

MA Social Sciences and Public Affairs – International Law and Politics
Module: International Law and Politics in Practice

7th Academic Research and Study Trip

12 May – 21 May 2023



Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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PROGRAM

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Friday, 12 May

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| 14:15 | Meeting of participants who depart from UniBwM Feuerwache Campus UniBwM |
| 14:30-15:30 | Bus transfer from campus Neubiberg (Feuerwache) to Munich airport |
| 15:30 | Meeting at Terminal 2 (Lufthansa Group Check-In) |
| 18:00-19:00 | Flight from Munich to Frankfurt (LH117) |
| 21:10-02:20+1 | Flight from Frankfurt to Amman (LH692) |

Saturday, 13 May First Encounters with Jordan and Amman

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| 03:00-03:30 | Bus transfer Queen Alia International Airport (Amman) Airport to Grand Hyatt Hotel Amman, Hussein Bin Ali St Amman, 11183 |
| 03:30-04:00 | Check-in at Grand Hyatt Hotel Amman |
| 13:00-14:30 | The politics of national identity in Jordan: Societal cleavages between East Bankers, West Bankers and Hashemites Expert Lecture Dr. Mohammad Abu Rumman (Politics & Society Institute Amman; former Jordanian Minister of Culture) |
| 15:00-18:00 | Political-historical guided city tour Including: Focus on historical, archaeological and political sites (inter alia Roman Amphitheatre, Amman Citadel, Al-Husseini Mosque) |

Sunday, 14 May Minorities in the Middle East: Jordan’s Christian Dimension

Whole day trip to Jordan Valley and Dead Sea with Father Rif’at Badr (Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem Parish Priest Sacred Heart of Jesus Tla’ El Ali, Jordan, <https://www.lpj.org/diocese/fr-rifat-bader.html>)

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| 09:00-10:00 | Baptism Site |
| 10:00-11:00 | Dead Sea |
| 11:00-12:00 | Mount Nebo |
| 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:30-15:30 | Visit St. George Church (ancient map of Jerusalem) and Beheading of John Baptist Latin Church |
| 16:00/16:30 | Return to hotel |
| 18:00 | Optional Visit of Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church , Amman Church service by Father Rifat Bader), Sulayman Muada al Asaf, Tlaa al Ali |
| 19:15 | Optional participation on topic “Inter-religious affairs in Jordan” Meeting with young Christians and Muslims |
| 20:15-22:30 | Joint Dinner at Restaurant Sufra Rainbow Street 26 – Jabal Amman Supported by the Bildungswerk des Deutschen Bundeswehrverbandes |

Monday, 15 May Jordan and the Israeli-Arab Conflict

09:30-11:45 UNRWA and Palestinian Refugees: Visit of Baqa’a Refugee Camp

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| 09:30-09:35 | Arrival at Baqa’a Camp / Prep Girls School 1 and welcome by UNRWA North Amman Team |
| 09:35-10:05 | Briefing about UNRWA operations in Jordan |
| 10:05-10:30 | Tour in the school, classes visits & interaction with students (split into two groups) |
| 10:30-11:00 | Dialogue with UNRWA student parliament |
| 11:00-11:10 | Walk across the camp to health centre |
| 11:10-11:40 | Tour in UNRWA Health Centre and briefing on health programme |
| 11:40-11:45 | Wrap up and end of the programme |

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Jordan and the Israeli-Arab Conflict

Expert lecture by Ms. Farah Bdour, Director, Jordanian Programs, Seeds of Peace

Venue: Wild Jordan Center, Jabal Amman, 1st circle, Othman Bin Afan Street, <https://wildjordancenter.com>

- Prospects of Jordan's role and impact of conflict on Jordan
- Role of Hashemite Custodianship over the Haram al-Sharif

16:15-18:00 **Visit of the Royal Tank Museum**

<https://rtm.jo/>

Tuesday, 16 May **Germany and Jordan**

08:30-11:00 **Jordan – German Relations** (Residence of the German Ambassador)
Briefings and Q & A

- Bernhard Kampmann, Ambassador
- Timm Ahrens, Oberstleutnant i.G. – Verteidigungsattaché

11:15-17:15 Time at free disposal

17.30-19.30 **Underground Amman Tour**

Hidden Artistic Expression in Amman, <https://www.undergroundamman.com>

Wedn., 17 May **Domestic and Regional Politics**

09:00-10:30 **Expert Roundtable: Recent political developments in Jordan**

- Katrina Sammour, political analyst, associated with the Emirates Policy Center (Amman branch)
- Oraib Rantawi, founder and director of Al Quds Center for Political Studies, Amman

Al Quds Center for Political Studies, 7, Haifa Street, Jabal Al-Husein, 21366 Amman

11:00-12:30 **UNHCR Registration Center Amman: Visit and Briefing**
Wasfi al Tall Street

12:45-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **Expert Roundtable: Jordan’s regional role in a changing geopolitical environment and a highly dynamic regional order in the (wider) Gulf region**

- Laith Al-Ajlouni, Political economist and independent consultant
- Dr. Amer Sabaileh, Professor at the University of Jordan, geopolitical expert and political analyst

Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 23 Isma'eel Haqqi Abdoh Street, Sweifieh, 11183, Amman

16:15-20:00 **Meetings and Barbecue at the German-Jordanian University**

Main Campus, Madaba Street, Madaba 11180

16:15-16:30 short welcome (Vice President Prof. Finkeldey, Dean for Students Affairs, German Week Coordinator)

16:30-17:30 informal talks with GJU students during grill evening

17:30 (or later)-open: Introduction to GJU by Vice President Prof. Rainer Finkeldey and/or staff from International Affairs Department

18:30 Grillabend “German Week”

Thursday, 18 May **The North of Jordan**

Guide and local expert Mr Fadi Bashir Said, MA (SOS Childrens’ Village International Programme Manager) – OTL i.G. Rademacher

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| 8:30-18:30 | Whole day trip with the bus from 8:30-18:30 Uhr |
| 10:00-12:00 | Meeting North of Ramallah Ar-Rathma / Briefing by Jordanian Armed Forces - Security Situation |
| 11:00-12:00 | Tour along the JOR/SYR border |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch break |
| 14:30-16:00 | Exploration of Umm Qais plateau including panoramic view to Golan, Lake Tiberias, and Lebanon Expert presentation on Jordanian-Israeli security cooperation and regional geopolitics on site |
| Friday, 19 May | Moving South |
| 07:00-10:00 | Bus transfer to Petra |
| 10:00-15:00 | Discovery of Petra (incl. Lunch Break) |
| 15:00-17:00 | Bus transfer from Petra to Wadi Rum Star Light Camp |
| 19:00-20:30 | Dinner ZARB Overnight stay in Wadi Rum (Star Light Camp) |
| Saturday, 20 May | From the Desert to the Sea |
| Early morning | Guided tour through the desert |
| 10:00-11:00 | Bus transfer from Wadi Rum to Aqaba |
| 11:15-15:15 | Program in Aqaba organized by the Militärattachéstab/Amman |
| 15:15-19:00 | Bus transfer from Aqaba to Grand Hyatt Hotel Amman |
| 20:00-22:00 | Between tradition and modernization: Current and historical developments in Jordanian politics and society Informal conversation and pizza with Dr. Edmund Ratka, Director of the Jordan office of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung |
| Sunday, 21 May | Return to Munich |
| 10:30 | Check-out |
| 11:00-12:30 | Visit and Guided Tour of the Jordan Museum, Amman, |
| 12.30-13.00 | Lunch Break |
| 16:00-18:45 | Flight from Amman to Vienna (OS854) |
| 19:50-20:50 | Flight from Vienna to Munich (OS117) |
| 21:30-22:30 | Bus transfer from Munich Airport to UniBw Campus Neubiberg |