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Labour and mobilization in the Middle East and North Africa

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ABSTRACT:

A major change in the last few decades in the Middle East and North Africa has been the re-organization of the labour market away from the post-independence statist model through neo-liberal structural adjustments. Besides country differences, this move meant a radical reconfiguration of capital-state-labour relations to the detriment of labour. Parallel to that the region witnessed important waves of labour mobilization sometimes with innovative forms and organizational practices.

The panel aims at investigating the relation between structural change in the labour market and working classes agency. More precisely, it aims at analysing:

- 1) How the reconfiguration of state-labour and capital relations has influenced the modalities of mobilisation (weakening trade-unions, favouring fragmentation among workers, etc.)
- 2) What forms of mobilization are possible and effective today to promote better working conditions and political change.

Research papers might focus on single or comparative case studies or be more theoretical. The panel focus is on the Structural Adjustments period (1980s till today), but research on previous periods is also welcome if it takes into consideration the relation between structural change in working conditions and mobilisation and if it sheds light on the present.

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