

Vienna Lecture on the European Union

Reforming the EU's Migration Policy: Debating perspectives from beyond the EU's borders

(Abstract overleaf)

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This lecture will be held in English, questions can also be asked in German.

The event will be followed by a small reception.

Registered and unregistered participants are welcome but we kindly ask for your registration at eif@univie.ac.at or via +43 1 4277 22401.

Abstract

Upheavals in the EU's Neighbourhood in 2011 and the following 'migration crisis' have prompted the EU to recalibrate its partnership priorities with its non-EU partners and to reframe its global strategy in the domains of security and migration. Within this climate, Syria's neighbours, who have received a great number of refugees since 2011, have emerged as Europe's new strategic interlocutors. In the light of their ability to stem the refugee influx towards Europe, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey have been able to leverage the 'value of their hosting capacity' vis-a-vis the EU and its member states. This key note speech will critically examine the EU's new partnership in migration and refugee governance with key refugee hosting states in Syria's Neighbourhood and will reflect on their implications.