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The Rise and Fall of Postcolonial Charisma

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18:15 - 20:00

Online and in-person

Registration required

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For much of the 20th century, anti-colonial movements in the global south were often personified by a savior leader or a visionary character. Bamyeh explores how these could be understood as a way to express collective ideals and discusses the disappearance of this charismatic expectation in recent protest movements — with special focus on the Arab uprisings of 2011 and 2019.

Opening event of the workshop “Affective Authoritarianisms: Affect, Emotions and Authoritarian Governance in Global Perspective” organized by the research project Co1 “Emotion and Affect within the Context of Authoritarian Transformations”.



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