

Open Discussion Round with
Eberhard Kienle (Sciences Po/CNRS)
on:
The Resilience of ‘Failed States’

IfP; Seminar Room 021 (Ground Floor)
Thursday, 26nd April 2018; 18:00 hrs c.t.

This event provides a possibility of discussing, within the setting of a colloquium, in a small and informal round, with one of the most distinguished Middle East specialists on a topic that has dramatically gained in prominence in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings of 2011: The question of statehood, various forms, its perceived fragility, and, despite this, its resilience as a phenomenon in today’s Middle East and beyond.

Eberhard Kienle is *Directeur de Recherche* with the French National Research Center (CNRS) and Research Professor at IEP’s Centre de Recherche Internationale, Paris (Sciences Po). Having taught at Berlin, Oxford, Grenoble, and SOAS, he also served as director of the renowned IREMAM at Aix-en-Provence, and directed, until last year, the French Institute in Beirut (ifpo), among other prominent positions he held inside and outside the Middle East, such as for Ford Foundation’s Cairo office, or as an advisor to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on the War in Syria.

His many books include, i.a., *Baath vs. Baath* (1991); *Contemporary Syria* (1996); *A Grand Delusion: Economic Reform and Democracy in Egypt* (2001); *Democracy Building, Democracy Erosion* (2009); *Les Sciences Sociales en Voyage* (2013); and *The Arab Uprisings* (2015)

