

## 10 Years after the Arab Uprisings:

### Where does Public Opinion Stand Today?

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Zoom Online Seminar & Survey Launch

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A decade after the Arab uprisings, the region has experienced vast changes. Despite some political reforms after 2011, discontent remains high across the region with large-scale protests breaking out in 2019 in a number of countries across the region. Long-term weak economic growth has been exacerbated by the outbreak of COVID, placing significant stress on national economies and public services such as health and education.

Amidst these challenges, the 2020 Survey of the Regional Program Political Dialogue South Mediterranean of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS PoDiMed), conducted by Arab Research and Analytics Associates (ARAA), reveals a changing and divided region. The surveys included a total of 10,841 respondents in the following six countries: Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. The following are first key findings of the KAS PoDiMed 2020 Survey:

- ❖ Ten years after the Arab uprisings, **socioeconomic challenges remain the top concern** of Arab households. Less than half of the population describes the current economic situation as good or very good with this figure being particularly low in Tunisia (3 percent) and Lebanon (<1 percent) and most positive in Morocco (39 percent). However, the **majority of the population has positive hopes for the future**, and there is optimism that the situation will improve in the coming years.
- ❖ **Trust in political parties and democratic institutions has weakened**, probably due to a lack of economic development and tangible results in the last decade, **but civil society organizations and also local religious institutions are highly respected** and should be given greater consideration in the development process. These can be strong and respected partners in the transformation process, thus forming a bridge to political actors in the state-citizen relationship.
- ❖ While **Russia** and especially **China** enjoy a rising and positive reputation in the region, traditional international actors such as the United States or even France are increasingly viewed critically. **Germany**, on the other hand, has a very high standing among international actors and the best among European actors and is viewed positively by the majority.

This online seminar and survey launch will not only present the main findings of the KAS PoDiMed 2020 Survey, but also critically discuss and contextualize the results with outstanding experts on the region. The KAS PoDiMed 2020 Survey will be distributed in text form throughout the year and presented at different locations and occasions throughout 2021.

# Program

## Regional Program Political Dialogue South Mediterranean

### Program Outline

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15:10 – 15:30	<b>Survey Presentation</b> <b>Michael Robbins</b> Project Director, Arab Barometer, Princeton University
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Expert Discussion</b>  <b>Amaney A. Jamal</b> Director, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice; Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics, Princeton University  <b>Tarik M. Yousef</b> Director and Senior Fellow – Global Economy and Development, Brookings Doha Center  <b>Isabelle Werenfels</b> Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs,  <b>Moderator</b> <b>Youssef Cherif</b> Director, Columbia Global Centers   Tunis
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Questions &amp; Discussions</b>

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