

For the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

WORKSHOP

Sectarianism in the Middle East and North Africa

Wednesday, 3 May 2017
Brussels, József Antall building, room 2Q2
12:30-14:00

DRAFT PROGRAMME

12:30-12:35 Welcome and introductory remarks

- **Anders Primdahl VISTISEN**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

12:35-13:30 Presentations by experts

- **Governance Failure and Rising Sectarianism in the Contemporary Middle East**
Dr Simon MABON, Lecturer in International Relations, Director of the Richardson Institute, University of Lancaster, UK.
- **Sectarian Violence in Syria: 'Ancient Hatreds' or 'Divide and Rule'?**
Dr Raphaël LEFÈVRE, Rank-Manning Research Fellow in Social Sciences, University of Oxford, UK.
- **Rethinking Sectarianism in Iraq: Between Identity and Issue Politics**
Dr Renad MANSOUR, Academy Fellow, Chatham House, London, UK.
- **Reasons for the Prevalence of Sectarianism: History, Sectarianisation and Geopolitics**
Dr Toby MATTHIESEN, Senior Research Fellow in the International Relations of the Middle East, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK.

13:30-13:55 Q&A

13:55-14:00 Concluding remarks

- **Anders Primdahl VISTISEN**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)