

International Learning and Teaching within
Eucor – The European Campus

Teaching Middle Eastern Studies

Prof. Dr. Maurus Reinkowski (Basel)

Prof. Dr. Tim Epkenhans (Freiburg)

Bringing together regional expertise in Middle Eastern Studies

Tim Epkenhans:

Iran in the early modern and modern period, Soviet and post-Soviet
Central Asia

Maurus Reinkowski:

Late Ottoman Empire, Turkish Republic, Ottoman and 'post-Ottoman'
Southeastern Europe, Eastern Arab world

Herausforderungen regionaler Aussenpolitik im Zeitalter der Globalisierung: Die Republik Türkei, Saudi-Arabien und die Islamische Republik Iran als Regionalmächte in der MENA-Region

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Credits: Prof. Dr. Maurus Reinkowski

Joint Seminars on contemporary topics in the MENA region since 2012



Regular Seminars in
the fall terms on
“Authoritarian
Modernization”,
“Masculinities in the
Middle East”,
“Conspiracy Theories”
or “Foreign Policy”

Student group at the European Parliament,
December 2017

Teaching cooperation in the framework of Eucor

Benefits:

- ... pooling expertise & teaching capacity in a “small subject”,
- ... offering innovative teaching modules,
- ... with an international (Swiss-German) student group,
- ... exchange of study & learning culture.

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Challenges:

- ... term-time difference between Basel & Freiburg,
- ... different examination regulations,
- ... continuity based on personal initiative, i.e. no structural or institutional frame within the respective departments.

Future: MA program History & Politics of the Modern Middle East

- Institutional & structural challenges for “small subjects” (= Islamic studies),
- Eucor setting: Upper Rhine Area,
- Demand for a competitive international MA program in Middle Eastern Studies,
- Volkswagen Foundation’s Call for Applications



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