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The study of contemporary Europe has experienced growth of interest in mainstream political science and international relations. Beyond Europe, European Studies has gone through intensive development in the last two decades, also in the MENAT region. The MENAT region has been of great geopolitical and economic significance to the EU. An immediate geographic neighbor, a crucial passage for goods traveling to and from Europe (in particular energy resources), and its potential to export instability make it strategically an important area for Europe. This explains the Union's desire to contribute to regional stability through different tools such as the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP), the Barcelona Process and the Union for the Mediterranean. The specificity of the meaning of European history, politics, and culture to different parts of the world make the development and growth of European Studies a multifaceted and complex global affair. This requires as much critical effort as is undertaken in other Area Studies and Social Sciences disciplines. The planned research attempts to analyze the recent state of European studies in the MENAT region as an area of increasing academic interest in various universities and research centers. It outlines the process in which the profile of European studies has undergone changes in terms of both scholarly publications and teaching activities and investigates the relationship between research and the political realm.

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