The Security Dilemma in post-Arab Spring Libya

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The impact of the Arab Spring in Libya: the Security Dilemma and the Fragmentation of the State

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Key Insights

- How did the Arab Spring shape Libya's long-term political fragmentation and insecurity?
- The 2011 uprising dismantled weak state institutions, triggering a security dilemma where militias and foreign actors filled the power vacuum, reinforcing division.
- Libya's instability persists due to entrenched militia power and external interference, making unified governance and democratic transition unlikely without structural change.

Definition

State capture of non-state violence: state's cooptation of pre-existing militias and their integration within the state's broader strategy

> *Hybrid warfare refers to the interaction of militias and foreign actors in Libya that has fragmented state authority and prevented the consolidation of a unified government since 2011.*

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