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## **Abstracts**

MICHELA MERCURI, La Libia divisa. Una rilettura della contemporaneità attraverso le fratture regionali e tribali

The Libyan uprising of 2011 was announced by some warning signs that are rooted in its history, a history that stretches along its internal borders, not only geographical, but also social, economic and cultural, which have marked its development since the early years of the last century.

Starting from this assumption, the article aims to provide an interpretation of the current situation in the light of a complex and peculiar evolutionary path that has made Libya a very different country from other states in the Mediterranean and Middle East area.

The analysis is carried on, therefore, through the Libyan history, since the Ottoman Empire's final age up to the riots of 2011, using as an element exegetical the regional and tribal fractures, which are rooted in the past but re-emerged with renewed vigor after the death of Gaddafi, becoming one of the central issues in the debate about a possible future structure of the country.

The work is finalized to demonstrate how the Jamahiriya is unlikely to rise again as a unitary State because of the presence of the tribes and other local actors committed to creating autonomous entities "sectarian", based on territorial claims or on the exploitation of economic resources and allowing to foreign entities to play a role in the political and economic situation of Libya.

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