

## The Maghrib Between Europe and Africa Winter School, NIMAR, Rabat | 8 -10 March 2023

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For millennia the Maghrib has been a region connecting Europe and the rest of Africa, for example as part of the Greek, Phoenician, Roman, Byzantine, and Arab expansions. During the twentieth century French, Spanish and Italian colonialism stressed the European dimension by referring to the *Pax romana*. French, and to a lesser extent Spanish and Italian, have become important languages of communication and offered cultural models. During recent decades the modern nation states of the Maghrib, especially

Morocco, have increasingly turned to the southern part of the African continent to further their economic and political interests. At the same time the Maghrib countries have become important zones of transit for Sub-Saharan migrants on their way to Europe. Asian countries, notably China, Japan and Korea, are showing an increased interest in the region, with its rich fishery grounds and other natural resources, and strategically situated ports. Studying the Maghrib is therefore important for our understanding of many important contemporary societal and policy issues, such as migration, security, the development of the European market and offshoring, sustainable development and energy, as well as a *longue durée* understanding of Europe's global connections.

We invite applications from master's and doctoral candidates at Europaeum member universities working within Humanities and Social Science disciplines who wish to either just join the discussions or present a 15-minute paper based on their research. We especially welcome proposals for papers addressing the theme of paradigm shifts in relation to the following topics:

- the Maghrib as a historical and contemporary contact zone between Europe and Africa
- historical and contemporary diplomatic, economic, and/or cultural relations between the Maghrib and Europe
- the place of the Maghrib in migration patterns to and from Europe
- European-Maghrib security relations
- the role of the Maghrib in sustainable development and the transition to renewable energy

Participants will join lively working groups during the event. Those not presenting a paper will be allocated a role as discussant to kick-start Q&A sessions following on from presentations. Successful applicants will be provided with free accommodation and reimbursed reasonable travel expenses.

Applications should include the Europaeum application form, a brief CV, a statement of purpose (up to 500 words), and a reference letter from their supervisor or academic advisor. Those who wish to submit a paper should also add a short abstract of the proposed paper (up to 500 words). For more information about how to apply visit: <https://europaeum.org/programmes/events-activities/>

**Deadline for submission of applications and abstracts: 11 January**

All submissions should be sent to [office@europaeum.org](mailto:office@europaeum.org)