Pathways to Renewed and Inclusive Security in the Middle East (PRISME)

Sustaining Alternative Links beyond Arms and the Military (SALAM)

Decentering Arms in Middle East Security

The DAMES Forum

Nice, October 8-9, 2026

AGENDA

Thursday, October 8

845 AM: Welcome Coffee

9 AM: Opening Session / Introduction(s)

930 AM-1045 AM: Roundtable 1 (closed)

Nuclear Politics and Regional Nuclear Governance

(Moderator: Benoît Pélopidas)

Papers under the spotlight:

Jennifer Erickson, "Is nuclear testing the real "nuclear taboo"?"

Leila Hennaoui "Nuclear Restraint Without Security: Arab States, the Arms-Centric Nuclear Order, and the Case for a Nuclear Justice Framework"

Dina Tawfik, "Reimagining Nuclear Policy Education for the Middle East."

1045 AM: Coffee Break

11 AM-1215 PM: Roundtable 2 (closed)

Sectarianism and Militarization

(Moderator: Loulouwa Al Rachid)

Papers under the spotlight:

Simon Mabon, "The Gulf's "Sectarian Nightmare"? The Iran War, Sovereign Power, and the Setting of Life Apart"

Sean Yom, "US Hegemony and the Sectarian Shield: Gulf (In)security and the Iran War."

Raffaella Del Sarto, "Israel's constitutive sectarianism."

1215 PM: Lunch

145 PM-3 PM: Roundtable 3 (closed)

Capitalism and the Global Arms Trade

(Moderator: Bridget Conley)

Papers under the spotlight:

Fanar Haddad, "'It's a tough neighborhood': how hawkish policy perpetuates conflict in the Middle East."

Ruth Rohde, "Beyond Exports: Israeli Arms Industry Entrenchment in Europe."

Haqq Sankara, "The Academic Arm of the U.S.-Israeli Military Industrial Complex."

3 PM: Coffee Break

315 PM-430 PM: Roundtable 4 (closed)

Regional Alternatives and Pathways Beyond Militarized Security

(Moderator: Luigi Narbone)

Papers under the spotlight:

Dalia Ghanem, "Fault Lines and Lifelines: The Human Cost of Militarizing North Africa's Periphery."

Bader Al-Saif, "Testing the waters in the Gulf: Interim steps toward a regional security framework."

Farah Aly, "Building on What Already Exists: What Three Syrian Wartime Territories Reveal About Civilian Organizing After War."

Friday, October 9

9 AM: Welcome Coffee

915 AM-1045AM: Roundtable 5 (public)

Ecological (In)securities, Militarization, and Environmental Justice

SPECIAL SESSION FROM THE RIVIERA COHORT

(Moderator: Adrien Estève)

Papers presented:

Juliane Schillinger, "Environmental impacts of war as drivers of climate risk and human insecurity in the Middle East."

Emma Bixler, "Resisting Ecological Insecurity in Tunisia: Feminist Perspectives on State Sponsored Resource Extraction."

Manal Shqair, "UAE-Israel (Eco-)Normalization Post-October 2023: The Civilian-Military Nexus of Security."

1045 AM: Coffee Break

1115 AM-1230 PM: Roundtable 6 (public)

Bridging Theory and Practice: Policy Implications and Strategic Recommendations

(Moderators: Bridget Conley & Emma Soubrier)

1230 PM: Lunch

2 PM-315 PM: Roundtable 7 (Concluding Session – closed)

Pathways Forward: Key Findings and Strategies for Research Visibility

(Moderators: B Arneson & Emma Soubrier)

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