

# TOMID EAST

SUMMER SCHOOL

11<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

## ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS AND CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: RESOURCES, STRATEGIES AND HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

### WHEN

**30<sup>th</sup> June – 04<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### WHAT

Structured in one week of lectures, it is the first Summer School in Italy and Europe specifically focused on Middle East politics

### WHO

**GÖKÇE GÜNEL** (Rice University)  
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### WHERE

Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy

### WHY

The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the summer school “Understanding the Middle East” will critically engage with environmental issues in the Middle East and North Africa and their connections to activism, state, and non-state actors’ policies, as well as their international dimension. How and to what extent is the environment at the core of the political agenda of MENA leaders? In what ways do capitalist accumulation, neoliberal policies, and foreign intrusion impact the environment in the MENA region? How do civil society activists try to politicise environmental issues?

The Summer School favours a political science approach offering useful tools of analysis to better understand the complexity of environmental politics in the Middle East and North Africa and, at the same time, to put forth thoughtful explanations rather than oversimplifications.

The working language is English and participation is open to students and professionals willing to critically explore the complex facets of the political dynamics of the Middle East region. The detailed program is available on-line.

Students who do not live in the Turin area may apply for one of the 10 FREETORINO scholarships (see the TOMidEast website for more details).

**The School will accept applications from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

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