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## **Political mobilisation, youth and women's activism and new democratic politics in the southern Mediterranean, Middle East and its Diasporas**

*Monday, 21 June 2021 11:00 (1h 30m)*

The panel will explore how recent movements, new social actors, women and youth in particular have been responding to crises of democracy, the pandemic and structural inequalities in countries across the Mediterranean, Middle East and in their Diasporas. It will include papers that engage with different forms of mobilisation, social spaces and political legitimacy at a time when democratic politics is characterised by increasingly illiberal rhetoric, nationalism and change. Democratic politics is subject to conflicting developments; it comprises commitments to non-violent strategies and hope, as well as rearticulating new hegemonic frontiers that might bolster populist and authoritarian movements. While exploring different global outlooks, and the perceptions of young people, the panellists will seek to draw on critical perspectives such as postcolonialism, poststructuralism, feminist and constructivist theories.

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