your name, discipline of study, your home university, and your email address in the body of your email, and put **IAIS-Pol conference attendee 2016** in the subject line. Only those who have expressed their interest in advance in this way will be able to participate in the conference and social event.

For any further information regarding the event or the application process, please feel free to contact us at [mar217@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:mar217@exeter.ac.uk) and [aa517@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:aa517@exeter.ac.uk).

Best regards,

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