

PROGRAMME

Two-day International Conference (Online)

on

**Electoral Politics and Political Representation in
West Asia [Middle East] and North Africa (WANA/MENA)
Current Status, Emerging Trends, and Future Prospects**

30-31 October 2023

Meeting Venue/Platform: Google Meet

Day 1 MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2023

**09:45-10:30
IST**

Inaugural Session

Welcome (9:45 - 9:50)

Prof Sujata Ashwarya, Conference Convenor & Professor,
Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi

Chair's Remarks (9:50 - 9:55)

Prof Mohd. Muslim Khan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI

Inaugural Address (9:55 - 10:10)

Prof Najma Akhtar, Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia

Keynote Speech (10:10 - 10:30)

Prof A K Pasha, Formerly Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks (10:30)

Prof Shahid Jamal Ansari, Offg. Director, Centre for West
Asian Studies, JMI

**10:30-11:45
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Academic Session I

**Electoral Politics, Authoritarianism and
Democratisation in Levant**

Chair:

Prof A K Pasha, Formerly Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru
University, New Delhi

Co-Chair

Prof Sujata Ashwarya, Conference Convenor & Professor, CWAS, JMI

Presentations

Prof Joseph Alagha, Professor,
Haigazian University, Beirut, Lebanon

Lebanese Electoral Politics: A Review

Dr Abu Zafar, Independent Researcher,
New Delhi

*Electoral Politics in Palestine and the Fatah-Hamas
Division: Challenges and Prospects*

Dr Devender Kumar, Former
Assistant Professor, Rashtriya Raksha
University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

*Constitutional Monarchy, Political Reforms, and the
Quest for Democratization: A Case Study of Jordan*

Ms Keerthy A M, Doctoral Research
Scholar, Department of Political Science,
University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

*Institutionalisation and Electoral Authoritarianism in
West Asia: A Study Based on Syria*

Designated Queriers:

**Ms Medha Sheoran, Ms Pritha Sengupta, Mr Prakhar, Mr
Washim Akhtar**

Rapporteur:

Mr Farhan Khan

11:45-12:00

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Lebanon Time/EEST (07:00-08:15)

12:00-13:30
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Academic Session II

**Elections, Ideologies and Political Participation
in Maghreb**

China Time/CST (14:30-16:00)
Turkey Time/TRT (09:30-11:00)

Chair: **Prof Ilhan Uzgel**, Formerly, Department of International Relations, Ankara University, Türkiye

Co-Chair: **Prof Mujib Alam**, Professor, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, JMI, New Delhi

Presentations

Dr Chuchu Zhang, Associate Professor, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Dr Minakshi Sardar, Independent Researcher & Non-Resident Associate, Middle East Institute, New Delhi

Mr Niranjan Marjani, Independent Researcher & Political Analyst, Vadodara, Gujarat

Ms Gargee Sahoo, Doctoral Research Scholar, Centre for West Asian Studies (CWAS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Decline of the Algerian Islamist Vote: A Political Process Approach

Prospect and Challenges to Algeria: An Assessment of the Electoral Pattern

Challenges to the Democracy in Algeria: Continuing Dominance of the FLN Amid Diminishing Public Participation in the Electoral Process

Political Participation of Women in Tunisia Since Arab Uprising: Challenges and Prospects

Designated Queriers: **Ms Aspreet Kaur, Mr Bilal Abbas, Mr. Shadab Alam, Mr Zeeshan Azad**

Rapporteur: **Ms Ismat Zarin**

13:30-14:30

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14:30-16:00
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Academic Session III

**Political Representation and Electoral Institutions
in the GCC States**

Chair: **Prof A K Ramakrishnan**, Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Co-Chair: **Prof Rakhshanda F. Fazli**, Professor, Department of West Asian and North African Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Presentations

Prof H A Nazmi, Professor, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi &

Mr S M Shahnawaz, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

Mr Mohammad Shahnawaz, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

Mr Mohamad Saleem Sheikh, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

Mr Mohd Ejaz Akhtar, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

Ms Uzma Afzal, Doctoral Research Scholar, Dept. of West Asian & North African Studies, AMU, Aligarh

Mr Izhar Khan, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

A Comprehensive Analysis of Qatar's Shura Council Election

Political Participation in Qatar: The Journey from Municipal Elections to the Shura Council

Opposition and the Constructive politics in Kuwait: An Assessment of electoral politics since 2012

The Kuwaiti Democratic Experience: History, Challenges and Future Prospects

Women's Political Representation in the GCC States: A Critical Analysis

Women in the Electoral Politics of Saudi Arabia: An Assessment

Designated Queriers: **Mr Umar Farooq, Mr Yameen Ahmad, Mr Mohsin Tausif, Mr Md Shaique Hussain, Ms Rahana Sherin, Ms Maria Khan**

Rapporteur: **Dr Abu Zafar**

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Academic Session IV

**Electoral Experiences and Governance Issues
in North Africa**

Chair: Prof Jawaid Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of International Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Co-Chair: Prof H A Nazmi, Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI, New Delhi

Presentations

Dr Premanand Mishra, Visiting Faculty, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, JMI, New Delhi

Dr Paulami Sanyal, Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, KR Mangalam University, Sohna, Haryana

Dr. Shubhda Chaudhary, Independent Researcher and Editor at Centre for India West Asia Dialogue, Delhi

Dr Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, Research Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses, New Delhi

Mr Ankit Tomar, Doctoral Research Scholar, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), SIS, JNU, New Delhi

Understanding Electoral Dynamism in Authoritarian Regimes: A Macro understanding of electoral politics in Post Arab uprising Egypt

Minorities in Electoral Politics: A study of Egypt

Smoke and Mirrors: The Role of Egyptian women in Presidential Elections

Electoral Politics and Political Impasse in Post-Gaddafi Libya

Unravelling the Political Turmoil: Exploring the Impact of Political Instability, Sporadic Elections and Governance Challenges in Libya post-Arab Spring

Designated Queriers: Ms Shrinjana Roy, Mr Md Shaique Hussain, Mr Imran Iqwal, Ms Amber Eijaz, Mr Mohd Ejaz Akhtar

Rapporteur: Ms Priyanshu Tyagi

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Academic Session V

**Issues of Electoral System and Political Representation
in Iraq and Iran**

Chair: Prof Gulshan Dietl, Formerly, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Co-Chair: Prof Mohammad Naseem Khan, Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Presentations

Prof Mujib Alam, Professor, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, JMI, New Delhi

Dr Manjari Singh, Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of International Studies, Amity University, Noida

Dr Shafat Yousuf, Teaching Assistant, University of Manchester, UK

Ms Priyanshu Tyagi, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

Ms Rahana Sherin, Doctoral Research Scholar, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, JMI, New Delhi

Examining Sectarian & Ethnic Dynamics in Iraq's Post-2005 Electoral Landscape: Implications for Democratic Development & Obstacles to Consolidation

Parliamentary Elections in Iraq: A Fuzzy Experimentation or a Harbinger of Stability?

Negotiating Democracy with 'Divinity': The Question of People's Representation in Iran

Striving for Change: Women's Participation and Representation in Iranian Politics

Intersectional Analysis of Electoral Representation of Women in Iran

Designated Queriers: Mr Satvik Sudan, Dr Musharraf Alam, Ms Saba Fatima, Mr Abhijeet Bharat, Mr Rayees Yusuf Mir

Rapporteur: Mr Mohammad Shahnawaz

Turkey Time/TRT (09:00-10:00)

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Academic Session VI

Electoral Politics in Traditional Democracies of the Middle East

Chair:

Mr Sanjay Kapoor, Senior Journalist & Editor, *Hardnews Magazine*, New Delhi

Co-Chair:

Prof Ajay Darshan Behera, Professor, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, JMI, New Delhi

Presentations

Prof Sujata Ashwarya, Professor, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Navigating Political Fragmentation: Analysing Israel's Coalition Governments' Challenges and Opportunities (2019 - Present)

Mr Mordy Miller, Doctoral Research Scholar, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

Transformation of Religious Zionist Parties: Shifts to the Right, Increased Religiosity, and Implications for Non-Zionist Religious Parties and State-Society Relations in Israel

Ms Nomita Mishra, Assistant Professor (Law), Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Electoral Governance in Israel & Turkey: A Critical Analysis of the Accountability Mechanisms

Dr Yucel Bulut, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon, Türkiye

The 2023 Turkish Elections - A Critical Analysis of the Challenges and Prospects of the Opposition Coalition

Mr Haydar Oruç, Researcher and Ph.D. Candidate, Middle East Institute, Sakarya University, Türkiye

Why did the opposition bloc in Turkey lose the elections despite all indicators in its favor?

Designated Queriers:

Mr Md Afroj, Ms Zainab Fatima, Mr Ankit Singh, Mr Hammadurrahman, Mr Tushar Sharma

Rapporteur:

Mr Mohmad Saleem Sheikh

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Concluding Session

Chair

Prof Muhammad Azhar, Chairperson, Department of West Asian and North African Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Summing-up from the Rapporteurs

Mr Mohmad Saleem Sheikh, Doctoral Research Scholar, CWAS, JMI, New Delhi

Valedictory Address

Amb Anil Trigunayat (IFS Retd), Rotarian Former Ambassador of India to Jordan, Libya and Malta

Concluding Remarks and Takeaways

Prof Sujata Ashwarya, Conference Convenor & Professor, CWAS, JMI

Vote of Thanks

Dr Atikur Rahman, Assistant Professor, CWAS, JMI

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