

Assad, the Regime, and the Logic of the War

First episode of the five-part online event series

Syria – The war on Europe’s doorstep

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The Syrian conflict has entered its ninth year. More than half of the Syrian population was forced to flee their home and live today either abroad or displaced persons within the country. Half a million died and around 13 million Syrians, who stayed within the country, need humanitarian aid.

Supported by Russia and Iran, the regime in Damascus has recaptured large parts of the country. Territory gains have, however, not brought stability or even peace. The daily life in Syria is still characterized by a high degree of violence. The war remains volatile and unpredictable because foreign powers either abruptly withdraw or swiftly intervene in the conflict – as Turkey has lastly done.

The goal of this digital talk series is to illuminate the different dimensions of the Syrian war and its consequences. Apart from a more nuanced understanding of the conflict, we want to contribute that this war at Europe’s doorstep stays high on the political agenda.

In several rounds of zoom discussion, we provide room for conversation between knowledgeable Syrian experts from different fields, backgrounds, and origins.

The talks will be moderated by Thomas Müller-Färber, program director for international politics at the Protestant Academy Loccum.

SUBJECT

The Syrian war with all its brutality against the civilian population is to a considerable degree shaped the struggle for regime-survival of the ruling elites in Damascus. However, in the course of the conflict, the power structure within the Assad regime has changed. This transformation continues until today and its outcome is still open: What are the goals and strategies of Assad and his entourage? What changes is the regime currently undergoing and how will this process affect the future development of the Syrian conflict?

moderated discussion

Sam Dagher

journalist, author, and non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute, Detroit

Tobias Schneider

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discussion

all participants

participation and registration

Participation in the event is free.

register online:

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The event takes place via Zoom. After registration you will receive further information and an access link one day before the event.

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