Jake McGuire

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MESA's 51st Annual Meeting

Washington DC November 18-21

We return to DC for MESA's 51st annual meeting at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel where we have met every three years since 1999. The hotel is located in a lovely residential area near the National Zoo, but a nearby stop on the metro red line makes all parts of DC easily accessible. The program of 230+ sessions (see pages 12-51) spread over four days will offer a smorgasbord to whet the appetite of any Middle East studies aficionado. MESA's affiliate groups meet mostly on Saturday, November 18 (see pages 10-11) and the first program session begins that day at 5:30pm. Panels run all day Sunday and Monday and end at 3pm on Tuesday. The book bazaar will be open Sunday and Monday from 9am to 6pm and on Tuesday from 8am to 12pm (see pages 8-9). MESA's ever-popular FilmFest (see the teaser on pages 6-7) begins screenings on Saturday morning and runs through Tuesday until around 2pm. The MESA Presidential Address & Awards will be held Sunday evening from 6pm to 7:30pm, and the MESA Members Meeting on Monday evening from 6pm to 8:00pm.

As you will see, it's business as usual, except of course for a new administration that is determined to ban nationals of six Muslim majority countries from traveling to the US, and MESA having joined a lawsuit against the ban that is making its way to the US Supreme Court in October. Those traveling to the MESA meeting from abroad, should have a look at the international travel tips on page 2 and keep themselves abreast of any developments that could impact travel.

Hotel

Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road NW
Washington DC 20008
202 328-2000 • 877 212-5752 •202 234-0015 fax

Cutoff Date
October 20

Group Rate

$207 single/double
$217 triple/quad
(plus room tax of 14.8%)

Book on-line:

https://aws.passkey.com/e/48994854

MESA has not partnered with any other housing groups to make reservations on your behalf. Book through the above link or by calling 1-877-212-5752 to avoid scams that could compromise your data and result in a dishonored reservation.

Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2017 annual meeting, log into your myMESA account, click "Payments" and follow the prompts. Or, complete the registration form found at https://mesana.org/pdf/2017_MESApreregistration.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 24, 2017**.

Category	Preregistration	Onsite
full/associate	$150	$200
student member	$90	$125
student non-member	$120	$150
Other non-members	$200	$250

Airports/Ground Transportation

Three airports serve the DC area:

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)

* http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm
* Located 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 between Yellow and Red lines is at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop.)

Dulles International Airport (IAD)

* http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm
* Located 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)

* http://www.bwiairport.com/en
* Located 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

Ground Transportation

MESA has partnered with SuperShuttle to offer attendees a 10% discount on ground transportation. The roundtrip cost from Reagan National is $29.20; from Dulles, $54.20; and from Baltimore-Washington, $82.80. 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 using the group code: **FPFU4**. See SuperShuttle's flier on the back page of this document for further information.

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International Travelers

Implementation of a limited travel ban

Nationals of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Sudan and Yemen are banned from travel to the US unless they have a "bona fide relationship" with a US person or entity. One such relationship is a person invited to serve as a lecturer before an American audience, which applies to many MESA members.

Even with a valid visa, it is important for international travelers to stay abreast of developments. We recommend reading **Know Your Rights: What To Do When Encountering Law Enforcement at Airports and Other Ports of Entry into the U.S.** These helpful tips from the ACLU will serve as a guide to anyone undergoing stringent evaluation at the airport. https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-encountering-law-enforcement-airports-and-other-ports-entry-us

Visa Waiver Program Changes

Changes to the Visa Waiver Program were implemented in November 2015. Changes include new passport requirements (e-passports), the Electronic System of Travel Authorization (ESTA) which all VWP applicants must use, and restrictions on people who have traveled to Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Sudan, and Yemen since March 1, 2011. If you have traveled to one of those countries you ***cannot*** travel to the US under the VWP. You will need a visa. https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html

e-passports

As of April 1, 2016, e-passports are required for those traveling under the VWP. These passports have a machine-readable zone on the biographic page, and a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. https://www.dhs.gov/e-passports

Electronic System for Travel Authorization

The Department of Homeland Security has established the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), an automated system to determine eligibility to travel under the VWP. All persons traveling under the VWP must apply for an ESTA. Approved ESTA applications are good for a period of two years. http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta

Electronic Device Restrictions

The Transportation Security Administration ban on main cabin carry on of larger electronic devices (laptops, Kindles, tablets, cameras, etc.) has been lifted at all airports except the King Khalid Airport in Saudi Arabia. If traveling to the US from that airport, these devices must be transported in checked baggage. https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/03/21/fact-sheet-aviation-security-enhancements-select-last-point-departure-airports

As always, we suggest getting everything in order for travel to the US in advance of purchasing airline tickets. We encourage you to read the information on these new programs by following the above links.

Share your stories of border crossing troubles with MESA's Executive Director, Amy Newhall, at amy@mesana.org.

Instructions for Paper Presenters

Share your paper with your co-panelists by October 15, 2017
Please upload a copy of your paper to the myMESA system or send a copy via email to your co-panelists, especially the chair/discussant. 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 into myMESA (http://mesana.org/mymesa/login.php).
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 the 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.
9. Log-out.

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

Planning for your presentation
Former MESA board member, James Gelvin (UCLA), kindly shared with MESA some tips on preparing and delivering conference papers that he created for his graduate students. We think they are great tips for those new to paper presentations and for anyone who struggles with the medium. Gelvin begins by reminding folks that, "a conference presentation is a distinct category of communication." Have a look at his tips at: https://mesana.org/pdf/conference-paper-tips.pdf.

Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2017 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESA's website at mesana.org, click on the DC logo, and then on "volunteer 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.

Child Care

MESA can help parents find a local provider and will reimburse half of the cost of child 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 520 333-2577 ext. 102.

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://mesana.org/annual-meeting/roommates.html. MESA maintains a "roommates wanted" page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other.

No Show Policy

We understand that things come up at the last minute that prevent a participant from attending the meeting. 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.

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.

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MESA Members Meeting

Date: Monday, November 20
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Location: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Marriott Salon I

The members meeting is an annual meeting of the membership open to all members. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. The meeting mainly consists of reports (see sample agenda below). Where members play an important role is in voting for the Nominating Committee and on any resolutions that are being presented. A member in good standing can add names to the list of people who will be invited to run for the Nominating Committee, to augment those proposed by MESA's Board.

Quorum

A minimum of 35 voting-eligible members must be in attendance for votes to be taken. Failing that, the meeting can be held but votes cannot be taken.

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 2017 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by **November 3, 2017**. 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. 2017 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

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MESA attendees are invited to a special event at the

Smithsonian National Postal Museum

Monday, November 20, 2017
10:00 AM to Noon

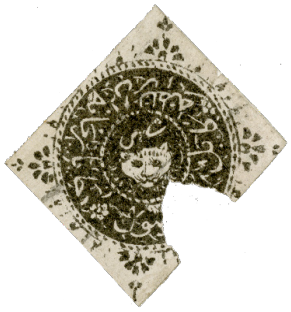
For more than a century and a half, the world relied on postal services and postage stamps for the exchange of ideas between distant people. More than just enabling global conversations, however, postage stamps could be and often were an integral part of the discussion. The governments that created them carefully encoded philosophical, cultural, historical, and social messages they wished to project at home and abroad.

Join the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Chief Curator of Philately for an orientation to opportunities for semiotic and iconographic research in the museum's collections of the stamps and postal history of the Middle East.

After the program, coffee and doughnuts will be served and an optional docent-led tour of the museum will be offered.

The Smithsonian National Postal Museum is located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., next door to Union Station. It is easily accessible to conference attendees arriving in Washington on Amtrak and from the conference hotel (take the Metro Red Line from Woodley Park–Zoo Station toward Glenmont, 6 stops to Union Station).

Admission to the museum and attendance at this event are free, but preregistration is encouraged. If you'd like to join us, please send an e-mail with your name and the number of attendees to Dr. Susan Smith at SmithSu@si.edu.



The first stamps of Afghanistan (then known as the Kingdom of Kabul) were issued by the government of Amir Sher Ali Khan between 1871 and 1879. They were cancelled by having a chunk torn out of them to prevent reuse.

The first postage stamps of Israel, issued May 16, 1948, are inscribed simply "Hebrew Post" because they were clandestinely printed before the new nation had been proclaimed or named.

These are essays (trial designs) prepared in 1942 for stamps that were never issued. The stamps were intended to honor the millennium of Cairo's first mosque, Al-Azhar Mosque. Formerly in the collection of Egypt's King Farouk, the essays were seized and sold during the 1952 revolution that deposed him.

These 1852 postage stamps from the Sindh district were embossed in red wax with the seal of the East India Company. The stamp is rare today because the fragile wax caused many to fall apart.

Issued by the Kingdom of Hijaz shortly after the successful 1916 Arab revolt against the Turks, the first stamps of Saudi Arabia were designed by T.E. Lawrence.

PREVIEW
2017 FILMFEST

A GLIMPSE AT WHAT'S IN STORE.

It is monsoon season in Tucson and its really raining. This is ideal for watching films and the FilmFest has an enormous number to preview. While many submissions focus on the region's many conflicts, we have plenty of contributions on everyday issues. Here are few films you can expect on the program.

Haram

Using old 16mm filmstock, this timely essay presents the contemporary situation at the Haram Al Sharif in the Old City of Jerusalem. The film reflects on the growing Temple Mount Faithful movement whose goal is to build the Jewish Third Temple on this holy landscape and in turn to assert Jewish sovereignty over this holy Muslim site.

Disturbing the Peace

This film follows former enemy combatants - Israeli soldiers from elite units and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison - who have joined together to challenge the status quo and say "enough." The film reveals their transformational journeys from soldiers committed to armed battle to nonviolent peace activists, leading to the creation of Combatants for Peace.

Monir

Inspired by patterns she found in mosques, the Iranian artist Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian pioneered contemporary forms of geometric mirror works. Her innovative pieces created an artistic language informed by traditional Iranian craft and architecture. This film takes an intimate look at the artist´s life and her practice, and explores how she has become one of the most innovative and influential artists working in the Middle East today.

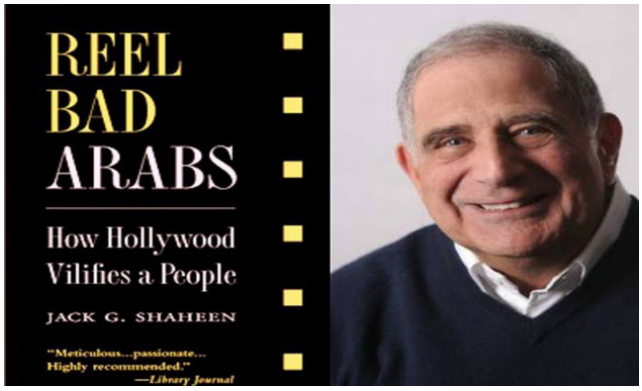
Dalya's Other Country

Julia Meltzer made two wonderful films in Syria. Now she turns her camera to Syrians living in the United States. Dalya Zeno and her mother leave Aleppo to join their brothers/sons in Los Angeles. The film follows Dalya from age 12 through high school graduation. Over the years she balances many identities: Syrian, American and, most challenging, Muslim.

Last Men in Aleppo

The 2017 Oscar for Documentary Short introduced the world to The White Helmets. Last Men in Aleppo presents the lives of the remaining citizens of Aleppo who are getting ready for a siege. This film lets viewers experience the daily life, death, and struggle in the streets through the eyes of the White Helmets.

Reel Bad Arabs



Jack Shaheen, noted critic of negative stereotypes of Arabs in American popular culture, died in early July. In recognition of Jack's life's work, we are rescreening Reel Bad Arabs a decade after its first presentation. The film explores a long line of degrading images of Arabs--from Bedouin bandits and submissive maidens to sinister sheikhs and gun-wielding "terrorists". Along the way the film offers insights into the origin of these images, their development at key points in US history, and why they still matter today.

A Revolution in Four Seasons

In the wake of its revolution, Tunisia grappled with creating a democratic government. Beginning in 2011, this seminal film tells the stories of two women with opposing political views fighting for their visions of a democratic future. Journalist Emna Ben Jemaa envisions a country governed by free speech and without corruption. Jawhara Ettis of the Islamist party Ennahda works towards a Tunisia guided by Islamic principles. On a public level, both women must navigate how females are treated in their society, while in their own homes they must make difficult choices to balance their public political roles with marriage and motherhood.

In Light of the Revolution

In the wake of Egypt's Arab Spring, female artists were emboldened and their art became radical. This film introduces eight women - musicians, visual artists, a photographer, a filmmaker - and their art. The women's impressions and reflections were processed into artistic expression. Their works are more than just a matter of beauty. They are an active, critical voice in the public, where the military and the Muslim Brotherhood struggled to set the agenda.

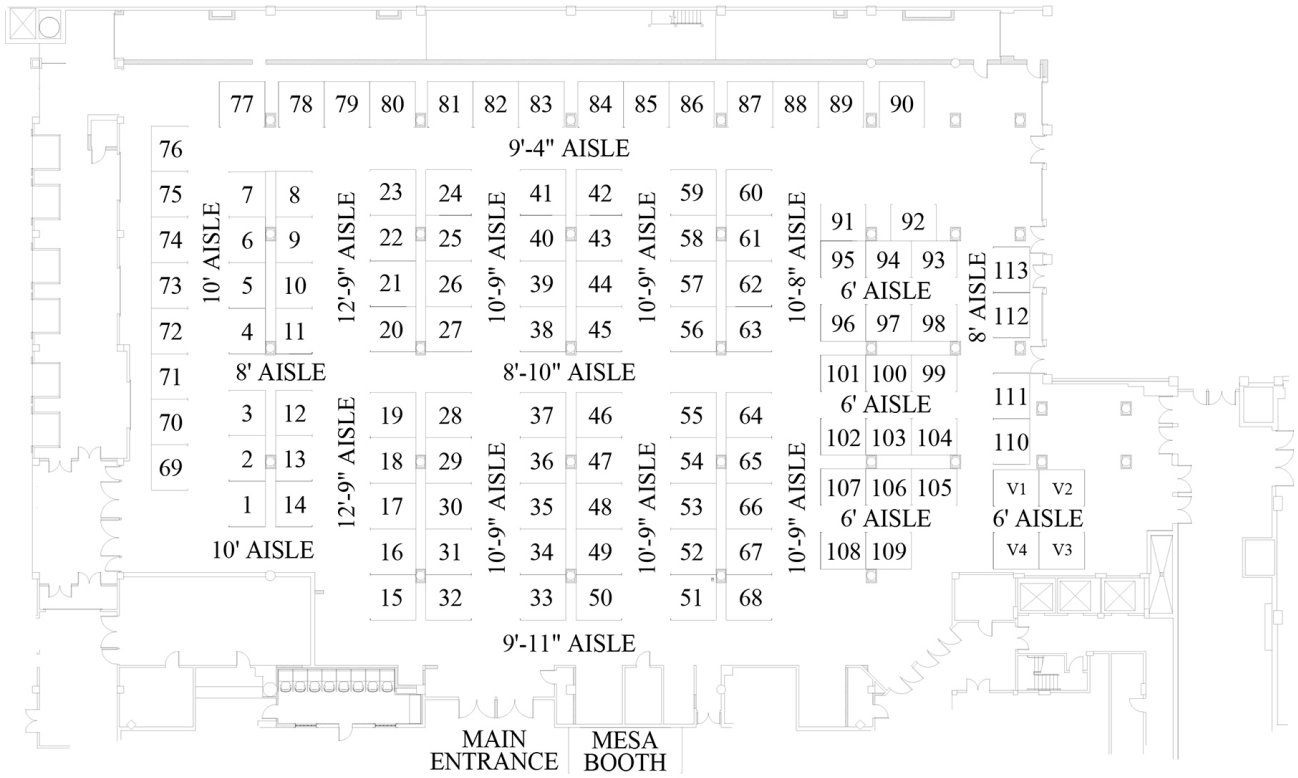
Book Bazaar

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. 19 and 20) and 8-12 on Tuesday (Nov. 21). The latest book bazaar information can be found on MESA's website at: http://mesana.org/annual-meeting/book-bazaar.html.

You don't have to rent space to exhibit at the MESA meeting. For $50 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 2017, please visit MESA's website or contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520-333-2577 ext. 102.

Floor Plan



Exhibitors

AALIM the Arab American Language Institute in Morocco 39
Aga Khan University - Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations 81
Al Baher Arabic Language Training Center 20
American Research Center in Egypt 71
The American University in Cairo Press 22-23
American University of Beirut 50
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ISD, Distributor of Scholarly Books 40-41
Jordan Language Academy 15
Just World Books 85
Lebanese American University 28
Lexington Books 46
Library of Arabic Literature/NYU Press 55
Lynne Rienner Publishers 8-9
Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East Migration Studies 27
Mazda Publishers 64-65
MERIP 72
Middle East Institute 44-45
Noor Majan Training Institute 29
Oxford University Press 106-107
Penguin Random House 10
Peter Lang Publishing 30
Princeton University Press 33
Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center in Rabat Morocco 14
Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group 100-101
Rowman & Littlefield 46
Springer Nature 42
Stanford University Press 67-68
Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center 83
University of California Press 21
University of Chicago Press 69
University of Texas Press 24-25
Westview Press 43
World Friend Shop, Sana'a Yemen V4
Yale University Press 11

Meetings in Conjunction

◆AATA–American Association of Teachers of Arabic
Saturday, 11/18
Executive Board Meeting, 9am-12pm, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)
Panel, 1-3pm, Virginia A (L)
Business Meeting, 3:30-5pm, Virginia A (L)

◆AIMS–American Institute for Maghrib Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 9am-1pm, Delaware A (L)
Business Meeting, 3-4:30, Virginia C (L)

◆AIIrS–American Institute of Iranian Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Taylor (M)

◆AIYS–American Institute for Yemeni Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 4-5:30pm, Cleveland I (M)
Sunday, 11/19
General Meeting, 4-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

◆AUC/BCARS–American University in Cairo and Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Virginia B (L)

◆Arabic Collections Online
Monday, 11/20
Advisory Board Meeting, 11am-1pm, Jackson (M)

◆AGAPS–Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 11am-2pm, Johnson (M)
General Business Meeting, 3-5pm, Harding (M)
Happy Hour Reception, TBA

◆AIS–Association for Iranian Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Council Meeting, 2-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)
General Meeting, 6-7pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

◆AIS–Association for Israel Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Reception, 8:30-10pm, Wilson C (M)

◆AMEA–Association for Middle East Anthropology
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 3-4pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)
Business Meeting, 4-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

◆AMEWS–Association for Middle East Women's Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 1-2:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)
Sunday, 11/19
Members Meeting, 7:30-8:30pm, McKinley (M)
Reception, 8:30-11pm, Coolidge (M)

◆ASPS–Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 4-6pm, Park Tower Suite 8218 (L)

◆AMECYS–Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies
Sunday, 11/19
Business Meeting, 8-10am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

◆CASA–Center for Arabic Study Abroad
Saturday, 11/18
Governing Board Meeting, 5-8pm, New Heights Restaurant (2317 Calvert St. NW)
Sunday, 11/19
Consortium Luncheon, 12-1:30pm, Lebanese Taverna (2641 Connecticut Ave.)

CASA (cont)
Monday, 11/20
CASA Alumni Reception, 7-9pm, Harding (M)

◆Fulbright
Saturday, 11/18
Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Delaware A (L)

◆Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Sunday, 11/19
Reception, 8:30-10pm, Virginia A (L)

◆HIAA–Historians of Islamic Art Association
Saturday, 11/18
Majlis, 10am-12pm, McKinley (M)
Business Meeting, 12-1pm, McKinley (M)

◆IJMES–International Journal of Middle East Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Editorial Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Delaware A (L)

◆JMEWS-Journal of Middle East Women's Studies
Saturday, 11/18
Publications Committee Meeting, 12-1pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)
Sunday, 11/19
Editorial Board Meeting, 7-8am, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

◆MECPD–Middle East Center & Program Directors
Monday, 11/20
Annual Meeting, 9-11am, Virginia C (L)

◆MELA–Middle East Librarians Association
Saturday, 11/18
Vendor Showcase, 8am-2pm, Maryland C (L)

◆MEM–Middle East Medievalists
Saturday, 11/18
Board Meeting, 11am-1pm, Jackson (M)
Business Meeting, 3-5pm, McKinley (M)

◆MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council
Sunday, 11/19
Business Meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

MEOC (cont)

Board Meeting, 5:30-7pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)

Monday, 11/20

Outreach Coordinators' Workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)

◆MERIP–Middle East Research and Information Project

Monday, 11/20

Business Meeting, 3:30-5:30pm, Delaware B (L)

◆MESA–Middle East Studies Association

Sunday, 11/19

Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Organizations, 7-8am, Park Tower Suite 8218 (L)

CAF Annual Meeting, 10am-12pm, Washington 2 (E)

Monday, 11/20

Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting, 9-11am, Virginia C (L)

◆OTSA–Ottoman and Turksih Studies Association

Saturday, 11/18

Board Meeting, 1-3pm, Cleveland 1 (M)

Business Meeting & Reception, 8:30-11pm, Delaware B (L)

◆PARC–Palestinian American Research Center

Saturday, 11/18

Board Meeting, 12-4pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

◆SAS–Society for Armenian Studies

Saturday, 11/18

Executive Council Meeting, 9:30-11:30am, Park Tower Suite 8218 (L)

Workshop, 12-3pm, Virginia B (L)

Annual Meeting, 3-5, Virginia B (L)

◆SSA–Syrian Studies Association

Saturday, 11/18

Executive Board Meeting, 1-2:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8218 (L)

Business Meeting, 3-4:30pm, Wilson A (M)

◆TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq

Saturday, 11/18

Board Meeting, 10am-12pm, Wilson C (M)

Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, McKinley (M)

Sunday, 11/19

Executive Committee Meeting, 9-10am, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)

◆UCLA, Center for Near Eastern Studies

Saturday, 11/18

60th Anniversary Reception, 8:30-10pm, Coolidge (M)

◆University of Michigan

Saturday, 11/18

Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Wilson B (M)

◆Western Consortium of ME Centers

Monday, 11/20

Meeting, 11am-1pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

◆Yale Council on Middle East Studies

Sunday, 11/19

Reception, 8:30pm-10pm, Virginia B (L)

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MESA's Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies

Saturday, November 18
4-5pm

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 2017 attendees are invited to the poster session to engage these young scholars in a discussion of their research.

Facilitators

Courtney Dorroll, Wofford
June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart
Steve Tamari, Southern Illinois U Edwardsville
Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury U

Presenters

Farahnaz Afaq, Wofford Col
Roxanna Alizadeh, Metro State U-Denver
Jordan Ecker, Oberlin Col
Sally Elfishawy, American U Cairo
Hannah Ellis, UC Berkeley
Ryan Gilcrest, U Michigan
Benjamin Gladstone, Brown U
Adam Goldstein, American U
Matthew Kimani, UC Berkeley
Melissa Levinson, NYU Abu Dhabi
Ibtihal Makki, U Michgan
Mena Muneb, U Stockholm
Padraigin O'Flynn, Kent State U
Paulina Prasad, Boston U
Nalini Ramachandran, Northeastern U
Marcus Robinson, Dickinson Col
Lily Sadowsky, Macalester Col
Florence Sloan, Wofford Col
Audrey Tovar, U Alabama-Huntsville

Program

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 18

Roundtable

4790 Competing Discourses of Masculinity in the Arab World

Organizers: **Nicole Fares** and **Matthew Parnell**

Chair: **Matthew Parnell**, American U Cairo

Nicole Fares, U Arkansas
Kathryn Kalemkerian, McGill U
Suneela Mubayi, NYU
Jedidiah Anderson, Wofford Col

Thematic Conversation

5030 Usurpation: The Untold Stories of the Iraq War 2003-Present

Organizer: **Afaf Nash**

Session Leader: **Saleem Al-Bahloly**, Johns Hopkins U

Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS U London
Afaf Nash, U Southern California
Nabil Al-Tikriti, U Mary Washington
Jeffrey B. Spurr, Independent Scholar
Nada M. Shabout, U North Texas

4733 Old Texts, New Methods: Innovative Methodologies for Medieval History

Organizer: **Aaron Hagler**

Discussant: **Nancy Khalek**, Brown U

Reyhan Durmaz, Brown U-*"This is what was related in the tash'ith": Muslim historians' use(s) of Syriac hagiography*
Nebil Husayn, U Miami-*Interpreting miracles in Muslim sacred texts*
Aaron Hagler, Troy U-*The theatrics of Islamic historiography: Getting into the heads of the historians*
Gowaart Van Den Bossche, Ghent U-*Narrating sultanship: The writing of sultanic biography as performance of social status*
Jo Van Steenbergen, Ghent U-*Narrative strategies, state-formation, and world-making in late medieval Egyptian chronicles*

4766 Precarious Visibility as a Mode of Governance: The Case of Alevis in Turkey

Organizers: **Ozkan Nazli** and **Besim Can Zirh**

Chair: **Ozkan Nazli**, Northwestern U
Discussant: **Ayfer Karakaya-Stump**, Col of William and Mary

Gulay Turkmen-Dervisoglu, U Goettingen-*Democratization without secularization? The predicament of Alevis in Turkey under the first AKP government (2002-2007)*
Ceren Lord, U Oxford-*Securatization of sectarianism? The Turkish state and the Alevis in the post-2011 era*
Ozkan Nazli, Northwestern U-*Politics of anticipation: Possibilities and impossibilities of reforming Alevis' status in Turkey*
Besim Can Zirh, Middle East Technical U-*In between invisibility and hyper-visibility: Alevis in the time of post-coup purge in Turkey*

4814 Looking East: Knowledge, Travel, and Friendship Between the Middle East and Asia in the 19th Century

Organizer: **Mimi Hanaoka**

Discussant: **Julie Stephens**, Rutgers U

Arash Khazeni, Pomona Col-*Indo-Persian views of Southeast Asia and the Buddhist Kingdom of Mrauk U*
Mana Kia, Columbia U-*Bridging difference: Kinship, friendship and the creation of social bonds*
Kevin Schwartz, Library of Congress-*A transregional Persianate library: Tazkirah production and circulation in the 19th century*
Mimi Hanaoka, U Richmond-*Japanese travels in Iran*

4845 Activism, Contestation and Political Participation in the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer: **Nadine Sika**

Chair: **Eberhard Kienle**, PACTE

Dina Shehata, Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies-*The mobilization around Tiran and Sanafir Islands: A case of multi-faceted mobilization under authoritarian conditions*
Hanaa Ebeid, Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies-*From activism to apathy? The psychology of political engagement in post-revolutionary Egypt*
Nadine Sika, American U Cairo-*Youth civic and political participation in the MENA: Does trust matter?*

4902 Reconsidering Israeli-Lebanese Relations

Organizers: **Asher Kaufman** and **Oren Barak**

Chair: **Asher Kaufman**, U Notre Dame
Discussant: **Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg**, Carnegie Mellon U

Elena Aoun, U Catholique de Louvain-*A bitter encounter: The Shi'i community under Israeli occupation in South Lebanon*
Daniel Sobelman, Harvard U-*A decade after the 2006 war: What next for Israeli-Lebanese relations?*
Matthieu Cimino, U Oxford-*Teaching history of an enmity: Israel in Lebanese schoolbooks, Lebanon in Israeli schoolbooks: A comparative perspective (1948-2016)*
Asher Kaufman, U Notre Dame-*Sabra and Shatila: Silencing, denying, and selective remembering*
Oren Barak, Hebrew U of Jerusalem-*Israel, Lebanon, and their relations on film*

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 18

4904 From the Bedroom to the Street: Projecting Gender and Sexuality in Public Places

Organizer: **Nadine Sinno**

Chair: **Lucia Volk**, San Francisco State U
Discussant: **Amal Amireh**, George Mason U

Kim Canuette Grimaldi, UT Austin-*The body under siege: Corruption and the female body in Betool Khedairi's "Ghayeb"*
Jess Newman, Yale U-*Talking back: Screening and discussing sexuality in Morocco*
Lucia Volk, San Francisco State U-*Reframing Germany's "no means no" debate: Migrants, sexual transgressions, and gender politics in public places*
Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech-*"Fight rape" and "gay is OK": Gender and sexual politics in Beirut graffiti*

4920 Connection, Contagion, and Calamity: Social Uses and Effects of Infrastructural Networks in the Middle East

Organizer: **Alex Schweig**

Discussant: **Gokce Gunel**, U Arizona

Alex Schweig, U Arizona-*Cholera in the time of modernization: The spread of the 1893 cholera epidemic along the Ottoman Anatolian Railroad*
Pauline Lewis, UCLA-*Entangled: The role of private capital in Ottoman submarine telegraphy*
Mikiya Koyagi, NYU-*Speed, danger, and railway accidents in early Pahlavi Iran*
Esra Bakkalbasioglu, U Washington-*Politics of access and denial: Electricity grid solar panels and the Naqab Bedouin in Israel*

4925 Violence, Legality, and Law on the Ottoman Periphery

Organizers: **Will Smiley** and **Joshua White**

Chair: **Molly Greene**, Princeton U

Joshua White, U Virginia-*Corsairs or rebels? North Africa, Istanbul, and the legality of maritime violence in the seventeenth-century Mediterranean*
Julia Leikin, Inst of Historical Research-*At odds with European conventions: Russian laws of maritime warfare in the 1768-1774 Russian-Ottoman war*
Will Smiley, Reed Col-*From Geneva and Brussels to the Danube: Prisoners of war and the law of war in the late Ottoman Empire*
Aimee M. Genell, UC Berkeley-*The law of war in Ottoman legal thought and practice on the eve of the First World War*

4926 Circulating Science and Scaling Innovation: Science and Technology Studies in the Middle East

Organizer: **Elizabeth Williams**

Chair/Discussant: **On Barak**, Tel Aviv U

Daniel Stolz, Northwestern U-*Problems of knowledge in the Ottoman public debt: The Latin American connection*
Elizabeth Williams, Brown U-*The technology of fields: The politics of agricultural "science" in late Ottoman and French mandate Syria*
Fredrik Meiton, Northwestern U-*Organic compound: Zionism and science*
Laura Goffman, Georgetown U-*Qatar biobank: Crafting the ethno-nation through the genetic disease landscape*

4966 Political Parties, Attitudes, and Elections

Chair: **Sabina Henneberg**, Johns Hopkins U
Discussant: **Vahid Abedini**, Florida International U

Jonas Bergan Draege, European U Inst-*Electoral polarization in democratic transitions: Survey evidence from Egypt and Tunisia*
Alireza Raisi, Kent State U-*Political participation in Iran's parliamentary elections: Between two competing narratives*
Sebnem Gumuscu, Middlebury Col-*Islamists between democracy and authoritarianism: Comparing Turkey, Egypt and Tunisia*
Ellen Lust, U Gothenburg and **Kristen Kao**, U Gothenburg-*Wasta and clientelism: The intersection of social and political linkage in the MENA*
Amir H. Mahdavi, Harvard U-*Oil and electoral behavior in Iran*

4969 Music and Politics "min al-Mashriq ila al-Maghrib"

Guilnard Moufarrej, US Naval Academy-*Political resistance and nationalism: Women singers in Lebanon defying the drums of war*
Hicham Chami, Columbia U-*A tale of two protectorates: Cultural hegemony in colonial Morocco and its impact on indigenous musics*
Christopher Nickell, NYU-*Hearing pyrrhic victory in Lebanon's 2015 protests*
Elizabeth Matsushita, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Echoes of the Maghreb: Modernity, empire, and the Fez Congress of Moroccan Music*
Garrett Shuffield, UT Austin-*The Arab diaspora and collaborative hip-hop: Globalized and localized identity formation*

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 18

4988 Anxieties, Resistances, and the Clergy in Egyptian and Iranian Film

Chair: **Mario M. Ruiz**, Hofstra U

Kelly Houck, UT Austin-*A nightmare on Valiasr Street: Persian-language diasporic horror films and the cultural capital of "Iranian" cinema*
Babak Tabarraee, UT Austin-*Islamic republic's treatment of confusing signifiers: The curious case of "Marmulak"*
Mohannad Ghawanmeh, UCLA-*News of the nation: Mohamed Bayoumi's newsfilms in the newly independent Egypt, 1923-1935*
Maziyar Faridi, Northwestern U-*"Ode au Monde": The emergence of Iranian new wave cinema and the problematic of national identity*
Heba Arafa, Georgia Tech-*Maslaha: A film sanctioning apparatus or a covert censorship?*

5002 Urban Imaginaries: Governing Through Housing

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, UT Austin

Caroline Abadeer, Stanford U-*Local governance and the authoritarian Egyptian state: Forced evictions in Cairo's informal settlements*
Said Ennahid, Al Akhawayn U-*"Neo-Moorish" art and architecture in colonial-period Casablanca: The case of Muslim-specific workers' housing (1932-1952)*
Satoshi Kawamoto, Harvard U/JSPS-*Houses of infidels: An architectural analysis of houses in Istanbul in 1455*
Christopher S. Rose, UT Austin-*Sex work and protest in World War I Egypt*
Daniel Williford, U Michigan-*Infrastructures of violence and zones of restraint in colonial urban Morocco*

5005 Criminalizing Resistance: Producing Palestinial (In)Security

Chair: **Simona Sharoni**, SUNY Plattsburgh

Alyssa Bernstein, Harvard Law Schl/ Queen's U Belfast-*The Fatah/Hamas divide among Palestinian prisoners*
Matthew Kraig Kelly, Independent Scholar-*Criminal + nationalist = terrorist: "Terrorism" in British crimino-national discourse*
Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew U-*50 years of Israeli occupation and Palestinian resistance: Whither the movement of Palestinian political prisoners?*
Julie Norman, Queen's U Belfast-*Fighting for peace? Ex-combatants and non-traditional peace-building in protracted conflicts*
Alaa Tartir, Graduate Inst Geneva-*Securitised peace in Palestine/Israel: Criminalizing resistance, entrenching authoritarianism*

5022 Competition and Social Practice in Early and Medieval Islamic Poetry

Samer M. Ali, U Michigan-*Why does Shahrazad succeed?: Disrupting the scapegoat cycle with cold hard cachet*
Avigail Noy, Harvard U-*Early uses of the term ittisa' and the competing approaches to metaphorical language in Arabic grammar and poetics*
Mona Hassan, Duke U-*Poetic memories of the prophet's family: Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani's panegyrics for the Cairene Abbasid Sultan-Caliph al-Musta'in*
Cory Jorgensen, George Washington U-*In defense of poetic reputation: Jarir and al-Farazdaq's self-oriented naqa'id*
Th. Emil Homerin, U Rochester-*Close encounters of the Sufi kind*

5028 Language and Identity

Chair: **Mohssen Esseesy**, George Washington U

Anastasia Khawaja, U South Florida-*To display Hebrew, or not to display Hebrew?: A study of representation of power and solidarity through signage in Palestine*
Lisa J. White, American U Cairo-*Speaking of bodies*
Brian Jackson, U Penn-*Trade and subjective identity between Oman and Zanzibar*
Monica Katiboglu, UC Irvine-*Edebiyat-ı Cedide on modern language: A case against linguistic purification*
Mohamed ElSawi Hassan, Amherst Col-*Re-contextualizing discourse and social action in Egypt after the Arab Spring*
Kristin Hickman, U Chicago-*Africa in Morocco, Morocco in Africa: Making space for foreign voices in the Darijaphone public sphere*

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

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The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq Executive Committee Meeting
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Thematic Conversation

5029 Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents

Organizers: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis and **Pauline Homsi Vinson**

Session Leader: **Pauline Homsi Vinson**, Diablo Valley Col

Madeline Otis Campbell, Worcester State U
Akram Khater, North Carolina State U
Paul Amar, UC Santa Barbara
Louise Cainkar, Marquette U

Thematic Conversation

5031 Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice al Commitment

Organizers: **Michelle Hartman** and **Rabab Abdulhadi**

Session Leader: **Rabab Abdulhadi**, San Francisco State U

Michelle Hartman, McGill U
Emilio Dabed, Independent Scholar

4751 Spaces of Youth Political Engagement Six Years After the 2011 Uprisings

Organizers: **Christoph Schwarz** and **Linda Herrera**

Chair/Discussant: **Linda Herrera**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Ann-Christin Wagner, U Edinburgh-*Syrian refugee youth and the [anti] politics of survival*
Mina Ibrahim, Justus-Liebig U, Giessen-*Coptic youth: From street politics to church politics*
Dina El-Sharnouby, BGSMCS, FU Berlin-*Egyptian youth between despair and hope: The case of the Bread and Freedom Party*
Mayada Madbouly, Inst des sciences Sociales du Politique (ISP)-*Mobilizing the past: Nubian youth political engagement in post-2011 Egypt*
Christoph Schwarz, U Marburg Germany-*Young activists in Morocco: Trajectories of engagement after 2011*

4754 The Allure of the Mundane: What to do with the Micro and the Daily in Middle East History?

Organizer: **Lucia Carminati**

Chair: **Julia Clancy-Smith**, U Arizona
Discussant: **Farzin Vejdani**, Ryerson U

Ali Atabey, U Arizona-*Living in an 'Afro-Eurasian' port-town: Daily life and sociocultural interactions in the seventeenth-century Ottoman Galata*
Secil Uluisik, U Arizona-*A neglected history: Chorbadzhis, sovereignty and the Ottoman provinces, 1790s- 1850s*
Lucia Carminati, U Arizona-*The power of the mundane: Fatima's story and the history of an Egyptian port-city, 1880s-1890s*
Tania Bhattacharyya, Columbia U-*Between nation and empire: Iranian bakers, publishers and nomads in early twentieth century Bombay*

4794 Form and Language in Arabic Poetics

Organizers: **Jeffrey Sacks** and **Huda J. Fakhreddine**

Chair/Discussant: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

Jeffrey Sacks, UC Riverside-*Signaling with two hands: Intensifications of language in Khalid al-Ma'ali*
Esraa al-Shammari, U Penn-*Paratext to the poetic practice of Salim Barakat*
Huda J. Fakhreddine, U Penn-*Muhammad al-Maghut's verse-less poem*
Suzanne P. Stetkevych, Georgetown U-*Al-Ittijah al-Mu`akis: Al-Ma`arri's Luzumiyyat and the poetics of constriction*

4820 "The Political" in Political Islam: Conflict, Consensus, or Something Else?

Organizer: **Necmettin Dogan**

Chair/Discussant: **Mucahit Bilici**, John Jay Col CUNY

Edip Asaf Bekaroglu, Istanbul U-*Context-free and context-dependent elements of "the political" Islam: An analysis of Said Halim Pasha, Mawdudi, Shariati, and Ozel*

Muhammed Huseyin Mercan, Erciyes U-*Islamism and the world order: The multipolar world order imagination and political perception of the Milli Gorus Movement*
Necmettin Dogan, Istanbul Commerce U-*Political implications of 'civilization' discourse in Islamism: Anti-modernism or anti-westernism?*
Ahmet Koroglu, Istanbul U-*Islamist thinkers' self-accusations on their own political attitudes: The case of Abu'l 'Ala Mawdudi and Sayyid Qutb*
Ali Kaya, Erciyes U-*Liberal political discourse, Islamism and "the political"*

4858 Tales of Espionage, Diplomacy, and War

Organizer: **Jeffrey G. Karam**

Chair/Discussant: **Salim Yaqub**, UC Santa Barbara

Roberto Mazza, U Limerick-*A tale of secrecy and business: The attempted sale of the Western Wall during WW1*
Jeffrey G. Karam, Boston U-*Revisiting American intelligence and diplomacy during the Lebanon crisis of 1958*
Salim Yaqub, UC Santa Barbara-*Yes we can't: Arab Americans and the Arab-Israeli dispute in the 1970s*
James Casey, Princeton U-*Mandate agent, colonial subject, and Jewish citizen? The many profiles of Jamil Sasson, a francophone Syrian Arab Jew in the French Mandate for Syria and Lebanon*

4891 Law and Ideology in the Turkish Republic

Organizers: **James Ryan** and **Joakim Parslow**

Discussant: **Ceren Belge**, Concordia U

Alex Balistreri, Princeton U-*Population, movement, and the state in the Turkish-Soviet borderlands, 1920-1960*
Senem Aslan, Bates Col-*A merciful state? Political amnesties in early republican Turkey*
James Ryan, U Penn-*Ideology on trial: Comparing trials of the pan-turanists and leftists at the dawn of Cold War Turkey*
Joakim Parslow, U Oslo-*Do torturers dream of electric sheep? Cybernetics, law, and technocratic fantasies in Cold War Turkey*

4927 Occupying Space: Land, Religion, Power in Colonial North Africa

Organizer: **Alexandra Blackman**

Chair: **Chantal Berman**, Princeton U
Discussant: **James McDougall**, Trinity Col Oxford

Brock Cutler, Radford U-*Border performativity and the limits of sovereignty in 19th century Algeria*
Robert P. Parks, Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie-*Conflicting claims: Property rights in Algeria*
Michelle Weitzel, New Schl for Social Research-*French space? Silencing the call to prayer in colonial Algeria*
Alexandra Blackman, Stanford U-*Property and power: The transformation of the 'waqf' system in Tunisia*

4952 Arabic-Script Typography: History, Technology, & Aesthetics

Organizers: **Roberta L. Dougherty** and **Andrea L. Stanton**

Discussant: **Dagmar A. Riedel**, CSIC/ Columbia U

Roberta L. Dougherty, Yale U Library-*Salisbury & Oriental typography in the JAOS: Visualizing scholarly legitimacy through script*
Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver-*Selling the typewriter in the Arab world*
Julia de Mowbray, Gale-*Arabic typography and digitisation*
Wayne Osborn, Georgetown U-*Unicode and Arabic script: Historical legacies and future challenges*

4957 The Great Fear of 1895: Armenian Reform, Rumor and Violence Across the Ottoman Empire

Organizers: **Owen Miller** and **Umit Kurt**

Sponsored by Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)

Discussant: **Edhem Eldem**, Boğaziçi U

Owen Miller, Emerson Col-*George Perkins Knapp of Bitlis and massacres of 1895*
Emre Can Daglioglu, Clark U-*Reform and violence in the Hamidian era: 1895 anti-Armenian riots in Trabzon*
Umit Kurt, Harvard U-*Theaters of violence in the Ottoman periphery: Tracing the local roots of Hamidian massacres in Aintab*
Ugur Z. Pece, Bard Col-*The year of rumor: Crete in the shadow of the Armenian massacres of 1895*

4973 Law, Legitimacy, and Laziness in Late Ottoman Imperial Culture

Chair: **Roger A. Deal**, U of South Carolina Aiken

Arlen Wiesenthal, U Chicago-*Our heroic Emperors: Heroism, world order, and the social history of monarchy in the late Ottoman Empire, 1900-1918*
Avner Wishnitzer, Tel Aviv U-*Yawn: Idleness and boredom in the late Ottoman Empire*
Benjamin Smuin, UC San Diego-*Justice and corruption in late Ottoman Aleppo: The tenure of Cemil Pasha*
Melis Hafez, Virginia Commonwealth U-*Criminalization of laziness: Punishment, reward, and negotiation in the Ottoman bureaus*
Nilay Ozlu, Boğaziçi U-*Strategies of display during the late Ottoman era: The Imperial Museum and the Imperial Treasury*

4980 Humanitarianism and the Syrian Crisis

Chair: **Beverly Tsacoyianis**, U Memphis

Hélène Rey, Switzerland-*Moved by faith: Christian organizations and humanitarian aid in Syria*
Michelle Dromgold-Sermen, UNC Chapel Hill-*Responding to Syrian refugees: A turning point for civil society in Turkey?*
Dolunay Ugur, Yale U-*Politics of transnational humanitarianism: International NGOs assisting Syrian refugees in Turkey*
Irene Gibson, U Oxford-*Benevolent Kuwait: Examining Kuwait's foreign aid mechanisms through the case study of its Syrian crisis response*

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4984 Workers Across Borders: Labor, Migration, and Class

Chair: **Salma Waheedi**, Harvard Law Schl

Zahra Babar, Georgetown U Qatar-*The GCC-South Asia labor recruitment system: Comparing Nepal and Pakistan*
Arnon Degani, UCLA-*Comrades, not enemies? The Histadrut and its Palestinian-Arab members, 1948-1967*
Martin Hvidt, U Southern Denmark-*Highly-skilled migrants in the Arab Gulf countries: Exploring the nexus between economic growth and immigration of highly-skilled migrants*
Jaafar Alloul, U Leuven/U Amsterdam-*Dubai as heterotopia: Liminal notes on the 'status migration' of European Maghrebi-Muslim minority publics to a 'cosmopolitan' city*
William Christou, U Florida-*The impact of foreign labor on class formation in the GCC: Examining Bahrain, the UAE and Saudi Arabia*

4985 Visual Engagement: Between the Self and the Nation

Chair: **Melanie Janet Sindelar**, U Vienna

Amir Khadem, U Toronto-*Reproducing the real: Reviving the discourse of sacred defense in "Standing in the Dust"*
Paniz Musawi Natanzi, SOAS U London-*Problematizing the gendering of Afghan visual knowledge production & art-producing spaces in Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan in times of on-going insecurities & the reconstruction of the nation-state in Afghanistan*
Melanie Janet Sindelar, U Vienna-*Contemporary art production and the ambivalence of nation-building in the United Arab Emirates*
Marjan Moosavi, U Toronto-*Religiosity and emotionality in Iranian theatre: (Re) presentations and interventions*

4992 Managing and Manufacturing Disaster

Chair: **John M. VanderLippe**, SUNY Delhi

Baris Tasyakan, UC San Diego-*Disasters and re-formation of an imperial city: Ottoman Bursa in the mid-nineteenth century*
Ron J. Smith, Bucknell U-*Healthcare under siege: The geopolitics of healthcare provision in the Gaza Strip*
Thomas Kuehn, Simon Fraser U-*Managing nature's hazards, furthering state control: Nature and imperial governance in Ottoman Yemen re-visited, 1872-1914*
Valerie Giesen, Columbia U-*Technically long-term: The political economy of humanitarian technology in Jordan*
Ebru Kayaalp, Istanbul Sehir U-*Citizens at risk: Uncertainty, preparedness and the Istanbul earthquake*

5004 Making the Modern: The Politics of Heritage

Chair: **Kristi N. Barnwell**, U Illinois Springfield

Elizabeth Rauh, U Michigan-*An artist curating Islamic heritage: Ali Jabri and the Jordan Museum of Popular Traditions*
Timur Hammond, Syracuse U-*Making Islam modern: Heritage and worship in 1950s Turkey*
Shayna Silverstein, Northwestern U-*Tracing Syrian folk dance: A critical assessment of Ibn Dhurayl's anthology of raqs al-semah and dabke*
Chantal El Hayek, MIT-*Kuwait National Museum: Architectural historiography and the changing ethos of modernism*

5009 Politics, Culture, and Everyday Life in Safavid Poetry and Prose

Pouye Khoshkhoosani, U Arizona-*Safavid Qaṣīdah: A poetic genre for legitimizing power*
Ferenc P. Csirkes, Sabanci U-*Confessional politics and vernacular Turkish in Safavid Iran: A Qizilbash catechism*
Paul E. Losensky, Indiana U-*A master poet, "in spite of being a Turk": Shani Takallu and literary culture under Shah 'Abbas*
Yui Kanda, U Tokyo-*Poems, crafts, poets and craftsmen: Material culture of Iran and Transoxiana during the Timurid-Safavid period*
Shahla Farghadani, U Michigan-*From the garden to the bathhouse: Poetry, eros, and daily life in Isfahan*

5011 Women, Islam, and Family Law

Chair: **Kent Davis-Packard**, Johns Hopkins U SAIS

Yüksel Sezgin, Syracuse U-*"Non-Muslim Mujtahids": Viability of judicial interventions in Muslim family laws by civil courts in non-Muslim regimes*
Hakan Karpuzcu, Princeton U-*Reforming Islamic family law and making moral subjects in the late Ottoman Empire*
Jean-Michel Landry, McGill U-*"You can't take my children in the name of religion": Sunni and Shi'i attempts to reform women custody rights in Lebanon*
Elizabeth Brownson, UW Parkside-*Women's strategies for negotiating divorce in mandate Palestine*

5025 Sectarianism: States, Parties, and Representations

Chair: **Amy Mills**, U South Carolina

Adham Saouli, U St Andrews-*Sectarianism and political order in Iraq and Lebanon*
Anna Hager-*From polytheists to partners in the nation Islamist attitudes towards Coptic Egyptians in post-revolutionary Egypt*
Satgin Hamrah, Tufts U-*Complexities of the Iran-Iraq war and its long-term implications*
Patrick Harned, UT Austin-*Assyrians in Iraq: Competing visions of identity*
Basileus Zeno, U Massachusetts Amherst-*The construction of "sectarian politics" in Syria*
Hyun Jeong Ha, U Notre Dame-*"Christians are legitimate targets": Understanding sectarian violence in Egypt, 1970-2014*

Professional Development Workshop

5051 Proposal Writing and Research Design: How to Fund Your Ideas

Organized by **Suad Joseph**

Co-Sponsored by
Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Outreach Project
Arab American Studies Association
Association for Middle East Women's Studies
Association for Middle East Anthropology

Chair: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

Those embarking on academic careers must master the art of writing proposals for research funding. Whether you are conducting research for a dissertation or book or seeking support for a special project-locating and securing funding is critical. This workshop will provide expert guidelines on how to write compelling proposals from the initial phrasing of the research question, step by step, to the research outcomes, significance, dissemination, and public outreach. It will also address such issues as identifying and working with funding agencies, effectively communicating research methodology and goals, preparing budgets, and planning for the dissemination of results. The workshop will be led by Suad Joseph, Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies, University of California at Davis. She has taught proposal writing and lead workshops for students, faculty, administrators, and NGO practitioners for over 30 years. Information about proposal writing may be found on Dr. Joseph's website at http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/arab-families-working-group-1/images/files/ComponentsofaHumanitiesSocialSciencesResearchProposal.pdf. Please sign up for the workshop in advance by sending an email message to Mark Lowder at mark@mesana.org. Before the workshop, please browse Professor Joseph's website and read the document, "Components of a social science and humanities research proposal."

Roundtable

4732 AATT Roundtable: Focus on the Learner

Organizer: **Pelin Basci**

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

Chair: **Pelin Basci**, Portland State U

Melike Yucel-Koç, U Washington
Erika H. Gilson, Princeton U
S. Ebru Ergul, Stanford U

Roundtable

4785 Histories of Slavery in Medieval Islamic Societies

Organizer: **Craig Perry**

Sponsored by
Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Hend Gilli-Elewy, Cal Poly Pomona
Elizabeth Urban, West Chester U
Matthew S. Gordon, Miami U
Craig Perry, U Cincinnati
Magdalena Moorthy Kloss, Austrian Academy of Sciences

4725 Broadening the Narrative: Ibadi Islam in Focus

Organizers: **Valerie J. Hoffman** and **Rodrigo Adem**

Chair: **Rodrigo Adem**, UNC Chapel Hill
Discussant: **Paul E. Walker**, U Chicago

Abdulrahman Al-Salimi, Ministry of Endowment & Religious Affairs, Oman-*On the significance of the Aqwal Qatada for early Islamic legal thought*
Rodrigo Adem, UNC Chapel Hill-*A compendium of theological "firsts": The significance of early Ibadi Kalam texts for Islamic thought*
Cyrille Aillet, U de Lyon (France)-*Ibadism and the construction of ethnicity in medieval North Africa*
Adam Gaiser, Florida State U-*Medieval Ibadi images of murji'ism*
Valerie J. Hoffman, U Illinois-*Ibāḍī discussions on the divine attributes*

4730 Diasporic Devotion: Transnational Religion and Middle East Migrations

Organizer: **Akram Khater**

Organized under the auspices of Moise Khayarallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies

Chair: **Akram Khater**, North Carolina State U

Jacob Norris, U Sussex-*Objects of devotion: Palestinian migrants and their prayer beads, c. 1850-1910*
Andrew Arsan, U Cambridge-*Reading the Middle East from the margins: A forgotten figure, his faithful life, and his moving books*
Akram Khater, North Carolina State U-*"Like a wolf who fell upon sheep": Maronite priests in America*

4735 Hebron in the Modern Period: Social, Political, and Economic Dynamics in Southern Palestine

Organizer: **Alex Winder**

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Chair/Discussant: **Issam Nassar**, Illinois State U

Susynne McElrone, New York NY-*Rethinking the paradigm of Ottoman land-tenure reforms in Palestine in light of new evidence*
Alex Winder, Brown U-*Family, social, and professional networks in Mount Hebron before and after 1948*
Kimberly Katz, Towson U-*The law and society: Hebron under Jordanian rule, 1951-1953*
Belal Shobaki, Hebron U-*Hebron in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Settlement without peace*

4743 Examining Sign Language Education in the Middle East

Organizer: **Sanaa Riaz**

Chair: **Engin Arik**, Istanbul Medipol U

Engin Arik, Istanbul Medipol U-*History and current status of Turkish sign language*
Sara Siyavoshi, U New Mexico-*Standardization and language attitudes in the Iranian deaf community*
Sanaa Riaz, Metropolitan State U Denver-*Pakistan sign language: Conceptualization, curriculum and cultural impact*
Justin Power, UT Austin-*Foreign influence on the lexicon of Afghan sign language*
Erin Trine, Western Oregon U-*Emerging professionalization of Arabic/Jordanian sign language interpreting*

4744 The South in the Yemeni Conflict

Organizer: **Charles P. Schmitz**

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Noel Brehony, Menas Associates-*Regionalism and nationalism in South Yemen*
Elisabeth Kendall, U Oxford-*What does Eastern Yemen want and what is it doing about it? The voice of al-Mahra*
Thanos Petouris, Independent Scholar-*Southern Yemen after the Saudi intervention: Political and social change*
Charles P. Schmitz, Towson U-*Salafism in the south*

4760 Postcolonial Arab Feminisms: Past Meets Present

Organizer: **Catherine Batruni**

Chair: **Tarek El-Ariss**, Dartmouth Col

Yasmin Shafei, American U Beirut-*Egyptian feminism and the struggle for women's rights, 1923-1979*
Catherine Batruni, American U Beirut-*To vote or not to vote? Lebanese women and the politics of suffrage*
Zahra Ali, Rutgers U-*Exploring feminism in contemporary Iraq: Legacies of the past and present struggles*
Tatiana Rabinovich, U Arizona-*"Fighting for the country, fighting for ourselves": Pro-regime female soldiers and feminism in today's Syria*

4772 Emancipatory Transformations in Kurdistan: Autonomy, Radical Democracy, and Gender Liberation

Organizer: **Sardar Saadi**

Chair: **Sardar Saadi**, U Toronto
Discussant: **Fatma Müge Göçek**, U Michigan

Sardar Saadi, U Toronto-*The rise and repression of the pro-Kurdish municipality movement in Turkey*
Elif Genc, New Schl for Social Research-*Gender, state and resistance: The Kurdish women's armed struggle for liberation*
Behnam Amini, York U-*Understanding the implications of transcending nationalism: Democratic confederalism and the question of separatism*
Berivan Sarikaya, U Toronto-*Resistance, consciousness and social transformation: Kurdish women political prisoners in the Turkish military prison in Diyarbakir*

4779 "Arab Arabists": Public Intellectuals and the Production of Knowledge About the Arab World

Organizers: **Ellen L. Fleischmann** and **John Meloy**

Chair/Discussant: **Ilham Khuri-Makdisi**, Northeastern U

Hussam Raafat Ahmed, McGill U-*Intellectual in action: Taha Hussein (1889-1973) drawing the mission of the faculty of arts and the Arabic Language Academy*
John Meloy, American U Beirut-*Enlightened patriots: Area studies, nationalism, and the Arab world*
Hilary Falb Kalisman, Furman U-*Educating the Arab world: Intellectuals, theory and practice in 20th century Iraq*
Ellen L. Fleischmann, U Dayton-*Searching for Najla: The life and making of a female Arab intellectual*
Aaron Berman, Hampshire Col-*First encounters: Abraham Rihbany, Ameen Rihani and America's role in creating Arab nationalism*

4788 Histories of Place Making in the Middle East

Organizers: **Secil Binboga** and **Chris Gratien**

Chair: **Nilay Ozok Gundogan**, Binghamton U
Discussant: **Resat Kasaba**, U Washington

Meltem Toksoz, Bogaziçi U/Brown U-*The second Egypt: Capitalist imaginaries of late Ottoman Çukurova*
Polina Ivanova, Harvard U-*Greek economic migration and the rediscovery of Hellenic Cilicia*
Chris Gratien, Harvard U-*Dystopian affect and the colonial archive of French Cilicia*
Secil Binboga, U Michigan-*Tectonics of development: The Cold War politics of spatial expertise in Turkey*

4811 Presenting and Representing Iran in Museum Collections and Exhibitions

Organizer: **Anne H. Betteridge**

Sponsored by American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIrS)

Chair: **Anne H. Betteridge**, U Arizona

Sheila R. Canby, Metropolitan Museum of Art-*Exhibiting Iranian art in the 21st century*
Sumru Belger Krody, GWU Museum/ The Textile Museum-*Ninety years of presenting Iranian art at The Textile Museum*
Linda Komaroff, Los Angeles County Museum of Art-*The intersection of past and present in Iranian art*
Filiz Cakir Phillip, Aga Khan Museum-*The Iranian exhibition program at the Aga Khan Museum 2016-2017*

4812 Tourism, Heritage, and the Politics of Place in the Middle East

Organizer: **Daniel E. Coslett**

Chair: **Daniel E. Coslett**, Western Washington U
Discussant: **Ala Al-Hamarneh**, U Mainz

Nadya J. Sbaiti, American U Beirut-*Constructing the "Arab tourist": Leisure and mobility through/in/of Lebanon, 1920-1970s*
Emily Schneider, UC Santa Barbara-*Building and breaking ties: Political tourism in Israel/Palestine*
Norig Neveu, Ifpo-*Islamic tourism in Jordan: Heritage policies, paths and itineraries since the 1980s*
Sandrine Gamblin, American U Cairo-*Heritage tourism versus leisure tourism in post-2011 Egypt: Notes about crisis management, resilience and strategic choices*
Claire Panetta, Graduate Center CUNY-*The re-formed city: Urban rehabilitation, conservation, and reclamation in post-revolution Cairo*

4844 Archives, Excavation, and the Arab Present

Organizer: **Zeina G. Halabi**

Chair: **Samer Frangie**, American U Beirut

Zeina G. Halabi, American U Beirut-*Obituary of the word: Excavating the self in the demise of print media*
Fadi A. Bardawil, UNC Chapel Hill-*An inventory of traces: Post-colonial criticism and self-fashioning*
Toufoul Abou-Hodeib, U Oslo-*The sons of Qahtan in South Lebanon: Amateur history writing at the periphery of the state*
Samer Frangie, American U Beirut-*Excavating criticism from the archive of the left*

4870 Politics of Legitimacy in the Maghreb

Organizer: **Michael J. Willis**

Chair/Discussant: **Ellen Lust**, U Gothenburg

Anne Wolf, U Oxford-*Embracing revolutionary legitimacy: Former RCD officials and the Tunisian uprisings*
Vish Sakthivel, U Oxford-*Reclaiming symbolic legitimacy: Feigning distance from the Algerian state*
Michael J. Willis, U Oxford-*A tale of two elections: The politics of electoral legitimacy in Algeria and Morocco*
Yasmina Abouzzohour, U Oxford and **Ilyas Saliba**, WZB Berlin Social Science Center-*Commander of the faithless: Challenging the myth of monarchical religious legitimacy in Morocco*

4880 Tanzimat as Translation

Organizer: **Melih Levi**

Chair: **Monica Ringer**, Amherst Col
Discussant: **A. Holly Shissler**, U Chicago

Melih Levi, Stanford U-*Relational subjectivities: Authorial performance and narrative identification in Ahmet Mithat*
Etienne Charriere, Koç U-*Translation as transcription in the Tanzimat era*
Burcu Karahan, Stanford U-*Heroes in the making: Translated European literature in the Tanzimat era*
Monica Ringer, Amherst Col-*'Creative innovation' as a language of legitimation*

4881 Rethinking Wahhabism in the Gulf

Organizer: **Alexandre Caeiro**

Organized under the auspices of Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Chair: **Alexandre Caeiro**, Hamad Bin Khalifa U
Discussant: **Attiya Ahmad**, George Washington U

Anna Lukjanowicz, Hamad Bin Khalifa U-*Religion, nationality and race: The experiences of Western converts to Islam in Qatar*
Paulino R. Robles Gil, Hamad Bin Khalifa U-*Shi'ism in the Gulf: Paradoxes of coexistence in Qatar*
Bothaina Aldosari, Hamad Bin Khalifa U-Qatar U-*Religious broadcasting in Qatar: A study of two local television programs*
Ady Candra, Hamad bin Khalifa U-*Adapting Indonesian Islam to the Gulf: An ethnographic study of Indonesian Imams in Qatar*

4900 The Islamic and the Modern in the Twentieth Century Visual Middle East

Organizers: **Saleem Al-Bahloly** and **Nada M. Shabout**

Sponsored by Association for Modern and Contemporary Art of the Arab World, Iran, and Turkey (AMCA)

Discussants: **Nasser O. Rabbat**, MIT and **Elizabeth Rauh**, U Michigan

Sarah-Neel Smith, Maryland Inst College of Art (MICA)-*A Mid-Westerner in the Middle East: Abby Weed Grey's art collections of the 1960s*
Nada M. Shabout, U North Texas-*Istilham: Jewad Selim's negotiation of continuity in art*
Saleem Al-Bahloly, Johns Hopkins U-*Shakir Hassan Al Said's theology of line, or the turn to Islamic philosophy after the Ba'ath Coup of 1963*

5007 Genocide and the Unmixing of Peoples: The Ottoman Empire and Its Aftermath

Chair: **Sarah Shields**, UNC Chapel Hill

Doris Melkonian, UCLA-*The aftermath of genocide: Armenian women rebuilding their lives*
Ella M. Fratantuono, UNC Charlotte-*Protecting rights for productive Ottomans: Religious and economic belonging in Muhacir (The Immigrant) Newspaper*
Walter Lorenz, UCLA-*Relocation, resettlement, and conscription: Refugee policies during the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78*
Ilker Ayturk, Bilkent U-*Right-wing antisemitism in Turkey, 1945-1980*
Ali Bolcakan, U Michigan-*From multilingualism to monolingualism: Turkish language reform and non-Turks*

5019 Protest, Repression, and Cooptation Before and After the Arab Uprisings

Chair: **Azzedine Layachi**, St. John's U

Sean Yom, Temple U-*Repression and learning across borders: Cross-policing between the Arab monarchies*
Michael Burch, Eckerd Col-*War correspondents: Journalist fatalities in Middle Eastern conflicts*
Jean Lachapelle, U Michigan-*Protests and police responses in Egypt between 2004 and 2011, a comprehensive dataset*
Katty Alhayek, U Massachusetts Amherst-*Neo-authoritarian feminism: Theorizing the Syrian government's co-optation of feminist discourse*

SPECIAL SESSION

5046 Thinking Palestine Intersectionally
Organizer: **Sherene Seikaly**

Discussant: **Sherene Seikaly**, UC Berkeley

Judith Butler, UC Berkeley
Angela Y. Davis, UC Santa Cruz (Emerita)
Samera Esmeir, UC Berkeley
Noura Erakat, George Mason U

June 2017 will mark fifty years of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, including the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. This anniversary renders clear what many activists and scholars have long noted: the highly repressive Israeli military occupation is by no means temporary, but a defining structure of the Israeli and Palestinian political landscape. Within the United States and Europe, the growth of the BDS movement has energized activist and scholarly critique of Israeli state violence, both within its border and the occupied territories. And yet, despite the global growth of popular solidarity with the Palestinian condition, the actually existing realities of Palestinians only worsen.

We are interested in the new kinds of critical thinking and interventions that this anniversary demands. In this panel, we aim to build on the current moment of popular global solidarity with the Palestinian condition by thinking Palestine intersectionally—drawing on histories and experiences of other anti-colonial and anti-racist struggles across the globe to envision an intersectional politics of hope in this time of political darkness. We will ask: how do these global histories inform our understanding of Palestine as well as inform our strategies for moving towards radical change in Palestine/Israel? How might intersectional thinking productively recalibrate prevailing academic and activist paradigms for anti-colonial work in Palestine/Israel? And what kinds of academic criticism and activism does this particular anniversary of the Israeli occupation both demand and render newly thinkable?

Roundtable

4753 Alternative Archives: New Approaches to Egypt's Modern History
Organizer: **Andrew Simon**

Andrew Simon, Cornell U
Aaron Rock-Singer, Cornell U
Jacob Hoigilt, Peace Research Inst Oslo

Thematic Conversation

5045 Sex & Sexualities in the Middle East and North Africa
Organizer: **Angel M. Foster**

Session Leaders: **Lisa L. Wynn**, Macquarie U and **Angel M. Foster**, U Ottawa

4806 The Dynamics of Tolerance in the Contemporary Middle East
Organizers: **Sean Foley** and **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**

Chair: **John O. Voll**, Georgetown U
Discussant: **Jocelyne Cesari**, Georgetown U

John Fahy, Georgetown U Qatar-*The globalisation of values and the mobilisation of tolerance in the Arabian Gulf*
Sean Foley, MTSU-*"The necessary evil": The toleration of tobacco in contemporary Oman*
Maria Tedesco, Seattle U-*Tolerance and religious orthodoxy: Reevaluating a contested relation through the lens of social imaginary*
Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern U Qatar and **Calvert Jones**, U Maryland College Park-*The nature of tolerance in contemporary Qatar*
Marwa Shalaby, Rice U-*Drivers of tolerance in transitioning democracies: Rational, elitist, or religious?*

4819 Gender-Based Violence, Solidarity, and Advocacy
Organizers: **Sumru Atuk** and **Elif Ege**

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

Mary Ann Fay, Morgan State U-*When legal worlds collide: Law and liberation in the United Arab Emirates*
Gabriella Nassif, SUNY Buffalo-*Women's and gender rights activism in Lebanon: Strategies for solidarity and networking*
Elif Ege, SUNY Buffalo-*Activism against gender-based violence in times of conflict: Kurdish women's movement in Turkey*
Sondra Hale, UCLA-*Gender-based violence and the politics of memory in Sudan's conflict zones*
Sumru Atuk, Graduate Center CUNY-*Struggle to end violence against women in the age of new fascism*

4839 Transnational Andalus
Organizer: **Eric Calderwood**

Discussant: **William Granara**, Harvard U

Eric Calderwood, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*The feminist al-Andalus*
Wail S. Hassan, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Al-Andalus in Brazil*
Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U-*Morocco, Andalusia and the new world: Rewriting, counternarrative, and resistance in Laila Lalami's "The Moor's Account"*

4841 Social, Political, and Ideological Activism in the Shi'i World
Organizers: **Zackery Heern** and **Robert J. Riggs**

Chair: **Juan Cole**, U Michigan
Discussant: **Mirjam Kuenkler**, U Göttingen

Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, U Oxford-*The popular front in the Middle East: Revolution and anti-colonialism in Iran's tri-continental moment*
Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego-*Performing socialist Islam: Embodiment and political-theology of revolutionary action in Ali Shariati*
Zackery Heern, Idaho State U-*Shi'i activism and British imperialism in Iraq: State formation, resistance, and disenfranchisement*
David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis U-*Hussein amidst Hasans: The al-Sadr intifadas of 1999*
Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport-*Radicalism, reform and migration: The transformations of Shaykh Nimr Baqir al-Nimr*

4846 Representations of Jews in Contemporary Arabic Literature
Organizer: **Mostafa Hussein**

Discussant: **Carol Bardenstein**, U Michigan

Chair: **Emily Gottreich**, UC Berkeley

Mostafa Hussein, Independent Scholar-*Hassan, Marcus, and Cohen: Redefining literary representations of Jews in contemporary Egypt*
Brahim El Guabli, Princeton U-*Literature remembers Moroccan Jews*

4867 The Future of Middle Eastern Regimes: At the Intersection of Domestic and International Politics
Organizer: **Jeannie Sowers**

Chair: **Bruce Rutherford**, Colgate U
Discussant: **Samer Abboud**, Arcadia U

Marwa Daoudy, Georgetown U-*A structure-identity nexus: Domestic and regional drivers of Syria and Turkey's relations before and after 2011*
Curtis Ryan, Appalachian State U and **Morten Valbjorn**, Aarhus U-*Sectarianism in less likely places: The impact of rising regional sectarianism even in Jordan*
Bruce Rutherford, Colgate U-*The future of Egypt: From despotic to infrastructural power?*
Jeannie Sowers, U New Hampshire-*Targeting environmental infrastructures, international law, and civilians in the new Middle Eastern wars*

4877 The Exegetical Tradition of Avicenna's "Canon of Medicine"
Organizer: **Kamran Karimullah**

Discussant: **Robert J. Wisnovsky**, McGill U

Nahyan Fancy, DePauw U-*'We have seen this many times': Ibn al-Nafis's critique of Galenic humoral theory and the anatomy and physiology of digestion*
Emma Gannagé, Georgetown U-*The classification of medicine in some commentaries on Avicenna's "Canon"*
Peter E. Pormann, U Manchester-*Ibn al-Nafis and Ibn al-Quff on melancholy*
Hammood Obaid, U Manchester-*The circulation and transmission of Avicenna's "Canon" in early modern India*
Kamran Karimullah, U Manchester-*Metacommentary in the medieval Islamic medical tradition: Galen, Muḥammad ibn Zakarīyā al-Rāzī, Fakhr al-Din al-Rāzī*

4888 Who Protect What! Actors of Conservation From Late Ottoman Empire to Republican Turkey
Organizers: **Firuzan Melike Sumertas** and **Ahmet Sezgin**

Firuzan Melike Sumertas, Boğaziçi U/MEF U-*From Paspates to Sillogos: 'heritagization' of Byzantine remnants in situ*
Ahmet Sezgin, MEF U-*Mehmed Ziya: An advocate of ancient monuments between the Ottoman city and the Turkish nation*
Pinar Aykac, UCL-*National vs. 'other' monuments: The role of the Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities in the institutionalisation of preservation activities in Istanbul*
Burcu Selcen Coskun, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts U-*Scraping the layers: Tahsin Öz and his stylistic restorations in Topkapi Palace Museum, 1942-1949*

4894 Maintaining Body and Mind in Modern Iraq
Organizers: **Alissa Walter** and **Andrew Alger**

Discussant: **Sara Pursley**, NYU

Sara Farhan, York U-*Medicine and midan: Venereal disease, sex-work, and the establishment of the Royal Medical College of Baghdad*
Andrew Alger, Graduate Center CUNY-*"A Beehive of Activity": Labor and leisure in Hashemite Baghdad, 1921-1958*
Wisam Alshaibi, UCLA-*Resisting classification: Iraqis' responses to Arabization during the Iran-Iraq War*
Michael Degerald, U Washington-*The Ba'th and the non-aligned movement: More than a relationship of convenience*
Alissa Walter, Georgetown U-*Maintaining body and mind in Baghdad during the Iraqi sanctions: A state-society perspective*

4913 Politics of Religion During WWI as Lived and Remembered in the Ottoman Empire

Organizer: **Benan Grams**

Chair/Discussant: **Elizabeth F. Thompson**, American U

Benan Grams, Georgetown U-*The Greek Orthodox of Antioch : Loyalty or pragmatism? Gregarious Haddad: Between the Ottoman Empire and the Arab rule*
Sami Sweis, U Chicago-*Hashemite discourse on Wahhabi Islam as anti-Saudi propaganda during the Arab Revolt*
Joel Veldkamp, Graduate Inst of International and Development Studies-*Sectarianism, memory and countermemory of the Great War in French mandate Aleppo*
Odile Moreau, Montpellier U-IMAF Paris 1-*Politics of religion during the First World War: Ottoman Islamic rhetoric in Morocco*

4918 Intersectional Approaches to Critiquing Orientalism

Organizer: **Anna Cruz**

Douja Mamelouk, Le Moyne Col-*Paul Bowles' Orientalist urges*
Yasmine El Gheur, City College of New York CUNY-*The Self-Orientalization of the contemporary Arab artist: "Les Femmes du Maroc," a case study*
Anna Cruz, Tufts U-*"Disobedient" archives and the postcolonial poet as decolonial historian*

4942 New Perspectives on Literacy in TAFL

Organizer: **Corinne Stokes**

Chair: **Mahmoud Al-Batal**, American U Beirut

Navdeep Sokhey, UT Austin-*Social media literacy in the advanced Arabic classroom*
Corinne Stokes, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Using multimodal materials to develop conceptual fluency in TAFL*
Nesrine Basheer, U Sydney-*Connectives in Arabic native speaker and non-native speaker expository and argumentative writing*
Katherine Whiting, The Sijal Inst for Arabic Language and Culture-*Metacognitive awareness and strategy usage among intermediate and advanced L2 readers of Arabic*

4959 Implicated Digital Transitions in the MENA Region

Organizer: **Karem Irene Said**

Discussant: **Frances S. Hasso**, Duke U/ *JMEWS*

Karem Irene Said, Stanford U-*Transitional differentiation in urban and digital crowds: Reassessing the place of Hay Ettadhamon, Tunis*
Yakein Abdelmagid, Duke U-*Incongruent collaborations: The advertising industry and politics of underground music in Egypt*
S. Gokce Atici, Stanford U-*The double work of behavioral advertising in Turkey: Imaging and branding*

4962 The Gulf: Visualizing the National Narrative

Organizer: **Shaikhah Almubaraki**

Chair: **Shaikhah Almubaraki**, UC Berkeley
Discussant: **Laura Goffman**, Georgetown U

Shaikhah Almubaraki, UC Berkeley-*Theater as nation: Nationalism as promoted by Kuwaiti theatrical productions*
Ashleen Williams, U Mississippi-*Matams, Ashura, and Muharaam: Examining counter national narratives in Bahrain*
Amina Alkandari, UC Berkeley-*The "desert" in Expo Milano: Traditions of architecture practices in the making of a "legitimate" national-Identity*

4997 Revolution, Refusal and Rebellion: Past and Present

Silvia Marsans-Sakly, Fairfield U-*The rebel and the archivist: Tracing Tunisia's forgotten history of protest*
Brady Patrick Ryan, UCLA-*Revolution and the abject in Intisab Aswad*
Emily Sibley, NYU-*The politics of no: Street art and public performativity in the Egyptian revolution*
Vivienne Matthies-Boon, U Amsterdam-*Everyday insecurities: Political trauma and bio-political repression in (post) revolutionary Egypt*
Molly Courtney, UCLA-*Literature and disenchantment in post-revolutionary Tunisia*

5018 Rebels and Insurgents: Recruitment, Effectiveness, and Support

Chair: **Peter Krause**, Boston Col

Samuel Plapinger, U Virginia-*Insurgent effectiveness in civil wars: Evidence from Jordan and Syria*
Holger Albrecht, U Alabama-*Warriors or believers? Strategic choice in rebel recruitment in the Syrian Civil War*
Gunes Murat Tezcur, U Central Florida-*Political violence and civilian victimization in Turkey*
Ekrem Karakoc, Binghamton U-*Why ethnic minorities support for a rebel group: The PKK case in Turkey*

SPECIAL SESSION

5048 Academic Freedom Trends and the Work of MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom
Organizer: **Joshua Stacher**

Chair: **Laurie Brand**, U Southern California

Asli Bali, UCLA School of Law
Nancy E. Gallagher, UC Santa Barbara
Miriam R. Lowi, Col of New Jersey
Joshua Stacher, Kent State U
Virginia Tilley, Southern Illinois U

MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom took on a record number of cases in 2016. From the continuing repression in Egypt to the swift decent into authoritarianism in Turkey, many countries of the region witnessed significant violations of academic freedom, regardless of educational level or type of institution. Nor was the US exempt, as the arrival of new administration committed to a discriminatory approach to, among others, Muslims and Middle Easterners with the issuance of successive travel bans, has made clear. Indeed 2017 has already demonstrated that current trends are likely to continue, and perhaps worsen. This panel seeks to review some of the most important cases from the MENA region and the US of 2017. CAF members will discuss Egypt, Turkey and the Gulf States, while another presentation will highlight the ongoing battles in the academy surrounding the boundaries for the portrayal of Israel by focusing on the response to the UN commissioned ESCWA report concerning Israeli state practices of apartheid. A member of the California Scholars for Academic Freedom will discuss the network and its responses to recent "lawfare" attacks on academics in the UC and Cal State systems. These interventions will seek to place recent developments in broader socio-political and historical context, analyzing them as integral parts of ongoing political transitions, not as developments limited to the academy. The panel will thus provide an important opportunity for MESA members to learn more, not only about CAF's work, but also about the broader context in which our colleagues who are on the front lines of these battles both in MENA and North America are struggling to assert their rights to academic freedom.

Roundtable

4899 Apology Accepted? Combatting Islamophobia Without Sacrificing Critical Perspective in the Academy
Organizer: **Judd King**

Chair: **Judd King**, American U

Sadaf Jaffer, Princeton U
Nathaniel Mathews, Binghamton U

Thematic Conversation

5036 Is There a Modern Muslim Mediterranean?
Organizer: **Jonathan Glasser**

Session Leader: **Jonathan Glasser**, Col of William and Mary

Sibel Zandi-Sayek, Col of William and Mary
Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown U
Eric Calderwood, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Naor Ben-Yehoyada, Columbia U
Edmund Burke III, UC Santa Cruz

Thematic Conversation

5033 Evaluating Digital Scholarship - Proposed Guidelines for MESA
Organizer: **Amy Singer**

Session Leader: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U

Elias Muhanna, Brown U
E. Natalie Rothman, U Toronto Scarborough
Chris Gratien, Harvard U
Virginia Aksan, McMaster U

4776 Iraq's Many Pasts, Iraq's Many Presents: Memory, Archive, and Representation
Organizer: **Zainab Saleh**

Chair: **Zainab Saleh**, Haverford Col
Discussant: **Arbella Bet-Shlimon**, U Washington

Bridget Guarasci, Franklin & Marshall Col-*Making Iraq's marshes a world heritage site*
Zainab Saleh, Haverford Col-*Superfluous nostalgics: Longing for an idealized past among Iraqis in London*
Mona Damluji, UC Santa Barbara-*Seeing like an oil company: Photographic archives of modern Iraq*
Orit Bashkin, U Chicago-*Iraqi home away from home – Jewish reflections on Iraq in the diaspora*
Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington U-*Writing Iraq's history with and against the post-colonial state archive*

4798 Rethinking Security Studies in the Arab World: In/Security Beyond the State
Organizers: **Samer Abboud** and **Waleed Hazbun**

Discussant: **Marwa Daoudy**, Georgetown U

Samer Abboud, Arcadia U-*The pre-peace, post-conflict reconstruction of Syria*
Hamza Meddeb, European U Inst-*Zones of ambiguity. The political economy of insecurity in Tunisia*
Nicole Sunday Grove, U Hawai'i Manoa-*Participatory media and emerging landscapes of security and surveillance*
Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut-*The politics of in/security in an era of turbulence*

4800 (Trans)nationalisms and the Left in the Greater Maghrib, 1910-1970

Organizer: **Christopher Rominger**

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: **Joel Gordon**, U Arkansas
Discussant: **Alma Heckman**, UC Santa Cruz

Christopher Rominger, Graduate Center CUNY-*"Radical" communists, "moderate" socialists, and the trans-Mediterranean left in post-WWI Tunisia*
Rebecca Gruskin, Stanford U-*Nationalism in a transnational place: Communists and nationalists in Tunisia's Gafsa Mining Basin (1940s-1960s)*
Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan U-*Transnationalism and nationalism: The case of Egyptian communism (1920-1965)*

4813 After the Spring: Contentious Politics and Political Processes Beyond 2011

Organizers: **Christopher Barrie** and **Killian Clarke**

Chair/Discussant: **Eva Bellin**, Brandeis U

Dina Bishara, U Alabama-*Contentious processes not protest outcomes: Sit-Ins, marches, and demonstrations in the Middle East and North Africa*
Killian Clarke, Princeton U-*Overthrowing revolution: The popular roots of counterrevolution in Egypt*
Christopher Barrie, U Oxford-*Labor in transition: Labor protest and divergent democratization patterns in Egypt and Tunisia*
Ali Kadivar, Brown U-*Predicaments of rapid success: Egypt's failed democratization 2011-13*

4828 Restoring History, Recording History: From Bint al-Shati' to Samar Yazbek

Organizer: **Zimu Niu**

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

This panel is dedicated to the memory of Rula Quawas

Chair: **Zimu Niu**, Beijing Foreign Studies U

Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U-*A Revolutionary woman exegete: Bint al-Shāṭi''s literary approach to Quranic exegesis*
Hanadi Al-Samman, U Virginia-*Traversing buried cities in Samar Yazbek's "The Crossing"*
miriam cooke, Duke U-*Integrating women into Islamic hagiographies*

4832 The Cultural Politics of Violence

Organizers: **Hannah Scott Deuchar** and **Michael Farquhar**

Chair: **R. Shareah Taleghani**, Queens College CUNY
Discussant: **James McDougall**, Trinity Col Oxford

Shimrit Lee, NYU-*Simulating the contact zone: Corporate mediations of violence in Israel, Palestine and beyond*
Michael Farquhar, King's Col U London-*Violence, deviancy and police masculinity in contemporary Egypt*
Hannah Scott Deuchar, NYU-*Terrors of translation: Ottoman crime fiction and the politics of fear*
Hannah Elsisi, U Oxford-*Un/Making the mu'taqal: Towards a cultural economy of political imprisonment in Egypt*

4851 Historical GIS Applications to Analyze Economic Geography and Transport Infrastructure in the Ottoman Empire

Organizer: **M. Erdem Kabadayi**

Discussant: **Ali Yaycioglu**, Stanford U

M. Erdem Kabadayi, Koç U and **Semih Celik**, Koç U-*A geo-spatiotemporal analysis of population and economic geography for the districts (sancaks) of Ankara and Bursa, 1845–1927*
Will Hanley, Florida State U-*Mapping segregation in turn-of-the-century Alexandria*
Antonis Hadjikyriacou, Boğaziçi U-*Mapping a moment in the Cypriot agricultural landscape: Historical GIS and the fiscal survey of 1572*
Osman Özkan, Koç U and **Turgay Koçak**, Koç U-*Mapping historical routes upon a geo-referenced late Ottoman coastal and land transport network*

4871 Changing Configurations of the Political and the Religious in the Early Modern Ottoman and Safavid Empires

Organizer: **Malissa Taylor**

Chair: **Linda T. Darling**, U Arizona

Baki Tezcan, UC Davis-*What the Kadizadelis represent, or how the ejnebis trumped the devshirmes: Politically critical mass formation in the early modern Ottoman Empire*
Malissa Taylor, U Massachusetts Amherst-*Contending visions of a 'properly' Islamic land law in the Ottoman Empire*
Hani Khafipour, U Southern California-*Ideological sources of the Safavid system of patronage and clientelism*
Maryam Moazzen, U Louisville-*Imperial Twelver Shi'ism and Shi'i 'Ulama: The case of Shaykh al-Islam 'Ali Naqi Kamarehi (d. 1650)*

4876 Fraught Docs: Questioning Categories and Exploring Infrastructural Challenges of Documentary Filmmaking from the Arab World

Organizer: **Nadia G. Yaqub**

Chair: **Nadia G. Yaqub**, UNC Chapel Hill

Nadia G. Yaqub, UNC Chapel Hill-*Pushing the boundaries of documentary in post-nationalist Palestinian filmmaking*
Jason Fox, CUNY Hunter Col-*Refusing representation: Speed, mapping, and the Abounaddara Film Collective*
Dale Hudson, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Documenting the Arab Gulf by hearing South Asia*
Alia Yunis, Zayed U-*Documentary film education in the Middle East*

4878 The Occult in Islamicate Society: The Cases of Magic and Alchemy

Organizer: **Pamela Klasova**

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Antoine Borrut**, U Maryland
Discussant: **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**, U South Carolina

Pamela Klasova, Georgetown U-*Magical and inspired speech in early Islam*
Emily Selove, U Exeter-*Literature as magic, magic as literature*
Salam Rassi, American U Beirut-*Syriac Christian interest in late medieval alchemy: The case of one pseudo-Aristotelian treatise on the craft*
Nicholas Harris, U Penn-*Alchemy and economy*

4882 Gender Struggles and Interpretive Frameworks: How Far Can They Travel?

Organizer: **Mariz Tadros**

Chair: **Sondra Hale**, UCLA

Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS U London-*Rethinking gender-based violence in Iraq*
Hoda Elsadda, Cairo U-*Traveling critique: Gender and rights discourses*
Mariz Tadros, Inst of Development Studies-*Challenging unintended reifications of women's agency in the Middle East: The case of Egypt*

4910 Arab, Jewish, and Arab Jewish Critiques of Zionism

Organizer: **Geoffrey Levin**

Chair/Discussant: **Liora R. Halperin**, U Washington

Chelsie May, U Chicago-*"A girl so quiet will do everything we tell her": The authority of emotions for Zionism in 1940s Iraq*
Shirly Bahar, American Jewish Historical Society-*"He made me into a spy": Arab Jewish identity and the making of Palestine into Israel*
Geoffrey Levin, NYU-*Crisis, victims, prophets: Evolving concepts in Rabbi Elmer Berger's anti-Zionist network*
Salim Yaqub, UC Santa Barbara-*Yes we can't: Arab Americans and the Arab-Israeli dispute in the 1970s*

4934 From Hope to Disappointment: The Failure of Reconciliation Processes in Turkey

Organizers: **Lenore G. Martin** and **Tugba Tanyeri-Erdemir**

Discussant: **Kemal Kirisci**, Brookings Inst

Lisel Hintz, Johns Hopkins SAIS-*Pride, prejudice, and presidency: A social identity theory approach to opportunities missed in Turkey's Kurdish question*
Lenore G. Martin, Harvard U-*A new approach to solving Turkey's Kurdish issue*
Aykan Erdemir, Foundation for Defense of Democracies-*The limits of incorporation: The failure of Turkey's "Alevi opening"*
Tugba Tanyeri-Erdemir, U Pittsburgh-*Restoring Armenian heritage in Turkey: A failed story of hope*

4944 Noticing the Details: Approaches to Close Reading of the Persian Tazkira Tradition

Organizer: **Jane Mikkelson**

Chair: **Alexander Jabbari**, U Oklahoma
Discussant: **Mana Kia**, Columbia U

Theodore Beers, U Chicago-*How to write a tazkirah: The example of the "Khayr al-bayan"*
Shaahin Pishbin, U Chicago-*A tale of two tazkirahs: Reading Nasrabadi and Sarkhvush as literary history*
Jane Mikkelson, U Chicago-*A style by any other name? Arguments about lyric style and geographical belonging in four early modern Persian tazkeres*
Samuel Hodgkin, U Chicago-*Tazkirah to chrestomathy: Persian classics between national literary historiographies*

5001 Triangulated Subjects: Displacement, Transit, and Activism

Chair: **Rasmieyh Abdelnabi**, George Mason U

Desiree Shayer-McLeod, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*Why don't they fight? The emergence and persistence of nonviolent activism in the Western Sahara*
Päivi Miettunen, Finnish Inst in the Middle East-*The shifting patterns of information behavior among Syrian Bedouin refugees*
Navid Fozi, Harvard Law Schl-*Iranian Shi'a converts to Christianity: Seeking asylum while transiting through Turkey*

5003 Innovations in Foreign Language Curricula, Instruction, and Proficiency Assessment

Chair: **Mohssen Esseesy**, George Washington U

Hala Yehia Abd El-Wahab, American U Cairo-*Assessment of ASL students through technology for enhanced learning*
Nader Morkus, Indiana U Bloomington-*Pragmatic transfer and language proficiency: American learners of Arabic*
Dris Soulaimani, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Stance displays in Arabic academic writing*
Hussein M. Elkhafaifi, U Washington-*Learners' and instructors' preferences for integrated and isolated form-focused instruction in Arabic*
Adil Elkhiyari, Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies-*Collaborative platforms for creating and managing Arabic curriculums*

5016 Transitional Justice in Tunisia and Libya

Chair: **Yahia Zoubir**, KEDGE Business Schl, France

Alyssa Miller, Duke U-*Against forgiveness: Manich Musamah and the struggle for Tunisian transitional justice*
Inez Freiin von Weitershausen, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*Diplomatic recognition as de facto intervention - Insights from the 2011 uprisings in Libya*
Samar Ben Romdhane, Moncton U Canada-*Transitional justice in Tunisia and the mediated publicness: Towards a memorial consensus?*

6-7:30PM Sunday November 19

**** Special Event ****

"MESA, ACLU and the Muslim Ban"

Beth Baron
City College and Graduate Center, CUNY

Cody Wofsy
Staff Attorney and Skadden Fellow, ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project

Asli Bali
UCLA School of Law

2017 MESA Awards Ceremony

Please join MESA in recognizing the very best in the field in 2017

Albert Hourani Book Award
Recognizing outstanding publishing in Middle East studies.

Roger Owen Book Award
Recognizing the very best in economics, economic history, or the political economy of MENA.

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards
Recognizing exceptional achievement in research for and writing of dissertations in Middle East studies.

MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize
Recognizing achievements in research for and writing of a graduate-level paper.

MESA Mentoring Award
Recognizing exceptional contributions retired faculty have made to the education and training of others.

Jere L. Bacharach Service Award
Recognizing extraordinary service to MESA, other societies, and the field of Middle East studies.

Academic Freedom Award
Given in recognition of sustained contributions in support of academic freedom in the MENA and/or North America.

Undergraduate Education Award
Recognizing outstanding scholarship on teaching or other material contributions to undergraduate education.

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

9-11am
Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting
Virginia C (L)
10:30am-12:30pm
MEOC Outreach Coordinators' Workshop
Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)
11am-1pm
Arabic Collections Online Advisory Board Meeting
Jackson (M)
11am-1pm
Western Consortium of Middle East Centers Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)
3:30-5:30pm
MERIP Business Meeting
Delaware B (L)
7-9pm
CASA Alumni Reception
Harding (M)

Roundtable

4748 Conducting Archival Research in MENA: Current Challenges, Creative Solutions

Organizer: **Kate Dannies**, Georgetown U

Chair: **Nova Robinson**, Seattle U

Anny Gaul, Georgetown U
Benan Grams, Georgetown U
Matthew MacLean, NYU
Belle Cheves, Harvard U

Thematic Conversation

5032 Unraveling the Middle East III: The End...?

Organizer: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**

Session Leader: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**, Concordia U, Montreal

Fahad A. Bishara, U Virginia
Andrew Arsan, U Cambridge
Samera Esmeir, UC Berkeley
Will Hanley, Florida State U
Mohammed A. Bamyeh, U Pittsburgh

4742 The Prize?: Energy, Security, and Expertise

Organizer: **Osamah Khalil**

Chair/Discussant: **Osamah Khalil**, Syracuse U

Roger Stern, U Tulsa/UPenn-*The experts' apocalypse: Peak oil and phantasm on the road to the Middle East*
Karine Walther, Georgetown U Qatar-*The Arabian mission and British political agents in the Arabian Gulf, 1920-1945*
Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicutt, Cal State Stanislaus-*Oil sovereignty, American foreign policy, and the 1968 coups in Iraq*
Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U-*A useful enemy? Libya, the United States, and the making of insecurity*

4761 Islam and the State in Egypt: An Institution-Centered Approach

Organizer: **Aaron Rock-Singer**

Discussant: **Gregory Starrett**, UNC Charlotte

Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U-*State Islam and regime Islam in the Arab world*
Hilary Kalmbach, U Sussex-*The root of Egyptian 'culture wars': Religion, state, and the 'future of Egyptian culture' in interwar Egypt*
Aaron Rock-Singer, Cornell U-*Censoring the Kishkophone: Religion and state power in Mubarak's Egypt*
Mary Elston, Harvard U-*Al-Majalis Al-'Ilmiyya: Revival and critique in Egypt's al-Azhar*

4815 Gendering Migration & Transnationalizing Gender in the Middle East & North Africa

Organizers: **Lily Pearl Balloffet** and **Elizabeth C. Saylor**

Organized under the auspices of Moise Khayarallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies

Discussant: **Stacy Fahrenthold**, CSU Fresno

Elizabeth C. Saylor, Middlebury Col-*Visualizing Arab women's writings in the mahjar: A digital humanities project*
Lily Pearl Balloffet, Western Carolina U-*The enterprising spirit: Writing women into South American mahjar history*
Annalise DeVries, Samford U-*Migrants of privilege: Masculinity, foreign capital, and shaping national identity in Egypt*
Oguz Alyanak, Washington U St. Louis-*Turkish men and their going-out habits: A moral critique of masculinity and everyday life on the Franco-German borderland*

4859 Rethinking Pastoralists and Pastoral Nomadism in the Ottoman Empire

Organizers: **Zozan Pehlivan** and **Samuel Dolbee**

Chair/Discussant: **Sabri Ates**, Southern Methodist U

Zozan Pehlivan, McGill U-*Relief for whom? Peasants, crop failure, and politics in Ottoman Kurdistan, 1840-1896*
Elcin Arabaci, Georgetown U-*Dispossession at the crossroads of the nomads, local Bursan villagers and Balkan-Caucasian immigrants*
Samuel Dolbee, NYU-*Provincializing the Shammar*
Matthew Ghazarian, Columbia U-*To fly or starve: Nomads, arms, and aid in the Ottoman famines of 1878-81*
Nora Barakat, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Pastoral land use and Ottoman law in late Ottoman Syria*

4898 Sovereignty Reformed: Ottoman Authority Between the International and the Islamic in the Tanzimat Era

Organizers: **Madeleine Elfenbein** and **Selim Karlitekin**

Selim Karlitekin, Columbia U-*Tanzimat and the sworn sovereign: Oath, subjection and authority after the 'Greek Interregnum' (1821-1839)*
Madeleine Elfenbein, U Chicago-*Illiberal Ottomanism: Ali Suavi's critique of liberal internationalism*
Barbara Henning, Bamberg U-*Knowing one's place in Ottoman Trabzon: Entangled conceptualizations of social boundaries during the Tanzimat period*
Aria Nakissa, Washington U St. Louis-*Ijtihad and civilizational progress: Imperialism, capitalism, and the roots of 19th century Muslim religious reform*

4903 Colonial Regimes and Anti-Colonial Revolts Between Maghrib and Mashriq, 1920-1950

Organizer: **John Boonstra**

Chair: **Graham Auman Pitts**, North Carolina State U
Discussant: **Julia Clancy-Smith**, U Arizona

John Boonstra, U Wisconsin Madison-*Myths of protection and pacification: Syria and greater Lebanon under early French mandate colonialism*
Reem Bailony, Agnes Scott Col-*A tale of two rebellions: The Rif and Syrian revolts in 1925*
Guillaume Wadia, Harvard U-*Climate and the political economy of the French Protectorate of Morocco during "pacification," 1927-1934*
Shoko Watanabe, Inst of Developing Economies-*Nationalists, transnational mobilization, and popular movements: Tunisian volunteers for Palestine in 1948*

4907 Contested Cultures of Revolution: Cultural Production in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Organizers: **Annie Tracy Samuel** and **Eric Lob**

Annie Tracy Samuel, U Tennessee Chattanooga-*Promoting the culture of sacred defense*
Eric Lob, Florida International U-*The cultural production of Jihadi culture and management*
Ladan Zarabadi, U Cincinnati-*A moral city or spatial reproduction of Islamic patriarchy (A critical analysis of the image and spatial relations of Iranian cities)*
Jordan Amirkhani, U Tennessee Chattanooga-*Museum as microcosm: The historical and cultural legacy of The Tehran Museum of Art*

4912 Liminal Urbanity: Cities Between Ruin and Prosperity

Organizer: **Shima Houshyar**

Chair: **Shima Houshyar**, Graduate Center CUNY

Shima Houshyar, Graduate Center CUNY-*The afterlives of Abadan: Spatial and temporal disjunctures in an Iranian oil city*
Zehra Husain, Graduate Center CUNY-*Destabilizing regional frontiers: Mobility, cosmopolitanism and belonging in Karachi*
China Sajadian, Graduate Center CUNY-*Between nostalgia and futures-otherwise: Performances of memory in Lebanon's railway ruins*
Hazal Corak, Graduate Center CUNY-*Shifting mobility regimes and labor migration in post-communist and Europeanizing Kardzhali*

4919 Contemporary Political Art of the Middle East

Organizer: **Anne Marie Butler**

Nama Khalil, U Michigan-*Iconographic battle: Visual responses to Rab'a Massacre*
Elisabeth Friedman, Illinois State U-*Strategies of counter-occupation in contemporary Palestinian art*
Sascha Crasnow, UC San Diego-*Capitalism and conservatism: The transformation of Ramallah in Inass Yassin's Cinema Waleed project*
Anne Marie Butler, SUNY Buffalo-*Chouftouhonna: A Tunisian feminist art festival making space for the queer imaginary*
Duygu Ula, U Michigan-*Towards a local queer aesthetics: Nilbar Güres's photography and female homoerotic intimacy*

4922 Local Governance and Social Accountability Reforms in the Wake of the Arab Spring

Organizer: **Sylvia Bergh**

Chair: **Dawn Chatty**, U Oxford
Discussant: **Mariz Tadros**, Inst of Development Studies

Ward Vloeberghs, Erasmus U Col Rotterdam-*The Beirut Madinati campaign: The politics of social accountability in Lebanon*
Joni Schwartz, CUNY LaGuardia and **Habiba Boumlik**, CUNY LaGuardia -*Civic participation, engagement and organized action: A case study of a Tunisian activist*
Asya R. El-Meehy, United Nations-*Local governance and social accountability in Iraq: Reflections from the education and social sectors*
Mays Abou Hegab, CARE International in Egypt-*Enhancing citizen-state relationships by using social accountability tools? CARE Egypt's experience with Egypt's Social Fund for Development*
Sylvia Bergh, Erasmus U Rotterdam-*Enhancing social accountability through community score cards? Evidence from the education sector in Morocco*

4930 Between the National and the International: Arab Communists from the Mashreq to the Maghreb in the 1940s and 1950s

Organizer: **Sana Tannoury Karam**

Chair: **Zachary Lockman**, NYU
Discussant: **Orit Bashkin**, U Chicago

Kamilia Rahmouni, U Arizona-*Between French assimilationism and nationalist communism: The impact of WWII on Tunisian Jews' ideological orientations, 1939-1945*
Alma Heckman, UC Santa Cruz-*From fluidity to exclusivity: Interwar Moroccan Jewish leftists and their Legacies*
Sana Tannoury Karam, Northeastern U-*This war is our war: Communism, democracy, and internationalist nationalism in Lebanon, 1939-1945*

4946 Articulations of Struggle in Transnational Palestinian Resistance Circuits

Organizer: **Jennifer Mogannam**

Suraya Khan, Rice U-*Fulfilling a "special role": Arab activism in the US for Palestine and the Third World in the 1960s*
Omar Zahzah, UCLA-*"I won't follow you": Movements of resistance in Ghassan Kanafani's "Letter to Gaza" and Edward Said's "Tribute to Abu Omar"*
Jennifer Mogannam, UC San Diego-*Violence as methodology in Palestinian armed resistance and revolution*

4953 Politics, History and State Formation in the Modern Middle East

Organizer: **Allison Hartnett**

Chair: **Matteo Legrenzi**, Ca' Foscari U of Venice
Discussants: **Fred H. Lawson**, Mills Col and **Matteo Legrenzi**, Ca' Foscari U of Venice

Allison Hartnett, U Oxford-*Colonial legacies, landed elites and regime survival in the Middle East*
Daniel Neep, Georgetown U-*A historical sociology of crisis in the Middle East: From uneven development to civil war in Syria*
Djene Rhys Bajalan, Missouri State U-*Unionists and liberals: An alternative paradigm*

4954 From the Body to the Body-Politic: The Politics of Medical Knowledge and Practice

Organizers: **Ahmed Ragab** and **Joelle Abi-Rached**

Chair/Discussant: **Sherine Hamdy**, UC Irvine
Ahmed Ragab, Harvard U-*Making local medicine: Colonial discourses and the making of modern medicine in the Middle East*
Elise Burton, U Cambridge-*The missing enzyme: Medical genetics and historical identity in Iran and Israel*
Joelle Abi-Rached, Harvard U-*The birth of psychiatry in the Middle East: Power, knowledge, and the banality of good and evil*
Soha Bayoumi, Harvard U-*Doctors as witnesses: Forensic medicine and medical testimonies in post-revolutionary Egypt*

4977 The Impact of External Actors on Political Economy

Chair: **William A. Lawrence**, George Washington U

Ali Hamdan, UCLA-*Proxies, laboratories, and the production of space in Syria's liberated territories*
Cornwall Kerry-Ann, U Guelph-*Transitional constitutionalism: The role of international NGOs in Tunisia' constitution-making process*
Rana B. Khoury, Northwestern U-*Whither civil resistance? Humanitarianism's impact on Syrian mobilization*
Erin Snider, Texas A&M U-*Economies in transition: International donor assistance after the Arab uprisings*

4990 Knowledge Exchange and Production Across Borders

Chair: **Ahmet Serdar Akturk**, Georgia Southern U

Mehtap Ozdemir, U Massachusetts Amherst-*Ottoman literary modernity in triangulation: Imperial mimesis and textual transactions in Ahmed Midhat's "Hasan Mellah"*
Engin Kiliç, Sabanci U-*Khent (The Fool): An Armenian utopian vision as the mirror image of Turkish utopias*
Kaitlin Staudt, U Oxford-*Slow futurism: Peyami Safa and the avant garde*
James H. Meyer, Montana State U-*Nâzim Hikmet in the Soviet archives*
Jeannette E. Okur, UT Austin-*State perpetrators of violence and political victims in Müge Iplikçi's Kafdagi and Mehmed Uzun's "Ask Gibi Aydinlik Ölüm Gibi Karanlik"*

5006 Histories of Infrastructure and Techno-Politics

Chair: **Michael Christopher Low**, Iowa State U

Beyza Lorenz, UCLA-*Urban modernity and steamboats in Ottoman Istanbul*
Isacar Bolanos, Ohio State U-*The Hazine-i Hassa Nezareti (Privy Purse Ministry) and the expansion of irrigation in Hamidian Iraq, 1877-1901*
Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, NJIT/Rutgers Newark-*Cesspools, mosquitos and fever: An environmental history of malaria prevention in Ismailia and Port Sa'id, 1869-1910*
Zachary D. Cuyler, NYU-*The poetics of the Trans-Arabian Pipeline: Competing visibilities of an infrastructural assemblage, 1950-1975*
Gabriel Young, NYU-*Development work: Labor at the Aswan High Dam, 1960-1971*

5021 Analyzing the Islamic State: Strategies and Counter-Strategies

Chair: **James F. Goode**, Grand Valley State U

Didier Leroy, Royal Military Academy of Belgium-*Countering Daesh extremism, perspectives from Belgium*
Muhammad Masud, U Massachusetts Boston-*Poetry as a weapon: The poetics of jihad in ISIS's textbooks*
Akin Unver, Kadir Has U-*Who joins ISIS? Explaining recruitment through discrimination-exclusion model*
Marwan M. Kraidy, U Penn-*Fun against fear: The Islamic State spectacle and counter-spectacle*

Issues in the Profession Workshop

5050 Confronting Sexual Harassment in the Academy

Organized by **Fatma Müge Göçek**

Chair: **Beth Baron**, Graduate Center CUNY
Discussant: **Fatma Müge Göçek**, U Michigan

Marty Langelan, Langelan & Associates

This follow-up workshop to one held at MESA 2016 in Boston, will feature an address by "The Godmother of Direct Intervention," Marty Langelan, author of *Back off: How to Confront and Stop Sexual Harassment and Harassers*.

Sexual harassment of students and faculty is not a new problem in the academy. This problem is especially acute for graduate students and junior faculty across fields of study. Research suggests that 30% of graduate students surveyed stated that they experienced some form of sexual harassment in the course of their study. This finding has remained consistent over the past three decades. A new wave of student activism in the United States has forced colleges and universities to review their existing policies on sexual harassment and sexual assault. However, the issue of faculty harassers has been largely ignored.

Roundtable

4921 Material Politics in the Middle East

Organizer: **Fredrik Meiton**

Fredrik Meiton, Northwestern U
Joanne Nucho, Pomona Col
Elizabeth Williams, Brown U
Begum Adalet, NYU

Thematic Conversation

5042 Funding Opportunities in the MENA Region: Joint Degrees

Organizer: **Maggie Nassif**

Session Leader: **Maggie Nassif**, Fulbright Commission

Ehab M. Abouaish, Cairo U
Jacobus Boers, Georgia State U
Amr I.A. Elatraby, Ain Shams U
Maysa Abou-Youssef Hayward, Ocean County Col

4729 The Preservation of Historic Architecture in North African Cities

Organizer: **Susan Slyomovics**

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: **Diana Wylie**, Boston U

Diana Wylie, Boston U-*The preservation of historic architecture in North African cities: An overview*
Zeynep Celik, New Jersey Inst of Technology-*An unlikely duo in Algiers: The Mosque al-Djadid and the Statue of Duc d'Orléans*
Susan Slyomovics, UCLA-*Dismantling a world: French military monuments in Algeria*
Daniel E. Coslett, Western Washington U-*Globalization and preservation in Tunisia: On the colonial past in the neocolonial present*
Marc Andre, LARHRA Lyon-*Repatriating militant Algerian bodies: The heritage of El-Alia Cemetery in Algiers*

4734 International Law in the Contemporary Middle East: Impeding or Facilitating Violence? (Part 1)

Organizer: **Lisa Hajjar**

Neve Gordon, SOAS/BGU-*The US drone wars and the apparatus of distinction: Examining the implications of the post-humanist turn*
Asli Bali, UCLA School of Law-*Assessing liability for war crimes in Yemen*
Noura Erakat, George Mason U-*Dangerous expansions: The principle of proportionality in irregular combat*
Lisa Hajjar, UCSB-*International humanitarian law versus the counterterrorism war paradigm: Analyzing the contradictions and consequences of the US "War on Terror"*

4784 Fatimid Studies

Organizer: **Paul E. Walker**

Organized under the auspices of Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS)

Chair: **Farhad Daftary**, Inst of Ismaili Studies

Mohamad Ballan, U Chicago-*Sectarianism and violence in Zirid Ifriqiyah: A reinterpretation of the massacres of 407/1016*
Shainool Jiwa, Inst of Ismaili Studies-*Between the founder of Cairo and the Caliph of Cairo: An appraisal of the reign of the Fatimid Imam-Caliph al-Aziz Billah*
Paul E. Walker, U Chicago-*Titles of honor and status in the Fatimid realm*

4803 The Conflicted Legacies of the Iran Iraq War

Organizer: **Kaveh Ehsani**

Chair: **Robert Vitalis**, U Penn
Discussant: **Ervand Abrahamian**, CUNY

Achim Rohde, Philipps-U Marburg (Germany)-*Military masculinity and its discontents in Ba'thist Iraq*
Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul U-*The antinomies of the war in post-revolutionary Iran*
Norma Claire Moruzzi, U Illinois Chicago-*Sisters and mothers: Iranian women's war memoirs*
Kevan Harris, UCLA-*Legacies of Mass Mobilization in the Iran-Iraq War: Findings from the 2016 Iran Social Survey*

4808 Gender and Mobility in Arab Women's Writings

Organizers: **Rima Sadek** and **Nancy Linthicum**

Chair: **Johanna Sellman**, Ohio State U

Nancy Linthicum, U Michigan-*Egyptian "girls' writing" and the politics of translation*
Manar Shabouk, Syracuse U-*In remembrance of ruins or reinventing home*
Rima Sadek, U South Carolina-*Identity, gender and American politics in transnational Arab women's literature*
Wael Salam, U Jordan-*The exile as a transgenerational fate in Susan Muaddi Darraj's "The Inheritance of Exile"*

4810 Refugees From Syria: State Policies, Humanitarian Aid, and the Lived Experience of Exile

Organizer: **Wendy Pearlman**

Chair/Discussant: **Rochelle Anne Davis**, Georgetown U

Lamis Abdelaaty, Syracuse U-*The strategic use of labels for Syrians in Turkey*
Wendy Pearlman, Northwestern U-*Socio-economic class and the lived experience of exile among Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey*
Daniel Masterson, Yale U-*How humanitarian aid shapes the development of refugee self-governance*
Nell Gabiam, Iowa State U-*"Istanbul has many refugees from Syria but no refugee camps": Creating home at a community center*

4817 Seeking Order: Sufi Responses to Ottoman Power in 16th-17th Century Egypt and Syria

Organizer: **Kristof D'hulster**

Chair/Discussant: **John Curry**, U Nevada, Las Vegas

Timothy J. Fitzgerald, James Madison U-*Sovereignty and self-control: Shaykh `Alwan al-Hamawi's (d. 1530) advice for the Ottoman ruler*
Kristof D'hulster, Ghent U-*Sword and pen at the service of the Ottoman Sultan: A semiotic reading of two Ottoman texts of the hand of Muhyi-i Gulsheni (d. 1604-1605)*
Side Emre, Texas A & M U-*Negotiated piety: Interactions of the Khalwati-Gulshanis and Egyptian Sufis with political authority in 16th century Egypt*

SPECIAL SESSION

5053 Turkey Since the July 2016 Coup Attempt

Organizers: **Mostafa Minawi**, Cornell U and **Hale Yılmaz**, Southern Illinois U

Sponsored by
Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA)

Chair: **Yiğit Akın**, Tulane U

Sinan Birdal, U Southern California
Howard Eissenstat, St. Lawrence U
Azat Gündoğan, Florida State U
Aslı Z. Iğsız, NYU
Meltem Türköz, Iþık U, Istanbul

Turkey entered a new era of confusion and uncertainty in the aftermath of a failed coup attempt in July 2016. Government response to the coup attempt has led to unprecedented levels of investigations, arrests and imprisonments throughout the country. Empowered by the state of emergency powers, the Justice and Development Party government has used executive orders to clamp down not only on individuals and organizations suspected of having supported the coup, but also any individual or association critical of the JDP government. Over a one-year period since the coup attempt, more than one hundred thousand civil servants (including teachers, university professors, doctors, judges and others) have been fired by executive orders and more than forty thousand people have been detained on accusations of affiliation with the Gülen movement. Along with individual liberties, freedom of the press has declined rapidly. More than 184 media outlets (such as newspapers, television and radio stations) have been closed permanently and more than 170 journalists (including journalists from the main opposition newspaper *Cumhuriyet*) have been detained on allegations of links to the Gülen movement. More than 375 civil society organizations, including women's rights groups and humanitarian organizations have been shut down permanently. These developments have profound implications for Turkey, for the region, and for human rights and liberties throughout the world. The papers on this panel address the current crisis in Turkey from a range of academic perspectives.

4834 Narratives of Struggle: Maintaining and Preserving Kurdish Cultural Heritage

Organizer: **Christian Sinclair**

Sponsored by
Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)

Chair: **Christian Sinclair**, Moravian Col

Anna Grace Tribble, Emory U-*Is there a "Kurdish" dish?: Exploring the effects of aid and internal displacement on culturally cohesive concepts of food in Iraqi Kurdistan*
Ruken Isik, U Maryland Baltimore County-*Reclaiming Kurdish dress as political struggle*
Thomas McGee, Independent Researcher-*Rebuilding the city or a museum left in ruins? Mapping heritage in post-displacement reconstruction plans for Kobani*
Amir Sharifi, CSU Long Beach-*The city of Kermanshan, the site of cultural rebellion and rebirth*
Aynur De Rouen, Binghamton U-*The struggle within: Documenting the Kurdish experience in Binghamton*

4847 Fashioning Philosopher-Kings in the Post-Mongol Persian Cosmopolis, 13th-19th Centuries (I)

Organizer: **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**

Chair/Discussant: **Kathryn Babayan**, U Michigan

Jonathan Brack, Hebrew U Jerusalem-*Philosopher-Kings in the age of Chinggisid auspicious kingship: The Sahibqiran Öljeitü and his mujaddid vizier*
Noah Gardiner, U South Carolina-*Al-Malik al-Zahir Barquq as millennial sovereign?*
Matthew Melvin-Koushki, U South Carolina-*Performing (occult) philosopher-Kingship in Timurid Transoxania: Ulugh Beg as sultan-scientist*
Marian Elizabeth Smith, U Michigan-*Refiguring Timur the philosopher-king in the Safavid cultural imagination" accretions and interpolations to Hatifi's Timur-nama*

4853 Regulating Print in the Late Ottoman Empire: A New Look into the Question of Censorship

Organizers: **Till Grallert** and **Kathryn Schwartz**

Chair/Discussant: **Benjamin Carr Fortna**, U Arizona

Till Grallert, Orient-Institut Beirut-*Authoritarianism versus liberty of speech? The theory and practices of press censorship in Bilad al-Sham (1875–1914)*
Annie Greene, U Chicago-*"The suspension of print is the hand of tyranny": Freedom of the press in Ottoman Iraq?*
Kathryn Schwartz, Harvard U-*Print regulations in Ottoman Egypt, 1820–1881*
Ekin Enacar, U Chicago-*Laughing at times of censorship: Anti-imperialism and constitutionalism in Ottoman cartoons (1908-1911)*

4865 Formulaic Language and Pragmatic Competence

Organizer: **Zeinab A. Taha**

Organized under the auspices of American University in Cairo

Chair: **Zeinab A. Taha**, American U Cairo

Hala Elshamy, American U Cairo-*An analysis of the pragmatic functions of idiomatic expressions in the Egyptian novel "Taxi"*
Shaimaa N. Abdel Aziz, American U Cairo-*Teachers' perceptions on formulaic language*
Zeinab A. Taha, American U Cairo-*Formulaic language in media Arabic: The case of pseudo-titles*
Hala Abdelmobdy, American U Cairo-*Cultural nuances that create challenges of teaching terms of address and terms of endearment in AFL/ASL classrooms*

4883 The Arab Revolt in Palestine (1936-39): Internal and External Factors

Organizer: **Richard Cahill**

Chair: **Charles Anderson**, Western Washington U
Discussant: **Salim Tamari**, Inst of Jerusalem Studies

Michael Provence, UC San Diego-*Damascus, Jerusalem and Baghdad in the autumn 1936*
Laila Parsons, McGill U-*The Palestine Revolt and the Peel Commission intertwined*
Richard Cahill, Berea Col-*Of walls and fortresses: Sir Charles Tegart, the Arab revolt and beyond*

4893 What's Really New About the Trump Era for Arab and Muslim Americans?

Organizer: **Louise Cainkar**

Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association (AASA)

Chair: **Louise Cainkar**, Marquette U

Louise Cainkar, Marquette U-*Counting Arab Americans in light of the threat narrative and white privilege*
Kristine Ajrouch, Eastern Michigan U-*Immigration, Middle Eastern Americans, and census categories*
Danielle Haque, Minnesota State U Mankato-*Muslim and Arab Americans and the surveillance state*
Erik Love, Dickinson Col-*Islamophobic racism and civil rights advocacy in the US, 2001-2017*

4916 New Boundaries of State/Resistance Constellations in the Middle East

Organizer: **Laryssa Chomiak**

Organized under the auspices of Middle East Law and Governance (MELG)

Chair: **Jillian M. Schwedler**, Hunter Col CUNY

Elizabeth R. Nugent, Princeton U-*The psychology of repression and polarization in authoritarian regimes: Evidence from Egypt and Tunisia*
Lana Salman, UC Berkeley-*Expectation as a mode of statecraft: 'municipal encounters' in post-revolution Tunisia*
Laryssa Chomiak, American Inst for Maghrib Studies-*Visions of dissent in Algeria, Jordan and Tunisia*
Chantal Berman, Princeton U-*Protest policing in Tunisia and Morocco*

4949 Networks of Circulation and the Exchange of Ideas in Modern Afghanistan

Organizers: **Marjan Wardaki** and **Mejgan Massoumi**

Sponsored by American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)

Chair: **Robert Crews**, Stanford U

Benjamin Hopkins, George Washington U-*Ruling the rimlands: Frontier governmentality along the edges of empire*
Faiz Ahmed, Brown U-*Islam, monarchy, and the nation-state: Religious authority, royal legitimacy, and the Amani-Kemalist dialectic*
Marjan Wardaki, UCLA-*An Afghan student in Nazi Germany: The life of Ahmad Fofolzai, 1933-1960*

Mejgan Massoumi, Stanford U-*Kabul cosmopolitan? Radio broadcasting and Afghan connectivity to the world, 1960-1979*

4950 Between Continuity & Change: Conceptualizing Slavery, Tyranny, Gender, and Tolerance in Islamic Thought & the Middle East

Organizer: **Bader Mousa Al-Saif**

Chair/Discussant: **John O. Voll**, Georgetown U

Omar Anchassi, U Exeter-*'...So their lineages are not cut off': The reframing and reformulation of the legal discourse on slavery and slave-concubinage from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries*
Mohammed Bushra, Georgetown U-*Conceptual change through transformation of linguistic norms: Tyranny in the Arab Muslim context*
M. Amine Tais, Georgetown U-*Constructing gender egalitarianism in Islamic feminist discourses: The works of Mernissi and Lamrabet*
Bader Mousa Al-Saif, Georgetown U-*Diversity & tolerance in the Arabian Peninsula? Conceptual (re)production and its implication on religious reform*

4991 Poetics of the Political

Chair: **Anastasia Khawaja**, U South Florida

Deborah L. Wheeler, US Naval Academy-*Digital resistance and state (in) stability in Arab monarchies: Lessons from Kuwait and Jordan*
Nasser Athamneh, Yarmouk U-*Al-Quds/ Jerusalem between the east and the west: Images of the holy city in Arabic and English poetry*
Ilkim Buke Okyar, Independent Scholar-*Eastern eyes, western gaze: The politics of Alexandretta in Tarik Mümtaz's cartoons, 1933-1934*
Waed Athamneh, Connecticut Col-*Taking the state to court: Qabbani's poetics of the political*
Katrien Vanpee, U Minnesota-*Poetic bay'a: Allegiance performance and patronage dynamics in the televised poetry competition Sha'ir al-Milyun*
Merve Tabur, Penn State U-*On self, specters and seeds: Poetics of potentiality and female diasporic subjectivities in Lisa Suhair Majaj's "Geographies of Light"*

5008 Neoliberalism in the City

Chair: **Bilal Humeidan**, U Virginia

Hannes Baumann, U Liverpool-*Dependent neoliberalism: How Gulf capital is reshaping Amman and Rabat*
Robert Mogielnicki, U Oxford-*The political utility of free zones in the Sultanate of Oman*
Basak Durgun, George Mason U-*Rethinking heritage conservation and urban greening in Istanbul through food sovereignty*

Roundtable

4861 Navigating Jewish Campus and Community Debates on Israel/Palestine in the Age of Trump

Organizer: **Matthew H. Ellis**

Chair: **Matthew H. Ellis**, Sarah Lawrence Col

Liora R. Halperin, U Washington
Benjamin Schreier, Penn State U
Joel Beinin, Stanford U
Shira Robinson, George Washington U
Joshua Schreier, Vassar Col
Sarah Anne Minkin, Just Vision

Thematic Conversation

4965 Middle East Feminist and Queer Studies: State of the Field

Organizer: **Frances S. Hasso**

Session Leader: **Frances S. Hasso**, Duke U/*JMEWS*

Banu Gokariksel, UNC Chapel Hill
Rachel Greenspan, Duke U
miriam cooke, Duke U
Amy Kallander, Syracuse U

4722 Trump's Foreign Policies toward the Kurds

Organizer: **Vera Eccarius-Kelly**

Organized under the auspices of Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: **Vera Eccarius-Kelly**, Siena Col

Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col-*The Kurdish lobby and the Trump administration*
Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Tech-*President Trump's policy towards Kurdish refugees*
David Pollock, Washington Inst for Near East Policy-*Triangulating US interests: Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Russian, Iranians and more*
David Romano, Missouri State U-*Kurdistan's Trump card?*
Michael Rubin, American Enterprise Inst-*Turkey, NATO, and the Kurds: Balancing military interests from Bush 41 through Trump*

4726 Provincializing Political Theory: Islamic Intellectuals and the Production of Knowledge in Turkey

Organizer: **Alev Cinar**

Discussant: **Murad Idris**, U Virginia

Alev Cinar, Bilkent U-*Toward an anthropology of political theory: The Islamic intellectual field and the reemergence of political theorizing in Turkey*
Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col-*Islamic political theory and the Ottoman heritage of civil society in Turkey*
Talha Koseoglu, Bilkent U-*Practices of Islamic political knowledge production in Turkey: Between local and universal*
Dunya Deniz Cakir, National U Singapore-*An Islamist genealogy of knowledge and comparative political theory in Turkey*
Alp Eren Topal, Koç U-*Impact of the West vs Islamic tradition: Continuity in Turkish political thought*

5052 International Law in the Contemporary Middle East: Impeding or Facilitating Violence? (Part 2)

Organizer: **Lisa Hajjar**

Nicola Perugini, U Edinburgh-*"Hospitals shields": International humanitarian law and the targeting of medical facilities in Middle Eastern conflicts*
Omar Dewachi, American U Beirut-*IraqiBacter: Pathologies of intervention and the decades of US-led wars in Iraq*
Jonathan Whittall, Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders-*Treating 'terrorists': Impartial humanitarianism in the time of counter-terrorism*
Ghassan Abu Sittah, American U Beirut-*The political capital of war wounds*

4745 (Im)Mobilizing Agency in the Context of Short, Medium, and Long-term Displacement in Jordan

Organizer: **Rana B. Khoury**

Chair: **Rana B. Khoury**, Northwestern U
Discussant: **Sarah Tobin**, Brown U

Rawan Arar, UC San Diego-*Shouldering the refugee burden: Jordanian sovereignty and the global refugee crisis*
Geraldine Chatelard, IFPO-*Negotiating mobility across regimes of sovereignty: Displaced Iraqis between Jordan and Iraq*
Rochelle Anne Davis, Georgetown U-*Models of refugee administration and hierarchies of aid*
Michael Vicente Perez, U Washington-*Everyday life and the politics of survival among ex-Gaza refugees*
Lewis Turner, SOAS U London-*Economics under encampment: Re-Thinking Syrian refugee camps in Jordan*

4746 A New Social Contract for the MENA Countries: Concepts, Challenges and Opportunities

Organizers: **Markus Loewe** and **Steven Heydemann**

Steven Heydemann, Smith Col-*Rethinking social contracts in the MENA region*
Markus Loewe, German Development Inst (DIE)-*The social contract as a tool of analysis for MENA countries*
Georgeta Vidican Auktor, U Erlangen-Nürnberg-*Towards a new social contract: Reforming energy subsidies in Morocco*
Ariel Ahram, Virginia Tech-*Revisiting the rebel social contract: Evidence from Iraq and Syria*

4747 Negotiating Gender and Morality in the Ottoman First World War

Organizer: **Kate Dannies**

Chair: **Malek Abisaab**, McGill U
Discussant: **Elizabeth F. Thompson**, American U

Secil Yilmaz, Cornell U-*"Licensed microbes": Public morality, gender, and prostitution in Ottoman Istanbul during and after World War I*
Graham Auman Pitts, NC State U-*'Karmal Allah send me ten lira': Women, migration, and World War I in Mount Lebanon*
Kate Dannies, Georgetown U-*Waging reform: Law and gender in the Ottoman First World War*
Stefan Hock, Georgetown U-*"Ever in need of safeguarding": Gender and violence in Ottoman Anatolia, 1914-1918*

4795 Protest in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa: Strategic Interaction Perspectives

Organizer: **John Chalcraft**

Chair: **Charles Kurzman**, UNC Chapel Hill
Discussant: **James M. Jasper**, Graduate Center CUNY

Mounia Bennani-Chraïbi, U Lausanne-*Beyond structure and contingency: Towards an interactionist and sequential approach to the 2011 uprisings*
Jann Boeddeling, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*Ambiguity, spontaneity, and creative agency in the 2010/11 Tunisian revolution*
John Chalcraft, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*Transnational activism and Veolia: A dynamic interaction analysis*
Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter Col CUNY-*Protest temporalities and the meaning of contention*

4824 Politics, Space, and Subjectivity in the Arabian Peninsula

Organizers: **Natalie Koch** and **Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut

Chair: **Natalie Koch**, Syracuse U
Discussant: **Neha Vora**, Lafayette Col

Natalie Koch, Syracuse U-*Sporting cities: Geopolitical encounters and elite sport initiatives in the Arabian Peninsula*
Namie Tsujigami, U Tokyo-*Saudi women as emerging new social actors: Consumption and business opportunities in sex-segregated Riyadh*
Miriam R. Lowi, Col of New Jersey-*Charity as politics 'writ small' in GCC states*
Shaundel Sanchez, Syracuse U-*Doing the state's work: Self-Governing practices by US citizens living in the United Arab Emirates*
Gwenn Okruhlik, National U Singapore-*Tourism and political crisis: Reframing people, place and plot in Saudi Arabia*

4842 Rethinking the Maghreb: Liminality and Transversal Connections

Organizer: **Brahim El Guabli**

Sponsored by American Association of Teachers of Arabic (AATA)

Chair: **Brahim El Guabli**, Princeton U

Shaden M. Tageldin, U Minnesota-*Sounding the Maghreb in the "nahda": Nineteenth-Century Arabic/European language politics at the interstices*
Hisham Aidi, Columbia U-*Tangier to Havana: Race, jazz, political nostalgia*
Deborah A. Kapchan, NYU-*Transversality and translation in Moroccan contemporary poetry*
Brian T. Edwards, Northwestern U-*Beyond binaries: The Maghreb after post-colonialism*

4854 Materialities of Translation and Circulation: Rethinking Late Ottoman Intellectual History

Organizers: **Karim Malak** and **Casey Primel**

Sponsored by American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)

Chair/Discussant: **Elizabeth Holt**, Bard Col

Karim Malak, Columbia U-*Translation's discontents: Intellectual histories of Khayr al-Din al-Tunisi rexamined*
Nada Khalifa, Columbia U-*Sense, power, struggle: Nietzsche's "Philosophy of Life" in interwar Egypt*
Jeffrey Culang, Graduate Center CUNY-*The blood libel on trial: Translations of public interest in colonial Egypt*
Casey Primel, Harvard U-*Translating despotism in the east: al-Kawâkibî's science of politics and journalism in the late Ottoman Empire*

4887 Fashioning Philosopher-Kings in the Post-Mongol Persian Cosmopolis, 13th-19th Centuries (II)

Organizer: **Jonathan Brack**, Hebrew U Jerusalem

Chair/Discussant: **A. Azfar Moin**, UT Austin

A. Tunç Sen, Leiden U-*Displaying scientific wealth and erudition: A portrait of Bayezid II (r. 1481-1512) as a philosopher-king*
Fatma Sinem Eryilmaz, CORPI, CSIC-*Using knowledge in the making of Sultan Süleyman's legacy*
Hunter Bandy, Duke U-*Universalizing Shi'i kingship in the 17th century Deccan*
James Pickett, U Pittsburgh-*First among equals? The precarious relationship between Islamic scholars and philosopher-kings in 18th-19th century Bukhara*

4897 Slave Women in Muslim Society: Their Portrayal as Singers and Poets, Criminals and Concubines

Organizer: **Kathryn Hain**

Chair: **Lisa Nielson**, Case Western Reserve U
Discussant: **Dwight F. Reynolds**, UC Santa Barbara

Simone Prince-Eichner, U Michigan-*Embodying the empire: Singing slave girls in medieval Islamicate historiography*
Carl F. Petry, Northwestern U-*Female slaves in Cairo's medieval underworld: Gendered aspects of criminality and bondage in the Mamluk period*
Marina Tolmacheva, Washington State U-*Female and slave: Aspects of concubine value within a household*
Kathryn Hain, U Utah-*The end of harem slavery in the Mediterranean Muslim world.... or not*

4948 Arab Leftist Intellectuals as (Re)Active Agents in Times of Change

Organizer: **Jeremy Randall**

Discussant: **Jens-Peter Hanssen**, U Toronto

Samar Nour, U Toronto-*Socialism and the evolution of socialist thought in colonial Egypt*
Mohamad J Hodeib, Graduate Center CUNY-*Leftist militant music and the revolutionary war of position in Lebanon*
Jeremy Randall, Graduate Center CUNY-*Revolutionary sarcasm in the works of Ziad Rahbani during the Lebanese Civil War*

4970 Civil Society and Social Activism

Chair: **Emre Erol**, Sabanci U

Golrokh Niazi, U Ottawa-*The UGTT in Tunisia: Reclaiming the role of labor movements and trade unions as agents of political change*
Jessica Mecellem, Sewanee: The U of the South-*Gendered repertoires of contention: Enforced disappearances and the political work of symbolic identities*
Berrin Koyuncu, Hacettepe U and **Aylin Özman**, TED U, Ankara-*The state and rights-based organizations' relations in Turkey since 2011: Uninstitutionalized processes, conflictual encounters and personalized politics*
Janine A. Clark, U Guelph-*LGBTQ activism in Lebanon*
Josepha Wessels, Lund U-*Every day peace: The ignored role of civil society in the Syrian uprising*
Agnieszka Paczynska, George Mason U-*Who strikes? Understanding workers protests in Sisi's Egypt*

4978 Water Politics

Chair: **Christine Isom-Verhaaren**, Brigham Young U

Jeanene Mitchell, U Washington-*At the confluence: Transnational water management and local participation in Turkey's Kura River Basin*
Henny Ziai, Columbia U-*The "indebted peasant": Human capital, development and neoliberalism in Sudan's Gezira Scheme*
Stephen P. Gasteyer, Michigan State U-*Landscape change and the implications of intermittent water supply in the West Bank: An environmental justice case study*
Dina Najjar, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas-*Women, irrigation and social norms in Egypt: "The more things change, the more they stay the same?"*
Carly Krakow, U Cambridge-*The politics of access under occupation: International law and violations of the human right to water in Gaza and the West Bank*

4982 Border and Boundaries

Chair: **Meriam N. Belli**, U Iowa

Aziza Khazzoom, Indiana U Bloomington-Gender traditionalism among western identified Israeli Jewish women from Poland and Iraq
Itamar Radai, Tel Aviv U-*al-Madaniyyat: An alternative civil perception for the Palestinian Arab minority in Israel?*
Katharine Halls, American U Cairo-*Rupture and ambivalence in narratives of Jewish departure from Egypt*
Ola Galal, Graduate Center CUNY-*Working along El-Had: Producing (il)legality and contesting citizenship at Tunisia's margins in post-revolutionary times*
Pascal Abidor, McGill U-*Contrebandes d'Oignons: Cross-border smuggling and the limits of the Lebanese mandate*

4999 Nahda, Translation, and the Transnational

Chair: **Ida Nitter**, U Penn

Peter Hill, U Oxford-*Protestantism, enlightenment, and unbelief in nineteenth-century Syria*
Terri L. DeYoung, U Washington-*Khalil Mutran's poem "Boycott" and the power of censorship*
Maryam Fatima, U Massachusetts Amherst-*Reverberations of the nahda across Asia: Reading Zaidan in Urdu*
Maria L. Swanson, United States Naval Academy-*Russian influences on the poetry of Mikhail Naimy and Naseeb 'Adeedah*
Rama Alhabian, Cornell U-*Thou shalt not translate me: Equivalence and contiguity in the work of (Aḥmad) Fāris al-Shidyāq*

5000 Textual Configurations of Gender and the Body

Chair: **Sara Scalenghe**, Loyola U Maryland

Suha Kudsieh, Col of Staten Island - CUNY-*The poems of Isma'il al-Khashshab (d. 1815) on Rémy Raige: Homoerotics or madih?*
Rawad Wehbe, UT Austin-*Fever dreams: The narrative structuring of fever in Arabic literature*
Ezgi Saritas, Ankara U-*Dandies, tomboys and femme-fatales: Destabilizing heteronormativity in late Ottoman Empire*
Elizabeth M. Perego, Shepherd U-*"My name's Muhammad but everyone calls me Aisha": Emasculating jokes from Algeria's "Dark Decade," 1991-2002*
Indira Falk Gesink, Baldwin Wallace U-*"He makes them male and female": Intersexuality in tafsir and hadith literature*

5014 Medieval Islamic Thought at the Intersection of Intellectual and Social History

Chair: **Daniella Talmon-Heller**, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev

Lutz Gerhard Richter-Bernburg, U Tuebingen-*The Abbasid 'house of wisdom' revisited*
Jeremy Farrell, Emory U-*Isnad-based analysis of the emergence of Sufism: A network approach*
Mushegh Asatryan, U Calgary-*The Nusayris in medieval Syria: What can a 13th c. theological debate tell us about them?*
Muhammad U. Faruque, UC Berkeley-*Between mind and reality: Mulla Sadra on the problem of natural universals*

SPECIAL SESSION

5047 BDS: A Critical Evaluation
Organizer: **Robert O. Freeman**

Sponsored by
Association for Israel Studies

Chair: **Robert O. Freedman**, Johns Hopkins U

Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U
Cary Nelson, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Ilan Troen, Brandeis U

The Boycott, Divest and Sanction [BDS] movement has acquired increasing importance in academia in recent years, including in MESA. This panel will evaluate the central propositions of BDS and subject them to a critical academic analysis. Topics to be discussed include the so-called right of return of Palestinian refugees, an end to the occupation of the West Bank, and the improvement of the status of Palestinian citizens of Israel (Israeli Arabs). An examination will also be made of the fate of the BDS issue in the academic organizations that have dealt with it.

Roundtable

4740 Updating the Conflict in Yemen
Organizer: **Daniel Martin Varisco**

Sponsored by
American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

HE Amat Al-Alim Alsoswa, Former Minister for Human Rights/Yemen
Daniel Martin Varisco, American Inst for Yemeni Studies
Sheila Carapico, U Richmond
Nadwa Aldawsari, Project on Middle East Democracy
Waleed F. Mahdi, U Oklahoma

Thematic Conversation

5035 Everyday Life of Sectarianism in the Middle East: Ambivalent Articulations of "Sectarian" Difference and the "Other"
Organizers: **Yasemin Ipek** and **Jenna Rice Rahaim**

Session Leader: **Yasemin Ipek**, Stanford U

Suad Joseph, UC Davis
Joanne Nucho, Pomona Col
Jenna Rice Rahaim, Macalester Col
Ussama Makdisi, Rice U

4777 Waqf and Administration in the Ottoman Balkans
Organizer: **Jane Hathaway**

Chair/Discussant: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U

Catalina Hunt, Denison U-*Pious foundations (vakifs) in Ottoman Dobruca*
Jane Hathaway, Ohio State U-*The waqfs of Ottoman chief harem eunuchs on the Danube in Romania and Bulgaria*
Sanja Kadric, Ohio State U-*Poturnaks and their endowments in the Ottoman Western Balkans*
M. Safa Saracoglu, Bloomsburg U-*Local elites and governance in late Ottoman Bulgaria*

4805 De-Centering the Study of Shi'ism
Organizer: **Mirjam Kuenkler**

Chair: **Meir Litvak**, Tel Aviv U
Discussant: **Said Arjomand**, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS)

Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, U Cambridge-*The salience of alternative Shi'i religious authority in Pakistan*
Mirjam Kuenkler, U Göttingen-*Beyond marja'iyyat? Training women as religious authorities*
Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus U-*The place and role of religious authority among Kuwaiti Shi'a*
Hafsa Oubou, Northwestern U-*Moroccan-Belgian Shi'a Muslims in Brussels: Rethinking religious practices outside traditionally Shi'a centers*

4807 Frictions of Governing in the MENA
Organizer: **Mona Atia**

Chair/Discussant: **Christopher Parker**, Ghent U

Katharina Lenner, U Bath-*Poverty alleviation as assemblage - (Re-)producing and governing 'poverty pockets' in Jordan*
Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia U-*On the urbanization of violence: Contested access to housing for Syrian refugees in a Beirut periphery*
Mona Atia, George Washington U-*Governing poverty: Moroccan poverty mapping in the margins*
Catherine Herrold, Indiana U-*From activism to clientelism: The effects of foreign aid on Palestine's NGO sector*

4833 Schooling in Iraq: Modernity and Education in Iraqi Memory

Organizers: **Levi Thompson** and **Pelle Valentin Olsen**

Sponsored by The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII)

Chair: **Qussay Al-Attabi**, Kenyon Col
Discussant: **Emily Drumsta**, Brown U

Kevin M. Jones, U Georgia-*'A Cage of Disquiet': Revolution, modernity, and political awakenings in Najaf, 1905-1932*
Levi Thompson, Brown U-*The poets of the Baghdad Teachers College*
Pelle Valentin Olsen, U Chicago-*Youth mobilization and foreign education in interwar Iraq: The case of the Baghdad College*

4840 Community Based Learning (CBL), An Instructional Methodology for Attaining Professional Proficiency in Arabic: The CASA Experience

Organizer: **Iman Aziz Soliman**

Sponsored by Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA)

Chair: **Nevenka Korica**, Harvard U
Discussants: **Chloe Bordewich**, Harvard U and **Henry Clements**, Yale U

Iman Aziz Soliman, American U Cairo-*Community engagement for language learning beyond classroom walls: The case of "CASA without borders"*
Chloe Bordewich, Harvard U-*Arabic beyond the classroom in uncertain times: CASA without borders and the Egyptian nonprofit sector*
Nik Nevin, American U Cairo-*Atlases and candy shops: A semester spent teaching geography in Establ Antar*
Michael Ernst, Independent Scholar-*Film study, community-based learning, and Kāsāwiyīn bilā ḥudūd*

4850 Arab Public Opinion Research: Challenges and Prospects

Organizer: **Tamara Kharroub**, Arab Center Washington DC

Organized under the auspices of Arab Center Washington DC

Chair/Discussant: **Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton U

Mohammad Almasri, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies-*Challenges to public opinion research in the Arab world: A comparative analysis*
Justin Gengler, Qatar U; **Mark A. Tessler**, U Michigan; and **Jonathan Forney**, George Washington U-*Survey attitudes in the Middle East: Hindrance or help?*
Russell Lucas, Michigan State U-*Competing conceptions of public opinion in Qatar*
Sabri Ciftci, Kansas State U; **Michael Wuthrich**, U Kansas; and **Ammar Shamaileh**, U Louisville-*Limitations in Arab public opinion survey data: A context-dependent model of measuring religiosity and regime preferences in the Arab world*

4862 The Beast in Image, Text and Politics

Organizers: **Khaled Malas** and **Tarek El-Ariss**

Chair: **Khaled Malas**, NYU

Jeannie Miller, U Toronto-*Animal reason; Human compulsion*
Benjamin Koerber, Rutgers U-*Zombie publics and leviathan regimes: Literary figuration and political affect in recent Egyptian fiction*
Khaled Malas, NYU-*Representing 'al-Fil' [The Elephant]*
Tarek El-Ariss, Dartmouth Col-*The ghoul: Mythical creature, political practice, digital condition*

4874 Excavating Memories of Minorities in the Middle East

Organizer: **Faedah Totah**

Sponsored by Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA)

Chair: **Elyse Semerdjian**, Whitman Col

Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser U-*From citizenship to protection in Egyptian public life: The role of the Coptic Orthodox Church in modern sectarianism*
Lerna Ekmekcioglu, MIT-*A failed belonging? Turkish Armenians (Un) remembering dark pasts*
Heghnar Watenpaugh, UC Davis-*The international cultural heritage regime and Armenian churches in Turkey: The medieval ghost city of Ani on the UNESCO World Heritage List*
Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman College-*The human archive: Conversations with crypto-Armenians*
Faedah Totah, Virginia Commonwealth U-*Remembering the Jews of Damascus*

4915 Blackness in the Middle East: A Comparative Perspective

Organizer: **Beeta Baghoolizadeh**

Chair: **Aslı Z. Iğsız**, NYU
Discussant: **Michael Ferguson**, New School for Social Research

Nathaniel Mathews, Binghamton U-*Afrocentrism, orientalism and other pitfalls of studying the Swahili: New thoughts on an old problem*
Beeta Baghoolizadeh, U Penn-*Buying and selling blackface: Theatrical anti-blackness in Pahlavi era Iran, 1930-1965*
Zavier Wingham, NYU-*Dana Bayrami Festival: Forging solidarity through Afro-Turkish identity in modern Turkey*
Mayowa Willoughby, Cornell U-*The gender of that which might be called blackness: Reading the Arap Baci/Kizi within Turkish popular culture*

4931 Rethinking State-Society Relations in Modern Egypt

Organizer: **Omar Foda**

Chair: **Heather J. Sharkey**, U Penn
Discussant: **Relli Shechter**, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev

Ibrahim Gemeah, Cornell U-*Al-Azhar and educational reform in the thought of Shaykh Muhammad 'Abduh*
Nefertiti Takla, Manhattan Col-*Theorizing the informal economy during WWI: Workers and political economic change in Alexandria, Egypt, 1914-1921*
Kyle Anderson, Cornell U-*The development and institutionalization of agricultural cooperatives in Egypt*
Omar Foda, Independent Scholar-*Stella is always delicious: The nationalization of the Egyptian beer industry*

4938 Gendering the Body in the Middle East

Organizers: **Sherine M. Hafez** and **Angie Abdelmonem**

Sponsored by Association for Middle East Anthropology (AMEA) and Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS)

Chair/Discussant: **Sherine M. Hafez**, UC Riverside

Angie Abdelmonem, Arizona State U-*The predatory male body in sexual violence activism in Egypt*
Marta Agosti, SOAS U London-*My body, my violence and my political resistance: Rape, public testimony, and silence at the margins of Tahrir*
Murat C. Yildiz, Skidmore Col-*Building blocks of the nation(s): Male bodies in early-twentieth-century Istanbul*
Maria Frederika Malmström, Lund U-*A "real man", while Egypt falls apart*
Sherine Hamdy, UC Irvine-*Comics as theory: Bodily vulnerability and resilience in "Lissa": An ethnoGRAPHIC novel*

4945 A New Corpus for the Islamicate World and Methods for Its Exploration

Organizers: **Matthew Thomas Miller** and **Sarah Bowen Savant**

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Nancy Khalek**, Brown U
Discussant: **Paul M. Cobb**, U Penn

Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan U-*How were so many authors so very productive? Exploring authorial strategies in the 10th-12th century Middle East*
Maxim Romanov, Leipzig U-*Looking for the author behind the words: Stylometric analysis of al-Dhahabi's (d. 1347) writings*
Matthew Thomas Miller, U Maryland College Park-*Topic modeling genre in medieval Persian poetry: A computational approach to medieval thematic collections of poetry*
Elijah Cooke, U Maryland-*New advances in Arabic-script optical character recognition*

4955 Rivalry, Revival, and Survival: Contemporary Algerian and Tunisian Contestations and Reconfigurations

Organizer: **William A. Lawrence**

Chair/Discussant: **Jacob A. Mundy**, Colgate U

Yahia Zoubir, KEDGE Business School, France-*The giant afraid of its shadow: Algeria, the reluctant middle power*
Azzedine Layachi, St. John's U-*How institutions, structure and agency hamper Tunisia's economic revival*
Maro Youssef, UT Austin-*Contesting elite & state feminism: A new generation of Tunisian feminists*
William A. Lawrence, George Washington U-*Enemies, frenemies, or rivals: The Islamic State-AQIM nexus*
M. Tahir Kilavuz, U Notre Dame-*Reconfiguring authoritarianism: Post-crisis regime consolidation in Algeria*

4958 Nationalism In and Out of "Translation": Theater, Satire, and Memoirs Across the Persianate World

Organizers: **Rustin Zarkar** and **Sheida Dayani**

Chair: **Blake Atwood**, UT Austin

Belle Cheves, Harvard U-*Love and socialist realism: Translating Gorky in Iran*
Sheida Dayani, Harvard U/NYU-*Staging "Hobb-al-Vatan": Patriotism and nationalism in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Iranian plays*
Rustin Zarkar, NYU-*Turning hooligans into toilers: Satire and Tajik nationalism in Mullo Mushfiqi (1926-1931)*

4968 Cultural Politics of Youth

Chair: **Michelle Mann**, Washington State U

Jacob Hoigilt, Peace Research Inst Oslo-*Arabic adult comics and the politics of youthfulness*
Delal Aydin, Binghamton U-*The formation of revolutionary subjects: Kurdish youth politics in the 1990s*
Cara Piraino, U Chicago-*"Omanis being Omanis, there aren't going to be any problems": Youth in Muscat and the aging Renaissance*
Jonathan Guyer, Harvard U-*Nationalism for kids: How Egyptian comics teach conflict*
Manata Hashemi, U Oklahoma-Mobility and status in Iran's Pāyin-e Shahr

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4974 State Consolidation and Contestation in Qajar and Pahlavi Iran

Chair: **Saghar Sadeghian**, Willamette U

Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State U-*The Pahlavi era as a golden age for Jewish political activism in Iran*
Daniel Sheffield, Princeton U-*Toward a social history of late Pahlavi (Zoroastrian Middle Persian)*
Saghar Bozorgi, NYU-*Localization of national politics: The experience of conducting elections in Kashan, Iran (1909-10)*
Chelsi Mueller, Tel Aviv U-*Contesting the Persian Gulf: Iran's naval vision past and present*

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James M. Gustafson, Indiana State U-*Vaqf and ecology: Reading the endowment of the Madrasa-yi Sultani from an environmental history perspective*
Assef Ashraf, Bryn Mawr Col-*A familial state: The divan and the formation of Qajar Iran*

4976 Women and Leadership: Past and Present

Chair: **Mirna Lattouf**, Arizona State U

Tara Stephan, NYU-*The public presence of Mamluk princesses*
Sarah Fischer, Marymount U-*Women and secular opposition parties in Islamist-dominated political systems*
Feyza Burak Adli, Boston U-*Female religious authority and Islamic feminist "counterpublic" in Turkey: The case of Rifai Shaykha Cemalnur Sargut*

4989 States and Identities in the Oil-Rich Arab World

Chair: **Kristi N. Barnwell**, U Illinois Springfield

Carolyn Barnett, Princeton U-*Authoritarian autonomy and welfare spending volatility in oil-rich states*
Erick Viramontes, Australian National U-*Self-determination, otherness and subjectivities: Constructing Qatari national identity in a period of reform*
Anas Alahmed, Indiana U Bloomington-*A study of the cultural production of modernity in Saudi Arabia through the general authority for entertainment and neoliberal capitalist politics*
Faris Almutairi, Carbondale, IL-*An analysis of study abroad: Understanding the state-society relationship in Saudi Arabia*
Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown U Qatar-*The state and the changing social contract in the GCC*

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Roundtable

4830 "Can You Read This One?" New Advances and Issues in Digital Recognition of Printed/ Handwritten Arabic Characters

Organizer: **M. Safa Saracoglu**

Chair: **M. Safa Saracoglu**, Bloomsburg U

Kursat Aker, Miletos R&D/METU
M. Erdem Kabadayi, Koç U
Mehmet Can Yavuz, Koç U
M. Safa Saracoglu, Bloomsburg U
Maxim Romanov, Leipzig U

4737 Reflections on the State and Statelessness in the Post-Arab Spring Era

Organizers: **Sami Emile Baroudi**, **Rola El-Husseini** and **Lina Beydoun**

Organized under the auspices of Lebanese American University

Chair/Discussant: **Nadim Shehadi**, Tufts U

Imad Salamey, Lebanese American U-*The rise of communitarian states in the Middle East*
Rola El-Husseini, Lund U-*Gender and the sectarian state*
Sami Emile Baroudi, Lebanese American U-*The problematic notion of the "Islamic State" in the discourses of contemporary Islamists*
Tamirace Fakhoury, Lebanese American U-*Displacement and statehood: The case of Lebanon's coping mechanism with Syria's refugee influx*
Lina Beydoun, Lebanese American U-*Statelessness in the post-Arab Spring era*

4775 Literary Genealogy in Medieval and Modern Iberia and North Africa

Organizer: **Kevin Blankinship**

Chair: **Kevin Blankinship**, U Chicago
Discussant: **Suzanne P. Stetkevych**, Georgetown U

Gretchen Head, Yale-NUS Col-*Resistance to loss through the preservation of form: The continuing practice of adab in the 20th century*
Kevin Blankinship, U Chicago-*Al-Ma`arri's menagerie in the Maghreb*
Enass Khansa, Harvard U/American U Beirut-*How an anthology curated a caliphate: On "al-'Iqd" ("The Necklace") and the Umayyads of al-Andalus*
Nizar F. Hermes, U Virginia-*When a poet's heart burns for a burned city: Ibn Sharaf al-Qayrawānī's elegy for Qayrawan*

4823 Imagery in Jewish Morocco

Organizer: **Patricia Goldsworthy**

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Discussant: **Katarzyna Pieprzak**, Williams Col

Patricia Goldsworthy, Western Oregon U-*Picturing the mellah: Joseph Bouhsira and Moroccan Jewish photography*
Aomar Boum, UCLA-*Captives of the mellah?: Moroccan rural Jewry in the colonial postcard*
Emma Chubb, Smith Col-*Documents of diaspora: The Boccaras in Ntifa, 1971/2011*
Oren Kosansky, Lewis & Clark Col-*Saints in the age of mechanical reproduction: Religious icons in Jewish Morocco*

4829 Historical Perspectives on the Life Worlds of Middle Eastern Oil

Organizer: **Nelida Fuccaro**

Chair: **Nelida Fuccaro**, NYU Abu Dhabi
Discussant: **Mandana E. Limbert**, Queen's Col CUNY

Mattin Biglari, SOAS U London-*Making workers invisible: The production and representation of expertise in the Abadan refinery and beyond, 1939-53*
Gregory Brew, Georgetown U-*Building the petrochemical paradise: Oil, water and soil in the US-Iranian project in Khuzestan*
Nelida Fuccaro, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Telling stories of urban, suburban and industrial oil lives: Corporate propaganda in Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain in the 1950s*
Matthew MacLean, NYU-*Oil, mobility, and state-building in the United Arab Emirates*

4831 Circulation and Migration: Armenian Migrants in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond

Organizers: **Yasar Tolga Cora** and **Dzovinar Derderian**

Chair/Discussant: **Houri Berberian**, UC Irvine

Vazken Khatchig Davidian, Birkbeck, U London-*Black news of an absent bantoukhd son: Garabed Nichanian's "The Reading of the Letter"*
Dzovinar Derderian, U Michigan-*Traversing space and transforming belongings to nation and empire among itinerants of Van, 1820s-1870s*
Yasar Tolga Cora, U Michigan-*Local belongings, (trans-)imperial networks, non-state actors: Armenian homeland associations in the late Ottoman Empire and beyond*
David Low, U Michigan-*The itinerant image: Domestic photographs in an age of global movement*

4892 Children, Youth, and Media in Middle Eastern Conflict Zones

Organizer: **Yael Warshel**

Chair: **Yael Warshel**, Penn State U

Yael Warshel, Penn State U-*Children, youth, and media in Middle Eastern, North African, and Gulf conflict zones*
Weeda Mehran, McGill U-*Militant children on social media: "Cubs of the Caliphate" and "Taliban's Soldiers of God"*
Tugce Kayaal, U Michigan-*War, orphanages, and print media: Gendering and nationalizing orphan boys in the late Ottoman Konya during the First World War (1914-1918)*
Mariam Abdul-Dayyem, U Otago-*Digital culture of contention of Palestinian youth in the West Bank*

4905 Egypt's Judiciary Since the Revolution

Organizer: **Jeffrey Sachs**

Discussant: **Ellis Goldberg**, U Washington

Monika Lindbekk, U Oslo-*Judicial activism in the field of Egyptian shari'a-derived family law*
Jeffrey Sachs, Acadia U-*Technically speaking: Locating the law in post-revolutionary Egypt*
Hind M Ahmed Zaki, U Washington-*The triumph of sovereignty over legitimacy: The weakening of the judiciary in post-revolutionary Egypt*
Mona Oraby, Amherst Col-*Law, rights, and judicial activism: The politics of religious conversion in Egypt*

Roundtable

4929 Social Media, Feminist Praxis, and State Power

Organizer: **VJ Um Amel**

Mark Le Vine, UC Irvine
Lisa Parks, MIT
Manal Hassan, Motoon
VJ Um Amel, UC Santa Barbara
Abir Ghattas, Majal

4940 Authority in Concrete: State, Space, and Infrastructures in Turkey

Organizer: **Sinan Erensü**

Chair/Discussant: **Emrah Yildiz**, Northwestern U

Sinan Erensü, Northwestern U-*Infrastructure rules: On Turkey's infrastructures-led regime of urgency*
Zeynep Oguz, Graduate Center CUNY-*Wells of failure: Oil exploration, conspiracy theory and power in Turkey*
Bengi Akbulut, Concordia U-*Troubled waters of hegemony: Shifting nexus of hydro-power in Turkey*
Firat Bozcali, U Penn-*Contested infrastructures: Batman refinery, oil pipelines, and Kurdish economies of oil theft in Batman, Turkey*
Cihan Tekay, Graduate Center CUNY-*Electrifying the nation-state: Generating consent in republican Turkey*

4967 Islamist Thought and Practice

Chair: **Quinn Mecham**, Brigham Young U

Yaseen Noorani, U Arizona-*The literary aesthetic foundations of Islamism in Sayyid Qutb*
Yasser Sultan, Georgetown U-*The ambivalence of religious modernization: Women's education and veiling between Rashid Rida, Qasim Amin and Malak Hifni Nasif*
Joshua Donovan, Columbia U-*Between liberalism and Islamism: The Muslim Brothers and the United Nations*
Mounah Abdel Samad, San Diego State U-*Do Islamist parliamentarians provide services to the poor and middle class? Evidence from North Africa*

4971 Foreign Relations in and Beyond the Middle East

Chair: **Robert Mason**, American U Cairo

Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U-*Out of Arabia: The Mahmal Incident of 1926 and the demise of Egyptian influence in the Hijaz*
Ana Torres-Garcia, U de Sevilla-*The impact of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war on Morocco's foreign relations*
Islam Hassan, Georgetown U Qatar-*UAE: A small state with middle power aspirations*
Sussan Siavoshi, Trinity U-*Iran-China relations: Past, present, and future*
Matthew Cebul, Yale U-*Military audience costs and the Six Day War: Evidence from Egypt and Jordan*

4972 Transactions of Knowledge and Power: East-West and West-East

Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U-*Criminal justice reform in the global progressive era: Eurasia of the early 20th century*
Jameel Haque, Minnesota State U, Mankato-*Reflections of war: The US consulate during World War I*

4983 Diaspora and Political Participation

Chair: **Ammar Naji**, Colorado Col

Tarek Shago, U Chicago-*Nationalism at home and abroad: The impact of expatriate Libyan opposition on the development of a national identity*
Ammar Naji, Colorado Col-*Rethinking post-colonialism through the lenses of modern Middle Eastern migratory formations*
Emanuela Dalmasso, U Amsterdam-*May I borrow your MPs? The political participation of "authoritarian" diasporas*
Michael Akladios, York U-*The stigma of 'Arab-ness:' Coptic immigrants' self-Orientalism in Toronto, 1954-1981*

4996 The Surreal and the Real between Orientalism and Post-Orientalism

Angelica Maria DeAngelis, American U Kuwait-*La chose inachevée: The role of women in contemporary Algerian society and cinema*
Defne Kirmizi, Boston U-*The neo-avant-garde art scene in Turkey from 1970s to present*
Alyeh Mehin Jafarabadi, U Arizona-*Shirin Neshat's photos in the frame of Orientalism: For whom do we pose?*
Laura Metzler, Maraya Art Centre-*Genetics, physics, and transcendence in the later work of Saloua Raouda Choucair*
Sam Bardaouil, Art Reoriented-*Rethinking surrealism: Art et liberté (f. 1938), and the subjective realism of Ramses Younane (1913-1966)*

8-10AM Tuesday November 21

5013 The Formation of the Secular Since Ottoman Times

Mohamed Daadaoui, Oklahoma City U-*Secular Islamists: The Rise of neo-Islamism in Tunisia and Morocco*
Amir Toft, U Chicago-*Registered silence: The institutional logic of the Ottoman sicils*
Omar Omar, American U Cairo-*Between the magical and the mundane: Holy fools, the homeless and street-dwellers in contemporary Egypt*
Arthur S. Zárate, Columbia U-*Rethinking Sufism and the supernatural in Islamic reform*

5017 Perspectives on Nationalism: Anti-Imperialism, Community-Building and the Body

Chair: **Elizabeth Bishop**, Texas State U San Marcos

Nicholas E. Roberts, Sewanee: U of the South-*Pan-Islam and Palestinian nationalism in mandate Palestine*
Syeda Quratulain Masood, Brown U-*Where we are born and the soil from where we eat: The idea of terric nationhood*
Jonathan Sciarcon, U Denver-*Picking up the pieces: The alliance Israélite Universelle in Baghdad, 1917-1921*
Joseph Leidy, Brown U-*Competing masculinities in the mahjar: Syrian social nationalist recruitment in Argentina (1939-1947)*

5020 Leisure, Consumerism, and Food

Chair: **Roberto Mazza**, U Limerick

Amber J. Howard, UT Austin-Kitchen resistance: Occupied foodways and Palestinian women's cookbook production
Maayan Hilel, Tel Aviv U-*"We also lived a little": Leisure and recreation of ordinary Palestinians; Women, children and workers, 1920-1948*
Barbara J. Michael, UNC Wilmington-*Sustenance, power and autonomy: Baqqara women's private and public assertion of autonomy through food*
David Rahimi, UT Austin-*"To make a man's life happy": Prostitution and consumerism in 1960s and 1970s Iran*

5024 Ethnographies of Everyday Politics

Chair: **Hale Yılmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

Murat Metinsoy, Istanbul U-*Reconsidering Turkey's democratization: Role of social resistance in everyday life in 1939-1945*
Mine Eder, Boğaziçi U-*Migrant perceptions in Istanbul: Is it the economy?*
Elise Massicard, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique-*Street-level officials and everyday politics in Turkey*
Hebatallah Khalil, U Illinois Urbana Champaign-*Revolution in parallel times: An ethnography of an Egyptian village in flux*
Jose Ciro Martinez, U Cambridge-*Site of resistance or apparatus of acquiescence? Everyday tactics at the bakery*

Roundtable

4727 Defining Early Modernity in Ottoman History

Organizers: **Antonis Hadjikyriacou** and **Bogac Ergene**

Chair: **Bogac Ergene**, U Vermont

Palmira Brummett, Brown U
Antonis Hadjikyriacou, Boğaziçi U
Virginia Aksan, McMaster U
Jane Hathaway, Ohio State U
Linda T. Darling, U Arizona

Thematic Conversation

5040 Reading Middle Eastern Literatures Comparatively

Organizer: **Roberta Micallef**

Session Leader: **Roberta Micallef**, Boston U

C. Ceyhun Arslan, Koç U
Persis M. Karim, San Francisco State U
Hulya Adak, Sabanci U

4724 Labor, Capitalism and Mobilization After the Arab Spring

Organizer: **Zep Kalb**

Chair/Discussant: **Joel Beinin**, Stanford U

Lorenzo Feltrin, U Warwick-*Between a rock and a hard place: Trade unions, class, and the state in Algeria and Tunisia*
Zep Kalb, U Oxford-*'Etelaf (coalition) or ekhtelaf (contention)? Labor insurgency and class politics after Iran's Green Movement*
Sahan Savas Karatasli, Princeton U-*Capitalism, crisis and labor unrest in the post-Arab Spring Middle East: A comparative-historical perspective*

4750 Psychiatry in the Middle East: Hospitals, Science and Care

Organizers: **Lamia Moghnie** and **Ana Vinea**

Discussant: **Chris Dole**, Amherst Col

Chris Wilson, U Cambridge-*'All capable of work should be thus employed': The therapeutic, social, and economic benefits of patient work in mental institutions at Cairo, Beirut, and Bethlehem, ca. 1884-1948*
Lamia Moghnie, Arab Council for Social Sciences-*"The forsaken sufferers of mental diseases": Massacre, humanitarianism and the emergence of modern psychiatry in late Ottoman Syria*
Filippo Maria Marranconi, EHESS-*Mental health services as politics: Exploring the experience of suffering among Syrian displaced in Lebanon*
Ana Vinea, U Michigan-*Debating law, culture, and mental health: A view from contemporary Egypt*
Mac Skelton, Johns Hopkins U-*"We are all psychiatrists": Oncology and palliative care in Iraq*

4762 Tradition and Modernity: Reform, Gender, and Neo-Traditionalism in Egypt and Beyond

Organizer: **Mark Sedgwick**

Chair: **Morten Valbjorn**, Aarhus U

Dietrich Jung, U Southern Denmark-*"The modern authenticity of Islamic traditions": Modernity and multiple modernities in the Muslim world*
Mervat Hatem, Howard U-*The 1929 Egyptian Personal Status Law, its modern re-inventions of Islamic traditions and the construction of gendered individuals*
Mark Sedgwick, Aarhus U-*Neo-traditionalist Islam as postmodernity*
Kirstine Sinclair, U Southern Denmark-*"Is clinical psychology useful, Shaykh?" Questions of modernity, tradition and authority at Islamic colleges*

4763 Gendered Transformations: "New Women" of the Mandate Period

Organizers: **Camila Pastor** and **Nova Robinson**

Chair/Discussant: **Ellen L. Fleischmann**, U Dayton

Leyla Dakhli, CNRS (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin)-*Women at work (Jerusalem, 1920-1936)*
Nova Robinson, Seattle U-*Showcasing the new Arab woman abroad: Syrian women's speaking tours in the United States in the 1940s*
Susanna Ferguson, Columbia U-*Maids, servants, and wet-nurses in the Arabic women's press*
Camila Pastor, CIDE-*That whore called Tangier*

4780 Making Falsafa: Towards a Modern History of Arabic Philosophy

Organizer: **Angela Giordani**

Robert J. Wisnovsky, McGill U-*Muhammad 'Abduh as Avicennian philosopher*
Murad Idris, U Virginia-*Illustrating Islamic philosophy: Post-colonial canons, education, identity, and Ibn Tufayl's "Hayy ibn Yaqzan", 1937-1992*
Angela Giordani, Columbia U-*Arabic philosophy, competing universalisms, and the Egyptian nahda*
Ahmed El Shamsy, U Chicago-*Editing classics of Islamic philosophy, late 19th and early 20th centuries*

4801 Mizrahi Cultural Trespassers: Boundary Crossing, Patriotism and Betrayal in Israel/Palestine

Organizer: **Shay Hazkani**

Discussant: **Michelle Campos**, U Florida

Shay Hazkani, U Maryland College Park-*When both foe and friend look alike: Mizrahi Jews in the 1948 War*
Bryan K. Roby, U Michigan-*Repatriation and transgressive migrations of Mizrahi Jews from Israel to the Arab world*
Hillel Cohen, Hebrew U Jerusalem-*Sephardi-Arab joint resistance to European-Zionism: Reality and hope 1908-1948*
Shayna Zamkanei, U Michigan-*Do Mizrahi Holocaust commemorative practices challenge the Zionist project?*

4856 Mediterranean Crossings and Tunisian Settlements, 1860-2017

Organizer: **Sarah DeMott**

Discussants: **Mark I. Choate**, Brigham Young U and **Naor Ben-Yehoyada**, Columbia U

Sarah DeMott, NYU-*Mediterranean intimacies: An archipelago formation between Sardinia and Tabarka*
Gabriele Montalbano, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes-*Nation-buiding across transnational boundaries: The construction of a national identity among the Italians living in French Tunisia*

Chiara Pagano, "Roma Tre"-*Tripolitanian migrants in Tunisian protectorate: Challenging the colonial imaginary of French Maghreb*
Giorgia Cantarale, Sapienza U of Rome-*EU-Tunisia relations after the Arab Spring: Migration politics, asylum and human rights protection*
Ilaria Giglioli, UC Berkeley-*Colonial mobilities & contemporary connections. Mobilizing histories of Sicilian southward Mediterranean migration in contemporary Sicily*
Valentina Zagaria, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*Death at Europe's border: Burial practices and mourning across the Mediterranean Sea*

4869 Loyalists in the Gulf: Reliable Partners or Independent Actors

Organizers: **Courtney Freer** and **Jessie Moritz**

Chair: **Jessie Moritz**, Australian National U
Discussant: **Farah Al-Nakib**, American U Kuwait

Anastasia Nosova, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*The voice and loyalty of business in Kuwait*
Courtney Freer, London Schl of Economics and Political Science-*Clients or challengers?: Tribal constituents in Kuwait, Qatar, and the UAE*
Kristin Smith Diwan, AGSIW-*Transnational clerical associations in Qatar and the UAE*
Jessie Moritz, Australian National U-*Loyalist roots, reformist attitude: The Al-Fateh Youth Coalition in Bahrain*

4890 Syrian Kurds: Contesting Boundaries

Organizer: **Huseyin Rasit**

Chair: **Vera Eccarius-Kelly**, Siena College,
Discussant: **Mehmet Gurses**, Florida Atlantic U

Huseyin Rasit, Yale U and **Alexander Kolokotronis**, Yale U-*Vanguards of anti-statism: Hope and tension in the ideological project of Rojava*
Ipek Demir, U Leicester UK-*The global south in the Middle East?: The case of Syrian Kurds*
Mustafa Gurbuz, American U-*The rise of Kurdish quasi-state in Syria: Prospects and challenges*
Seevan Saeed, U Exeter-*Independency and sovereignty; The state and non-state actors: The case of Syria*
Wendelmoet Hamelink, Center for Gender Research, Oslo-*Images in exile. Gender, representation and everyday life of Syrian Kurdish women in Norway*

4933 Art and Mediation: Affective and Socio-Political Practices of Revolutionary Challenges

Organizer: **Rania Gaafar**

Chair: **Adel Iskandar**, Simon Fraser U

Surti Singh, American U Cairo-*The subjective turn in contemporary Egyptian art*
Maymanah Farhat, Independent Scholar-*Cynicism and sorrow in Syrian art after the uprising*
Rania Gaafar, U Siegen (Germany)-*Aesthetics of crisis in the Arab world – Epistemologies of connectivity in documentary modes of the real*
VJ Um Amel, UC Santa Barbara-*Media sousveillance on its back*

4951 Missionary Renegades: Resisting the Metanarrative in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey

Organizer: **Carolyn Goffman**

Chair: **Allen Hibbard**, Middle Tennessee State U

Henry Clements, Yale U-*Local expertise and the East Turkey mission: Syriac orthodox-missionary encounters in the late Ottoman Empire*
Carolyn Goffman, DePaul U-*Relegating "race hatred" to the Ottoman past: Mary Mills Patrick's positive narrative of the new Turkey*
Faith J. Childress, Rockhurst U-*"Don't let America go to war!": The pacifist views of Edith Parsons*

4964 Echoes of Battle: Legitimation, Memory, and the Distant Past in Islamic Narratives

Organizer: **D. Gershon Lewental**

Scott Savran, King Abdullah Academy-*Righteous Huns and Islamic Kerygmatic memory*
D. Gershon Lewental, U Oklahoma/ Shalem Col-*Call-and-response battles in Syria and Iraq: The literary construction of Islamic collective memory*

4979 Peasants, Land, and Politics

Chair: **Harrison Guthorn**, Sultan Qaboos Cultural Ctr

Marion Dixon, American U-*Land reclamation and expanded commodity production in the longue durée*
Yelda Kaya, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart U-*Parliamentary politics in early republican Turkey: Contestations over settlement, land use and property rights*
Jeffrey D. Reger, Georgetown U-*The Palestinian olive sector of the West Bank: Between Israel and Jordan, 1949-1987*
Bengu Kurtege Sefer, Binghamton U-*Competitive party politics, landless peasant women, and their political activism in two villages: Rethinking rural class structure in Turkey after World War II*
Andrew Akhlaghi, UT Austin-*Peasant activism during the Soviet occupation of Iran*

4993 Melancholia, Race, and Enslavement

Leila Pourtavaf, U Toronto-*In the shadows of Gulistan: Servants and eunuchs of Nasser al-Din Shah's court*
Katie Hickerson, U Penn-*The Seligmans' snapshot: Funerary rites, a history of violence, and cultural resilience in Sudan, 1865-1909*
Noa Shaindlinger, North Carolina State U-*Israel and the social sciences, or why race matters*

4995 Teaching in and on MENA: Programs and Histories

Chair: **Tessa Farmer**, U Virginia

Ghada Swadek, U Minnesota-*Teach me too: "Talking" about children with disabilities and education*
Tessa Farmer, U Virginia-*Coherence and equivalence: Geographic imaginaries of global/Middle East/South Asia*
Manal Saleh, Lebanese American U and **Ketty Sarouphim-McGill**, Lebanese American U-*Establishing programs for gifted learners in Lebanon*

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5010 Invoking Religion in and Against Imperialism, Occupation, and War

Chair: **Hind Arroub**, Fordham U

Veysel Simsek, Yale U-*How the "infidel Sultan" called his Muslim subjects to war: Islam, state discourse, and organized violence during the later reign of Mahmud II (1826-1839)*
Isaac Friesen, U Toronto-*A bishop, not a pawn: The roots and reflexivity of Anba Athanasius' tolerant liberalism*
Mohammad Ayatollahi Tabaar, Texas A&M U-*Contesting religious legitimacy in the Iran-Iraq War*
Lyndall Herman, U Arizona-*Hamas through a difference lens: What memoirs reveal about the organization's competing priorities*
Kenny Schmitt, Exeter U-*Sufism in Jerusalem: Institutional disruptions and subversive transformations*

5012 Literary Configurations of Secular Modernity

Radwa El Barouni, UT Austin-*Contemporary Egyptian historical fiction: What's at stake?*
Ahmad Agbaria, UT Austin-*Dar al-Taliaa a powerhouse of secular ideas*
Razi Ahmad, U Kansas-*Heterogeneity of Iranian modernity in Ja'far Modarres Sadeqi's "Nakoja-Abad" ("Nowhereland", 1990)*
Adam Spanos, NYU-*The past, present and future of literary commitment in Arab anticolonialism*

5026 Media: Circulation and Censorship

Chair: **Ozde Celiktemel-Thomen**, U College London

Jennifer Boutz, U Maryland College Park-*Taboo language in Arabic social media: Recent developments and emerging trends*
Amirhossein Teimouri, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Representations of Iran in Arab conventional and new social media: Al-Jazeera versus Faisal Al-Kasim's Twitter activity*
Maral Karimi, U Toronto-*A movement co-opted: A critical discourse analysis of the Iranian Green Resistance Movement of 2009*
Dena Afrasiabi, UT Austin-*Walking the digital city: Language and space in Iranian digital folk narratives*
Eoghan Stafford, UCLA-*Media reform and censorship in Ben Ali's Tunisia*

Roundtable

4818 Teaching Middle East Studies in a Controversial Time: Between Activism and Accountability

Organizer: **Victoria Hightower**

Chair: **Victoria Hightower**, U North Georgia

Neha Vora, Lafayette Col
Beth Derderian, Northwestern U
Daniel Blumlo, Rock Valley Col
Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern U Qatar
Rachael Eggebeen, Sunnyside Unified School District
Jill Crystal, Auburn U

4739 On the Verge of Rout: The Politics of Hope and Disappointment Post the Arab Spring

Organizer: **Nermin Allam**

Chair: **Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton U
Discussant: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

Shimaa Hatab, Cairo U-*Contested power and authoritarian restructuring: Egypt between January 2011 and June 2013*
Nermin Allam, Princeton U-*Activism amidst disappointment: Women's groups and the politics of hope in Egypt*
Steven T. Brooke, U Louisville-*Sparks and firewalls: The dillusion of protest and quiescence in the post-Arab Spring Middle East*
Mariam Georgis, U Alberta-*Post-2003 Iraq: A postcolonial, Iraqi perspective on the crisis of "democratic nation-building"*

4755 Memory and identity: The Significance of Locality in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Egypt and Israel/Palestine

Organizer: **James Whidden**

Chair: **Mona L Russell**, East Carolina U

Shana E. Minkin, Sewanee: U of the South-*Mourning the imperial dead in turn-of-the-century Egypt*
James Whidden, Acadia U-*Things left unsaid: Colonial memory and belonging*
Ruth Amir, Yezreel Valley Col-*Who, after all, remembers today the Armenian village?*
Sara Nimis, American Research Center in Egypt-*Remembrance as protest: Multiple meanings under the Dome of Sayyida Nafisa in Cairo*

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Stacy Fahrenthold, CSU Fresno-*American relief and émigré politics in the Syrian mahjar*
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Organizer: **Ranin Kazemi**

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Anny Gaul, Georgetown U-*Mother sauces and civilizing processes: Writing cuisine in Egypt and Morocco*
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4895 Practices of Translation in the Ottoman and Safavid Empires

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Organizer: **Feras Klenk**

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4986 From Commerce to Economics in Islamic Thought and Society

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Pete W. Moore, Case Western Reserve U-*Jordan's longest war: Fiscal crisis and militarization*
Sean Burns, Northwestern U-*Military revolt and repression in the Arab Spring*

5027 Islamism, Liberalism, and Beyond in Turkish Politics

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