



Political Agency - A Virtual Roundtable

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Last May, an international workshop entitled *Rethinking political agency in the Middle East: Engaging political anthropology* took place in Fiesole at the [European University Institute](#). We published both [an introduction to the workshop](#) and the [workshop abstracts](#) here at Allegra. The workshop was sponsored by the [Wenner Gren Foundation](#) and intended to bring ethnographic research in the Middle East into conversation with anthropological debate on political agency. This Virtual Roundtable is exploring two questions discussed during the



workshop, namely:

- 1. To what extent does the notion of political agency help to understand political change?**
- 2. Are Area Studies still relevant to understand contemporary dynamics of political and social transformation?**

We will gradually reveal the answers to these questions given by workshop participants in the days to come. Click on the portraits below and read the responses!

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