

The **NATO Foundation** has the pleasure to invite you to its upcoming international conference:

ARAB GEOPOLITICS 2024:
Augmenting NATO Southern Partnerships

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WHEN & WHERE

Friday, the **25th of October**, from **2:30 to 7:00 PM (CEST)**

Rome | *Luiss Guido Carli* ([Viale Romania, 32](#)) | Aula Toti



Since the Arab revolutions of 2011, the **Southern Region** has experienced prolonged instability, significantly affecting both regional and international actors. The political upheaval and economic challenges across the **Arab world** highlight the urgent need for *cooperative security*, with **NATO** playing a key role in addressing these threats.

Given the strategic importance of the **Southern Neighbourhood**, NATO's Partnerships through the **Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI)** and the **Mediterranean Dialogue (MD)** are more crucial than ever. These frameworks foster political dialogue and practical cooperation, focusing on **maritime security, infrastructure protection, and climate security**.

To build effective Partnerships, how can NATO shape a cohesive response to the Region's evolving threats? The **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)** provides a strong example of how regional cooperation can contribute to stability.

With renewed focus on the **Southern Region**, NATO aims at shifting the narrative from chaos to cooperation in the Arab Region by naturally updating its **communication strategy** to counter disinformation and clarify its **security message**.

Arab Geopolitics 2024's High-Level conference, in **English** and **live-streamed**, will address these issues.

All details in the **draft programme enclosed**.