**Objective of Study:** I aim to investigate the intricate relationships between local actors, foreign companies, and government officials to uncover patterns of influence, cooperation, and competition during the Mandate period in Beirut Port.

**Focus Areas:**

1. **Connections Between Mandate Policies and Local Partners/Elites:** I seek to analyze how local elites and partners influenced government officials and foreign companies to adopt decisions, public policies, or economic development projects that favored the companies or sectors they were involved in. Additionally, I aim to examine whether there was competition among elites to influence public policies or economic initiatives, and if so, to what extent this rivalry shaped the prioritization of certain companies or sectors over others.
2. **Foreign Companies:** I intend to analyze the activities of foreign companies operating in Beirut Port during the Mandate period, focusing on:
   * The sectors they were active in.
   * The nature and frequency of their activities, including the size and scope of their operations.
   * Their local partners and the extent of their collaborations.
   * The influence these companies exerted on government decisions to promote their activities and favor their interests.

Additionally, I aim to trace the flow of investments, policies, and decision-making processes to uncover the underlying economic and political dynamics that shaped interactions between local actors, foreign companies, and government officials. Ultimately, this research seeks to shed light on how these connections shaped the development of Beirut Port and its strategic significance during the Mandate era, offering insights into broader colonial and local dynamics.

Questions 1:

Who are the local actors during the French mandate in Lebanon:

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| Information type | Location file | Note |
| Name? |  |  |
| Confession? |  |  |
| What are his Familial ties/political Connections? |  |  |
| In which sector he was active? |  |  |
| What was his profession? |  |  |
| In which companies he had shares? |  |  |
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Question 2:

Who are the foreign companies active in French mandated Lebanon?

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| Information type | Location file | Note |
| Name of the foreign company |  |  |
| In what sector it is active? |  |  |
| Nationality of the foreign company |  |  |
| space of operation? Longitude/ Latitude |  |  |
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Question 3:

Who are the government officials in French mandated Lebanon?

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| Information type | Location file | Note |
| Name |  |  |
| Nationality |  |  |
| Political position |  |  |
| Start and end of political career |  |  |
| Public policy |  |  |
| Development projects |  |  |

List of local actors:

1. Abdallah Beyhum Premier ministre du Liban (1939-1941) active in tourism and pilgrimage
2. Albert Achard active in tourism
3. Alfred Nasser
4. Alfred Naqqache active in tourism
5. Alfred Sursock active in tourism and textile
6. Amin el Gemayel active in tourism and automobile
7. Antoine Edde
8. Antoine Ketaneh active in tourism and automobile
9. Bayard Dodge
10. Boutros el Khoury
11. Charles Corm journalist and poets active in tourim and automobile
12. Charles Helou
13. Derviche Haddad
14. Elias Traboulsi
15. Émile Eddé
16. Evelyn Bustros
17. Farid Edde
18. Gabriel Bustros active in tourism and banking
19. Gabriel Khabaz
20. George Arida
21. Habib Pharaoun
22. Habib Trad
23. Henri Gouraud
24. Henri Philippe Pharaoun active in tourism and real estate
25. Ibrahim Sursock
26. Jacques Tabet active in tourism and agriculture and hospitality industry
27. Jean Bustros
28. Joseph Chamoun
29. Khayreddin al-Ahdab
30. Mansour Haddad
31. Maurice Chehab active in tourism
32. Michel Chiha active in tourism and banking
33. Naoum Bakas
34. Natan Stambouli
35. Nicolas Choueiry
36. Omar Bey Daouk president of the chamber of commerce of beirut
37. Ramez Sarkis
38. Raymond Eddé
39. Sursock Donna Maria active in tourism
40. Takieddin el-Solh
41. Zaki Bey Bedoum

**List of Foreign companies:**

1. Berliet french automobile company
2. Compagnie Générale Transatlantique French maritime transport company
3. Deutsche Levante Linie german maritime transport company
4. Ford: American automobile company
5. General Motors (GM): American automobile company
6. Khedivial Mail Line: British maritime company
7. Lloyd Triestino: Italian maritime transport company
8. Messagerie Maritimes: French maritime transport company
9. Renault: French automobile company
10. The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company: British maritime transport company

List of French government officials during the mandate:

1. General Henri Gouraud
2. Maurice Sarrail
3. Henry de Jouvenel
4. Auguste Henri Ponsot
5. Damian de Martel
6. Gabriel Puaux:
7. Jean Helleu:
8. Georges Catroux:
9. Jean Chiappe:
10. Émile de Curton: