

10.00 Introduction

10.15-12.15 Sectarianism and Regional Politics

May Darwich, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies and Tamirace Fakhoury, Lebanese American University: Defining the Other: The Securitization of Sectarianism in a Changing Middle East

Carly Beckerman, Durham University: Saudi Arabia's Sectarian Foreign Policy: Power Balancing in the Middle East?

Alam Saleh, University of Leeds: Security or Sectarian: The Islamic Republic versus the Islamic State

12.15-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00 Sectarianism and the State

Nicola Mathie, University of Lancaster: Jewish Sectarianism Within Israel: The Emergence of New Anti-State Ideologies of Jewish Religious Populations.

James Worrall, University of Leeds: The Sectarian Sandwich: Lebanese Christians, Between Islamic and Christian Sectarian Narratives

Hannes Baumann, King's College, London : Neoliberalism in Lebanon: Resistance and sectarian co-optation 1990-2005

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

15.15-17.15 Sectarianism and Violence

Lucia Ardovini, University of Lancaster: The Politicization of Sectarianism in Egypt: A Growing Threat?

Nina Musgrave, King's College, London: Hamas, Al Qa'ida and the Rejection of Sectarianism

Gilbert Ramsay, University of St Andrews: How do religious groups dehumanize? What we can learn from Islamic State video propaganda

Conclusions and Moving Forward