Panel 13.2 Human rights and the right to socio-political research in the Mediterranean area.

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The tragic death of the young Italian researcher Giulio Regeni has brought to the fore a double phenomenon linked both to the controversial affair of human rights in the countries crossed by the Arab Spring, and to the viability and risks of social research in the same countries. The panel is intended to enter into the merits of both themes, welcoming contributions of various disciplinary aspects aimed at examining the different national situations of the Mediterranean countries concerning security policies and the repression and limitation of dissent and human rights. In this complex issue are also the limitations towards scientific research that undertakes investigative pathways in the field and which, in the case of Regeni, have resulted in a tragic epilogue. The panel is open to theoretical and empirical contributions aimed at analyzing topics such as:

- Threats to human rights in the Mediterranean area
- Participation practices in the countries of the Mediterranean area
- Old and new sociopolitical perspectives in the countries of the Mediterranean area
- Considerations on the importance of doing research in high-risk areas