very three years, MESA heads to our nation’s capital to hold its annual scholarly gathering. This year we are at MESA’s familiar home, the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, located in a splendid residential area with lots of restaurants and shops. The Woodley Park/Zoo-Adams Morgan stop on the Metro red line is conveniently located within steps of the MWP’s front door.

We gather in Washington to share research, nurture old friendships and, yes, to commiserate. A program of 270+ sessions, squeezed into 12 panel time slots, begins on Saturday, November 22 at 5:30pm and ends on Tuesday, November 25 at 3:30pm. The program is enormous by MESA standards and is varied. MESA’s Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies is organizing an undergraduate research workshop to take place on Saturday, November 22. A poster session of the participants’ work will be held in the afternoon just before panels begin and is open to attendees. A just-added pre-program session scheduled for Saturday, November 22 from 3:30-5:30pm will focus on academic freedom, free speech, and faculty governance, with the recent situation of Dr. Steven Salaita and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign being the impetus. What does it all mean for Middle East studies scholars? On Sunday, November 23 from 2-4pm there will be a Presidential Forum on the Boycott, Divestment & Sanction movement. Following this past summer’s violence in Gaza, some scholars have debated whether and how to respond on both an individual and a collective basis. Calls to support the BDS movement have grown. At this special session, conference attendees will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss the issues surrounding BDS in a moderated, open forum. The program will feature current events sessions on ISIS in Iraq and Syria and the violence in Gaza, as well as a session that looks at policy relevance and the public role of academics. Things designed with students and/or junior colleagues in mind include a skill-building workshop on turning dissertations into books and one that will address the issue of how to transform scholar speak into language that works in a public setting. There is something for everyone on this year’s program and plenty of it to boot!

And, of course, no MESA annual meeting would be complete without our wonderful vendors in the Book Bazaar and exciting new films screening in the FilmFest. A list of exhibitors and a FilmFest preview can be found on the annual meeting pages on MESA’s website (and there’s a FilmFest teaser on page 7 of this program). MESA’s affiliated groups that specialize on particular countries or regions hold their annual meetings on Saturday, November 22. A complete list of offerings is available on page 8.

MESA’s president, Nathan Brown, shares with us his lovely biography on page 5. If you see him in the halls of MESA, ask him about his soccer loyalty or about the time his family spent in Malaysia when he was a young lad of 11 years!

Finally, we remind members that the latest annual meeting information and association news is always available on MESA’s website at mesana.org. Click on the 2014 annual meeting logo from the front page to keep abreast of annual meeting developments.
Travel

Three airports serve the DC area. The closest to the hotel is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. MESA has partnered with SuperShuttle (SS) to offer attendees discounts on ground transportation. The discounts are $2 off a one way ticket and $5 off a roundtrip ticket from Reagan National (normal cost $14 each way) and Baltimore-Washington (normal cost $37 each way), and $1 off a one way ticket and $3 off a roundtrip ticket from Dulles (normal cost $29 each way). Most who use SuperShuttle will take a shared van from the airport to the hotel although more expensive exclusive vans and ExecuCars are available. Book SuperShuttle online or via phone and use the group code: FQCRP. See SuperShuttle’s flier on the back page of this document for further information.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)
* http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm
* Located just across the Potomac River from the Nation's Capital.
* 9 miles from hotel.
* Estimated taxi fare: $21
* Estimated subway fare: $3.35

The hotel is located next to the Woodley Park Metro stop on the Red Line. Reagan National is located on the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport stop on the Yellow Line. (transfer station from Yellow and Red line is at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop.)

Dulles International Airport (IAD)
* http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm
* Located 26 miles from downtown Washington, DC.
* 25 miles from hotel.
* Estimated taxi fare: $70
* Metrobus 5A to Rosslyn Metro station; Blue line to Metro Center station; transfer to Red line: $9.95

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)
* Located 33 miles from Nation's Capital.
* 33 miles from hotel.
* Estimated taxi fare: $90 -100
* Metrobus B30 to Greenbelt Metro station; Green line to U Street Metro station; U St & 13th St NW bus to NW Calvert St & NW Connecticut Ave; walk .04 mile to hotel: $13.10

Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2014 annual meeting, log-in to your myMESA account, click “Payments” and follow the prompts. Or, complete the registration form found at http://mesa.arizona.edu/pdf/14regform.pdf and return it along with payment to the MESA Secretariat. Pre-registration is recommended as onsite registration rates are higher. The preregistration deadline is October 15, 2014.

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cutoff date
October 24
Instructions for Paper Presenters

Upload a copy of your paper to myMESA by October 15, 2014

Please upload a copy of your paper to the myMESA system so that your co-panelists, especially the chair/discussant, will have access to it. No one else will be able to view your paper except for your co-panelists. Papers need not be the final copy; drafts are fine. There is no suggested paper length. Your topic and your depth of coverage should determine its length. Plan to present a truncated version of your paper at your panel.

1. Log-in to myMESA (http://mymesa.arizona.edu).
2. Click the “Annual Meeting” button.
3. Click the “Paper Abstract” button (shows up once you click the annual meeting button).
4. Click the “Submit/Update full paper” button.
5. Under “Upload your attachment” click the “browse” button.
6. Locate your file on your computer by navigating to the directory where the file is located.
7. Once the name of your file appears in the box next to the “browse” button, click the “Save and back to abstract” button.
8. Your file has now been uploaded.

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

Planning for your presentation

The best way to combat nerves is to be prepared. Remember, the people in the audience are there because they want to hear what you have to say. Prepare a summary of your paper for your presentation, which should last for no more than 20 minutes. Typically, 10-12 double-spaced typed pages will take 20 minutes to read. Practice and time yourself to make sure your presentation will fit in the allotted time. Be as dynamic as you can; a little humor goes a long way. Shy away from monotone presentations that will put the audience to sleep. A skilled presenter will achieve a balance between reading the text and making eye contact with the audience. Most of all, relax and enjoy your moment.

No Show Policy

We understand that things come up at the last minute that prevent a participant from attending the meeting. As a courtesy to your co-panelists, please notify MESA if you cannot attend the meeting. If you are scheduled to participate in the annual meeting in any capacity and you don't show up and haven't informed the MESA Secretariat, you will be considered a ‘no-show’ and will not be eligible to participate in the next year’s meeting. A no-show is someone who is not physically present at his/her panel at the conference and hasn’t notified the MESA Secretariat beforehand.

Book Bazaar

Arguably the largest display of Middle East studies titles anywhere, MESA’s annual book bazaar will include old and new friends—university presses, small publishing houses, independent book sellers, and even artisans sharing their talents. All will gather in DC for a three-day festival of books. The book bazaar will be open 9-6 Sunday and Monday (Nov. 23 and 24) and 8-12 on Tuesday (Nov. 25). Visit MESA’s website for a list of exhibitors.

You don’t have to rent space to exhibit at the MESA meeting. For $40 per title, publications can be placed on view in MESA’s Cooperative Book Display. This is an ideal arrangement for individuals, independent authors, and small presses with few Middle East studies titles.

If you would like additional information about exhibiting at MESA 2014, please visit MESA’s website or contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520-621-5850.

Roommates

If you are interested in sharing a room at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel during the MESA annual meeting, please visit MESA’s website at http://mesa.arizona.edu/annual-meeting/roommates.html. MESA maintains a “roommates wanted” page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other.
Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2014 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESA’s website at mesana.org, click on the DC logo, and then on “panel chairs.” Email your choices to Mark Lowder at mark@mesana.org.

Before you volunteer, please note that MESA membership and annual meeting pre-registration are required of all meeting participants.

The Scoop on Thematic Conversations and Roundtables

**Thematic Conversations** offer an alternative place to pose new questions for research, explore new trends and approaches to old questions, meet like-minded scholars, and engage in open academic exchange in an unstructured space. The conversations have a session leader and discussants who set the agenda for the conversation. They are (un)structured to provide for maximum participation from those in attendance, and there are no formal presentations. Seating is limited to 30 people.

**Roundtables** promote informed discussion and debate concerning the current state of scholarship in particular fields, work currently in progress or the particular problems involved in the employment of new approaches, new models, etc. The roundtable format lends itself to open discussion in an atmosphere where participants provide their points of view and engage the audience in active discussion. Participants do not prepare papers and do not lecture to the audience. Seating is restricted to 25-30 maximum.

Child Care

MESA can help parents find a local provider and will reimburse half of the cost of day care services up to a maximum of $200 for the conference. Upon request, the Secretariat will be happy to post contact information of parents who want to share sitting services during the meeting. For further information, please contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520 621-5850.

### MESA Members Meeting

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**Resolutions**

When important issues are before the membership, resolutions are sometimes presented at the members meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA’s Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2014 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by **November 7, 2014**. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA’s Bylaws which are posted on MESA’s website at mesana.org.

**Sample Agenda**

I. Call to Order  
II. Report of the Executive Director  
III. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence  
IV. 2014 Election of Officers Results  
V. Nominating Committee Vote and Call for Names  
VI. IJMES Report  
VII. RoMES Report  
VIII. Committee on Academic Freedom Report  
IX. Unfinished Business (if tabled from last meeting)  
X. New Business  
XI. Adjournment
Endowed Chair in Kurdish Political Studies

The Department of Political Science invites applicants for a tenured position at the rank of Associate or Full Professor for the Jalal Talabany Chair for Kurdish Political Studies beginning August, 2015. Applicants must have a strong research record in Kurdish political studies with broader interests in Middle Eastern and comparative politics or international relations; a Ph.D. in Political Science or a related field from an accredited institution; and a strong record in teaching and research that is commensurate with a tenured position in the Political Science Department at UCF. Salary is highly competitive.

Interested applicants must apply using the UCF online application system at [https://www.jobswithucf.com](https://www.jobswithucf.com) by January 15, 2015. Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, a statement of research interests, and names and contact information for three references. Materials can be uploaded to the website, emailed to Politics@ucf.edu, or mailed to Attn: Kurdish Political Studies Professor Search Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, 4297 Andromeda Loop N., Howard Phillips Hall 302, Orlando, FL 32816. If mailed, all materials must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2015. Questions can be addressed to Dr. Roger Handberg, Kurdish Political Studies Professor Search Committee Chair, Roger.Handberg@ucf.edu or at the mail address above. The University of Central Florida is a research-intensive university with an enrollment in excess of 60,000 students. Information about UCF may be found at www.ucf.edu. UCF is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, including minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities. As a Florida public university, UCF makes all application materials and selection procedures available to the public upon request. http://www.jobswithucf.com/postings/40046

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I suspect I am hardly the only member of MESA who prompts one of three replies from a new acquaintance who discovers my profession. The first is that I find myself receiving a lecture about the Middle East; I generally restrain the urge to explain that I have just been given without charge what I am paid a handsome salary to deliver. The second reply is to exclaim “What an interesting time to be studying the Middle East!” as if there has ever been a boring time. But it is the third response, a question, that gives me the most trouble: “How did you get interested in the Middle East?” The truth is very muddled and mixes in large doses of serendipity and coincidence with smaller but very real doses of fear, intimidation, curiosity, frustration, and determination.

I grew up near the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle, where my father taught as a neurophysiologist and my mother worked nearby as a pediatric nurse. That led to almost no contact with anything Middle Eastern. My father was Jewish and my mother was Catholic; that led to some vague political interest on my father’s part in Israeli affairs, but the main thing that caused him to pass on to me was a soccer loyalty. (The Dutch wartime sheltering of Jews led him to follow the 1974 World Cup when the Netherlands lost to West Germany, an event to which virtually no other American paid the slightest attention. I still cheer on the Dutch team.) If dinner table discussions took an intellectual turn it was likely about science or technology (where my father made odd claims about computers soon becoming household objects) or perhaps history. Religion and politics received little comment. I vaguely recall that a neighbor was a member of the UW’s faculty teaching Persian and I more clearly remember a classmate named Deena who was of Palestinian descent, but I never spoke with either about the Middle East.

I did become interested in other countries and cultures beyond those of the Pacific Northwest when my family relocated to Malaysia for a year in 1969; on that trip we also visited Angkor Wat, Bangkok, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Athens, Paris, London, and New York. All struck me as fascinating, though primarily for their exoticism (New York as much as Bangkok, I have to admit). The fact that we were in Malaysia during a state of emergency and violent race riots or that our trip to Cambodia came months before that country’s deep descent into invasion and civil war did not escape my consciousness but neither did they attract that much of my attention. And the one Middle Eastern location visited—Jerusalem—deeply interested me but seemed at that point one exotic locale among many others.

But when it came time to select my first courses as a freshman at the University of Chicago in the fall of 1976, I came up with the original idea that it might be an interesting time to study the Middle East. War, oil embargo, diplomacy, and political violence—Middle Eastern news had taken up considerable space on the pages of the newspaper I had grown up reading, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Maybe a college course would help me understand what all the fuss was about.

My freshman adviser suggested I attend the first meeting of “International Relations of the Middle East” and then speak with the professor afterwards to find out if it was appropriate for a student straight out of high school. However, when Leonard Binder began what turned out to be a bit of a seminar, it became horrifyingly clear that I had made a tremendous mistake. One-third of those in the room were graduate students. One wore tweed and smoked a pipe; another sprinkled complicated English sentences with foreign words; and a third began a contribution with the utterly indecipherable comment: “When I was working in Foggy Bottom, the feeling on the seventh floor was…” I did not know what “Foggy Bottom” was, but I suspected it was not an appropriate term to use in educated discussion. I needed to get out. My problem was that in order to drop the class, I would need Binder’s signature. That was clearly impossible. I did try. In fact, on one occasion I got quite close to the professor before darting away in fear. So I was stuck.

I stayed with the class, writing down strange terms and looking them up when I got to the library. I studied a map so I could tell Lebanon and Libya apart. Sufi and Shi’i were a bit more difficult, but I did my best. By the end of the course, I felt drawn in sufficiently to select “Islamic Civilization” for my “non-Western civ” requirement. This was a three quarter class taught by Stephen Humphreys but bringing in guest lecturers like Fazlur Rahman and John Woods. I took a liking to the material in part because none of these illustrious scholars had to know who I was: this was a lecture course so I could sit quietly and listen. If I needed help, we had a gentle TA named Bruce Masters who could guide us in writing papers. Still I was frustrated: every single quarter, I found that despite giving my written work a few terse compliments, Humphreys always chose to describe my final paper as “turgid.”

By the time I decided to attend graduate school in political science at Princeton, I was sufficiently interested in the Middle East to enroll in beginning Arabic. I was more than a little surprised when I purchased the required textbook and discovered it was written by Deena’s father, Farhat Ziadeh of the University of Washington. (I asked my father if he knew Ziadeh and it turned out the two had served on some campus committee together. He described Ziadeh as “reasonable,” one of the traits my late father most admired in other human beings.)

Arabic was not easy, but I did discover that if I brought the same determination I
had to learning the strange phrases of my classmates in Binder’s class, I could make slow progress. And in my other course work focusing on the Middle East—with John Waterbury, Carl Brown, and Manfred Halpern—I found myself growing more interested in regional politics. It was clear I would write a dissertation on a topic involving something, somewhere in the Arab world; when Carl Brown asked me how much time I had spent there, I was forced to confess I had never been. Off I was sent for language study and field work.

I lived for two years in Cairo, studying on CASA, conducting research for my dissertation, and traveling a bit around the region. This was a time when such an extended overseas trip attenuated ties much more than it does today—now forgotten things like aerogrammes, shortwave radios, and (three-day delayed) Herald Tribunes allowed for maintaining some cultural and personal ties, but I found myself more thoroughly immersed in parts of Egyptian society than I had expected. My research was largely historical (in libraries and archives), with my colleagues and social networks partly Egyptian.

But even after two years in which I was training to be an expert on the Arab world, I continued to be struck by how much even the parts of Cairo that I came to know consisted of many overlapping worlds that I could only understand and penetrate to a limited extent. I think I became convinced from that experience—and I continue to be convinced today—that when we do our job well, it is more to aid by building bridges that facilitate understanding than by being sources of expertise and information ourselves.

I returned back to Princeton to write up my dissertation; I then interviewed for a visiting position at Wesleyan University. I was offered the position perhaps largely due to the calming effect a member of the audience had on me when I delivered my first job talk—Bruce Masters, who had joined the history faculty.

A year after that experience I had an interview in a neighborhood whose name had so confused me a decade earlier—Foggy Bottom. I joined the George Washington University in the fall of 1987 and have taught there ever since. From the beginning it was a fortunate place to be—GW and the Washington locale offered significant student interest, some local resources (such as the Library of Congress), a steady stream of visitors, and a community of colleagues. Washington is also, of course, a policy-oriented city, though that did not spark much of my interest at first. The sorts of things that absorbed the attention of my academic work—the historical evolution of modes of governance and legal institutions, for instance—were not obviously connected with policy debates about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or the Iran-Iraq war. I would sometimes participate in policy discussions at the margins but generally only by happenstance. In 1988, right after arriving, I received a call from a journalist who was writing a profile of William Quandt, then president of MESA and also a scholar at the Brookings Institution. I had nothing of interest to say—I had read some of his writings in Binder’s and Waterbury’s classes but I had never met him, and he clearly traveled in policy circles far from mine. So I uttered a polite but vague description of him (“he has the respect of both the policy and academic communities and those things are very hard to combine”) as a way of ending the call. I was a bit startled—and I learned my lesson that anything you say to a journalist can be quoted—when I received a copy of the article in the mail with my flap very much part of the story. I pictured Quandt himself reading it and asking himself, “Who is Nathan Brown and why is he saying nice things about me?” When I finally met him fifteen years later, he did not deny that thought.

In the ensuing years, my institution has evolved, as have my interests. GW is now the location for the Institute of Middle East Studies, a first-rate center for work on the region; in the past decade we have begun to attract the strongest possible faculty, undergraduates, MA, and PhD students interested in the Middle East.

And I no longer avoid policy discussions. Actually, I have the sensation that they came to meet me, not the other way around. I still remember sitting in my car waiting to pick up my children from summer camp in 2002 when I heard George Bush give his opinion on Palestinian constitutional issues, an interest of mine hitherto as lonely in the US as my father’s interest in soccer in the early 1970s. Suddenly governance and legal issues were part of broad international and policy discussions.

In 2005, I took off two years to serve full time at a Washington think tank, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where I still have an affiliation. It was a wonderful way to get my feet wet. Since Carnegie afforded me considerable freedom to research and write as I liked, I found ways to translate my academic interests into terms relevant to policy discussions rather than have those discussions dictate my interests. I also found that such discussions often can be international if one tries—much of Washington policy debate is inward looking and self-referential to be sure, but there are real opportunities to contribute to and be educated by discussions in Europe and the Middle East.

The role of scholars in such discussions is somewhat controversial within the academy. The platitude I uttered about Quandt is actually quite true—it is difficult to combine participation in policy debates with purely academic work in a manner that draws the respect of both worlds. I cannot say that I succeed but I can report that when I conceive of my role as interpretation and translation rather than as prescription or technical expertise, I feel less tension. But I think that is in part because my teachers—even those who were unaware of my often timid presence in their classrooms—instilled in me a sense of how to keep my feet planted firmly in scholarly integrity, intellectual debates, and academic approaches and to have a scholar’s humility about the finality of any pronouncements I might be called upon to deliver.
November may seem far off but the FilmFest committee is busy making selections. As you’ve come to expect we’ll have a variety of features and documentaries on a range of subjects. Again this year, shorts by emerging Middle Eastern film makers provide glimpses into youth perspectives on their lives. Here are a few films you’ll find on the program.

**Killing Her is a Ticket to Paradise**

Teacher and blogger Boushra Al-Maqtari was an activist in the 2011-12 uprising that overthrew Yemen’s president. But she was disappointed with the post revolution government and blogged about her disillusionment. This public critique resulted in a fatwa promising paradise to whoever kills her. Khadija Al-Salami’s *Killing Her is a Ticket to Paradise* follows Boushra as she lives with the omnipresent threat of death.

**Kismet**

Turkish soap operas are role models for local and regional viewers. By openly addressing sexual and domestic violence, arranged and child marriages and honor killings, the soaps have sparked change in gender relationships, activism against sexual abuse, and increased female initiated divorce. *Kismet* illustrates how the soaps have altered viewers’ lives.

**When I Saw You**

When I Saw You is Annemarie Jacir’s latest award-winning feature film. The story is set in 1967 as thousands of Palestinians pour into temporary refugee camps in Jordan. Eleven-year-old Tarek, the central character, struggles to adjust to his new life. Eventually he finds people who can help him in his new circumstances.

**A Siege of Salt and Sand**

It has been several years since the FilmFest addressed environmental issues. *A Siege of Salt and Sand* examines the impact of global warming on Tunisia. This just completed film allows effected Tunisians to present how rising sea levels, desertification and government policy are making life in Gabes oasis almost impossible.

**Tinghir-Jerusalem**

In recent years the history of Moroccan Jews has attracted academic and video attention. Kamal Hachkar grew up in the Berber village of Tinghir and his film, *Tinghir-Jerusalem*, explores the history of its Jewish quarter. Hachkar introduces what is left of the Jewish community in Morocco and follows some of the emigrés to Israel. This is a film about identity and Jewish-Muslims relations.

**Karama Has No Walls**

Sara Ishaq’s *Karama Has No Walls* focuses on a tragic event in the Yemeni uprising against Ali Abdullah Saleh’s rule. The film highlights the tenacity and courage of the protesters and the cameramen. Karama was originally screened in the 2012 FilmFest. This slightly longer version was a finalist for the 2014 Short Documentary Academy Award.

**Aims**

Sponsor a film at **FILMFEST 2014**!

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Meetings in Conjunction

- **AMIDEAST—America-Mideast Educational and Training Services**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Education Abroad Academic Consortium Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Maryland A (L)*

- **AATA—American Association of Teachers of Arabic**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Executive Board Meeting, 9am-12nn, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)*
  
  *Panel, 1-3pm, Virginia A (L)*
  
  *Business Meeting, 3:30-4:30pm, Virginia A (L)*

- **AATP—American Association of Teachers of Persian**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *General Meeting, 2-3pm, Taft (M)*
  
  *Workshop: “Content-based Instruction and Task-based Language Teaching and Their Applications in Persian Instruction and Development Materials,” 3-5pm, Taft (M)*
  
  *Awards Ceremony, 5-6pm, Taft (M)*

- **AATT—American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Business Meeting, 10-11pm, Harding (M)*

- **AIIrS—American Institute of Iranian Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 2-4pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)*

- **AIMS—American Institute for Maghrib Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 8:30am-1:30pm, Maryland A (L)*
  
  *Business Meeting, 4:530, Roosevelt 1 (E)*

- **AIVS—American Institute for Yemeni Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 4-6pm, Cleveland 2 (M)*
  
  *General Meeting, 7-8pm, Tyler (M)*

- **AUB—American University of Beirut**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Virginia B (L)*

- **AUC—American University in Cairo**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Delaware A (L)*

- **AUC-P—American University in Cairo Press**
  
  *Monday, 11/24*
  
  *Arabic Language Program Information Session, 11am-12nn, Taft (M)*

- **AASA—Arab American Studies Association**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 1-2pm, Tyler (M)*
  
  *Business Meeting, 2-3pm, Tyler (M)*

- **AGAPS—Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 11am-2pm, Johnson (M)*
  
  *General Business Meeting, 2-4pm, Harding (M)*
  
  *Happy Hour Reception, 4-7pm, Petits Plats, 2653 Connecticut Ave. NW*

- **AIS—Association for Israel Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, McKinley (M)*

- **AMEA—Association for Middle East Anthropology**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 5-6pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)*
  
  *Membership Meeting, 6-6:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)*

- **AMEWS—Association for Middle East Women's Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)*
  
  *Members Meeting, 7:30-8:30pm, Taft (M)*
  
  *Dinner, 8:30-11pm, Coolidge (M)*
  
  *Monday, 11/24*
  
  *Open Reception, 8:30-10pm, Wilson A (M)*

- **ASPS—Association for the Study of Persianate Societies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Board Meeting, 2-4pm, Buchanan (M)*
  
  *Business Meeting, 4-5pm, Truman (M)*
  
  *Journal of Persianate Studies Editorial Board Meeting, 5-6pm, Buchanan (M)*

- **BCARS—Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Reception, 5-7pm, Taylor (M)*

- **CASA—Center for Arabic Study Abroad**
  
  *Saturday, 11/22*
  
  *Governing Board Meeting, 7:30-10:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)*
  
  *Sunday, 11/23*
  
  *Consortium luncheon, 12:30-2pm, Lebanese Taverna Restaurant (2641 Connecticut Ave. NW)*

- **Eastern Consortium in Persian and Turkish**
  
  *Monday, 11/24*
  
  *Board Meeting/Forum, 2-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)*

- **EWIC—Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures**
  
  *Friday, 11/21*
  
  *Board Meeting, 9am-5pm, McKinley (M)*
  
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  *Editorial Board Training, 9-11am, Wilson A (M)*

- **Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies**
  
  *Monday, 11/24*
  
  *Reception, 9-10:30pm, Virginia B (L)*
IIIT—International Institute of Islamic Thought  
Sunday, 11/23  
Reception, 5-6:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

IJMES—International Journal of Middle East Studies  
Saturday, 11/22  
Editorial Board Meeting, 4-5pm, Tyler (M)

ISIS—International Society for Iranian Studies  
Saturday, 11/22  
Board Meeting, 2-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)  
General Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

JMEWS—Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies  
Monday, 11/24  
Editorial Board Meeting, 7-8:45pm, Wilson B (M)

JMEWS and Duke University Press  
Sunday, 11/23  
Reception, 4:00pm, Exhibit Hall C, Booth #98

JPS—Journal of Persianate Studies  
Saturday, 11/22  
Editorial Board Meeting, 5-6pm, Buchanan (M)

KSA—Kurdish Studies Association  
Saturday, 11/22  
Membership Meeting, 2-4pm, Coolidge (M)

LAU—Lebanese American University  
Monday, 11/24  
Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Coolidge (M)

Lund University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies  
Saturday, 11/22  
Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Virginia C (L)

MECPD—Middle East Center & Program Directors  
Monday, 11/24  
Annual Meeting, 9-11am, Maryland A (L)

MELG—Middle East Law and Governance  
Saturday, 11/23  
Business Meeting, 8:30-10:30am, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

MELA—Middle East Librarians Association  
Saturday, 11/22  
Vendor Showcase, 9-11am, Maryland C (L)  
Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI) Delegation Roundtable, 11:30am-1:30pm, Maryland C (L)

MEM—Middle East Medievalists  
Saturday, 11/22  
Board Meeting, 1:30-3:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8218 (L)  
Business Meeting, 3:30-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

MEOC—Middle East Outreach Council  
Saturday, 11/22  
Teacher Workshop, 9am-4pm, Copley Formal Lounge, Georgetown University  
Business Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm, Jackson (M)  
Sunday, 11/23  
Board Meeting, 7:30-9am, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)  
Nuts & Bolts Workshop for Outreach Coordinators, 10am-12NN, Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)

MESA—Middle East Studies Association  
Sunday, 11/23  
CAF Annual Meeting, 8-10am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)  
Monday, 11/24  
Meeting of Officers of MESA’s Affiliated Organizations, 7:30-8:30am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)  
Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting, 9-11am, Maryland A (L)

MARA—Modern Assyrian Research Archive  
Saturday, 11/22  
Business Meeting, 6-8pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

OTSA—Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association  
Saturday, 11/22  
Board Meeting, 12nn-2pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)  
Reception, 7-8pm, Hall C Atrium (E)  
Business Meeting, 8-10pm, Harding (M)

PARC—Palestinian American Research Center  
Saturday, 11/22  
Board Meeting, 12nn-4pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)  
Get Together, 4-5pm, Johnson (M)

SAS—Society for Armenian Studies  
Friday, 11/21  
Workshop, 2-6pm, Maryland A (L)  
Saturday, 11/22  
Workshop, 10am-1pm, Jefferson (M)  
Executive Council Meeting, 2-4pm, Cleveland 1 (M)  
Annual Meeting, 4:30-6:30pm, Jefferson (M)

SSA—Syrian Studies Association  
Saturday, 11/22  
Board Meeting, 1-2pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)  
Business Meeting, 2:30-3:30pm, Virginia B (L)  
Panel Discussion: New Perspectives on the Syrian Conflict, 3:30-5pm, Virginia B (L)
TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq
Saturday, 11/22
Board Meeting, 1-3pm, McKinley (M)
Reception, 4-6pm, Delaware B (L)

University of Chicago
Saturday, 11/22
CMES Alumni Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Delaware B (L)

Western Consortium of ME Centers
Monday, 11/24
Meeting, 11am-1pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)

World War I in the Middle East and North Africa Society
Sunday, 11/23
Reception, 5-7pm, Open City Restaurant, 2331 Calvert St NW at 24th St (near the Marriott and the Woodley Park Metro Stop; information: Elizabeth Thompson eft3k@virginia.edu)

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The Salaita Case and the New Assaults on Academic Freedom
Organized by Paul Sedra

Chairs: Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser U and Laurie Brand, U Southern California and Chair, MESA Committee on Academic Freedom

Steven Salaita
(the implications of the attack on his constitutionally-protected speech and academic freedom)

Lisa Hajjar, UC Santa Barbara
(the chilling effects of the new discourse of ‘civility’ adopted by university administrators on various campuses)

Rosemary G. Feal, Modern Language Association
(the ways in which MESA might undertake joint action with disciplinary societies in defense of academic freedom)

Mary Gray, American University; former member of AAUP’s Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure
(university governance and academic freedom)

Dr. Steven Salaita was to take up a tenured appointment in the American Indian Studies program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Two weeks before classes began, as he prepared to move his family to Illinois, Dr. Salaita’s position was retracted over concern about remarks he made on Twitter about Israel’s policies in Gaza. Members of this panel will discuss issues of freedom of speech, academic freedom, university governance, civil discourse, and the potential repercussions for faculty in Middle East studies.
### Undergraduate Research Poster Session

**4-5pm**

**MESA’s Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies**

presents an

**Undergraduate Research Poster Session**

Prior to the poster session, the undergraduate students will participate in a workshop meant to hone their research skills by focusing on placing their work in the academic literature, developing research methods, and exposing students to data, archives, and other primary sources in Middle East studies. MESA 2014 attendees are invited to the poster session to engage these young scholars in a discussion of their research. Workshop facilitators: **Jeff VanDenBerg**, Drury U; **June-Ann Greeley**, Sacred Heart U; **Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah**, U Maryland; **Sherine M. Hafez**, UC Riverside; **Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers U; **Diane E. King**, U Kentucky; and **Serdar Poyraz**, Missouri State U.

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(3644) Morocco During the 1940s: Global Imperatives and Local Responses
Organized by Alma Rachel Heckman and David Stenner
Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: Emily R. Gottreich, UC Berkeley

Alma Rachel Heckman, UCLA–Vichy Rule as Catalyst: Moroccan Jewish Political Participation and the Development of the Moroccan Communist Party

David Stenner, UC Davis–Talking Revolution but Appeasing the Colonizer: Nasser's Refusal to Support North African Nationalism

Samir Ben-Layashi, Sciences Po, Paris–The Colonial Social Hygiene Project in the Aftermath of WWII in Morocco

Jonathan Wyrzten, Yale U–Global Deployment and Local Effects: Morocco’s Independent Assyrian State (1921-1932) and the Jews of Morocco During Vichy

(3645) Visualizing Modernity in the Nineteenth Century: Photography and Print Culture from the Middle East
Organized by Mira Xenia Schwerda and Hala Auji

Chair: Cyrus Schayegh, Princeton U

Discussant: Ami Ayalon, Tel Aviv U

Stephen Sheehi, Col of William and Mary–“The Motive Behind This Portrait”: Ottoman Arab Photography and the Mediation of Class Anxiety

Radha Dalal, Virginia Commonwealth U, Qatar–Intertextual Representations of Modernity: Max Fruchtermann’s Postcards and the Sultan Abdül Hamid II Photo Albums

Mira Xenia Schwerda, Harvard U–The Spectacle of Death: Photographic Depictions of Executions in the Qajar Era

Hala Auji, American U Beirut–Power in the Ephemeral: The Diverse Politics and Aesthetics of Printed Arabic Pamphlets from fin de siècle Beirut

(3651) The Kurds and the Changing Middle East Political Map
Organized by Michael M. Gunter

Supported by Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: Robert W. Olson, U Kentucky

Discussant: Tozun Bahcheli, King's Col London

Mohammed M.A. Ahmed, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies–Are the Kurds Missing the Boat?

Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Technological U–The Syrian Kurds & the Changing Middle East Political Map

Diane E. King, U Kentucky–The Kurdish Region of Iraq and the Changing Middle East Political Map

Nader Entessar, U South Alabama–Securitization of Kurdish Demands in Iran

Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col–Kurdish Identity and Diaspora Politics: Re-Positioning Dissent

(3664) Minorities and Formations of the Modern Arab State
Organized by Fadi Dawood

Discussant: Orit Bashkin, U Chicago


Roundtable

(3668) Studying Contentious Politics and Social Movements after the Arab Uprisings
Organized by Charles Kurzman and Frederic Volpi

Chair: Steven Heydemann, US Inst of Peace

Charles Kurzman, UNC Chapel Hill

Jeff Goodwin, New York U

James Jasper, Graduate Center, CUNY

Farhad Khosrokhavar, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Frederic Volpi, U St. Andrews

Wendy Pearlman, Northwestern U

(3679) Political Institutions and the Contestation of Shi‘i Doctrine with the Rise of the Buyids 4th/10th - 5th/1th Centuries
Organized by Edmund Hayes

Chair: Mushegh Asatryan, Independent Researcher

Mohammad Sagha, U Chicago–Political Legitimacy, Religious Doctrine, and Sectarian Identity: Applying Social Network Analysis to Buyid Baghdad

Edmund Hayes, U Chicago–The Political and Institutional Role of Charismatic Bābs in 4th/10th Century

Mohammed Allehbi, U Chicago–The Ṭālibid Syndics of Baghdad: Representatives of a Community in Transition

George Warner, SOAS U London–The ‘Kitāb Ḳībāt Al-Waṣiyya’ Attributed to Al-Mas‘ūdī: Knowledge Production and Sectarian Identity in Tenth Century Imāmism

(3694) Mapping Middle Eastern Literatures
Organized by Gretchen Head

Discussant: Zaki Haidar, Carleton Col

Linda Istanbulli, UC Berkeley–Rethinking Egypt’s National Narrative: Idris Ali’s Beneath the Poverty Line

Anna C. Cruz, UC Berkeley–(Re)Creating Cordoba: Mapping Nostalgia, Memory, and the Imagination

Aria Fani, UC Berkeley–Mapping Absence in Missing Soluch

Gretchen Head, UC Berkeley–Contesting the City in Contemporary Tunisian Women’s Writing

(3708) Transmutations of Shari‘a: Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in the 19th - 20th Century Egypt
Organized by Samy Ayoub

Chair: Ahmad Atif Ahmad, UC Santa Barbara

Discussant: Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U

Samy Ayoub, UC Berkeley–Rethinking Premodern Legal Authority in the 20th Century Egypt
5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 22

Ahmad Atif Ahmad, UC Santa Barbara–Egypt’s 9 Constitutions in 90 Years
Aaron Spevack, Colgate U–Reverence and Realism: The Persistence of Pre-modern Islamic Law in Contemporary Egyptian Law

(3713) Social Media and Pedagogy of Middle East Studies
Organized by Ranjit Singh

Sponsored by Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: Nabil Al-Tikriti, U Mary Washington
Discussant: Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury U

Kimberly Katz, Towson U and VJ Um Amel, U Southern California–On Developing a Teaching Module on Arab Social Media
June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart U–Social Media Engages Islam: An Instructor’s Brief
Rachel T. Hones, CSU Northridge–The Arab Spring as a Framework for Teaching a Middle East Survey Course
Edward Webb, Dickinson Col–How to Incorporate Social Media into MES Courses: Hard-won Lessons
Ranjit Singh, U Mary Washington–Teaching Social Media and ME Politics

(3721) From House Politics to the Politics of Housing
Organized by Geoffrey Hughes and Bridget Guarasci

Discussants: Asef Bayat, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore Col

Geoffrey Hughes, U Michigan Ann Arbor–“Houses are Alive”: The Persistence of Bodily Metaphors in Talk About Housing in Contemporary Jordan
Bridget Guarasci, Oberlin Col–Environmental Futures: Building Houses amidst Environmentalism Along the Great Rift Valley in Jordan
Yazan Doughan, U Chicago–We Said it Right in His Face: The Spatial Politics of Fearless Masculinity in Jordan’s Protest Movement
Fida Adely, Georgetown U–Space, Place and Home in Amman, Jordan: Re-Gendering Space

(3726) Historicizing and Comparing Resecularization in Turkey, Egypt, and Iran
Organized by Yasuyuki Matsunaga

Mohammed Moussa, Independent Scholar–Pakistan Al-Ghazali and the Islamic Tradition: Towards an Indigenous Secularity?
Naser Ghobadzadeh, Australian Catholic U–Re-examining Shiite Political Theology to Promote Secularity
Umut Azak, Okan U–Resecularization in Turkey after June 2013: Is a New Secularism Possible?
Yasuyuki Matsunaga, Tokyo U Foreign Studies–Will Historicizing Desecularization Help the Iranian Postrevelstists?

(3802) Exploring Middle Class Experiences in the Region: Subjectivities, Strategies, and Ambivalences
Organized by T. Deniz Erkmen and Ozlem Altan-Ölcay

Chair/Discussant: Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut

Ozlem Altan-Ölcay, Koç U–In the Market for US Citizenship: Class Distinctions and Insecurity in Turkey
Hanan Kholoussy, American U Cairo–Mubarak’s Marital Woes: Middle-Class Navigations of Neoliberalism
T. Deniz Erkmen, Özyeğin U–Stepping into the Global: The Meaning of Working in a Transnational Corporation in the Narratives of Turkish Professionals

(3859) Reverberations of Conflict: Impacts and Outcomes of Violence
Organized by Christina Sciabarra

Chair: Leila O. Hudson, U Arizona
Discussant: Dylan Baun, U Arizona

Lyndall Herman, U Arizona–The Evolution and Current Position of the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine: A Middle Eastern and North African Based Case Study
Christina Sciabarra, U Arizona–Arabs Spring to Bombs: Elections and Cycles of Violence in Post-Invasion Iraq
Felisa (Farzana) Hervey, U Arizona–Translating Conflict: Contemporary Women’s Poetry from Herat, Afghanistan

(3870) What’s in a Genre?: New Approaches to Ottoman Intellectual History
Organized by M. Sait Ozervarli and Helen Pfeifer

Chairs: Helen Pfeifer, Cambridge U and M. Sait Ozervarli, Yıldız Technical U
Discussant: Tijana Krstic, Central European U

Sara Nur Yildiz, St. Andrews U/Oriental Institute Istanbul–Commentary Writing and Intellectual Genealogies of Religious Texts in the Early Ottoman Tradition
M. Sait Ozervarli, Yıldız Technical U, Istanbul–Kalâm Texts in the Ottoman Intellectual Context: An Overview of the Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries
Helen Pfeifer, Cambridge U–Ottoman Biographical Dictionaries: Roots and Routes
Derin Terzioglu, Boğaziçi U–Imlahis, Their Authors and Audience in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire
(3908) Reading the Politics of Digitization
Organized by Sean E. Swanick and Sharon C. Smith

Sponsored by Middle East Librarians Association (MELA)

Chair: Sharon C. Smith, MIT

Sumayya Ahmed, UNC Chapel Hill–And We Keep a Copy: Digitization, Ownership and Colonial Memories
Walid Ghali, Aga Khan U–Constraints on Manuscripts Digitisations in Egypt
Michael A. Toler, MIT–Can the Cloud Make it Rain?: On the Social and Political Implications of the Digital Revolution in East-West Relations
Alexander Nagel, Smithsonian Inst–Letters and Cups from Persepolis: Lessons from an Archival Odyssey in the Context of the Digitization of World Cultural Heritage

(3921) Islamic Thought in the 21st Century
Chair: Carl Sharif El-Tobgui, Brandeis U

Evan Siegel, New York City Col of Technology–An Analysis of Sheikh Mohammad Montazeri’s Newspaper, Peyam-e Shahid Usamaa Al-Azami, Princeton U–Liberal Ideals and Islamic Law: Limiting Appeals to Scripture in Modern Islamic Political Thought
Zoe LeBlanc, Vanderbilt U–Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of Supranational Islamic Fiqh Academies and Islamic Legal Authority in the Late Twentieth Century and Early Twenty-First Century
Halil Ibrahim Yenigun, Istanbul Commerce U–The Political Ontology of Liberal Islam: A Critique of Contemporary Islamic Democracy Theories
Abdullah R. Lux, Independent Scholar–Doctrines of Al-ajal Al-maḥtūm and Al-ajal Al-makhūrūm or Al-ajal Al-mu’allaq: The Problem of Fixed and Variable Ajal (Terms/Lifespan) in Contemporary Shi’ite Thought

(3926) Lebanese Spaces and Places
Chair: Ghenwa Hayek, Claremont McKenna Col

Owain Lawson, Columbia U–“Our Nation, Predestined by Nature”: Constructing National, Natural, and Touristic Spaces in Mandate Lebanon
Sana Tannoury Karam, Northeastern U–Gendering the Working Class: Contesting Power in the Lebanese Communist Discourse, 1920-1945
Zeina Maasri, American U Beirut/U Brighton–Locating the Nation: Changing Imagescapes in 1960s Lebanon Tourism Promotion
Maria Bashshur Abunnsar, American U Beirut–The Oral History and Memory of Ras Beirut: Exceptional Narratives of Coexistence
Zachary Cuyler, Georgetown U–Building the Earth: The Technopolitics of the Trans-Arabian Pipeline in Lebanon, 1950-1975
Chantal El Hayek, MIT–Stars of Two Nations: The Place de l’Étoile and Colonial Radial Planning

(3945) Women, Education, and Empowerment
Chair: Lucy L. Melbourne, Saint Augustine’s U

Hoda Yousef, Franklin & Marshall Col–Answering Amin: Early Responses to and Reformulations of “The Women Question”
Mohamed Sallam, U Minnesota–Competing and Contesting Constructions of ‘Modern’ Womanhood: A Vertical Case Study Examining the Effects of International Development Discourse on Marriage and Education in Rural Upper Egypt
Hengameh Fouladvand, Ctr for Iranian Modern Arts–Iranian Feminist Art: No Delicate Flowers!
Kendra Taylor, Pennsylvania State U–Voices and Counterstories of Empowerment Among Rural Women in Morocco
Natasha Ridge, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research–Education and the Reverse Gender Divide in the Gulf States: Embracing the Global Ignoring the Local
Roksana Bahramitash, U Montreal–Reflecting Innovatively on Enhancing Women’s Employment in the MENA Region

(3985) New Approaches to Palestinian/Israeli Studies
Chair: Richard Cahill, Berea Col

Steven Wagner, U Oxford–“Palestine is but a Small Section of the Great Arab Fatherland”: British Signals Intelligence, Anglo-Saudi Relations, and the 1939 White Paper Policy for Palestine
Rebecca Granato, Al Quds Bard Col–The Trope of the Hunger Strike: How Bobby Sands is/of the Palestinian Narrative

(3986) Investigations into Arabic Teaching and Learning
Chair: Gergana Atanassova, Ohio State U

Mahmoud Azaz, U Arizona–Acquisition of the Definite Marker in Plural Arabic
Heba El Ramly, American U Cairo–The Effect of Input-based and Output-based Feedback on the Short Term Development of AFL Learners’ Interlanguage
Ola Hashad, American U Cairo–The Pedagogical Value of Corpus-Based Instruction in Foreign Language Classrooms: Perspectives from the Users

(3991) Ottoman and Turkish Studies: What’s Happening?
Organized by Virginia Aksan

Session Leader: Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U, SUNY

Virginia Aksan, McMaster U
Robert Zens, Le Moyne College
Chris Gratien, Georgetown U
Howard Eissenstat, St. Lawrence U
8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 23

**TODAY’S AFFILIATED MEETINGS**

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Middle East Outreach Council Board Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

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MESA’s Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

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Middle East Law & Governance Business Meeting
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Wilson A (M)

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International Institute of Islamic Thought Reception
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(3685) From Margin to Mainstream: Geographical Transformation of Community in Rural and Urban Histories of the Other from WWII to the Arab Spring
Organized by Sargon Donabed

Chair: Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams U
Discussants: Paul S. Rowe, Trinity Western U

Mark Tomass, Harvard U–MarginAl-ization, Extreme Uncertainty, and the Syrian Civil War
Paul S. Rowe, Trinity Western U–From the Inside, Looking Outside: Alternative Story Telling Initiatives Among Palestinian Christians
Mariam Georgis, U Alberta–Nation and Identity Construction in Iraq


(3714) Authoritarian Statebuilding in the Arab World
Organized by Shamiran Mako and Jason Brownlee

Chair/Discussant: James L. Gelvin, UCLA

Shamiran Mako, U Edinburgh–Authoritarianism and Statebuilding in Iraq: Framing the Role of Exclusionary Institutions
Jason Brownlee, U Texas Austin–The Fiscal Politics of Egyptian Statebuilding, 1876-1879
May Darwich, U Edinburgh/German Inst of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)–International Dimensions and Domestic Conditions for Authoritarian State-Building in the Middle East
Adria Lawrence, Yale U–Democratic Citizens, Crown Subjects: Monarchy and State-Formation in the Middle East

(3717) Gender and Women in North Africa
Organized by Andrea Khalil

Chair: Andrea Khalil, Queens Col, CUNY
Discussant: Val Moghadam, Northeastern U

Samia Errazzouki, Georgetown U–Political Economic Liberalization and the Politics of Women’s Empowerment in Morocco
Sherine M. Hafez, UC Riverside–The Revolution Shall Not Pass Through Women’s Bodies: Egypt, Uprising and Gender Politics
Loubna Hanna Skalli, American U–Young Women and Social Media Against Sexual Harassment in North Africa
miriam cooke, Duke U–Writing Revolution

(3725) Studying the Persian Gulf Beyond State and Security
Organized by Arang Keshavarzian

Chair: Arang Keshavarzian, New York U
Pete W. Moore, Case Western Reserve U
Rosie Bsheer, Yale U
Toby C. Jones, Rutgers U
John M. Willis, U Colorado

(3728) Discovering and Reinterpreting Key Sources of Ismaili Thought and History
Organized by Paul E. Walker

Chair: Farhad Daftary, Inst of Ismaili Studies
Shainool Jiwa, Inst of Ismaili Studies–Realpolitik & Sectarian Strife: A Re-appraisal of Fatimid Rule in Syria During the Reign of the Fatimid Imam-Caliph Al-‘Azīz bi’llāh (365-386/975-996)
Shiraz Hajiani, U Chicago–The Conversions of Hasan-i Sabbah
Paul E. Walker, U Chicago–A Newly Discovered Treatise from the Earliest Fatimid Period on the Relationship Between the Burden of Alms Dues and Access to Ta’wil-based Knowledge and the Da’wa
Nadia E. Jamal, Inst of Ismaili Studies–Esoteric Explorations of the Shari’a, the Path to the Divine: A Fatimid Exposition

(3736) Maghrebi Visual Culture and the Politics of Memory
Organized by Anna Cavness and Patricia M. Goldsworthy

Chair/Discussant: Dina Al-Kassim, U British Columbia
David Prochaska, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Approaching Maghrebi Visual Culture
Patricia M. Goldsworthy, Western Oregon U–Postcolonial Re-exposures: The Moroccan Afterlife of French Colonial Photography

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Nancy Demerdash, Princeton U–Decolonizing Patrimony: Institutions, Nationalhood and the Construction of Heritage in Bourguiba’s Tunisia
Anna Cavness, UC Irvine–Visual Genealogies of an Algerian Vernacular
Nouri Gana, UCLA–Defeat and Dissent in the Cinematic Discourse of Nouri Bouzid

(3743) Social Approaches to Lebanese Shi’i History
Organized by Robert J. Riggs and Pascal Abidor

Chair: Mara Leichtman, Michigan State U
Discussant: Rola El-Husseini, CUNY Graduate Center

Pascal Abidor, McGill U–Class and Class Conflict in Jabal ‘Amil before and During the Establishment of the Lebanese State
Samer El-Karashawy, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies-Ja’far Al-Muhajir and the Reproduction of ‘Amili Nationalism
Nabil Hage Ali, Georgetown U–The Islamic Revolution in Lebanon: A Perspective on the Internal Differentiation Among Various Religious Groups in the Shi’i Community
Jean-Michel Landry, UC Berkeley–Engaging the Tradition, Challenging the Establishment: The Teaching of Shi’a Jurisprudence at the Hawza of Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah
Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport–Ayatollahs Online: Virtual Marjas and Their Actor-Networks in Lebanon

(3780) Insiders/Outsiders: Arab American Transnational Engagements, Tensions, and Identities
Organized by Matthew Stiffler, Arab American National Museum

Sponsored by
Arab American Studies Association (AASA)

Chair: Louise A. Cainkar, Marquette U

Louise A. Cainkar, Marquette U–Homeland Imaginings of Palestinian Youth in the US Diaspora
Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State U–Transnational Commitments: Arab American Activism and Palestinian Solidarity

Umayyah Cable, U Southern California–Palestinian National Cinema in Diaspora: Film Festivals and Diasporic Identity
Suraya Khan, Rice U–Beyond the Abstractions: Hisham Sharabi and an Arab-American Intellectual Generation

(3836) Arrested Development?: Problems of Industrialization in the Late Ottoman Empire
Organized by Elcin Arabaci

Chair/Discussant: Sherry Vatter, CSU Long Beach

Elcin Arabaci, Georgetown U–Symptoms of Industrial Revolution in Late Ottoman Bursa
Can Nacar, Koç U–Negotiating Power: Foremen in the Late Ottoman Empire
Kadir Yildirim, Istanbul U–Proletarianization of Dispossession: Companies, Technology Transfer and Porters in the Late Ottoman Empire

(3857) The Act of Writing in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire
Organized by Nir Shafir and Oscar Aguirre Mandujano

Carlos Grenier, U Chicago–Writing a Frontier Canon: The Works of Ahmed and Mehmed Yazıcızade
Efe Balikcioglu, Harvard U–Poetry in the Text: The Use and Function of Poetry in Râwandî’s Râhat Al-suðûr and Yazıcîzâde ‘All’s Translation of the Same Work in Tevârikh-i Âl-i Selçâk
Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U Washington–The Merits of a Poet: The Role of Talent and Education in the Making of the Ottoman Intellectual
Nir Shafir, UCLA–A Book on How to Write a Book: “Instructions to Authors” and the Question of Authorship in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul

(3860) Commerce and Intercommunal Relations in Ottoman Borderlands
Organized by Murat Yasar and Maryna Kravets

 Mehmet Kuru, U Toronto–Changing Urban Pattern of Izmir: 17th Through 20th Centuries
Emre Erol, Leiden U–Heartland into Borderland: The Transformations of the Ottoman County of Foçateyn in the Early Twentieth Century

(3861) Powering Resistance, Fueling Conflict: Energy and State-Society Relations in the Middle East
Organized by Jeanene Mitchell

Chair: Jeanene Mitchell, U Washington

Ayse Nal, U Washington–Local Environmental Movements in Turkey: The Case of Rize
Michael Degerald, U Washington–Il Faut Defendre Saddam?: Oil, State Racism, and Iraqi State Biopower in the 1980s

(3862) The Islamist Parties in North Africa and Their Strategies of Normalization
Organized by T. Jeremy Gunn

Chair: Driss Maghraoui, Al Akhawayn U

Discussant: Amal Idriessi, Moulay Ismail U–The Islamic’s Participation in Morocco and Egypt

Saloua Zerhouni, Mohamed V U–The Political Speech in the Moroccan Party of Justice and Development (PJD): Normalization or Instrumentalization?

T. Jeremy Gunn, Al Akhawayn U–Islamic Parties of North Africa and Secularism
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Djallil Lounnas, Al Akhawyn U–The Paradox of the Moderate Algerian Islamists in the Post Arab Spring

(3871) Engaging Orlando Patterson’s “Social Death” of Slaves or What is Islamic About Slavery in Muslim Societies?
Organized by Mary Ann Fay

Chair: Mary Ann Fay, Morgan State U
Discussant: Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown U

Christine E. Sears, U Alabama, Huntsville—“Tyrannical Masters is the Turks”: Mediterranean and Ottoman Context of Barbary Captivity

E. Ann McDougall, U Alberta—“What is Islamic About Slavery in Muslim Societies?”; Revisiting Cooper Through Concubinage in Southern Morocco and Mauritania (19th -21st C)

Gabeba Baderoon, Penn State U–Passive Men and Compliant Women: Islam and Slavery in the Making of Race and Sex in South Africa

Diane Robinson-Dunn, U Detroit Mercy–French and English Orientalisms and the Study of Slavery in North Africa and the Middle East: What are the Connections?

(3881) Failing to Imagine Cartographic and Discursive Borders
Organized by Emine Rezzan Karaman

Discussant: Sabri Ates, Southern Methodist U

Emine Rezzan Karaman, UCLA–Neither Persian nor Kurdish: Imposition of Osmanilik in the Kurdish Frontier and Making of the Ottoman-Persian Border

Seda Altug, Boğaziçi U–State, People and Violence in the Making of the Turco-Syrian Frontier

Dilan Okcuoglu, Queen’s U–Control and Resilience in Kurdish Geography: Case Studies of Van and Hakkari

(3883) New Approaches in the History of Iranian Urban Space
Organized by Saghar Sadeghian and Fatemeh Masjedi

Chair/Discussant: Ranin Kazemi, Kansas State U

Farzin Vejdani, U Arizona–Everyday Petitioning in Revolutionary Iran: Municipal Governance, Ordinary Iranians, and Urban Conflict, 1906–1911

Fatemeh Masjedi, Zentrum Moderner Orient–Women Mojahedin Transforming the Urban Public Spaces in Tabriz During the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906–1911


Sahar Hosseini, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–Sculpting a Modern-Persian Identity in the City: Memorializing Ferdowsi in a Public Square of Tehran

(3890) The Arab Spring Uprisings: Rebellion, Revolution, and Literature
Organized by Youness Elbousty

Chair: Susan Chenard, Gateway Community Coll

Tovmasyan Tovmasyan, Yale U–Harem, Sacred Frontiers, and Mernissi’s Revolution of Women’s World

Sarah Al Ani, Yale U–Literature: The First Step to Awareness that Leads to Rebellion

Youness Elbousty, Yale U–Revolution and Narrative: Shukri’s Al Khobz Al-Hafi Muhammad Aziz, Yale U–Sufi Aspects in Mahfouz’s Literary Work Journey of Ibn Fattouma

(3896) Learning Arabic in and Outside the Classroom: The Role of Interaction
Organized by Gergana Atanassova

Chair/Discussant: Kassem Mohammed Walha, Georgetown U

Emma Trentman, U New Mexico–Interaction and the Development of Linguistic Fluency During Study Abroad in Egypt

Maimoonah Al Khalil, King Saud U–Second Language Motivation and Noticing of Recasts in Task-based Interaction

Gergana Atanassova, Ohio State U–Feedback During Interaction in the Arabic Language Classroom: Do Learners Understand It?

(3916) Unfinished Uprisings: Reflections on Egypt from Above and Below

Chair: Peter Gran, Temple U

Soha Bayoumi, Harvard U–“Doctors of the Revolution”: Egypt’s Political Uprisings and the Limits of Medical Neutrality

Sara Salem, Inst of Social Studies–The 2011 Egyptian Uprising: Shifts and Power Struggles within the Elite

Mohamed Elghorari, New York U–The Ultras Political Role and the State in Egypt

Mariz Tadros, U Sussex–The Politics of Unruly Uprisings in Egypt

Yasmeen Daifallah, U Massachusetts Amherst–The Changing Fate of the State: The Conceptual Trajectory of “the State” in the Muslim Brotherhood’s Political Writings

(3936) Turkish Politics in the Republic

Chair: Metin Heper, Bilkent U

Reuben Silverman, UC San Diego–How to Get Ahead in Turkish Politics: Mustafa Sarigul, Factionalism, and the Republican People’s Party


Berk Esen, Cornell U–Nation-Building, State-Capacity, and Regime Consolidation: Kemalism in Comparative Perspective

Huseyin Levent Koker, Atilim U–Languages of Politics and the Constitution: Theoretical Implications of the Debate on the Turkish Constitution

Elizabeth Nolte, U Washington–Untimely?: Literature of Bureaucracy and Ahmet Hamdi Tanpinar’s The Time Regulation Institute
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(3946) The Politics of Language and Literary Production
Chair: Esra Tasdelen, U Chicago
Shaadi Khoury, George Washington U–Surveying the Future of the Arabic Language: Al-Hilal (1919-1920) and the Journal of the Arab Academy of Damascus (1928-1929)
Veli N. Yashin, Columbia U–The Sovereign and the Author: Ahmad Faris Al-Shidyaq and the Political Somatology of the Late-Ottoman Empire
Rehenuma Asmi, Allegheny Col–Qur’anic Arabic Literacy and Critical Pedagogy: A New Look at the Pedagogy of Qur’an Schools
Nicholas Walmsley, Indiana U Bloomington–Glossing Nava’i: Navigating the Central Asian Sprachbund with Nineteenth-Century Dictionaries
Catherine Jean, U Florida–Expanding Studies of Orientalism: New Approaches to Representation
Suha Kudsieh, Col of Staten Island CUNY–The Two Editions of Al-Tahtawi’s Travel Account to Paris: The Making of Docile Bodies in Modern Egypt

(3978) Rethinking Ibn Taymiyya’s Circle
Chair: Dale J. Correa, New York U
Rebecca R. Williams, U South Alabama–Ibn Kathir, Methodology, and Pragmatic Compromise
Daniella Talmon-Heller, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev–Historiography in the Service of the Mufti: Ibn Taymiyya on the Origins and Fallacies of Ziyarat
Cole Bunzel, Princeton U–Reading Ibn Taymiyya: A Disputed Treatise on Fighting the Unbelievers and Its Modern Reception
Rodrigo Adem, U Chicago–Ibn Taymiyya and the Historical Contingency of Orthodoxy

(3994) Reframing the Debate About Secularism in the MENA Region; or, What We Talk About When We Talk About Religion
Organized by Ajay Singh Chaudhary
Ajay Singh Chaudhary, Columbia U
K. Soraya Batmanghelichi, Leiden U
Elizabeth Marcus, Columbia U
Suzanne Schneider, New York U
### (3658) Tribes in Yemen: The View from Within
Organized by Najwa Adra

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: Najwa Adra, New York U
Discussant: Charles Schmitz, Towson U

Mohammed Sharafuddin, U Sana’a–Poetry and Tribalism in Yemen
Adil Mujahid Al Sharjabi, Sanaa U–The Future Political Role of Yemeni Tribal Sheikhs in Light of the Expected Outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference
Nadwa Aldawsari, Partners Yemen–Tribal Dynamics and Political Process in Yemen

### (3660) Algerian Dissident Writers of French Expression: Opening Books, Opening Minds
Organized by Valerie K. Orlando

Chair: Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland

Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland–Reflective or Restorative Nostalgia? In Camus dans le Narguilé (2011) by Hamid Grine: Resisting the Algerian Postcolonial Master Narrative

Robert Mortimer, Haverford Col–History and Memory in Boualem Sansal’s Rue Darwin

Mildred Mortimer, U Colorado–Traumatic Memory in Maïssa Bey, Puisque mon cœur est mort [Since My Heart is Dead]

Mary B. Vogl, Colorado State U–Radical Ruptures: Tahar Djaout’s Essays on Algerian Art

### (3667) Infinite Data, Finite Results: Organizing and Classifying Knowledge in Medieval Islamic Law
Organized by Elias Saba

Chair/Discussant: David S. Powers, Cornell U

Elias Saba, U Pennsylvania–Evolving Difference: Legal Distinctions in the Hanafi Tradition

Mariam Shebani, U Chicago–Khilâf Literature: The Systematization of Legal Disagreement

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### Special Session

#### (4007) ISIS and the Future of Iraq and the Levant
Organized by David Siddhartha Patel

Chair: David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis U

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Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS, U London
F. Gregory Gause, Texas A&M U
Diane E. King, U Kentucky
Joshua Landis, U Oklahoma

This session will examine implications of the rise and expansion of the self-declared "Islamic State" straddling Iraq and Syria. Specific topics to be covered include challenges that the spread of religious nationalism in the Levant present to existing state structures, the likelihood of sustainable power-sharing agreements within countries, the centrality of gender-based and sexualized violence in the creation of this "state," continuing vulnerabilities of religious and ethnic minorities, and the regional politics of the conflict(s). Speakers will address the U.S. and allied states’ still inchoate strategy to “degrade and ultimately destroy” the Islamist militant group.

#### (3673) Social Mobilization and Authoritarian Learning in the Post-Arab Uprisings Period
Organized by Frederic Volpi and Steven Heydemann

Chair: Charles Kurzman, UNC Chapel Hill
Discussant: Frederic Volpi, U St. Andrews

Steven Heydemann, US Inst of Peace–The Future of Authoritarianism in the Arab World

Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter Col CUNY–Rethinking Time and Space in the Arab Uprisings

Frederic Vairel, U Ottawa–Understanding Self-limited Mobilizations: Insights from Morocco

Hesham Sallam, Stanford U–Protest Movements, Formal Politics, and the Paradoxes of the Egyptian Revolution

Francesco Cavatorta, Universite Laval and Stefano Maria Torelli, Italian Inst for International Political Studies (ISPI)–From Victim to Hangman?: The Tunisian Troika and the Rise of Salafism

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### (3675) Arab Gulf Labour Markets and Migration: Challenges, Data, Policies
Organized by Imco Brouwer

Chair: Imco Brouwer, Gulf Research Ctr
Discussant: Philippe Fargues, European U Inst

Nasra Shah, Kuwait U–Perceptions and Aspirations of 2nd Generation Non-Emiratis in the UAE: Comparison with Recent Migrants

George Naufal, American U Sharjah–The Data Dilemma: The Case of the GCC Countries

Hend Alsheikh, Inst of Public Administration–Active Labor Policies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

11AM-IPM Sunday November 23

(3681) Settler-Colonialism and the Study of Zionism: Erasure, Transfer and Assimilation
Organized by Arnon Degani

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Chair: Gabriel Piterberg, UCLA
Discussant: Lorenzo Veracini, Swinburne Inst for Social Research

Susan Slyomovics, UCLA—“The Object of Memory” and Settler Colonialism Studies 16 Years Later
Honaida Ghanim, Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies-Judaization and De-Indigenization: Settler-Colonialism in East Jerusalem
Areej Sabbagh-Khoury, Mada Al-Carmel–The Zionist Left and Settler-Colonialism in Marj Ibn ’Amer: Land, Population and Property
Arnon Degani, UCLA—Non-Statist and Bi-Nationalist Zionism as Settler-Colonial Agendas

(3719) What If You Have Too Many Letters?: Predicaments of Printing in Egypt
Organized by J.R. Osborn and Natalia Suit

Chair: J.R. Osborn, Georgetown U

Nasreen AlKhateeb, Through the 4th Wall–Muhammad Nadim’s 1948 Memo on Moveable Type: Arabic Print Culture at the Crossroads
J.R. Osborn, Georgetown U–Printed Letters, Printed Script, Printed Arabic: Methods of Mechanical (and Digital) Reproduction
Bentley Brown, Georgetown U–Arabic Type in the Digital Age: Have Dialects Paved the Way for Change?
Natalia Suit, UNC Chapel Hill–How Do You Print the Quran?: Technology and Religion in Modern Egypt

(3733) Nature and Society: Environmental Roots of State Formation in the Modern Middle East, 18th-20th Century
Organized by Yaron Ayalon

Discussant: Alan Mikhail, Yale U

Zoe Griffith, Brown U–A Fine-Grained History: Socio-Politics of Rice Cultivation in 18th-Century Ottoman Egypt
Andrew Roberts, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)–Nowhere to Run To, Nowhere to Hide: State, Society, and Epidemic Disease in the Ottoman Balkans
Ranin Kazemi, Kansas State U–The Environmental Causes of the Tobacco Protest in Nineteenth-Century Iran
Yaron Ayalon, Ball State U–Natural Disasters and the Fall of the Ottoman Empire
Joseph D. Lombardo, The New School–Eppur Si Muove: Italian Capital, the Environment, and the Kurdish Struggle

(3748) Liminal Bad Girls of the Arab World
Organized by Elizabeth Bishop and Nadia G. Yaqub

Sponsored by Association for Middle East Women’s Studies (AMEWS)

Chair: Florence Martin, Goucher Col
Discussant: Nadia G. Yaqub, UNC Chapel Hill

Rula Quawas, U Jordan–Madness-ism in Pillars of Salt: Speaking from the Place of Revisionary Badness
Hanadi Al-Samman, U Virginia–Surviving Multiple Wa’id: Samar Yazbek’s A Woman in the Crossfire
Sherifa Zuhur, Inst of Middle Eastern, Islamic & Strategic Studies–Breaking Bad: Sama El Masry – Subversive Mu’allima of the June 30, 2013 Movement
Randa Kayyali, American U–“Jihad Jane” as “Good” American and “Bad” Arab Girl: Navigating Feminisms, Citizenship and Gendered Strategies of Acceptance
Anita Fábos, Clark U–New ‘Bad Girls’ of Sudan: Women Singers in the Sudanese Diaspora

(3761) Regime Formation and Survival: Coercion, Co-optation, and Conversion
Organized by Steven T. Brooke

Chair/Discussant: Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Hobart & William Smith Cols

Steven T. Brooke, U Texas Austin–Islamist Social Service Provision and Regime Stability in Egypt
Matt Buehler, U Tennessee–Co-optable Coalitions?: The Success and Failure of Left-Islamist Alliances in Tunisia, Morocco, and Mauritania
Dana El Kurd, U Texas Austin–Survey Experiment on Saudi Arabian Repression: Public Expression and the Religious Police
Rachel A. Sternfeld, U Texas Austin–From Repression to (Relative) Permissiveness: A Study of Press Freedoms in Egypt

Roundtable

(3784) From State of the Masses to State of the Martyrs: Interdisciplinary and Regional Perspectives on Libya
Organized by Jacob A. Mundy

Chair: Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U

Lindsay J. Benstead, Portland State U
Mietek Boduszynski, Pomona Col
Salwa Sheibany, Virginia Commonwealth U
Doris H. Gray, Al Akhawayn U

(3804) Ethnographic Inquiries of Poverty in the Middle East
Organized by Manata Hashemi and Rania K. Sweis

Discussant: Ted Swedenburg, U Arkansas

Yasemin Ipek Can, Stanford U–Fantasies of Deprivation: Lebanese Youth Dreaming a ‘Decent Life’
Rania K. Sweis, U Richmond–Child Life Histories in Ethnography: Reflections on NGOs, Homelessness and Childhood in Egypt
Manata Hashemi, UC Berkeley–The Pursuit of Face: Morality and Mobility Among Poor Youth in Iran
Maia Sieverding, UC San Francisco–Aspirational Identities and Schemas of Change: An Intergenerational Study of Popular Class Women in Cairo
Cities of Promise: Re-imagining Community in Modern Urban Space
Organized by Sarah El-Kazaz

Chair/Discussant: Diane Singerman, American U

Amy Mills, U South Carolina–The Politics of Mobility in Early Twentieth Century Istanbul
Sheila Crane, U Virginia–Housing as Battleground: Planning Strategies & Ephemeral Tactics in the Battles of Algiers
Nancy Y. Reynolds, Washington U in St. Louis–Opportunity in Aswan: Provincial Urban Consumption and Mobility in Post-colonial Egypt
Sarah El-Kazaz, Princeton U–‘Possessing’ the City’s History: Heritage Preservation and Assembling Power in Istanbul and Cairo
Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore Col–The Making and Unmaking of a Heterotopic Space: Reflections on Midan Al-Tahrir

Out of the Box & On Line
Organized by Dalal Aboel Seoud

Chair: Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo

Lisa J. White, American U Cairo–Morphology in the Online Elementary and Intermediate Curriculum
Hanan Hassanein, American U Cairo–Developing Dyslexic Students’ Grammatical Competence Through Blended Learning
Shahira Yacout, American U Cairo–AFL Students’ Perceptions Regarding Arabic Online Learning
Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo–Blended Learning: Infusing Thinking Skills in the AFL Curriculum

Conflict, Displacement and the Transformation of Kurdish Identity in Turkey: Negotiating Linguistic and Religious Identity(ies)
Organized by Mehmet Kurt

Mehmet Kurt, Selcuk U–Between Radical Islam and Kurdishness: An Ethnography of Kurdish Hizbullah in Turkey
Yesim Mutlu, Middle East Technical U–Negotiating Kurdishness Through Language: The Case of Internally Displaced Kurdish Youngsters within the Education System in Turkey
Birgul Yilmaz, SOAS, U London–Language, Identity and Conflict in Turkey: Language Rights and Activism as a Catalyst of Democratization, Political Negotiation and Resistance

China and Japan in Middle East Studies: State of the Fields
Organized by Shuang Wen

Chair: Hanan Kholoussy, American U Cairo
Discussant: Hyunhee Park, John Jay Col of Criminal Justice CUNY
Qingguo Xue, Beijing Foreign Studies U–Development and Challenges: A Brief History of Arabic Literature in China

Narratives of Body, Soul and Sex in the Late Ottoman Empire
Organized by Secil Yilmaz

Discussant: Sara Pursley, Princeton U

Gulhan Balsoy, Okan U–Masculine Anxieties: Conceptions of Impotence in Late Ottoman Medical Writings
Nefise Kahraman, U Toronto–Medical Spectacles in the Late Ottoman Empire: Mazhar Osman’s Hysteric’s on Stage
Secil Yilmaz, Graduate Center CUNY–Diagnosing Shame, Healing Fear: Manuals for Young Men on How to Protect Themselves from Syphilis in the Late Ottoman Empire
Seyma Afacan, U Oxford–Man, Not a Machine, Not an Animal: Psychology (İlm-i Ahval el-Ruh, 1911/12) by Filibeli Ahmed Hilmi as a Critique of Scientism

Muslim Subjects and Clients in the Pre-Modern Christian Mediterranean
Organized by Abigail Krasner Balbale and Brian Catlos

Chair/Discussant: R. Stephen Humphreys, UC Santa Barbara

Mohamad Ballan, U Chicago–“Zafadola Amicus Mei”: Vassalage, Friendship and the Construction of Imperial Sovereignty in the Chronica Adefonsi Imperatoris (ca. 1148)
Brian Catlos, UC Santa Cruz/U Colorado Boulder–The Survival of Muslim Minorities in Latin Christian Lands: A Question of Convenience
Fariba Zarinebaf, UC Riverside–Muslim Absence/Presence in European Ports and the Capitulations
Josie Hendrickson, U Alberta–Al-Wahranî’s Unsolicited Advice to the Moriscos

Empires, People, and Power in Ottoman Iraq: New Approaches to the 19th Century
Organized by Kearby Chess

Chair: Walter G. Andrews, U Washington
Discussant: Arbella Bet-Shlimon, U Washington

Kearby Chess, U Washington–Cholera in the Time of Empire: Imperialism and Public Health in 19th Century Baghdad
Camille Cole, Yale U–Restoring the Garden of Eden?: William Willcocks and the Remaking of Southern Iraq
Rachel Elizabeth Brown, U Washington–Mapping the Social: Kinship Networks and Ottoman Reform

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Chair: Christian Sinclair, U Arizona

Gulay Turkmen, Yale U–United in Religion, Divided by Ethnicity: The Failure of Islam as a Supranational Identity in the Kurdish-Turkish Conflict in Turkey
Professional Development Workshop

(4004) Public Intellectuals: Taking Research Outside the Academy
Organized by Suad Joseph

Supported by
Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC)

Chair: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

It is increasingly important for scholars to educate outside the academy—to take their research results, their theories, and their methods to the media, to the communities in which they circulate, to K-12 teachers, to NGO’s and to appropriate government agencies. Research foundations require effective dissemination to our publics in language, styles and venues that are accessible; legislators link university budgets to the impact of its research outside scholarly circles; merits and promotions are enhanced by the attention the research receives publically; and the society calls upon academics to give back to the public good. Organized by the Editors of the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC), this workshop trains graduate students and young scholars in public outreach work. We will use examples of how to use research to challenge and refigure public representations of Islam, Arab and Muslim Americans, the Middle East, and Muslim women. The workshop will discuss communicating with the media, preparing materials and training for K-12 teachers, working with NGO’s, writing for appropriate government agencies. The workshop will also introduce new scholars to writing for EWIC and offer opportunities for publishing in EWIC. The workshop leader is Suad Joseph, General Editor of the EWIC. She is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies at the University of California, Davis. She is joined by the Editors of EWIC.

(3922) The Armenian Genocide

Chair: Marwan D. Hanania, Stanford U
Arda Melkonian, UCLA—Gender-Based Survival Options During the Armenian Genocide
James Helicke, Ohio State U—Turkey’s First Human Rights Movement: Minorities, Multiparty Politics and the Cold War, 1945-1955
Sanket Desai, U Arkansas—Just Keep the Sheep Thieves Away: Minority Challenges to Iraqi Nation-State Building, 1933-1945
Doris Melkonian, UCLA—The Plight of Armenian Genocide Orphans in Muslim Homes
Russell A. Hopkins, U Akron—Assyrians in Hashemite Iraq: Mass Violence as State-Building

(3947) Jews and Christians: The 19th Century

Chair: Susanne Dahlgren, National U of Singapore
Frank Castiglione, U Michigan Ann Arbor—Dragomans, Non-Muslims, and Intra-Imperial Space in Nineteenth Century Istanbul
Secil Uluisik, U Arizona—Overlapping Networks and Non-Muslim Provincial Elites in the Ottoman Empire During the 19th Century: The Case of Chorbadjis
Mohammad Gharipour, Morgan State U—Identity and Architecture: Jewish Holy Spaces in Isfahan, Iran
Elektra Kostopoulou, Rutgers U—Confined in Constantinople: The Life and Letters of Cassandra Karatheodore

(3955) Modern Iran: Pahlavi Infrastructures and Politics

Chair: James F. Goode, Grand Valley State U
Heidi Walcher, U Munich—Linking Donkey Tracks to Nuclear Power Plants: Developing the Karun River Route Since the 1870s
Mikiya Koyagi, U Texas Austin—Living Along the Railway Routes: Enmity and Engagement in Lorestan During the Early Pahlavi Period
Brian Mann, Eastern Illinois U—Development Arrested?: David E. Lilienthal, the Khuzistan Development Program, and the Arabs of Iran

(3995) World War I in the Middle East

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Michael Provence, UC San Diego
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(3669) Place and Space in Middle East History: Bridging the ‘Modern/Premodern’ Divide
Organized by Matthew Hal Ellis and Zayde Antrim

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Amy Mills, U South Carolina
Dana Sajdi, Boston Col
Karen C. Pinto, Boise State U
Zayde Antrim, Trinity Col

(3678) Outside(rs) Looking In: External Influences on State and Civil Society in the Arab Uprisings
Organized by Laurie Brand

Chair: Laurie Brand, U Southern California
Laurie Brand, U Southern California–Arab Diasporas and Home State Political Development: Theorizing the Relationship
Philippe Fargues, European U Inst–Emigration and Revolt in Arab Countries
Hugh Roberts, Tufts U–Ideological Perspectives and Political Strategies of External State-Level Actors in the Arab Uprisings

(3699) The Social Lives of Things: Commodities and Culture in Colonial Algeria
Organized by Muriam Haleh Davis

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair/Discussant: Susan Slyomovics, UCLA
Terrence Peterson, U Wisconsin Madison–Quitting Colonialism Cold Turkey: Cigarette Boycotts and Anticolonial Youth Activism on the Eve of the Algerian War
Darcie Fontaine, U South Florida–Algerian “Regroupments” and the Politics of Humanitarian Aid

2-4PM Sunday November 23

Presidential Forum

The Boycott, Divestment & Sanction (BDS) Movement
Following this past summer’s violence in Gaza, some scholars have debated whether and how to respond on both an individual and a collective basis. Calls to support the BDS movement have grown. At this special session, conference attendees will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss the issues surrounding BDS in a moderated, open forum.

(3705) Re-Inserting North Africa in the Mediterranean
Organized by Jessica M. Marglin, Daniel Hershenzon, and Naor Ben-Yehoyada

Chair: Joshua Schreier, Vassar Col
Jessica M. Marglin, U Southern California–The Extraterritorial Mediterranean: Consular Courts and Connectivity in Nineteenth-Century Morocco
Eric Calderwood, U Michigan Ann Arbor–“The Daughter of Granada and Fez”: Al-Andalus in the Moroccan Nationalist Imaginary
Naor Ben-Yehoyada, Harvard U–A Maghreb’s Modern Mediterranean

(3707) Oppositional Identity, Lieux de Mémoire, and Cultural Memory in Early Islam: Part I
Organized by Elizabeth Urban

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Discussant: Tayeb El-Hibri, U Massachusetts Amherst
Scott Savran, Nazarbayev U–Bahrain V Gur: The “Arab” Sasanian King
Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan U–Reviving Memory: Miskawayh and the Pre-Islamic Past Under the Buyids
Elizabeth Urban, West Chester U–The Two Faces of Abu Bakra: What’s in an Identity?
D. Gershon Lewental, U Oklahoma–Hero and Trickster in Early Islamic Historiography: The Case of the Qadisiyyah Narratives

(3711) Through the Poet’s “I”s: Authorship and the Creation of Literary Selfhood in the Persian Pen Name
Organized by Dominic Parviz Brookshaw

Chair: Domenico Ingenito, UCLA
Domenico Ingenito, UCLA–The Takhallus as a Marker of Poetic Performance
Justine Landau, Inst for Iranian Studies–The Best Way Out: Taxallos and the Art of Naming in Medieval Persian Lyric Poetry
Dominic Parviz Brookshaw, U Oxford–Pointing at the Feminine: Gendered Self-Naming in Early Qajar Poetry

(3756) Rule of Experts?: Revolutions, Doctrines, and Interventions in the Middle East
Organized by Osamah Khalil

Osamah Khalil, Syracuse U–Modernizing the Arab Mind: Constructing Traditional Society and Expertise in the Middle East, 1951–1973
Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicutt, UC Merced–The Limits of Accommodation: Iraq, the Baath, and the Rise and Fall of Modernization Theory, 1958–72
Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut–American Myth-Making in Middle East: The Uses of Modernization Theory
Seth Anziska, Columbia U–Israel, the United States and the 1982 War in Lebanon
Tahani Mustafa, SOAS U London–The Paradox of Security Sector Reform: The Case of the Occupied Palestinian Territories
(3773) The Mandate for Syria and Lebanon in Global Perspective
Organized by Reem Bailony

Sponsored by Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair/Discussant: Michael Provence, UC San Diego
Benjamin Smuin, UC San Diego—Globalizing the Local: Speaking to the State and Acts of Citizenship in the Early Twentieth Century Middle East
Idir Ouahes, U Exeter—Internationalism & Welfarism at the Outset of the Syrian Mandate (1920-1925)
Edward Falk, UC San Diego—Self-Orientalism and the Mahjar: Art and Politics in the Syro-Lebanese Diaspora
Reem Bailony, UCLA—Lebanese Nationalism and the Syrian Revolt of 1925: South Lebanon and Its Transnational Links to the Mahjar

(3806) Photographs in Novel Digital Contexts
Organized by Lucie Ryzova and Michelle L. Woodward, MERIP/Jadaliyya

Discussant: Rebecca L. Stein, Duke U
Pelin Aytemiz, Baskent U—Digitally-Modified Photographs of the Deceased in Commercial Photography Studios in Turkey
Shireen Walton, U Oxford—Picturing Iran Online: Photo-Blogs and the Enchantments of Digital Technologies
Elisabetta Costa, U Col London—Reconfiguring the Intimate and the Public: Social Media Photography in Southeast Turkey
Lucie Ryzova, U Oxford—Long Live the Martyr: The Afterlives of Vernacular Digital Photographs in Revolutionary Egypt

(3809) Identity, Language, Media, and Memory: Kurds in the US Diaspora
Organized by Christian Sinclair

Sponsored by Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)

Aynur de Rouen, Binghamton U SUNY—Coming to America: Kurdish Diaspora in the United States
Stan Thangaraj, City Col of New York—Navigating Empire(s) Through Religion and Culture: Muslim Kurdish American Women and Challenging Power(s)

2-4PM Sunday November 23

Professional Development Workshop

(3912) Converting Dissertations and Publishing Books
Organized by Ziad M. Abu-Rish

Sponsored by MESA Graduate Student Organization and Arab Studies Institute

Chair: Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U
Bassam Haddad, George Mason U
Kate Wahl, Stanford U Press
Maria Marsh, I.B. Tauris Publishers
Nicolette Van Der Hoek, Brill

This panel workshop will feature representatives from some of Middle East studies’ leading academic publishers, providing early career scholars with insights into the submission, review, and publication process for book manuscripts. Presenters will also share some of the most effective strategies for transitioning from a dissertation to book manuscript, as well as some of the most common mistakes that get in the way of a successful submission process.

Christian Sinclair, U Arizona—Infusing Media Rhythms into the Diasporic Space: Kurds and Media Production in the US
Amir Sharifi, CSU Long Beach—The Role of Heritage Language in Identity Construction Among Diasporic Kurds in the United States

(3864) Where Does the Intellectual Stand?: Politics, Islam, Nationalism and Knowledge Production in Turkey
Organized by Alev Cinar

Chair/Discussant: Halil Ibrahim Yenigun, Istanbul Commerce U
Alev Cinar, Bilkent U—Locating Political Theory: Merging of Western Intellectual Traditions with Islamic Thought
Okan Doğan, Bilkent U—Scholars, Intellectuals, and the Media: The Armenian Issue and Making History in Turkey
Ilker Ayturk, Bilkent U—Right-Wing Intellectuals in Cold War Turkey: The Case of the Aydinlar Ocağı
Dilek Cindoglu, Mardin Artuklu U—Social Stratification and Knowledge Production in the Age of Neo-Liberalism: A Comparative Analysis of Global South and Global North Academies

Michael Christopher Low, Columbia U—“Hot Provinces”: Osman Nuri Paşa and the Articulation of the Hamidian Colonial Experiment on the Arab Frontier
Aimee Genell, Yale U—Ahmed Muhtar Paşa in Egypt: Ideas of Imperial Governance from the Edge
Elizabeh Williams, Georgetown U—From World Exposition to Tractor Competition: Ottoman Technocrats’ Participation in the Emergence of Scientific Agriculture
Dale Stahl, New York U Abu Dhabi—From Efendi to Mühendis: The Transformation of the Turkish Political Elite
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Jeffrey Culang, CUNY Graduate Center—The Construction of Minorities and Boundaries of Inclusion in Colonial Egypt, 1908-1923

David DiMeeo, Western Kentucky U—The Nubian-Egyptian Novel: The Quest for Identity in the Works of Idris Ali

Mourad Takawi, U Notre Dame—Salvation by State Alone: An Inquiry into the Political Theology of Patriarch Tawadros II

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**(3906) Of Conflict and Text: Critical Explorations on the Spaces and Significances of Political Posters, Graffiti and Street Art in the Making and Unmaking of Political Violence, Part I**

Organized by Kevin M. DeJesus, Johnson and Wales U

Chair: Eric Bordenkircher, UCLA

Maryam Shariati, U Texas Austin—Poster Politics: A Visual History of the Iranian Revolution

Courtney Dorroll, U Arizona—March of the Penguins: Visual Rhetoric & Gezi Park Protests in Turkey

Karim Gwinn Wilkins, U Texas Austin and Faegheh Shirazi, U Texas Austin—Mapping Political Discourse of the Iranian Green Movement


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**(3925) World War One and Its Aftermath**

Chair: Weston F Cook, Jr, UNC Pembroke

Pahumi Nevila, U Michigan Ann Arbor—“Jeanne d’Arcs of the Near East”: The American College for Women and Alumnae Activists During World War I

Rashed Chowdhury, U Manitoba—Russian Military Refugees in Istanbul in the 1920s

Robert Mazza, Western Illinois U—Cemal Pasha, Zionism and the Alleged Expulsion of the Jews from Jaffa in April 1917

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**(3932) Identities and Minorities in Egypt, Part I**

Chair: Nivien Saleh, Thunderbird School of Global Mgmt

Hussein Omar, U Oxford—Minority as Microbe: Sectarian Political Thought in Late Khedival Egypt

Naglaa Hussein, Howard U—Egyptian versus African Novel: Critical Responses to Muhammad Khalil Qasim’s “Ashamandoura” and Abdurrahman Al-Sharqawi’s “Al-Arad”

Yaron Shemer, UNC Chapel Hill—Re-thinking Jewish Cosmopolitanism, Belonging, and Nostalgia in the Post-1952 Revolution Egyptian Cinema

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**(3954) The Production of Oriental(ist) Knowledge**

Chair: Fatima Zahrae Chrifi Alaoui, U Denver

Hazem Salem, York Col of PA—Beyond Narratives of Divergence

Dwaa Osman, Georgetown U—Challenges of Building a Knowledge-Based Economy in the GCC

Michael Bevers, Indiana U—Clash of Rhetorics: “Othering” and the Cycle of Violence

Kosar Karimi Pour, McMaster U—Mapping the Intellectual Structure of Middle Eastern Studies: An Author Co-citation Analysis

Alex Boodrookas, New York U—Food for Books: Grain Aid, Area Studies, and the Weaponization of American Research Libraries

Tanya Kane, Texas A&M U at Qatar—What Archival Research?: Cultivating an Archival Culture in Qatar

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**(3957) Nation, Identity, and Public Opinion**

Chair: Hedi BenAicha, American Public U System

Yuksel Sezgin, Syracuse U—How Non-Muslim Democracies Engage Shari’a: Lessons for Democratizing Muslim Nations

Samuel Solomon, D3 Systems—After the Coup: Egyptian Public Opinion in the Summer of 2013

Curtis R. Ryan, Appalachian State U—Identity Crisis?: Political Opposition and Identity Politics in Jordan

Brandon Gorman, UNC Chapel Hill—Shari’a, Democracy, and the Limits of Survey Research in the Arab World: Lessons from Tunisia

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**(3966) Modern Arabic Literature, Criticism, and Identity Formation**

Chair: Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U

Shaden M. Tageldin, U Minnesota—Migration and the Estrangement of Modern Arabic

Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U—Criticism Between the Sacred and the Profane: Qur’anic Exegesis in Muhammad Ahmad Khalafallah

Sami Alkayym, Harvard U—The Rape of the Female Body as an Allegory for the Rape of a Nation: Exposing the Ugliness of Dictatorship in Tā’īr Al-Khārāb

Amal Amireh, George Mason U—Constructions of Feminist Subjectivities: Representations of Mothers in Arab Women’s Autobiography

Chip Rossetti, U Pennsylvania—An Invitation to Create Meaning: The “Participating Reader” in Muḥammad Khudayyir’s Fiction

Valentine Edgar, Columbia U—Not Everyone Returns: The Risks of Travel in the Novels of Taha Husayn and Mahmud Ahmad Al-Sayyid

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**(3972) Palestinian Identities: Then and Now**

Chair: Nancy L. Stockdale, U North Texas

Nora Stel, Maastricht School of Management and Utrecht U—The Children of the State’: How Palestinians from the Seven Villages Negotiate Sect, Party and State in Lebanon

Torsten Janson, Lund U—From Camp to Campus: Palestinian Identity at Lebanese Universities

Marwan D. Hanania, Stanford U—The Battle of Karamah and Palestinian-Jordanian Dynamics Revisited

Hind Ghandour, Swinburne U of Technology—Citizenship Space: Conceptualizing Palestinian National Identity of Naturalized Citizens in Lebanon

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Special Film Panel

2-4PM Sunday November 23

(4008) Visions of Environmental Change in Tunisia’s Gabès Oasis

Chair: Thomas B. Stevenson, Ohio U, Zanesville/MESA FilmFest
With presentations by film makers
Samuel T. McNeil (“A Siege of Salt and Sand”)
Habib Ayeb (“Gabès Labess”)

Tunisia’s Gabès oasis is a unique ecosystem nestled between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sahara. Along with a variety of fauna, the oasis’s coastal ecology supports three levels of agricultural production: date palms, fruit trees, and horticultural crops. The oasis has been nominated for UNESCO designation as a World Heritage Site.

The Gabès oasis is threatened by growing water scarcity, desertification, and urban sprawl. A large chemical complex on the edge of the oasis exacerbates these problems, making it increasingly difficult for fishermen, farmers, and herders to make a living. The very survival of the oasis is in question.

In 2014, two films were released that portray these environmental problems. “Gabes Labess” and “A Siege of Salt and Sand” address the climatic and human impacts on the oasis in local and global contexts. The FilmFest will screen both documentaries after which the film makers will hold a roundtable discussion of the issues including their divergent filmmaking and journalistic techniques to covering Gabès.

Thematic Conversation

(4001) On Line Teaching
Organized by Dalal Aboel Seoud

Chair: Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo

Shahira Yacout, American U Cairo
Rasha Essam, American U Cairo

Melanie Meinzer, U Connecticut–The Impact of Foreign Aid on Political Consciousness in Palestinian Education
Harel Chorev, Tel Aviv U–Re-Networking Palestine: Disintegration and Integration of British Mandatory Palestinian Society

(3973) Issues of Gender in the Modern and Premodern Middle East

Chair: Ibtesam Alatiyat, St. Olaf Col

Nayel Badareen, U Arizona–Can a Woman become a Mujahid?: The Case of Morocco
Rosemary Admiral, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Negotiating Marriage in Marinid Morocco
Alyssa Gabbay, UNC Greensboro–Fatima’s Khutba: An Early Case of Female Religious Authority in Islam
Fatemeh Orouji, U Tabriz–The Method of Education for Women in Safavid Harems
Arezou Azad, U Birmingham–Living Happily Ever After?: Fraternal Polyandry and ‘the House’ in Early Islamic Bactrian Society
Myriam Sabbaghi, U Chicago–The Court Poet and the Princess: Deconstructing Parī-Khān Khānum’s Power of Literary Patronage in the Safavid Court

(3981) Representing Otherness, Negotiating Difference

Chair: Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana U

Ryan J. Lynch, U Oxford–Genre and Al-Baladhuri’s Kitab Futuh Al-Buldan in Early Islamic Historiography
Marika Chachibaia, Tbilisi State U–The Palestinian Anti-Chalcedonian Hagiographer of the Fifth Century
Ahmad Nazir Atassi, Louisiana Tech–Tracking the ‘Aqida Subgenre in Medieval Islamic Literature
Boris James, Ifpo/INALCO–The Kurdish Case Through Medieval Arabic Literature: An Ethnonym Among the Ethnonyms
Andrew Magnusson, UC Santa Barbara–People without a Book: Contesting the Taxation of Zoroastrians in Early Islamic History

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### Special Session

**4006 Abandoned Yet Central:**
Gaza and the Resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Organized by Sara Roy

Chair: Sara Roy, Harvard University

**Chris Gunness**, UNRWA, Office of the Commissioner General, Jerusalem
**Paul Aaron**, Political Analyst and Consultant, Gaza Community Mental Health Program
**Bill Corcoran**, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)
**Ilanas Feldman**, George Washington University
**Brian Barber**, University of Tennessee
**Susan Akram**, Boston University School of Law

This session will present an overview of the past summer’s violent clashes between Israeli and Hamas forces and the ensuing destruction in Gaza. Representatives from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and the American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) will provide an “on-the-ground” analysis of the destruction and human toll of the 50-day war. Scholars will further place the recent violence in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and examine the prerequisites for a sustainable resolution of the conflict.

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**3663 Language Policy and Education in the Arab World: Issues and Challenges**
Organized by Abdellah Chekayri

Chair: Mohamed Maamouri, U Pennsylvania
Discussant: Atiya Hachimi, U Toronto

**Mohammed Dahbi**, Al Akhawayn U–The Functions of Arabic in Moroccan Classrooms
**Abbas Benmamoun**, U Illinois–Arabic Dialects as Resources for Improving the Teaching and Learning of Standard Arabic: Implications for Language Acquisition and Language Policy
**Abdulkaf Asbirini**, Utah State U–Language Attitudes in Relation to Arabicization in Education
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**Caroline Tee**, U Bristol–The Technical Sciences and the Purposes of God: Theory and Practice in the Hizmet Movement in Turkey

**3677 The Modern Life Sciences in the Middle East**
Organized by Elise Burton

**Joelle Abi-Rached**, Harvard U–“The Insane in Some Remote Lands”: Madness and Civilization in the fin-de-siècle Levant

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**3698 Yemen’s Cultural Crisis: Catastrophe or Opportunity?**
Organized by Stephen Steinbeiser

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: Stephen Steinbeiser, American Inst for Yemeni Studies
Discussant: Sheila Carapico, U Richmond

**Anne Regourd**, CNRS–It Looks Good on Paper: Conserving Zabid’s Manuscripts and Intellectual History

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**3715 Identity, Lieux de Mémoire, and Cultural Memory in Early Islam, Part II**
Organized by Antoine Borrut and Sarah Bowen Savant

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan U
Discussant: Steven C. Judd, Southern Connecticut State U

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**3759 Ismā’īlī History in the Early Modern Era**
Organized by Daniel Beben

Chair: Khalil Andani, Harvard U

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(3769) The Remaking of Modern Turkey 1945-1960: Cultural Transformation and Populist Democracy
Organized by Nick Danforth

Chair: Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School
Discussant: Hale Yilmaz, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

Nick Danforth, Georgetown U–Mid-Century Modernities in Democratic Turkey
Sarah-Neel Smith, UCLA–Art Beyond the State: Bilent Ecevit and the Democratisation of the Turkish Art Market in the 1950s
Matthew Goldman, U Washington–State–Populist Promises and Inflated Dreams: Explaining the Success of the Democrat Party in 1950s Turkey
Can Bilsel, U San Diego–The Ballad of Ali of Keshan: Migration and the Shantytown in Turkish Epic Theater

(3776) Writing Revolution: Literature and State Violence in the Postcolonial Maghreb
Organized by Brahim El Guabli and Jill Jarvis

Chair: Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland
Discussant: Aomar Boum, UCLA

Lucie Knight, Princeton U–Algerian Women at War: From Independence to Civil War
Jill Jarvis, Princeton U–Amnesty/Amnesia/Arris: Yamina Mechakra and Algeria’s Fictions of Justice

(3785) Space, Solidarity and Identity in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Kevan Harris and Kevin Mazur

Discussant: Melani C. Cammett, Brown U

Kevan Harris, Princeton U–Land Reform and the Longue Durée: Iranian Social Mobility from the Ground Up
Diane Singerman, American U–Residents and Municipalities: Renegotiating Political Space and Public Goods in Cairo
Lisa Wedeen, U Chicago–Virtual Space and Uncertainty: Reflections from Syria

(3792) Israel Studies in the Arab World
Organized by Johannes Becke

Discussant: Elie Podeh, Hebrew U of Jerusalem

Hassan A. Barari, U Jordan–Israelism: Arab Scholarship on Israel, a Critical Assessment
Mostafa Hussein, Brandeis U–Israel Studies in the Arab World Between Two Dictums: ‘Whosoever Learns People’s Language Avoids Their Plot’ and ‘Know Your Enemy’
Johannes Becke, U Oxford–In Beirut: Studying Israel in the Last Arab Frontline State
Hebatalla Taha, U Oxford–The Politics of ‘Normalisation’: The Israeli Academic Centre in Cairo
Amr Yossef, American U Cairo–Egyptian Israelis: The View from Israel

(3786) Expansive Pedagogy: New Sources and Approaches to Teaching the History of the Early Modern and Modern Middle East
Organized by Sarah Abrevaya Stein and Julia Phillips Cohen

Chair: Sarah Abrevaya Stein, UCLA

James L. Gelvin, UCLA–Creating New and Inflated Dreams: Explaining the Success of the Democrat Party in 1950s Turkey
Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, New York U–Defining ‘Transnational’
Heghnar Waterpauh, UC Davis–Virtual Space and Public Goods in Cairo

(3788) The Sahara in Focus: Frontier-hood, Imperialism, and the Transnational
Organized by Eileen Ryan and Mostafa Minawi

Chair: Lisa Anderson, American U Cairo
Discussant: Jens Hanssen, U Toronto

Amal Ghazal, Dalhousie U–The Empire in the Sahara: WWI in the Maghreb, Pan-Ottomanism and Mzabi Independence
Eileen Ryan, Temple U–Memory and Identity in Colonial Libya
James N. Tallon, Lewis U–Contesting the Libyan Hinterland 1900-1912
Mostafa Minawi, Cornell U–The Ottoman Government and the Sanusi Order in the Context of the ‘Scramble for Africa’
Matthew Hal Ellis, Sarah Lawrence Col–Bedouin Mobility and the Emergence of an Egypt-Benghazi Borderland

Roundtable

Vangelis Kechriotis, Boğaziçi U–Longing for Satanic Verses: Greek Satirical Press in Istanbul in the Second Constitutional Period
Murat C. Yıldız, UCLA–Creating New and Challenging Old Conceptions of Bourgeois Masculinity: The Male Body in Late Ottoman Istanbul
Burcu Karahan, Stanford U–Women of Nature: Pleasure Seekers of Ottoman Literature
Meltem Toksöz, Boğaziçi U–Ottoman Socialist Literature in the Post-1908 Empire: Other Possibilities?
(3873) The Archive: Collections and Counter-Collections
Organized by VJ Um Amel

Sponsored by Middle East Librarians Association (MELA)

Chair: Roberta L. Dougherty, Yale U Library
Discussant: Khaled Fahmy, American U Cairo

Joy Amina Garnett, The Bee Kingdom—The Bee Kingdom: An Accidental Archive
Tammi Moe, Qatar Unified Imaging Project—A Sand Castle in the Tide: Qatar’s Primary Sources
Kelly Stedem, UMAM Documentation and Research—UMAM Documentation and Research
Hana Sleiman, American U Beirut—Archives of the Palestinian National Movement: A Battle over the Production of History
Nadia von Maltzahn, Orient-Institut Beirut—Archivisme is a Local Disease

(3877) Kurdish Imaginations - Imaginations of Kurdistan
Organized by Marlene Schafer and Susan Benson-Sokmen

Chair: Sophie Richter-Devroe, U Exeter
Discussant: Hisyar Ozsoy, U of Michigan Flint

Marlene Schafer, U Cambridge—In Pursuit of Permanent Traces: Constituting Authorship Through Inscription
Susan Benson-Sokmen, U Toronto—Imagining the Non-State: Historical Production in Turkey’s “Fourth Most-Kurdish City”
Elif Ege-Tatar, U at Buffalo—A Feminist Account of Kurdistanish: Everyday Lives of Young Kurdish Women in Istanbul
Veronica Buffon, U Exeter—Imagining and Sense of Belonging in Diyarbakır: when ‘Health’ and Kurdishness Encounter Political Conflict and Biomedical Domain
Anoush Tamar Suni, UCLA—An Armenian Past in a Kurdish Present: The Politics of Remembering and Forgetting

(3886) Social Media, the Digital Archive, and Scholarly Futures
Organized by Ted Swedenburg

Chair/Discussant: Elliott Colla, Georgetown U

Negar Mottahedeh, Duke U—When YouTube Algorithms Curate the New Wave
Ted Swedenburg, U Arkansas—The New Social Media Archive of Magnrebi Popular Music
Rebecca L. Stein, Duke U—The Perpetrator’s Archive: Israel’s Occupation on YouTube
Amal Bishara, Tufts U—A Popular Digital Archive of Resistance: Facebook Posts of Protests and Arrest Raids

(3913) Perspectives of Memory and Identity Regarding the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait
Organized by Christopher Ohan

Session Leader: Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait

Conerly Casey, Rochester Inst of Technology
Christopher Ohan, Texas Wesleyan U

(3933) Identities and Minorities in Egypt, Part II

Chair: Nivien Saleh, Thunderbird School of Global Mgmt

Avishai Ben-Dror, Open U Israel—Imagining a New Egypt?: Rethinking the Biography of Raif Baða
Gregory Hoadley, UC Berkeley—Re-Interpreting the “Coptic Census”: Contesting Statistics and State Power in Egypt

(3941) Migrants and Movements in the New Syria

Chair: Angela Joya, U Oregon

Dina Matar, SOAS U London—Mediated Narratives: Political Activism and Identity Struggles in Syria
Ali Hamdan, UCLA—Beyond Lesser Syria: Spaces of the Syrian Civil War
May Farah, American U Beirut and Jad Melki, American U Beirut—Media Use in Times of War
Ihsan Cetin, Namik Kemal U—Challenges to the Integration of Syrian Refugees Living in Urban Turkey
Otared Haidar, U Oxford—The Narratives of the Syrian Wars: Women’s Voice Between Containment and Resistance
Omar Dahi, Hampshire Col—The Refugee Crisis and the Making of the ‘New Syria’

(3948) Activism, Feminism, and Agency

Chair: Roberta Micalef, Boston U

Loes Debuysere, Ghent U—The Tunisian Women’s Movement at the Crossroads of Class, History, Politics and Ideology
Lina Kassem, Qatar U—State Feminism, Local Activists, and CEDAW in Qatar: Conflicting Approaches to Strengthening Women’s Rights
Dunya Deniz Cakir, National U Singapore—The Critical Theory of Islamist Women Activists in Contemporary Turkey
Najla Al Khulaifi, Northwestern U Qatar—Female Engagement and Participation in the Arabian Peninsula: Majlis Al-Hareem in Qatar

(3976) Sovereignty and Leadership in the Premodern Middle East

Chair: Malissa Taylor, U Louisville

Justin Stearns, NYU Abu Dhabi—Intellectual History and Political Context in 17-18th Century Morocco
Daniel Sheffield, Princeton U—The Lord of the Planetary Court: Cosmic Aspects of Millennial Sovereignty in the Thought of Āzar Kayvân and His Followers
Maryam Moazzen, U Louisville—Muhammad Baqir Khatunabadi: The First Safavid Mulla-bashi (Head of Religious Scholars) and the Bread Riot of 1715

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Javad Abbasi, Ohio State U–Rashid-e Tabib: Rshid Al-Din Fazl Allah Hamadani’s Medical Activities During His Political Career (694-716 / 1295-1317)

(3979) Poetics of Creation
Chair: Pardis Minuchehr, George Washington U

Raymond Farrin, American U Kuwait–Ring Structure in Sura 9: Repentance Emphasized

Han Hsien Liew, Harvard U–The Caliphate of Adam: Sunni Exegetical Commentaries on the Qurʾānic Term “Khalīfa”

(4000) Sunnification of Ottoman Ideology and Polity, 16th to 17th Centuries
Oraganized by Murat Menguc, Seton Hall U

Chair: Guy Burak, New York U
Discussant: Derin Terzioglu, Boğaziçi U

Nabil Al-Tikriti, U Mary Washington–Greatness Denied: Firdevsi-yi Rumi on the Cusp of Ottoman Sunnism

Ayfer Karakaya-Stump, Col of Willam and Mary–Sheikh ul-Islam Ebussu’ud (d. 1574) and the (Re)Invention of Ottoman Sunnism


Tijana Krstic, Central European U–Situating Ottoman Sunnification in the “Age of Confessionalization”: Preliminary Remarks on the Dialogic Aspects of Confession-Building in the Ottoman Empire

(4002) Of Conflict and Text: Critical Explorations on the Spaces and Significances of Political Posters, Graffiti and Street Art in the Making and Unmaking of Political Violence, Part II
Organized by Kevin M. DeJesus, Johnson and Wales U

Chair: Eric Bordenkircher, UCLA

Elisa Pierandrei, Journalist and Educator–Mapping Current Dissent in Cairo Through Graffiti and Street Art

Rebecca Gulowski, U Augsburg–Analyzing Graffiti Traces: Towards the Iconography of Conflicts and Violence

Ashley Toenjes, Illinois State U–This Wall Speaks: Graffiti and the Construction of Transnational Space in Palestine

Christoph Guenther, U Leipzig–The Visualization of an “Islamic State in Iraq and greater Syria”: Religio-Political Conflict Mediatized
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AUC Press Arabic Language Program Information Session,
Taft (M)

11am-1pm
Western Consortium of Middle East Centers Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8224 (M)

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Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies Editorial Board Meeting
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Association for Middle East Women’s Studies Reception
Wilson A (M)

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Lebanese American University Reception
Coolidge (M)

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Harvard University CMES Reception
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(3641) Elite Change after the Arab Spring: Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and Yemen
Organized by Dina Bishara and Holger Albrecht

Chair: Lisa Anderson, American U Cairo
Discussant: Ellen Lust, Yale U

Dina Bishara, U Oxford and Nadine Abdalla, SWP Berlin—Changing Patterns of Elite Recruitment in the Egyptian Transformation
Holger Albrecht, American U Cairo–Cain and Abel in the Land of Sheba: Elite Conflict and Political Transition in Yemen
Virginie Collombier, European U Inst—New Elites and the Reality of Power in Post-Qaddafi Libya

(3648) Oil and Discourse in the Gulf Region
Organized by Arbella Bet-Shlimon

Chair: Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington U
Discussant: Robert Vitalis, U Pennsylvania

Arbella Bet-Shlimon, U Washington–The Political Anxieties of Iraqi Oil Since the 1920s
Mona Damluji, Wheaton Col–The Cinematic World of Oil Modernity
Roger Stern, U Tulsa–Peak Oil Discourse and the Folklore of US National Security Policy
Rosie Bsheer, Yale U–Infrastructures of Petro-Modernity in Saudi Arabia

(3656) Imagining Death and the Afterlife in the Middle East (c. 500-1700 CE)
Organized by Ali Yaycioglu and Patricia Blessing

Chair: Ali Yaycioglu, Stanford U

Torsten Hylen, Dalarna U–New Meanings to Old Rituals: The Emergence of Mourning Rituals in Shi’ite Islam
Roy Vilozny, Hebrew U Jerusalem–Death in Medieval Shiite Thought: Approaching the Undesired
Peter Wandel, The David Collection–Imagery of the Islamic Afterlife as a Way of Promoting Conversion: A Study of Five Recently Disclosed Miniatures from a 15th Century Central Asian Mirajnama
Cristelle Baskins, Tufts U–Writing the Dead in Qazvin, Shiraz, and Rome

(3670) Is There a Need for a New Primary Source Reader for the History of Pre-Modern Islamic Civilizations?
Organized by John Curry

Sponsored by Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State U

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Stephen E. Tamari, Southern Illinois U Edwardsville
Ghada Jayyusi-Lehn, American U Sharjah
Dagmar A. Riedel, Columbia U
Nicola Ramsey, Edinburgh U Press

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(3691) Proficiency Testing and Turkish
Organized by Roberta Micallef

Sponsored by American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages (AATT)

Chair: Roberta Micallef, Boston U

Jeanette E. Okur, U Texas Austin
Erika H. Gilson, Princeton U
Ercan Balci, U Illinois
Nilay Sevinc, U Michigan Ann Arbor
Feride Hatiboglu, U Pennsylvania
Senay Sarac, Hacettepe U

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(3730) Long-Term Consequences of Colonialism
Organized by Adi Greif

Chair: Adria Lawrence, Yale U
Discussant: Sean Yom, Temple U

David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis U–Lines in the Sand?: Border Dynamics in the Middle East
Adi Greif, Yale U–Impact of Imperialism: Gender in Syria and Iraq
Emma Hayward, U Pennsylvania–Colonial Legacies and Judicial Institutions in Lebanon and Egypt
Anya Vodopyanov, Harvard U–Origins and Long-Term Effects of Distributive Institutions on State-Society Relations and Contention in MENA
Mohamed Saleh, Toulouse School of Economics–The Cotton Boom and Slavery in Nineteenth Century Egypt

(3737) Religious Inclusivity and Civilizational Identity: Expanding Iranian Identities Along Religious, Ethnic, and Gender Lines
Organized by Lior Sternfeld

Chair/Discussant: Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, U Toronto

Lior Sternfeld, U Texas Austin–Iran is My Homeland, Jerusalem is My Qiblah: Iranian Jews Between Zionist and Iranian Identities
Shahezad Ahmadi, U Texas Austin–The Iran-Iraq War and Subaltern Subjectivities
Menahem Merhavy, Truman Inst for the Advancement of Peace–The National Appropriation of Religious Symbols in Iran: Quranic Exegesis in the Service of Iranian Identity
Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky U–Baha’is of Iran, 1941-1979

(3745) Green Tangle: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Mediterranean Political Ecologies
Organized by Chris Gratien and Graham Auman Pitts

Chair: Elektra Kostopoulou, Rutgers U
Discussant: Kyle T. Evered, Michigan State U

Robert Greeley, Middlebury Col–The Rule of Law and Local Capacity
Chris Gratien, Georgetown U–Tuber Tragedies: Famine, Food, and the Ottoman Encounter with the Potato
Hande Ozkam, Transylvania U–Negotiating the State and Making Subjects in Turkey’s Forests
Graham Auman Pitts, Georgetown U–“Because You Ate the Bread and Were Full”: The Maronite Patriarchate and the Environmental Origins of Lebanon

(3790) Coping with Setbacks and Reflecting on the Future: Islamist Thought in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring
Organized by Aria Nakissa and Carl Sharif El-Tobgui

Chair: Intisar Rabb, Harvard Law School

Ovamir Anjum, U Toledo–Recognizing Secularism: Between Islamist and Western Academic Discourses
Ahmad Z. Obiedat, U Virginia–Taha ‘Abd Al-Rahman’s Political Mysticism in Response to Secularist and Islamist Movements
Carl Sharif El-Tobgui, Brandeis U–Fiqh Discourses and the July 2013 Military Coup in Egypt
Aria Nakissa, U Winnipeg–Abdelwahab Elmessiri and Contemporary Arab Discourses on Secularism
Abdullah Al-Arian, Georgetown U SFS–From the Ashes of Rabaa: History and the Future of the Muslim Brotherhood

Organized by Ulrike Freitag

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Chair: Peter Mandaville, George Mason U

Zina Sawaf, Graduate Inst of Development and International Studies–Women and Genealogies in Urban Saudi Arabia: Remembering for the Sake of the Nation

Claudia Ghrawi, Zentrum Moderner Orient–In the Service of the Community?: Civic Engagement Among Commercial Entrepreneurs, Government Officials and Civil Servants in Dammam and Al-Khobar, 1940s-1970s
Annemarie Van Geel, Radboud U Nijmegen–Everyday Life and Women’s Urban Activities in Saudi Arabia: Negotiating Sex Segregation and “Mixing” Between Men and Women in University Education

(3820) Governing Urban Informality: From Colonial to Neoliberal Cairo
Organized by Mohammed Ezzeldin and Shehab Ismail

Chair/Discussant: Khaled Fahmy, American U Cairo

Mohamed Gamal Abdelmonem, Queen’s U Belfast–Homes of Modernity: European Influences on the Architecture of Home in Cairo at the Turn of Twentieth Century
Momen El-Husseiny, UC Berkeley–An Architecture of the In-Between: Modernizing Egyptian Peasant Space, 1940-1952
Shehab Ismail, Columbia U–“Dens of Misery and Squalor”: Governing the Slums in British Colonial Cairo, 1882-1922
Jon Argaman, U Pennsylvania–Planning for Disaster: Risk-Management, Visibility, and Informal Settlements in Cairo
Mohammed Ezzeldin, City U of New York–Thuggery Revisited: Neoliberalism, Violence and Revolution in Egypt

(3834) Law, Contestations and Public Formations in Turkey
Organized by Daniella Kuzmanovic and Andrea Karlsson

Chair: Sune Haugbolle, Roskilde U

Daniella Kuzmanovic, U Copenhagen–In Quest of Balance: Law, Ethics, and Journalism in the Columns of Abdi Ipekci
Joakim Parslow, U Washington–“If Only I Had Been His Lawyer ...”: Political Trials and Public Lawyering Ideals in Turkey, 1970-1980
Andrea Karlsson, Lund U–The Liberal Public and Prefigurations of a New Public Sphere
(3840) Violence, Politics and the State in Morocco
Organized by Driss Maghraoui

Discussant: Abdeslam Maghraoui, Duke U

Driss Maghraoui, Al Akhwayn U–The Makhzen in 19th Century Morocco: Between Physical and Symbolic Violence
Abdelmajid Hannoum, U Kansas–Hogra, Structural Violence or Symbolic Violence?
Abdelhay Moudden–Visualizing the Painful Past: Struggle over Political Legitimacy in Morocco
Aomar Boum, UCLA–Telling Histories of Violence: Hassan II and His Opposition in Moroccan Newspapers in the Era of Mohammed VI
Mustapha Qadery, Mohammed V U–The Glauoi’s in Tribal Land: Violence and French Colonial Rule in Morocco

(3847) Left Behind Democracy
Organized by Rita Stephan

Discussant: Tamer Sorek, U Florida

Asaad Al-Saleh, U Utah–Serving the Regime: Buthaina Shabaan and the Legacy of a Public Intellectual Siding Against the Syrian Revolution
Theresa Hunt, New Jersey Inst of Technology–Launching Revolutions and Challenging the State: Egyptian Women’s Anti-Sexual Harassment Campaigns
Jan Feldman, U Vermont–Twice Marginalized: Tunisian Women Prisoners of Conscience Find Their Voice
Manal Al-Natour, West Virginia U–Women “in the Crossfire”: The Syrian Revolution 2011

(3850) Integrating Dialect in the Arabic Curriculum: Evidence from the Classroom
Organized by Mahmoud Al-Batal

Chair: Mahmoud Al-Batal, U Texas Austin
Discussant: Sonia Shiri, U Arizona

Lama Nassif, U Texas Austin–To Integrate or Not to Integrate Dialects: Voices from Arabic L2 Learner Speech
Nesrine Basheer, U Texas Austin–Are They Confused?: Evidence from Arabic L2 Student Writing

Caroline Najour, U Texas Austin–Teachers’ Voices: Analysis of Teachers’ Speech in Integrated Arabic Classrooms
William Hussman, U Texas Austin–Integrating Dialect in the Arabic Classroom: Students’ Perspectives

(3854) On Set: Middle Eastern Cinema, Space, and the Ethics of Looking
Organized by Katie Logan

Chair: Blake Atwood, U Texas Austin

Katie Logan, U Texas Austin–Costuming Space: Visual Engagements with Jordan in Contemporary Cinema
Anna Ziajka Stanton, U Texas Austin–Ritual Spaces, Uncanny Places: Cinematic Representations of Loss in Ḥusayn Kamāl’s Chitchat on the Nile
Drew Paul, U Tennessee–The Illusion of the One-Way Mirror: Filming the Checkpoint in Elia Suleiman’s Divine Intervention
Golbarg Rekabtalaei, U Toronto–Contesting Tehran: Early Cinematic Visions of a City in Transformation

(3856) Ottomans Abroad?: Comparative Studies in Ottoman Migration from the Americas to Afghanistan
Organized by Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular

Discussant: Isa Blumi, Georgia State U

James H. Meyer, Montana State U–Turks across Empires: Marketing Muslim Identity in Russia and Istanbul
Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular, Columbia U–Migration Debates in Habsburg Bosnia Herzegovina, 1878-1914
Steven Hyland, Wingate U–“A Resplendent Assembly of Patriotism”: The 1908 Young Turk Revolution, Syrian Émigrés and Belonging in Northwestern Argentina
Devi Mays, U Michigan Ann Arbor–When the ‘Citizenship Question’ becomes the ‘Minority Question,’ or Ottoman Jewish Émigrés Between the Ottoman Empire and Turkey

(3876) Contested Voices: Gender, Narrative, and Subversion in Arab American Women’s Writing
Organized by Pauline Homsi Vinson and Elizabeth Claire Saylor

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Chair/Discussant: Lisa Suhair Majaj, Independent Scholar

Elizabeth Claire Saylor, UC Berkeley–Subversive Sisterhood: Love Between Women in the Arabic Novels of ‘Afifa Karam
Pauline Homsi Vinson, Diablo Valley College–Gendered Spaces of Narration: Arab American Women’s Writing and the Figure of Scheherazade in Diaspora
Carol Fadda-Conrey, Syracuse U–Rethinking Arab Masculinities: Intersections of Race, Religion, and National Origin in the Arab American Novel
Rachel Norman, UNC Chapel Hill–Language Games: Restructuring Power and Gender in The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf

(3899) Creativity and Renewal in Ottoman Diplomacy
Organized by M. Akif Kirecci

Chair: M. Akif Kirecci, Bilkent U

M. Akif Kirecci, Bilkent U–Preamble to Chaldiran: War of Letters Between Selim I and Shah Ismail
Fulya Tiryaki, Bilkent U–Renewing the Image of the Other: 18th Century Ottoman Sefaretnames
Hacer Topkutas, Istanbul U–“Tayinat” System as a Status Indicator in Ottoman Bilateral Relations
Berna Kamay, Boğaziçi U–Ottoman Conduct of Public Diplomacy in Europe, 1839-1876
Eleanor Lovinfosse, Bilkent U–Ottoman Diplomacy Between Pragmatism and Islamism: German Emperor and Shahs’ Visit to Istanbul
(3903) Historical Ethnography of Palestinian Circulations
Organized by Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos
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Nadim Bawalsa, New York U

(3904) Contesting Secular-Modernist and Islamist Thought: Global Dynamics, Local Politics and Muslim Intellectuals in a Changing Arab World
Organized Nadia Oweidat
Chair: John O. Voll, Georgetown U

Monica L. Marks, U Oxford–Re-Elaborating Islamism in a Post-Authoritarian Transition: How Local and Global Factors are Shaping the Ideological Evolution of Tunisia’s Ennahda
M. Amine Tais, Georgetown U–Rethinking Islam in Tunisia Today: Olfa Youssef as an Example
Bader Mousa Al-Saif, Georgetown U–The Role of the ‘Ulama Network & the Egyptian State in the Articulation & Production of Religious Reform in Mid-Twentieth-Century Egypt
Nadia Oweidat, Oxford U–Secularism is the Solution: The Argument for Separating Religion from Politics in the Thought of Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd

(3923) Religion in the Late Ottoman Empire
Chair: Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State U
Ayse Betul Tekin, Columbia U–Muhammad Abduh’s Approach to History of Religions
Zeynep Oktay, École Pratique des Hautes Études–Kaygusuz Abdâl and the Doctrine of the Abdâls of Rûm
Riza Yıldırım, TOBB U of Economics and Technology–Penetration of Shi’ite Ideals into the Ottoman Realm
Bill Hickman, UC Berkeley–Who Really Wrote the Ottoman Turkish Story of Hallaj?
Waleed Ziad, Yale U–Connecting Pesha-war and Bukhara: The Transmission of Sufi Popular Authority in the Great Game Buffer States
Dr. Vefa Erginbas, Providence Col–Ottoman Sunnism Contested: Ahl Al-Baytism in Ottoman Historical Writing to 1650

(3939) Expressing the Modern in the Maghreb
Chair: Nizar F. Hermes, Princeton U
Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine–Transgression, Postcolonial Arab Modernity, and Exile: The Case of Mohamed Lefah
Touria Khannous, Louisiana State U–Images of the Black in Maghrebian Literature
Colette Apelian, Berkeley City Col & Centre Jacques Berque–Stickers and Eyelashes: Automobile Decoration in Moroccan Cities
Sandra G. Carter, U Houston Victoria–Cinematic Women in the City of Darkness: Casablanca
Annick Durand, Zayed U–Tangier’s International Zone as a Space of Libertarian Utopia in William Burroughs’ Interzone

(3960) Social Movements and Contentious Politics
Bahar Tabakoglu, New School For Social Research–Working Class as a Social Constituent of Religious Politics: Comparative Reflections on Turkish and Indian Cases
Albana Dwonch, U Washington–Youth Citizenship, Digital Media and Personalization of Contentious Politics
Ashley Anderson, Harvard U–Labor Unions Between Incorporation, Cooperation and Conflict: The Case of Morocco
Dilshod Achilov, East Tennessee State U–Explaining the Nexus Between Islam, Islamism, and Collective Contentious Politics in the Middle East
(3643) Israel, the United States and a Changing Middle East
Organized by Robert O. Freedman

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Chair/Discussant: Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins U

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv U–Israel and the Arab World—Who’s First—Syria, Egypt or Lebanon?

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette Col–Israel, Netanya & the Palestinians: Is the Third Term the Charm?!

Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan U–The Israeli-Egyptian-American Strategic Triangle: A Reassessment in Light of the Arab Uprising

Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U–Israel and the Gulf Cooperation Council: New Opportunities for Cooperation?

Uzi Rabi, Tel Aviv U–Iran and Israel: Post 2013 Elections

(3646) Economies and Politics of War in the Middle East
Organized by Laleh Khalili

Chair/Discussant: Rochelle Davis, Georgetown U

Lisa Bhungalia, Syracuse U–Economies of War: Aid and the Liberal Encounter in Palestine

Laleh Khalili, SOAS U London–War and the Making of Logistics and Transport Infrastructure in the Gulf

Toby C. Jones, Rutgers U–Toxic War in the Middle East

Nikolas Kosmatopoulos, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne–Innovation, Composites–Ideal and Pragmatic Tax Law in Medieval Zaydi Yemen

Ingrid Hehmeyer, Ryerson U–Written versus Archaeological Evidence: The Example of Water and Wastewater in Medieval Zabid, Yemen

Daniel Mahoney, Austrian Academy of Sciences–A Cultural Heritage Text from Early Medieval South Arabia

(3649) Intellectual Exchange Between the Ottoman Empire and South Asia

Chair/Discussant: Giancarlo Casale, U Minnesota

Guy Burak, New York U–Mapping Out the Legal Landscape of the Post-Mongol Islamic World: A Proposal for an Analytical Framework

Irfana Hashmi, Whittier Col–From the Indian Ocean to the Eastern Mediterranean: Al-Azhar and the Movement of Muslim Scholarly Elites

Nur Sobers-Khan, Museum of Islamic Art, Doha–Innovation, Commentary and Translation: Scientific and Religious Knowledge Between the Ottoman and Mughal Empires (16th-18th Centuries)

Tuna Artun, Rutgers New Brunswick–From Najaf to Hyderabad: Reading Ottoman Alchemical Works in the Turn of the Twentieth-Century Deccan

(3654) Making Yemen’s Islamic History: Engineering, Monuments, Taxes and Stimulants
Organized by Daniel Martin Varisco

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Discussant: Nancy Um, Binghamton U

Daniel Martin Varisco, Qatar U–Coffee and Qat in Yemen: The Historical and Literary Evidence for Their Introduction

Eirik Hovden, Austrian Academy of Sciences–Ideal and Pragmatic Tax Law in Medieval Zaydi Yemen

Nancy Um, University of California, Berkeley–Javārīr: Yazid’s Legal Concerns over Religiously-Mixed Unions in the Classical Islamic Period

Sahner, Princeton U–Mixed Marriage, Conversion, and Violence: Insights from Christian Hagiography in the Early Islamic Period

Lev Weitz, Catholic U America–Property, Gender, and Interreligious Marriage in Abbasid Iraq

(3710) Religiously Mixed Families in the Medieval Middle East: Intermarriage and Its Consequences
Organized by Christian Sahner and Lev Weitz

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Chair: Antoine Borrut, U Maryland

Discussant: Nina Safran, Penn State U

Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman, Vanderbilt U–Jews and “Apostates”: Geonic Literature on Conversion

Uriel Simonsohn, U Haifa–Matrimony and Apostasy: Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Legal Concerns over Religiously-Mixed Unions in the Classical Islamic Period


Lev Weitz, Catholic U America–Property, Gender, and Interreligious Marriage in Abbasid Iraq

(3744) The Rule of Law in Contemporary Arab Societies
Organized by David Mednicoff

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: Gwenn Okruhlik, National U Singapore & AGAPS

Discussant: David Mednicoff, U Massachusetts Amherst

Asli Bali, UCLA School of Law–The Plasticity of International Human Rights Frameworks in Arab Transitions

David Mednicoff, U Massachusetts Amherst–The Rule of Law in the Arab Gulf: Contested Meanings and Social Change

Sheila Carapico, U Richmond–Arts, Literature on Conversion and Religious Discord, and Interreligious Marriage in Abbasid Iraq

(3684) Medieval Islamic Polemic: Hagiography, Biography, and Sectarianism
Organized by Nancy Khalek

Chair/Discussant: Nancy Khalek, Brown U

Mohammad Ghandehari, Inst of Islamic Studies–Purloined Excellence of the Companions: The Theft of Fadā’il il in the Rivalry Between the Early Shi’ite and Sunni Narrators

Najam Haider, Barnard Col/Columbia U–The Post-Rebellion Life of Yahya b. ‘Abd Allah (d. 187/802-3)

Nebil Husayn, Princeton U–Enmity for ‘Ali and His Family: The Discourse Between Anti-Alid and Anti-Shi’i

Adam Gaiser, Florida State U–“Paradise is beneath the Gleaming Swords”: Ibadī Depictions of the First Kharijites

Matthew S. Gordon, Miami U–Piety and Legitimation: Ahmad ibn Tulun in Al-Balawi’s Sira

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(3763) Between Militarism and Islamism: Feminism in the Crossfire?
Organized by Mariz Tadros and Hoda Elsadda
Chair: Deniz Kandiyoti, SOAS U London
Hoda Elsadda, Cairo U
Mariz Tadros, U Sussex
Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS U London
Nicola Pratt, U Warwick
Sondra Hale, UCLA

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(3783) Algeria: Laboratory of Modern Warfare
Organized by Jacob A. Mundy and Brock Cutler
Chair: Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U
Discussant: Robert P. Parks, Center for Maghrub Studies in Algeria
Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U–An Algerian Way of War?: Framing the Conversation
Elizabeth Bishop, Texas State U–Algeria: France’s Nuclear Policy and Trans-Arab Resistance
Brock Cutler, Radford U–Against Nature(s): War and Modernity in Nineteenth-Century Algeria

(3787) Microhistories of Palestine
Organized by Liora R. Halperin and Mark Sanagan
Chair/Discussant: Laila Parsons, McGill U
Rosemarie M. Esber, Arabicus Books & Media–The Tantura Massacre of 1948
Liora R. Halperin, U Colorado Boulder–A Microhistory of Jewish-Arab Conflict in Late Ottoman Palestine
Mark Sanagan, McGill U–Violence, Land and the Law in Şafüriyya, 1932-1935
Shay Hazkani, New York U–Fighting for Palestine, Even if My Parents Say No: Egyptian Muslim Brothers Writing from Palestine, 1948

11AM-IPM Monday November 24

(3815) The Question of Revolution in Syria
Organized by Thomas Vladimir Broend
Discussant: Michaeelle L. Browsers, Wake Forest U
Wendy Pearlm an, Northwestern U–Changing Meanings of Fear: Syrian Refugees Narrate the Revolution
Thomas Vladimir Broend, Roskilde U–“We are Looking for a New Revolution”: Ideology and Identity Among Syrian Activists
Anne-Marie McManus, Washington U in St. Louis–Theorizing Revolution: Documentary Film and New Sociologies of Syria

(3821) Online Space for Collective Dissent: Reconstructing Gender Discourses in Egypt
Organized by Angie Abdelmonem, Vickie Langohr, Helen Rizzo, and Nicole Khoury
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Association for Middle East Women’s Studies (AMEWS)
Chair: Soraya Altorki, American U Cairo
Discussant: Vickie Langohr, Col of the Holy Cross
Angie Abdelmonem, Arizona State U–Understanding Taharush El-Ginsy: Changing Conceptions of Sexual Harassment in Egypt
Amel Fahmy, HarassMap–Crowdsourcing Data on Sexual Harassment in Egypt: What Works and What Doesn’t?
Helen M. Rizzo, American U Cairo–Social Media, Political Opportunity and the Anti-Sexual Harassment Campaign in Post-2011 Egypt
Nicole Khoury, American U Beirut–Religiiously Gendered: Political Discourse in Asmaa Mahfouz’s YouTube Call for the 2011 Egyptian Revolution

(3835) Imagining and Enacting the Urban in Turkey and Morocco
Organized by Timur Hammond
Chair/Discussant: Gökçe Gürnel, Columbia U
Timur Hammond, UCLA–Telling Istanbul’s Story Through Its Sahabe: Halid bin Zeyd, Eyyûp, and a Blessed City
Janell Rothenberg, UCLA–Experiencing the City, Port, and Zone of Tangier
Danielle van Dobbien Schoon, U Arizona–Sulukule as an Assemblage: Romani Identity and the Making of Istanbul
Elizabeth Angell, Columbia U–Infrastructure as Performance: The Material Politics of AKP Governance in Istanbul

(3848) Racial Melancholia and the Pleasures of Obstinat e Attachments
Organized by Sara Mameni
Chair: Negar Mottahedeh, Duke U
Dina Al-Kassim, U British Columbia–White Impurities: Memory’s Craft in Abdelwahab Meddeb’s Blanches Travesses du Passé
Roshanak Kheshti, UC San Diego–On the Threshold of the Political: The Sonic Performativity of Rooftop Chanting in Iran
Sara Mameni, UC San Diego–Conceptualizing Loss: Transnational Feminism and the Iranian Revolution
Nima Naghibi, Ryerson U–From Guilt to Shame in Nahid Persson’s My Stolen Revolution

(3858) Spaces of Movement: An Architectural Critique of Globality in the Middle East
Organized by Vahid Vahdat Zad, Texas A&M U
Ashley Dimmig, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Sarmatism, Orientalism, and the Third Reich: The Afterlife of Ottoman Imperial Tents in Europe
Adeeb Daoud Naccache, Technion–Antoine Tabet’s Garden Mansions Housing Project in Haifa at the Crossroads of Empires: 1937-1945
Jeremy Ledger, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Imagining the Mediterranean in Tripoli: Decoding the Nautical Chart of İbrahim Al-Mursi, 865AH/1461 CE
(3874) Symbolic Power, Contestation, and Authority in Turkey and Beyond
Organized by Nicole Watts

Chair: Resat Kasaba, U Washington
Discussant: Quinn Mecham, Brigham Young U

Senem Aslan, Bates Col–‘Soon the Whole World Will Speak Turkish:’ International Turkish Olympiads and the Making of a National Image
Hootan Shambayati, Florida Gulf Coast U–Imagining Democracy: The International Environment and the Re-branding of Turkey’s Image
Nicole Watts, San Francisco State U–State-Society Relations and Struggles for the Symbolic Legacy of Suffering in Halabja

(3918) Parliaments and Power in the Middle East

Chair: M. Akif Kirecci, Bilkent U

Luai Allarakia, U Houston–The Consequences of Miscalculated Electoral Manipulation in Autocratic Regimes: Elections to Kuwait’s Majlis Al-Ummah
David Waldner, U Virginia–Parties, Polarization and Democratic Development in the Middle East
Annette Ranko, GIGA Inst of Middle East Studies and Mazen Hassan, Cairo U–Inter-Elite Trust and Fragility of Transitions: A Comparison Between the Party Elites of Egypt and Tunisia
Alireza Raisi, Kent State U–Parliamentary Politics and Democratic Reform in Iran
Jessica Doyle, U Col Dublin–State-Led Civil Society and Problems of Democracy

11AM-1PM Monday November 24

Special Session

(3998) The US Congress and the Middle East
Organized and Supported by Al-Monitor

This panel will address the role of Congress in US policy toward the Middle East, as well as the impact of the changes in the Congress following the November 2014 elections. The speakers will focus on the intersection of politics and policy, including the roles of outside experts, foreign governments, interest groups on policy, and the interactions between the legislative and executive branches in policy development. Two reporters from Al-Monitor and two Congressional staff members are the proposed panelists for this special session.

(3938) Usage of Contemporary Arabic in the Digital Age

Chair: Nathaniel Greenberg, Northern Michigan U

Dris Soulaïmani, New York U Abu Dhabi–Arabic or Latin: Language Ideologies and Script Selection
Brahim Chakrani, Michigan State U–Performing Lived Experiences: Challenges to Narrative Construction for Arabic Heritage Speakers
David Henen, American U Cairo–Code Switching on Online Social Networks in Egypt
Yasser Elshami, American U Cairo–The Language of Contemporary Egyptian Newspapers Opinion Articles: Revisiting Badawi’s Model

(3967) Aesthetic Politics in Elite and Mass Culture

Chair: Somy Kim, Boston U

Rustin Zarkar, New York U–A Mural Erased: Contestations of Public Space in Mashhad
Sadam Issa, Michigan State U–Women’s Cartoonists and Palestinian/Arab Nationalism: An Exploratory Study of Omayya Juha’s Cartoons
Reem M. Hilal, Allegheny Col–Who’s the Terrorist?: The Use of Hip Hop to Challenge the Image
Anna Levett, UNC Chapel Hill–“The Revenge of Joyous Laughter”: Surreal Humor in Two Middle Eastern Films

(3971) The “Youth” as Subject and Agent in Politics and Media

Chair: Hedi BenAicha, American Public U System

Niki Akhavan, Catholic U America–Family Affairs: New Media, the State, and Women in Iran
Ariana Marnicio, Baker Inst for Public Policy–Advancing HIV Preventative Health Care for Young People: The Case of Jordan
Russell Lucas, Michigan State U–Youth, ICT, and Protests: Middle Eastern Contexts in a Global Perspective
Didem Turkoglu, UNC Chapel Hill–Discussing Politics on Facebook: Turkish Politics, Club Model and Rowdy Deliberative Talk
Joel Rozen, Princeton U–Insurgent Innovation: Teaching Enterprise in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia

(3982) Ottoman Power and Practice in the 17th Century

Chair: Weston F Cook, Jr, UNC Pembroke

Yasir Yilmaz, Purdue U–‘gute Nachbarrschaft und Freundschaft’ to the Second Siege of Vienna
Charles L. Wilkins, Wake Forest U–The Emergence of Ottoman Military Grandees in 17th-Century Aleppo: Three Case Studies
Amaya Martin, U Notre Dame–The Ottoman Authorities and the Franciscans: A View of Jerusalem in the Seventeenth Century

(3988) The US Congress and the Middle East

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(3952) Sectarian Radicalization and Violence I

Chair: Cheira Belgueullaoui, DePauw U

Richard Nielsen, MIT—Jihadi Radicalization of Muslim Clerics
Jerome Drevon, Durham U—Mobilising Egyptian Fighters for the Syrian Jihad

(3993) Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Islamic Charities
Organized by Mona Atia and Benoit Challand

Session Leader: Mona Atia, George Washington U

Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col
Benoit Challand, New York U
Amy Singer, Inst for Advanced Study, Princeton
Special Session

(4010) Middle East Scholarship and Engaging the Policy Community
Organized by Marc Lynch

Chair: Marc Lynch, George Washington U

Michele Dunne, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Tamara Cofman Wittes, Brookings Inst
Peter Mandaville, George Mason U
Daniel L. Byman, Georgetown U

Policy relevance and public engagement have become increasingly central issues of debate for academics. Can scholars focusing on the Middle East meaningfully engage and inform policy towards the region? Should they? Do their efforts at engagement really make a difference? How has this changed in recent years? Do new media platforms help or hurt? This panel brings together scholars who have worked in government, universities, think tanks and the broad policy community to discuss the urgently important questions about policy relevance and the public role of academics.

(3652) The Balkan Wars and Its Aftermath: A Centennial Perspective
Organized by Ryan Gingeras

Chair: Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School
Discussant: Tolga U. Esmer, Central European U

Eyal Ginio, Hebrew U Jerusalem–Ottoman POWs’ Writings on the Balkan Wars
Ramazan Hakki Oztan, U Utah–Beyond Narratives of Consensus: Ottoman Intellectuals, Decision-Makers, and the Balkan Wars (1912-1913)
Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School–Empire’s End in Rumeli: Local and Imperial Impression of Macedonia after the Balkan Wars
Isa Blumi, Georgia State U–The Occupation Effect: The Consequences of Temporary Regimes in Ottoman Albania/Western Balkans, 1912-1917

(3682) Seen and Heard: Making Visible Assyrians and Middle Eastern Minorities
Organized by Sargon Donabed

Session Leader: Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams U

Fadi Dawood, SOAS U London
Erin Hughes, U of Edinburgh

(3693) Morality in Islamic Law and Legal Theory
Organized by Omar Farahat

Chair/Discussant: A. Kevin Reinhart, Dartmouth Col

Omar Farahat, Columbia U–The Centrality of Morality to the Classical Ashʿarī Concept of Legal Capacity
Sohab Khan, Columbia U–Efficiency Matters: Contesting the Virtue of Legal Formalism in Islamic Banking and Finance

(3697) Bridging the Rupture of 1948: The “Decolonization” and Erasure of Mandate Palestine
Organized by Jeffrey D. Reger and Leena Dallashesh

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Chair: Zachary Lockman, New York U
Discussant: Shira Robinson, George Washington U

Hilary Falb Kalisman, UC Berkeley–Learning Exile: Palestinian Students and Educators Abroad, 1940–1958
Leena Dallashesh, Rice U–Defying the Rupture, Affirming Presence: Palestinians in Nazareth Surviving 1948
Rephael Stern, Princeton U–Israel’s Post-colonial Predicament and Its Contradicting Jurisdictional Claims in 1948

(3701) Islamists in Power in the Arab Spring: Conflict and Compromise in Egypt and Tunisia
Organized by Vickie Langohr

Chair: Vickie Langohr, Col of the Holy Cross

Carrie Rosefsky Wickham, Emory U
Nadia Marzouki, CNRS Paris
Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U
Monica L. Marks, U Oxford

(3718) Neoliberal Politics of Charity in the Middle East
Organized by Damla Isik and Gizem Zencirci

Chair: Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col
Discussant: Mona Atia, George Washington U

Zeynep Atalay, St. Mary’s Col of California–“Civil Society is the Rising Currency in Politics Today”: Transnational Charitable Giving and Neoliberalism
Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col–Pro-Poor and Pro-Market?: Market Islam and New Politics of Islamic Generosity in Turkey

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Damla Isik, Regis U–Vakif as Intent and Practice: Charity and Poor Relief in Contemporary Turkey

Seyed Ahmad Mirtaheri, Florida International U–Understanding Muslim Economy: The Case of Shi’ah Economy and the Practice of Waqf

Kim Shively, Kutztown U–Sanctifying Economy: Hizmet and the Purification of Wealth

(3762) Cosmology and Authority: Ismāʿīlī Philosophy in the Medieval Period
Organized by Khalil Andani
Chair: Daniel Beben, Indiana U

Khalil Andani, Harvard U–Reconciling Apophatic and Kataphatic Theology: The Neoplatonic Qurʾānic Exegesis of Nāṣir-i Khusraw
Davlat Dadikhuda, McGill U–The Ismāʿīlī Thought of Al-Taʿlim and Al-Ghazali on Infallible Instruction

(3765) Domestic Slavery in the Medieval Middle East
Organized by Craig Perry
Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)
Chair: Shaun E. Marmon, Princeton U
Discussant: Madeline C. Zilfi, U Maryland
Thomas J. MacMaster, U Edinburgh–Before They Were Rich: Domestic Slavery in the Arabia of Muhammad
Karen Moukheiber, American U Beirut–Islamic Law and Sexual Ethics: Debunking the Roles and Positions of Slave Women?
Craig Perry, Emory U–Household Slavery and the Honor of Free Jewish Women in Medieval Egypt
Hannah Barker, Rhodes Col–Domestic Slaves in the Mamluk Marketplace

(3807) Narrating the “Global” Middle East: Migration, Securitization, Urbanism and Hyper-Consumerism
Organized by Nadine Sinno
Chair: Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech
Amira Jarmakani, Georgia State U–Securitescapes in Desert Romances: The Sheikh- Hero as Gated Community
Ahmed Kanna, U the Pacific–Terroristic Youth and Piratical Urbanism: MENA Cities in Contemporary Urban Theory
Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech–Lebanon, the Land of Milk and Honey, Tabbouleh, and Coke: Orientalist, Local, and Global Discourses in Alexandra Chreiteh’s Always Coca-Cola
Lucia Volk, San Francisco State U–Arab- boy and Arab Queen: Narratives of Deviance and Victimhood of Arab Youths in Germany

(3811) Materials and Methods for a Changing Arabic Classroom
Organized by Corinne Stokes
Chair: Kristen Brustad, U Texas Austin
Muna Rehman, U Texas Austin–Cultural Proficiency in the First-Year Arabic Classroom: A Survey of Learners’ Needs at the Secondary & Post-Secondary Level
Michael Turner, U Texas Austin–An Integrated Moroccan and Modern Standard Arabic Curriculum
Anthony Edwards, U Texas Austin–An ‘Arabic’ Composition: Teaching the Rawābiṭ in the Arabic Language Classroom
Priscilla Cunha, U Texas Austin–A Theoretical Framework for Secondary-Level Arabic Curricular Materials

(3812) Conceptualizing Spatial Transformations in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula
Organized by Matthew MacLean
Chair: John M. Willis, U Colorado
Discussant: Arang Keshavarzian, New York U
Moain Sadeq, Qatar U–Society and Daily Life Practices in Qatar before Oil Industry
Johan Mathew, U Massachusetts Amherst–Janus Spaces of Capital: Ports, Bandars and Arabian Nodes of the Indian Ocean World
Lindsey Stephenson, Princeton U–Port Cities, Hinterlands and Networks in the Northern Persian Gulf


(3813) Personnel and Patronage: Getting Ahead in the Ottoman System
Organized by Linda T. Darling and Christine Isom-Verhaaren
Chair: Assef Ashraf, Yale U
Discussant: Serdar Poyraz, Missouri State U
Murat Menguc, Seton Hall U–Mahmud Paşa Angelovic (1420–74) and His Historians
Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Benedictine U–Ottoman Corsair Patrons and Clients: One Path to Naval Leadership
Baki Tezcan, UC Davis–Those Who Did Not Fit In: Ottoman Ulama from the Margins
Linda T. Darling, U Arizona–Beneficiaries of Patronage?: Retinues and Followers in the Ottoman Army
Ekin Tusalp Atiyas, IMS-FORTH–“The Bazaar of Eloquence”: Ottoman Scribes and Their Patrons in the Seventeenth Century

(3826) Governing the Family in Turkey
Organized by Elif Babul
Chair: Hikmet Kocamaner, U Arizona
Discussant: Jenny White, Boston U
Zeynep Korkman, U Arizona–“Children are Blessings”: Neoliberal Family Values, Neoliberal Capital Accumulation, and the Occult
Elif Babul, Mount Holyoke Col–Protecting Women and Preserving Families: Women’s Rights and Masculinist State Protection in Turkey
Berna Ekal, EHESS–Dealing with Violence Against Women by Replacing the Family: The Public Women’s Shelters in Turkey
Asli Zengin, U Toronto–Queer Claims on “Real Family”: Abandonment, Disowning, and Transgender Deaths in Turkey
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(3851) Transatlantic Maghreb: Comparative Contexts and Transnational Frames  
Organized by Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U  
Chair: Roger M.A. Allen, U Pennsylvania  
Discussant: Mohammed Hirchi, Colorado State U  
Stacy E. Holden, Purdue U–The Cold War in Barbary: Re-Casting the Tripolitan War in Kenneth Roberts’s Lydia Bailey  
Lara Dotson-Renta, Quinnipiac U–Arab Migrations: Transnational Maghrebi Legacies in Latin America  
Brian Edwards, Northwestern U–Sexuality in Circulation: Abdellah Taïa and the Coming Out of Moroccan Fiction  
Silvia Marsans-Sakly, Fairfield U–Joined Together, Torn Asunder: The Regency of Tunis and the USA, Portrait of Civil War, 1861-1865

(3863) Across Time and Space: Religious Authority and Knowledge Transmission in Pre-Modern and Contemporary Islam  
Organized by Josephine Gehlhar  
Chair: Gudrun Kraemer, Free U Berlin  
Miriam Ovadia, Free U Berlin–Re-asserting the Authority of the Sources of Revelation: Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyya’s Criticism Against Rationalist Definitions of ‘Certain Knowledge’  
Josephine Gehlhar, Free U Berlin–On Establishing Authority: The Case of the Ottoman Tahāfut Tradition  
Olly Akkerman, Free U Berlin–The Transmission of Ismā’īlī Manuscripts from Yemen to Gujarat  
Antonia Bosanquet, Free U Berlin–From Indifference to Recognition: The Changing Reception of Aḥkām ahl Al-dhimma Since the 14th Century

(3879) Security for All: The Evolution of the Egyptian Ministry of Interior  
Organized by Eric Schewe  
Chair/Discussant: Ilana Feldman, George Washington U  

Casey Primel, Columbia U–Towards a Perfect Order: Debt, Surveillance and Regulation in Colonial Egypt, 1898-1912  
Dina Rashed, U Chicago–From Fusion to Independence: The Egyptian Ministry of Interior and Institutional Change Under Nasser and Sadat

(3905) Natural Resource Politics and Climate Change in the Middle East and North Africa  
Organized by Scott Greenwood  
Caroline Boules, George Mason U–Climate Change Policy and Adaptation in Agricultural Systems in Northeastern Tunisia  
Scott Greenwood, CSU San Marcos–Natural Resource Mismanagement, Climate Change, and Ruling Bargains in the Middle East  

(3953) Sectarian Radicalization and Violence II  
Chair: Christina Hellmich, U Reading, UK  
Ihsan Alkhatib, Murray State U–Lebanese Shia-Sunni Relations and the Rise and Persistence of the Shaykh Al Aseer Phenomenon  
Yousef Baker, CSU Long Beach–Nation(s)-State(s): Competing Sovereignties and Sectarianism in Post-Invasion Iraq  
Hamad Albloshi, Kuwait U–The Huthi Insurgency and the Shia Revival  
Marko Gagić, University of Belgrade–Ansar Allah: The Protectors of Zaydi Islam or Seed of Sectarian Violence in Yemen

(3956) Politics and Publics after the Arab Uprisings  
Chair: Francesco Cavatorta, Universite Laval  
Noha Aboueldahab, U Durham–The Use and Abuse of Criminal Prosecutions: How the Arab Spring is Shaping Transitional Justice  
Adham Saouli, U Edinburgh–The Arab Uprisings and State (Re-)Formation in Syria and Iraq  
Lindsay J. Benstead, Portland State U–Does it Matter What Observers Say?: The Impact of International Monitoring on the Electoral Legitimacy  
Sarah Weirich, Rutgers - State U New Jersey–Archives, Blackmail, and Corruption: The Politics of Public Memory and Governance in Tunisia
(3965) Countermovements in the Islamic Republic

Chair: **Shadee Abdi**, U Denver

**Hossein Zahed**, U Texas Dallas–State and Civil Society Relations in Iran During and after the Reform Era

**Hosna Sheikholeslami**, Yale U–Intellectual Threats to Critical Thinking in Iran: An Exploration of Three Contemporary Theoretical Currents

**Nafiseh Sharifi**, SOAS U London–Moving Beyond Resistance: Politics of Sex in Iran and Women’s Narratives of Embodiment

**Amirhossein Teimouri**, Texas Woman’s U–Islamic Republic of Iran: Increasing Complexities and the New Order of Intellectuals


(3969) Film: Identity/Politics

Chair: **Carole Barnett**, Jacksonville U

**Evren Ozselcuk**, York U–The Critique of Scientific Vision in Nuri Bilge Ceylan’s *Once Upon a Time in Anatolia*

**Ali Papoliyazdi**, U Tehran–Radicalization of Anti-Modernism in Iranian Pre-Revolutionary Cinema: A Representation of the Traditional Society’s Outrage

**Meir Walters**, Georgetown U–Co-opting Criticism: The Politics of Commercial Comedy in Egypt

**Rebecca Joubin**, Davidson Col–The Politics of Gender and Dignity in Post-Uprising Syrian Television Drama

(3974) Early Arabic Poetry

Chair: **Sebastian Guenther**, U of Goettingen

**Nathaniel Miller**, U Chicago–A Comparative Analysis of Migration Imagery in the Early Poetry of Tamīm and Hudhayl

**Jamila Davey**, U Texas Austin–Journeying Beyond Representationalism in Al-Shanfarā’s *Lamiyyat Al-ʿArab*

**Cory Jorgensen**, George Washington U–“Team Collusion” in Umayyad-Era Flytings Poetry

**Erez Naaman**, American U–Collaborative-Interactive Composition of Arabic Poetry in 4th-5th/10th-11th Century Court Settings

**Pernilla Myrne**, U of Gothenburg–Women Against Men: Matrimonial Disputes and Satire Against Husbands in Early Arabic Literature
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(3690) Documenting the Arab Uprisings
Organized by Anaïs Salamon

Chair: Anaïs Salamon, McGill U

Johanna Sellman, Ohio State U
William J. Kopycki, Library of Congress
Robert L. Dougherty, Yale U Library
Nancy Y. Reynolds, Washington U in St. Louis
Jaleh Fazelian, Washington U in St. Louis
Christopher Micklewait, St. Edward’s U

(3704) Society and Sasanian Legacy in Early Islam
Organized by Alison Marie Vacca

Discussant: Michael G. Morony, UCLA

Robert Haug, U Cincinnati–Türān Triumphant: Abū Manṣūr Ṭūsī’s Shāhnāma and the Ghaznavid’s Victory over the Sāsānian Social Order
Alison Marie Vacca, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Local Elites in Arminiya in the Umayyad and Early ‘Abbāsid Periods

(3727) Exploiting Mobile Technology and Computational Lexicography to Enhance Arabic Pedagogy
Organized by Jack Halpern

Chair: Karin C. Ryding, Georgetown U

Jack Halpern, The CJK Dictionary Inst, Inc.–Applying Mobile-Assisted Language Technology to Transform Arabic Pedagogy
Karen McNeil, The CJK Dictionary Inst, Inc.–Arabic Corpus Lexicography: The Oxford Arabic Dictionary as Case Study
Miled Faiza, Brown U–Arabic-English Dictionaries: Past, Present and Future
Bilal Maanaki, U Virginia–Digital Tools for Mastering Arabic Verbs

(3749) Transnational Islamic Television in the Middle East: Continuity and Change
Organized by Tuve Floden

Chair/Discussant: John O. Voll, Georgetown U

Tuve Floden, Georgetown U–Media Preachers as Popular Storytellers: Leadership Theory, Social Development, and Stories of the Prophet Muhammad

Hikmet Kocamaner, U Arizona–The Impact of Television Broadcasting on Secularization and the Transformation of Islam in Turkey
Thomas Maguire, U Chicago–Heard but Not Seen: The Inclusion and Participation of Women in Islamic Satellite TV

(3758) Beyond National Cartographies: Space, Place and Time in Palestinian Literature
Organized by Refqa Abu-Remaileh

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Chair/Discussant: Michelle Hartman, McGill U

Joseph R. Farag, Queen Mary U London–The Poetics of Placelessness After the Nakba
Refqa Abu-Remaileh, Von Humboldt Foundation–Longing for Haifa in Haifa: The Arab Cultural Heritage in Palestinian Narratives
Nora Parr, SOAS U London–Inter-textuality and the Borderless Novel: Creating a Space for the Imagination of Palestine
Ahmad Diab, New York U–Intimate Others: Representations of Arabs in Palestinian Poetry
Amal Eqeiq, Williams Col–From Haifa to Ramallah (and Back): New Routes for Palestinian Literature

(3777) Musical Politics in the Interwar Maghrib
Organized by Jonathan Glasser

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Mary Youssef, Binghamton U SUNY–Praksa, or Breaking Rule(s): Aristophanes, Tawfiq Al-Hakim, and Egypt’s “First Broadway-Style” Musical Comedy
Chris Silver, UCLA–“Arab” Singers, French Citizens: Algerian Jewish Musicians in the Interwar Period
Jann Pasler, UC San Diego–Colonial Radio and the Power of Music from Morocco to Tunisia

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Jonathan Glasser, Col of William and Mary—What is an Author in Interwar Algeria?: Recorded Music, Copyright, and the Problem of the Common

(3791) Syrian Armenians in the Crossfire: The Syrian Uprising and the Future of a Shrinking Minority
Organized by Elyse Semerdjian

Sponsored by Syrian Studies Association (SSA) and Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)

Chair: Bedross Der Matossian, U Nebraska Lincoln
Discussant: Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col

Keith David Watenpaugh, UC Davis—Between Armenian Refugee and Syrian Citizen: The Colonial Origins of Syria’s Contemporary Sectarianism

Ohannes Geukjian, American U Beirut—The Syrian Armenian Diaspora and Conflict: Analyzing Patterns of Influence

Simon Payaslian, Boston U—The Armenian Community in Syria: The End of an Ethno-Religious Community?

Harout Ekmanian, Civilitas Foundation—Armenian Diasporan Community System Tested in the Syrian Uprising

(3795) Gezi Park Protests: Debating the Terms of Politics, Democracy and Participation
Organized by Sebnem Yardimci-Geyikci

Discusant: John M. VanderLippe, New School for Social Research

Sezин Öney, Bilkent U—Despite/Due to Politics: Narratives of the “Gezi Protestor” Parliamentarians

Sebnem Yardimci-Geyikci, TED U—Civil Unrest in Turkey: A Party Politics View

Meral Ugur Cinar, Bilkent U—Can Money Buy Freedom?: Discourses on Economic Development and Democracy in Turkey

Kursat Cinar, Ohio State U—Root Causes of the Gezi Movement: Changing Macropartisanship Patterns and Electoral Geography in Turkey

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(3808) Intellectual Underpinnings of Hodgson’s Islamicate Venture
Organized by Shiraz Hajiani

Chair/Discussant: Shiraz Hajiani, U Chicago

Michael J. Bechtel, U Chicago—Teaching Hodgson

Kyle Bellows, U Chicago—The Historian as Theologian

Lydia Kiesling, UC Berkeley—The Pedagogy of Hodgson

(3832) Archivaly Cosmopolitan and Locally Modern: New Scholarship on Late Ottoman Smyrna/Izmir
Organized by Maureen Jackson

Discusant: Vangelis Kechriotis, Boğaziçi U

Malte Fuhrmann, Turkish German U—Smyrna/Izmir as the Ottoman Experimental Ground in Modernity

Dina Danon, Binghamton U—A Modern “Kehillah”: The Jews of Late Ottoman Izmir

Elena Frangakis-Syrett, Queens Col CUNY—Modernity from Below: The Oriental Carpet Manufacturers Ltd of Izmir

Maureen Jackson, Research Scholar—The Social Economy of Music-Making in an Empire at War: The Case of Smyrna/Izmir

(3837) Municipal Politics and Policy Reforms in the MENA Region
Organized by Marion Bouly and Janine A. Clark

Discusant: Melani C. Cammett, Brown U

Marion Bouly, Trent U—Hamas Women in Municipalities: Patriarchal Politics

Mona Harb, American U Beirut—Decentralization and the Politics of City Strategies: Lessons from Lebanon

Janine A. Clark, U Guelph— decentralization, Elite Displacement and Municipal Elections in Morocco

Ellen Lust, Yale U—Rupture or Continuity?: The Formation and Performance of Local Councils in Post-2011 Tunisia

(3845) Iron Women: From Revolutions to Reforms
Organized by Rita Stephan

Chair/Discussant: Nicole Khoury, American U Beirut

Maro Yousef, U Texas Austin—Algerian Women Navigate Through Authoritarianism

Namie Tsuigami, U Tokyo—Saudi Women’s Negotiation of Power and Space Through Driving Campaigns

Rita Stephan, Georgetown U—Fighting on Three Fronts: Syrian Women’s Struggle for Rights

Nelia Hyndman-Rizk, UNSW—New Media/New Feminisms: The Lebanese Women’s Movement Goes Online in the Arab Spring

Mounira Maya Charrad, U Texas Austin—Gender in the New Constitution of Tunisia after the Arab Spring

(3846) Spring Confronts Winter: The Publics and Counterpublics of the Arab and Iranian Uprisings
Organized by Nahid Siamdoust

Discusant: Miriyam Aouragh, U Westminster

Nahid Siamdoust, U Oxford—The Revolutions Strikes Back: The Islamic Republic’s Counterrevolution, or Operation ‘Plant Doubt’

Marwan M. Kraidy, U Pennsylvania—Creative Insurgency: The Body in the Arab Uprisings

Joel Parker, Tel Aviv U—The Sound Affects of the Syrian Uprising

Walter Rice Armbrust, U Oxford—A Wall in Bulaq, an Allegory of Mubarak

Kira Allmann, U Oxford—Back to Normal?: Digital Textuality, Activist Histories, or How the Arab Uprisings Will Be Forgotten

(3888) The Nexus of Sect and Citizenship in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Paul Sedra

Michaelle L. Bowers, Wake Forest U—Sectarianism and Opposition in Syria: Reading and Reception of Ghalioun’s Question of Sectarianism and the “Problem” of Minorities

Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser U—Egypt’s Copts and Personal Status Law: A Lever for Fractional Interests?

Zainab Saleh, Haverford Col—Conceptualizing Sectarianism in Iraq
(3907) Natural Resources and Political Conflict: Middle Eastern Environmental Disputes and Their Impact in a Changing Region
Organized by Kevin M. DeJesus

Chair: Kevin M. DeJesus, Johnson and Wales U

Allison Hartnett, U Oxford–Against the Flow: Stakeholder Dynamics and Informal Institutions in Jordanian Water Governance
Zohra Ismail-Beben, Col of William and Mary–Problems of Collective Action and Natural Resources in Rural Tajikistan

(3917) Perilous Peacemaking: Israeli-Palestinian Relations Since Oslo

Chair: Timothy Schorn, U South Dakota

Elie Podeh, Hebrew U Jerusalem–Missed Opportunities in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Case of the Arab Peace Initiative (2002-2014)
Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State U–Choosing to Negotiate Under Sub-Optimal Conditions: The 2013 Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations
Gabriele Mombelli, U Florence–The Palestinian National Authority Security Sector: An Operational Overview
Karam Dana, U Washington–Twenty Years after Oslo: What Do Palestinians Think?
Andrew Barwig, Department of State–“New Blood” in Israel’s Knesset: Elite Circulation and Parliamentary Resilience

(3920) Slavery in the Islamic World

Chair: Ceyda Karamursel, U Pennsylvania

Tara Stephan, New York U–“Captivity is Harder Than All”: Captives and Ransom in the Jewish Communities, 1000-1300
Michael Ferguson, McGill U–State versus Private Care of Emancipated African Children in Late Ottoman Izmir
Shaun E. Marmon, Princeton U–“I Bought Her and I Named Her”: Names, Ethnicity and the Experience of Enslave ment in Mamlūk Society

(3961) U.S. Interventions

Chair: Shea Garrison, Tulane U

Benjamin Schuetze, SOAS U London–‘The Special Forces Experience’: An Analysis of US Security Assistance to Jordan at the Example of the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Centre
Nida Alahmad, European U Inst–Il- luminating a State: State-Building and Electricity in Occupied Iraq
Matthew Kelly, Independent Scholar–The United States, the Middle East, and the Imperialism Question

5-7PM Monday November 24

(3990) The Funding of Middle East Studies post-9/11
Organized by Christopher Stone, Hunter Col CUNY

Jonathan H. Shannon, Hunter Col CUNY
Samer M. Ali, U Texas Austin
Joel Beinin, Stanford U
Joshua Stacher, Kent State U
8:30-10:30AM Tuesday November 25

(3650) Identity and Conflict in the Contemporary Middle East
Organized by William Mark Habeeb
Chair/Discussant: William Mark Habeeb, Georgetown U
Omri Nir, Tel Aviv U–The Use of National and Religious Identities in Current Sunni-Shiite Conflict in Lebanon
Isabella Alexander, Emory U–Black by Nationality: Assimilation, Nationalism, and Xenophobia at the Maghrebi Border
Nicholas Al-Jeloo, U Sydney–Provinces for Minorities: Re-Mapping Iraq’s Internal Boundaries
Elise Alexander, Harvard U–Conflict and Ethnic-Religious Diversity: The Case of the Syrian Jezireh
David Tal, U Sussex–The Many Faces of the Arab-Jew

(3659) The Arab Spring and the Quest for New Politics in Egypt and Tunisia: Beyond the Islamist and Secularist Divide
Organized by Mervat Hatem
Chair: Dietrich Jung, U Southern Denmark
Hamza Meddeb, European U Inst–Of Ambivalences and Reivation of “Republican Islam” in Tunisia
Mulki Al-Sharmani, U Helsinki–Islamic Feminism in Egypt after July 3, 2013
Mervat Hatem, Howard U–Youth, Labor and Gendered Voices in the Face of the Egyptian Counterrevolution
Nadia Marzouki, CNRS Paris–The Role of Compromise and Dialogue in the Tunisian Democratic Transition

(3688) Book History & the Middle East
Organized by Kathryn Schwartz
Organized under the auspices of Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP)
Chair: Dagmar A. Riedel, Columbia U
Discussant: Nelly Hanna, American U Cairo
Frédéric Bauden, U Liege–Al-Maqrizi’s Collection of Opuscules: A Unique Example of Book Production in the Mamluk Period
Elise Franssen, U Liege–How Useful a Database of Manuscripts Ownership Marks Can Be?: Presentation of a New Project and Case Studies
Alya Karame, U Edinburgh–Visual Manifestations in Qur’ans of the 10th and 11th Centuries: A New Role?
Meredith Quinn, Harvard U–Towards a Social History of Ottoman Books
Kathryn Schwartz, Harvard U–Transformed Meanings: Manuscript to Treasury, and Print to Civilization in 19th c. Khedivial Cairo

(3723) The Manifold Quest for Freedom at the Close of Ottoman Rule
Organized by Ami Ayalon
Chair: Yaron Ayalon, Ball State U
Ami Ayalon, Tel Aviv U–Freedom of Expression after 1908, its Joys and Hazards
Yuval Ben-Bassat, UC Berkeley–Reflections on the Constitutional Discourse in Ottoman Petitions after the Young Turk Revolution
Fruma Zachs, U Haifa–To Vote or Not to Vote: Women Debating Their Rights in the Arab Press, 1890-1914
Bedross Der Matossian, U Nebraska–Lincoln–Debating the Limits of Freedom in the Ethnic Press after the Young Turk Revolution of 1908

Roundtable
(3751) Oral History in the Middle East: Promises, Pitfalls, and Perils
Organized by Nicola Pratt
Chair: Mary Ann Fay, Morgan State U
Nancy E. Gallagher, UC Santa Barbara
Nadia Jones-Gailani, U South Florida
Nicola Pratt, U Warwick
Sophie Richter-Devroe, U Exeter
Lucia Sorbera, U Sydney
Gennaro Gervasio, British U in Egypt

Thematic Conversation
(3766) Pre-Ottoman Technology in Islamic History
Organized by Karen C. Pinto
Session Leader: Karen C. Pinto, Boise State U
Richard W. Bulliet, Columbia U
Abigail E. Owen, U Oregon
Stuart J. Borsch, Assumption Col

(3774) Arab Intellectual Thought: Other Directions, Part I
Organized by Muhsin J. Al-Musawi and Yasmine Khayyat
Chair: Tarek El-Ariss, U Texas Austin
Discussant: Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U
Bouthaina Khaldi, American U Sharjah–Aziz Al-Sayyid Jasim’s Critique of Sufism in Modern Arabic Poetics
Hilla Peled-Shapira, Bar-Ilan U–Breaking Taboos in Iraq: The Case of Gha’ib Tu’ma Farman
Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U–A Genealogy of Aziz Al-Sayyid Jasim’s Theorem
Yasmine Khayyat, Rutgers U–A Poetics of Ruins: From Iraq to Lebanon’s Southern Borderland

(3775) Theories of Language in the Arabo-Islamic Intellectual Tradition: Theology, Logic, Balagha
Organized by Margaret Larkin
Chair: Margaret Larkin, UC Berkeley
Rachel Friedman, UC Berkeley–Al-Baqillāni’s Theological Contribution to jāz Al-Qur’ān Discourse
Abdallah Soufan, Georgetown U–Ibn Taymiyyah’s Theory of Language and His Theological Project
Margaret Larkin, UC Berkeley–Al-Rummānī’s Taṣrīf and Its Implications for the Study of jāz Al-Qur’ān
Pei-Chen Tsung, UC Berkeley–Al-Jurjānī’s Al-Risāla Al-shāfiya and the Historical Contours of jāz Al-Qur’ān
Asad Ahmed, UC Berkeley–Neutralizing the Metaphor: Developments in Pre-Modern Arabo-Islamic Logic

(3781) Visual Knowledge in Motion: Reframing the Creation of Cultural Practices in the Modern Middle East, Turkey and Iran
Organized by Melania Savino
Chair: Nadia Radwan, American U Dubai
Discussant: Dina A. Ramadan, Bard Col
Elaehe Helbig, U Bonn–Making Visible: Photography as Visual Knowledge at the Edge of the 19th Century Iran
Martina Becker, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin–Visionary Accidents
8:30-10:30AM Tuesday November 25

Nadia Radwan, American U Dubai–From “Atelier” to “Marsam”: The Transformation in the Practice of Visual Arts in Egypt at the beginning of the 20th Century
Melania Savino, KHI, Max Planck Inst–Exploring Visual Knowledge: The Creation of Archaeological Museums in the Turkish Republic

(3782) Post-Colonialities and Feminisms: The Challenge of Orientalism
Organized by Ariel Sincoff-Yedid
Discussant: Melinda Brennan, Indiana U
Ariel Sincoff-Yedid, Indiana U–De-Essentializing Standpoint: Reconsidering the Orientalist Legacy in the Study of Islam, Gender, and Sexuality
Masha Kirasirova, New York U Abu Dhabi–Middle Eastern Women in Soviet Archives: New Sources and Questions
Melinda Brennan, Indiana U–Disciplining Strangers: The Figure of ‘Terrorist’ as an Anti-Progressive Tale

(3803) Merchants in the Ottoman Empire
Organized by Suraiya Faroqhi and Said Salih Kaymakci
Chair: Gabor Agoston, Georgetown U
Discussant: Ariel Salzmann, Queen’s U
Tommaso Stefani, Yale U–Ottoman Merchants in Dispute with the Republic of Venice in the Early Modern Era: Toward a Reappraisal of the Bilateral Nature of the Capitulations
Suraiya Faroqhi, Istanbul Bilgi U–Acem Tüccarı in the Ottoman Domains
Uzeyir Serdar Serdaroglu, Istanbul U–An Ottoman-English Merchant in Tanzimat Era: Henry James Hanson and His Position in Ottoman Commercial Life
Said Salih Kaymakci, Georgetown U–The Sultan’s Merchants, the Merchant’s Sultan: Beratlı Avrupa Tüccarları in the Last Years of the Classical Age (1835-1839)
Sedat Albayrak, Marmara U–Legal Disputes of Musta’man Merchants at the Sharia Courts of Istanbul in 17th Century

(3875) Anthropology of Everyday Contradictions and Mediations in Turkey’s Kurdistan
Organized by Firat Bozcali, Omer Ozcan, Dilan Yildirim, and Cagri Yoltar
Discussant: Narges Erami, Yale U
Firat Bozcali, Stanford U–Materials and Moralities of Smuggling: Moral Economy of the Kurdish Border-Trade across Turkey and Iran
Cagri Yoltar, Duke U–A Tale of Two Strikes: Moralities of Kurdish Struggle and Municipal Labor Politics in Turkey’s Kurdistan
Omer Ozcan, U Texas Austin–Smuggling at “Peace”: The Peace Process and “Smuggling” in a Border Town of Turkey’s Kurdistan
Dilan Yildirim, Harvard U–Disobedient Mountains and Rivers of Revolt: Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency by the Other Means in Turkish Kurdistan

(3900) Commerce and Obligation in the Indian Ocean and Mediterranea, c. 1850-1950
Organized by Fahad A. Bishara
Chair: Fahad A. Bishara, Col of William and Mary/Harvard U
Omar Cheta, Bard Col–Merchants, Bureaucrats and the Question of Commercial Debt in the Nineteenth Century
Will Hanley, Florida State U–Egypt’s Petty Moneylenders as Makers of International Law
Fahad A. Bishara, Col of William and Mary/Harvard U–The Most Enduring Obligation: Debt, Personhood and Commerce in the Nineteenth-Century Western Indian Ocean

(3924) Qajar and Ottoman States: Visions and Structures
Leila Pourtavaf, U Toronto–Re-imagining Domesticities: Affective Bonds and Familial Relationships in Nasser Al-Din Shah’s Harem
Maziar Behrooz, San Francisco State U–Iran at War: An Examination of the Military Aspect of the Second Russo-Iranian War

(3928) Biopolitics, Public Health, and Morality in Turkey and Iran
Chair: Abdulhamit Arvas, Michigan State U
Ayse Toksoz, U Washington–Of Consent Forms and Fingerprints: Patient’s Right to Privacy in Turkey
Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State U–Medicine over Morality: Medicalized Arguments in the Debate over Alcohol in Early Republican Turkey
Kyle T. Evered, Michigan State U–Mapping Provinces and Populations: Socio-Medical Geographies of the Early Turkish Republic
Yasin Tunc, U Wisconsin Madison–Traveling Biopolitics: Mental Hygiene Movement and Disciplining the Mind, Turkey, 1920-1950
Hajipouran Benam Cigdem, Boston U–Between Europeanization, Biopolitics and Islam: Securitizing Public Health in Turkey

(3934) Missionaries and Converts
Chair: Heather N. Keaney, Westmont Col
Faith J. Childress, Rockhurst U–Converting Missionaries: Shifting Missionary Perspectives on the Kemalist Regime
Aurelie Perrier, Georgetown U–The Conversion of the First Mauresque: Gender and Religion in 19th-Century French Algeria
Zeynep Turkyilmaz, Dartmouth Col–“Muslims Should also Enjoy Freedom of Religion”: Muslim Converts Between Protestant Missionaries and the Ottoman State (1856-1877)
Devrim Umit, Karabuk U–Turkey–The American Protestant Missionary Network in Late Ottoman Era
(3940) Space, Gender, and the Civil War in Lebanese Literature
Chair: Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U
Khaled Al-Masri, Swarthmore Col–The Limits of Masculinity: Sexuality and Male Disability in Alawiyya Subuh’s Dunya
Kifah Hanna, Trinity Col–Writing the Body in Lebanese War Literature
Judith Naef, U Amsterdam–Imagining Imminent Erasure in Beirut
Samira Aghacy, Lebanese American U–Gendering Spatial Trajectories in the Contemporary Lebanese Novel

(3950) Energy Economy, Energy Politics: Oil, Phosphates, Nuclear
Chair: Robert D. Lee, Colorado Col
Sang Hyun Song, U Utah–The Structural Changes in the World Oil Market During the 1980s and Their Influence on Saudi Oil Policy
Claudie Fioroni, Graduate Inst of International and Development Studies–Re-shaping Rulers-Ruled Relationship in Jordan: Privatization and Protests at the Phosphate Mine Company
Noah Haiduc-Dale, Centenary Col–Fishing in Oil: Traditional Sustenance in a Resource Economy
Reza Yeganeh, UC Irvine–Iran’s New Generation of Oil and Gas Contacts: A Historical Mistrust vs. Actual Needs for Foreign Investment
Vittorio Felci, Lund U–Western Europe and the Origins of the Iranian Nuclear Program

(3951) Medieval Maps, Music, and Mysticism
Chair: Rebecca R. Williams, U of South Alabama
Lisa Nielson, Case Western Reserve U–Concerning Music and Musical Instruments: References to Music in a 15th Century Collection of Anti-Sama' Treatises
Pooriya Alimoradi, U Toronto–Two Kinds of Wisdom in Suhrawardi’s Aql-i Surkh and in Zoroastrian Literature
Nader Sayadi, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–An Interpretation of Medieval Islamic Geographical Representations: Two Types of Settlement Network in Al-Istakhri’s Al-masalik wAl-mamalik
Kaveh Hemmat, U Chicago–Poetry, Authorial Presence, and the Construction of a Public in the Khatīynāmah (Book of China)

(3959) Art, Performance, and Politics
Chair: Nadia G. Yaqub, UNC Chapel Hill
Mahnia A. Nematollahi Mahani, Leiden U–The Path to Salvation: Poetry of Sacred Defense During the Iran and Iraq War (1980s)
Maral Yessayan, Dartmouth Col–Staging Modernity: Dance, Dress, and Political Legitimacy
Samer Al-Saber, Davidson Col–Permis-sion to Perform: Il/Legal Censorship in Jerusalem
Upa Mesbahian, King’s Col London–The Other Side of a Mountain: Romantic Roots of a Revolutionary Song

(3962) Logics and Legitimacy in State Formation
Chair: Michael C. Hudson, Georgetown U
Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar–The Creation of Husseini Ba’thism
James Hollo, Northwestern U in Qatar–Material Needs and Cultural Retention: Legitimation Strategies in Qatar and the UAE
Kocijan Bojana, Central European U–A Tool for Regime’s Survival? Pluralist Discourse in Non-Democracies: Comparative Analysis of Leaders’ Discourse in the Middle East
Jessie Moritz, Australian National U–Nationalism, Loyalty and Dissent: A Comparative Study of Reformist Movements in Bahrain and Oman Since 2011
Trevor Johnston, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Divide and Distribute: Spatial Segregation and Authoritarian Distribution in Qatar
Ilyas Saliba, Social Science Center Berlin & Humboldt U–The International Dimension of Authoritarian (In)Stability?: Conceptualizing and Tracing the Effects of Authoritarian Learning During the Arab Uprisings

(3970) Monarchy and the Modern: New Research Findings
Chair: Suheir Abu Oksa Daoud, Costal Carolina U
Susan Kippels, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research–The Status of Arab Migrant Teachers in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar
Mohamed Daadaoui, Oklahoma City U–Of Monarchs and Protest Movements: The Case of the February 20th Movement in Morocco
Zahra Babar, Georgetown U SFS-Q–Arabs and Asians in Qatar: Who Does the Dirty Work?
Leila Devriese, Hamline U and Heleanna Mathioudis, Hamline U–A Tale of Two Monarchies: A Comparative Study of Contentious Spaces and Renegotiation of the Social Contract in Morocco and Bahrain
Gayatri Kumar, New York U–Of Expats and NRIs: Subject Formation at the Intersection of State Logics in Oman
(3680) Texts and Contexts in Pre-Modern Shi’ism
Organized by Mushegh Asatryan
Chair: Sean Anthony, U Oregon
Discussant: Najam Haider, Barnard Col/Columbia U

Mushegh Asatryan, Independent Researcher–The “Ghulat Corpus” and Its Authors
Samer Traboulsi, UNC Asheville–If Rice Were a Man: Twelve and Isma‘ili Reception of Early Imāmī Hadiths
Hussein Abdulshater, American U Beirut–Sectarian History and the Straitjacket of Theology

(3716) The Art of Islamic Media: Technology and the Sacred
Organized by Ellen McLarney

Ellen McLarney, Duke U–Islamic Adab: Technologies of Imagining and Envisioning the Sacred
Narges Bajoghli, New York U–The Basij and Revolutionary Media as Media Makers
Jeanette S. Jouli, Col of Charleston–Idhan on Auto-Tune?: British Islamic Hip Hop and Controversies on Using Modern Sound Technologies
Wazhmah Osman, Temple U–Conflicting Visions: TV, Islam, and the Afghan Culture Wars

(3731) Making Sense of Sound in Middle Eastern History
Organized by G. Carole Woodall and Andrea L. Stanton

Discussant: Deborah A. Kapchan, New York U
G. Carole Woodall, U Colorado Colorado Springs–Listening for Early Jazz in 1920s Istanbul
Ida Meftahi, Pennsylvania State U–Historicizing the “Piety” of Sound and Movement on the Post-Revolutionary Iranian Stage

Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver–Audio Quality and Technological Innovations: Marketing Radio Sets and Gramophones in Lebanon and Palestine, 1930s-1940s
Camron Michael Amin, U Michigan–Dearborn–Creating Private and Public Radio Space in Mid-20th Century Iran
Ziad Fahmy, Cornell U–Listening to the Streets: Noise, Sounds and the Cries of Street Hawkers in Interwar Egypt

(3739) Reframing Refugees: Immigrants and Settlement Policies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey
Organized by Vladimir Troyansky
Chair: Michael Reynolds, Princeton U
Discussant: James H. Meyer, Montana State U

Vladimir Troyansky, Stanford U–Writing Refugee Voices into History: North Caucasian Immigrants in the Ottoman Empire
Owen Miller, Columbia U–Interpreting Violence in Ottoman Cilicia
Ella Fratantuono, Michigan State U–Unsettling Environments: Health and Mobility Among Ottoman Immigrants
Ellinor Morack, Hebrew U Jerusalem–“For the Benefit of the State and the People”: The Politics of Property Compensation in Izmir, 1925-1928

(3753) Subaltern Narratives of the Uprisings in North Africa: Views from Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia
Organized by Lucia Sorbera and Gennaro Gervasio

Chair/Discussant: Holger Albrecht, American U Cairo

Lucia Sorbera, U Sydney–Writing a Feminist History of the 2011 Egyptian Uprisings: Ethnography of a Continuing Revolution
Samir Zemni, Ghent U and Koenraad Bogaert, Ghent U–The Arab Revolts and Their History: Geographies of Protest in Morocco and Tunisia
Gennaro Gervasio, British U Egypt–The Egyptian Revolution(s) and the Emergence of New Subaltern Subjects
Stephen Urgola, American U Cairo–“University on the Square: Documenting Egypt’s 21st Century Revolution,” A Community-Based Archival Project
Habib Ayeb, U Paris 8 à St. Denis – Revolution in Tunisia: From Marginality to Resistances and Revolution

(3778) Breaking Shakes of the Traditional Classroom
Organized by Raghda El-Essawi

Hebatallah Salem, American U Cairo–Beyond Classroom Borders Through Community Learning: Challenges and Benefits
Laila Al-Sawi, American U Cairo–Classroom Swap: From Passive to Active Learning
Rasha Essam, American U Cairo–Addressing Complexities of Teaching Arabic Online
Raghda El-Essawi, American U Cairo–Flipping the Traditional Classroom

(3794) Challenging Definitions of Sovereignty: Domestic Politics, Political Ideologies and International Law in the Middle East from 1974-2014
Organized by Caroleen Marji Sayej

Chair: Sabri Ates, Southern Methodist U

Caroleen Marji Sayej, Connecticut Col–From the War on Terror to the Shiite Crescent: How Grand Narratives Translate into Grand Strategies
Michael Gasper, Occidental Col–‘I Worked for the Militia’s Civil Authority and the State’: Narratives of Sovereignty in Wartime Lebanon
Dalia Fahmy, Long Island U–The Rise and Fall of the Muslim Brotherhood: Mapping the Political Behavior of an Islamist Party
Hussein Banai, Occidental Col–Sovereign Pariah: Iran’s Prerogatives as an Islamic Republic

Roundtable

(3810) New Approaches to the Study of Lebanese Shi’ism
Organized by Mara Leichtman

Chair: Rola El-Husseini, CUNY Graduate Center

Pascal Abidor, McGill U
Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport
Samer El-Karanshawy, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies
Rola El-Husseini, CUNY Graduate Center
Mara Leichtman, Michigan State U
11AM-1PM Tuesday November 25

(3867) Urbanism and the Politics of the Mandate Period, Local versus Imperial Interests
Organized by Harrison Guthorn

Chair: Elizabeth F. Thompson, U Virginia

Stephen Pascoe, La Trobe U Australia–Creating a Modern Capital: Damascus Under the French Mandate
Till Grallert, Free U Berlin–To Whom Belong the Streets?: A Private Tramway Company, the Municipality, and the Populace of Late Ottoman Damascus and Their Competing Claims over the Meaning of “Public” Places
Harrison Guthorn, U Maryland–The Electrification of Amman: Local Interest versus Foreign Machinations
Noah Hysler Rubin, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design–Planning Palestine: British and Zionist Plans for Tiberius and Nathanya

(3872) From Divan to Pera: The Transformation of Ottoman Literature in the 19th Century
Organized by Didem Havlioglu

Didem Havlioglu, Istanbul Sehir U–En/ Gendering the Author: The Subcurrent of Ottoman Women’s Writing in the 19th Century
Zeynep Seviner, U Washington–Modest Means, Grand Ambitions: The Making of the Modern Ottoman Author
Fatih Altug, Istanbul Sehir U–Reception and Appropriation of Giritli Aziz Efendi’s Mahayyelat in the Nineteenth Century
 Mehmet Uslu, Istanbul Sehir U–Ottoman Armenian Novel and Zabel Yessayan

(3893) Public Opinion in the Middle East
Organized by Yael Zeira

Discusant: Amaney Jamal, Princeton U

Peter Krause, Boston Col–The Impact of Education on Attitudes About Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
Chantal Berman, Princeton U–Revolutionary Coalition Fragmentation and Post-Revolutionary Protest: Evidence from a Protest Survey in Tunisia
Yael Zeira, U Mississippi–International Recognition and Popular Support for Violence
Deborah Manekin, Arizona State U–Carrots and Sticks: Policy Instruments and Public Opinion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

(3902) Nationalism and Islam in Post-Revolutionary Iran: Discourses of Development and Defense
Organized by Annie Tracy Samuel

Ariane Tabatabai, Harvard Kennedy School–Religion and Nationalism in Iran’s Nuclear Narrative
Annie Tracy Samuel, Harvard Kennedy School and Tel Aviv U–Sacred Defense: Islam and Nationalism in the Iran-Iraq War
Payam Mohseni, Harvard U–Indigenizing Islam: The Nationalist Dimension of the Islamization of the Social Sciences in Iran

(3919) Palestinian Resistance: Spaces and Standpoints
Chair: Timothy Schorn, U South Dakota

Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew U Jerusalem–The Movement of Palestinian Political Prisoners and the Struggle Against the Israeli Occupation: A Historical Perspective
Sharri Plonski, SOAS U London–Transcending Bounded Space: The Struggle for Land and Space by the Palestinian Citizens of Israel
Julie Norman, McGill U–Prisoners Dilemma?: Prison-Based Resistance and the Diffusion of Activism in Palestine
Maryam Griffin, UC Santa Barbara–Movement as/and Non-Movement in Palestine

(3929) Kurdistan(s) in Conflict
Chair: Suheir Abu Oksa Daoud, Costal Carolina U

Daniel Meier, CNRS-PACTE–Disputed Territories in KRG: A National Identity Issue
Zeki Sarigil, Bilkent U–Inter-ethnic Tolerance in Turkey: Turks vs. Kurds
Kawa Morad, U Exeter–(Dis)Placing Bodies: Syrian Kurdish Refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan
Thomas Schmidinger, U Vienna–Rojava (Syrian-Kurdistan) as a Borderland in Civil War

(3935) Crime, Law, and Punishment: The Ottoman and Egyptian Cases
Chair: Roger A. Deal, U South Carolina Aiken

Deniz Dolek Sever, Middle East Technical U–Public Order, Crime and Punishment in Istanbul, 1914-1918
Ali Atabey, U Arizona–The Socioeconomics of Punishment: Ta’zir in the Ottoman Legal Culture

(3943) New Horizons of Diaspora Migration I
Chair: Dinah Assouline Stillman, U Oklahoma

Henriette Dahan Kalev, Ben Gurion U–Women’s Strategies of Migration from the Maghreb to France and to the UK
Jessica Emami, George Mason U–Persia on a Platter: The Nostalgic Cultural Imaginary of Sima Kabab House
Navid Fozi, Fulbright Scholar, U of Malaysia–Emergent Pluralism in a Fragmented and Polarized Diaspora: The Politics of Iranian Diasporic Identity Formation in Malaysia
Denise Jenison, Kent State U–“American Citizens of Arabic-Speaking Stock”: The Institute of Arab American Affairs and Questions of Identity in the Debate over Palestine
Eren Tatari, Rollins Col–Comparing the Political Integration of Turks, Moroccans and Palestinians in Orlando
(3963) The State, Property, and Development

Chair: Bilal Humeidan, Allegheny Col

Bessma Momani, U Waterloo–Arab Gulf Investments into Non-Inclusive Urban Development in the Middle East: Social Exclusion and Frustration


Somia Zenasni, U Tlemcen–Arab Maghreb Countries: Implications of Financial Integration in an Era of Economic and Political Stress

Sylvie Janssens, Ghent U–The “State” of Property in Azraq, Jordan


(3964) Contestations and Disruptions in Urban Space

Chair: Kenneth L. Brown, Méditerranéans

Mervat Youssef, Grinnell Col–The Changing Face of Tahrir Square: The Egyptian Uprising and the Contestation over Public Space

Maayan Hilell, Tel Aviv U–“Disrupting the Social Order”: Palestinian Women in Public Spaces During the Mandate Period

Alma Khasawnih, U Washington Seattle–Re-articulating Citizenship and History: Graffiti Art as Site of Negotiation in Cairo’s Arab Spring

Craig Larkin, King’s Col London–Jabal Mohsen in War and Pieces: The Urban Geopolitics of Lebanon’s Alawi Enclave

(3980) Exploring Social Practices in the Medieval Middle East

Chair: Mohamed Gamal Abdelmonem, Queen’s U Belfast

Najm Al-Din Yousefi, CSU Chico–Confusion and Consent: Land Tax Laws and Policies of the Early Islamic State (640-810 CE)

Sharon Silzeli, U Texas Austin–Sanctity and Sacrilege: Qur'an Codices in the Twelfth-Century Material Landscape

Maxim Romanov, Tufts U–Exploring Islamic Written Legacy: Computational Reading of Hadiyyat Al-‘Arifin

Eve Krakowski, Yale U–Reconstructing Dhimmī Court Practices Under the Fatimids and Ayyubids: The Case of Judicial Certifications (Thubūt)

Munther Al-Sabbagh, UC Santa Barbara–The Business of Companionship: Re-evaluating the Significance of “Subba” Business Relations in the Late Medieval Near East

(3987) Ottoman Transformations at the End of an Empire

Chair: Sara Scalenghe, Loyola U Maryland

Elizabeth Wolfson, Brown U–Encounters with Modernity: Photography and Educational Reform in the Late Ottoman Period

Melis Hafez, Virginia Commonwealth U–Morality in the Age of Nation-States: Can We Talk About Islamic Work Ethics in the Ottoman Long Nineteenth Century?

Avner Wishnitzer, Tel Aviv U–Beneath the Mustache: A History of Facial Hair in the Late Ottoman Middle East

Sinan Dincer, Leiden U–Tailoring Subjecthood: The Ottoman Case

(3988) Knowledge Production in the Middle East: Writing, Publishing and Translations

Organized by Maggie Nassif

Session Leader: Maggie Nassif, Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt

May Telmissany, U Ottawa

Hoda Elsadda, Cairo U

Michael Beard, U North Dakota

(4003) Arab Intellectual Thought: Other Directions, Part II

Organized by Muhsin J. Al-Musawi and Yasmine Khayyat

Chair: Tarek El-Ariss, U Texas Austin

Discussant: Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U

Aziz Shaibani, Baylor Col of Medicine–The Advent of Psychology in Iraq: Nuri Jafar’s Theory of Originality

Annie Greene, U Chicago–Multi-lingualism and Multiple Modernities: Ma’ruf Al-Rusafi, the Private Press, and the Iraqi Nahda

Elliott Colla, Georgetown U–I Used to Be a Communist: Re-Reading Al-Sayyab’s Memoir
I:30-3:30PM Tuesday November 25

(3642) Technology in the Online and On-Ground Middle East Studies Classroom
Organized by Kristi N. Barnwell

Kristi N. Barnwell, U Illinois Springfield
Somy Kim, Boston U
Victoria Highower, U North Georgia
Jill Crystal, Auburn U

(3683) Women, Gender and Masculinities in Post-Colonial Tunisia
Organized by Amy Kallander

Discussant: Nouri Gana, UCLA

Simon Hawkins, U Arkansas Little Rock–Covered Ambiguities: Undermining the Religious–Secular Clothing Binary in Tunisia
Douja Mamelaouk, U Tennessee Knoxville–Narrating Revolution: Contesting Masculinities
Amy Kallander, Syracuse U–“Women and Social Evolution”: The Centrality of Women to Narratives of Tunisian Modernity
Claire Oueslati-Porter, Florida International U–Managing Masculinity: A Political Economic Approach to Gender and Class in an Export Processing Zone Factory in Biznart, Tunisia
Jessica Gorschultz, U Kansas–Gender, Labor, and the “Decorative” in École de Tunis Iconography

Organized by William Lawrence

Yahia Zoubir, KEDGE Business School, France–The Dynamics of Security Relations in North Africa: The Effects of the Arab Revolts
Bruce Maddy-Weitman, Tel Aviv U–Insecurity on the Periphery: Socio-Economic Grievances and the Amazigh Movement in Morocco
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