

Webinar: Tribal Politics in Libya in the Time of Fragmentation

Keynote (30 Min.): Prof. Amal El-Obeidi, University of Bayreuth – Open Discussion (30 Min.)

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Tribes are the most important element that contributed to the formation of political culture in contemporary Libya. As social institutions are able to act as a central source of identity and security in the absence, or weakness of the state. Moreover, tribes rely on traditional mechanisms to resolve conflicts between individuals, through customary justice systems that are used to reach settlements, to resolve conflicts and contribute to peace between members of a tribe, or between different tribes and groups. The nature of the Qadhafi regime, which was characterized by individualism and exclusion, systematically contributed to the destruction of the various political structures, which resulted in an institutional and constitutional void that lasted for more than four decades, and greatly affected the nature of the transitional period that followed Qadhafi's rule. The focus on the impact of the post-Qadhafi transitional period on the tribe and the tribal politics is very significant, in order to re-explore the tribe's role, tribalism as a source of identity and tribal politics of Libya's post-Qadhafi specifically during the period of fragmentation since 2014.

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