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The political events that affected the **Mediterranean Middle East and North Africa** (MENA) after the 2011 uprisings have paved the way for a new conceptualisation (and management) of **border** issues, which has had a dramatic effect on **Europe** and the southern **Mediterranean countries**. On the one hand, Europe is facing a continuous redefinition of its borders, especially in the southern neighbourhood but also in the Eastern part of the continent. On the other hand, the MENA countries are part of a game in which the political elites deploy sectarian identity, narratives and symbols to neutralise dissent and (re)assert control, even on borders, spaces and places. Notwithstanding the counter-revolutionary trend, the presence of ongoing civil conflicts, along with the escalation of **regional competition** over the past decade, has dramatically changed the political and social landscape in many countries.

In this context, the Euro-Mediterranean space seems more and more unstable, and its margins porous. It has become a place of new barriers and systems (internal and external, physical and mental). European space has been besieged by a new wave of **populism** that is strengthening national **identities** and putting a strain on the **European Union** as a cohesive space. Meanwhile, in some MENA countries, the repression of a new wave of mobilisation in 2019 is silencing counter-hegemonic movements that could potentially cross state and community borders, ethnic and religious divides.

This issue of the De Europa – European and Global Studies Journal encourages papers that can reflect on the **reconfiguration** of the Euro-Mediterranean space after the 2011 **Arab uprisings**

by focusing, in particular, on actors, strategies and policies. Contributions on national, transnational, regional and international aspects such as **migratory** flows, the **redefinition** of identities, the redrawing of **borders**, as well as the control and reassessment of space are welcome. The special issue also invites papers exploring the forces that, at regional, national or international levels, have led to a questioning of not only the conception and perception of geographical and social borders but also the practices that have affected the **Euro-Mediterranean relationship**.

Papers may address one or more key issues that are relevant to Euro-Mediterranean space, such as:

- the theoretical issues underlying the debate on the reconfiguration of Euro-Mediterranean relations from various disciplinary angles;
- original reflections on the perceptions of borders in both northern and southern Mediterranean countries and the transformative role of these perceptions;
- the practices and the main actors that have affected the transformation of the Euro-Mediterranean space over the past decade;
- the political strategies and the output of the politics of re-bordering the Euro-Mediterranean space and relations.

An abstract in English of about 300 words and five keywords should be sent to redazione.deeuropa@unito.it ^[1] by 30 June 2020. The proposals accepted by the editorial committee will have to be sent, as complete papers, to the journal's e-mail address by 1 November 2020. The complete papers will go under double-blind peer review before publication. Information about editorial rules can be found **here** ^[2].

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- 30 June 2020: submission of abstracts (300 words, excluding references, plus five keywords)
- 10 July 2020: notification of acceptance of abstracts communicated to authors
- 1 November 2020: submission of papers for review (5,000–7,000 words)
- 1 February 2021: reviews sent to authors
- 30 March 2021: final paper submission
- 30 June 2021: De Europa n. 1 2021 publication

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