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Destination DC

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



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

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.



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.



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 it's 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 a 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.

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.

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.

Dalya's Other Country



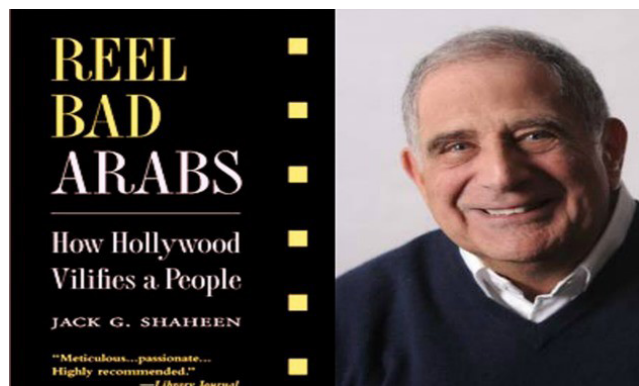
Julia Meltzer made two wonderful films in Syria. Now she turns her camera to Syrians living in the United States. Dalya Zeno and her mother leave Aleppo to join their brothers/sons in Los Angeles. The film follows Dalya from age 12 through high school graduation. Over the years she balances many identities: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

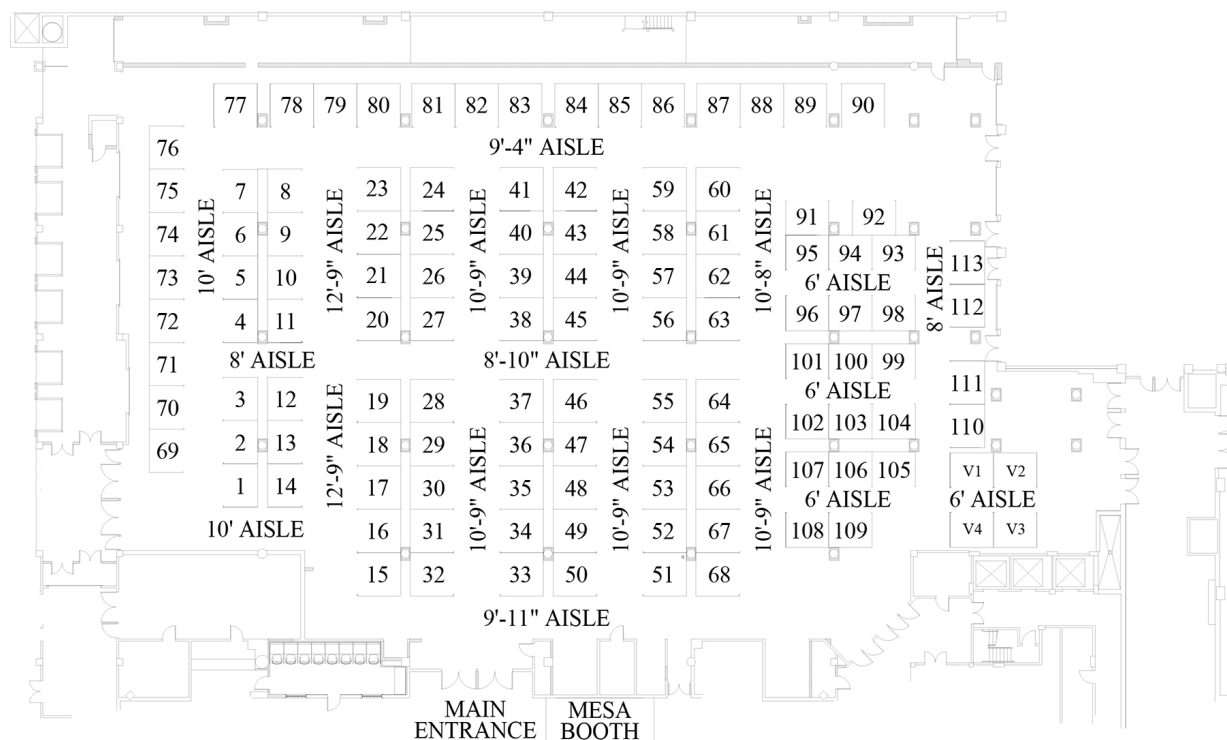
Book Bazaar

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.

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Meetings in Conjunction

♦AATA–American Association of Teachers of Arabic

Saturday, 11/18

Executive Board Meeting, 9am-12pm, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)

Panel: “Challenges and Prospects for Teaching Arabic as a Second Language”, 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)

♦AllrS–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)

♦ARCE–American Research Center in Egypt

Monday, 11/20

Fellowship Alumni Breakfast, 7-8am, Virginia C (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)

♦Arabic Overseas Flagship

Monday, 11/20

Business Meeting, 12-2pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)



AGAPS

♦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, 5:30-7:30pm, Petits Plats Restaurant (2653 Connecticut Ave)

♦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

♦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)

Monday, 11/20

CASA Alumni Reception, 7-9pm, Harding (M)

♦CIRS–Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University in Qatar

Sunday, 11/19

Reception, 7-9pm, Lebanese Taverna (2641 Connecticut Ave)

First World War in MENA Scholarly Network

Sunday, 11/19

Meeting, 4-6pm, Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)

♦FIS–Foundation for Iranian Studies

Saturday, 11/18

Advisory Group Meeting, 10am-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)

♦Fulbright and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)

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)

♦LSA—Lebanese Studies Association

Sunday, 11/19

Business Meeting, 2-4pm, Johnson (M)

♦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)

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, McKinley (M)

LAMES Meeting, 4-5:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

Monday, 11/20

Middle East Center & Program

Directors Meeting, 9-11am, Virginia C (L)

♦OTSA—Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Saturday, 11/18

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

♦RoMES—Review of Middle East Studies

Sunday, 11/19

Editorial Board Luncheon, 11am-1pm, Jackson (M)

♦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)

♦WOCMES—World Council for Middle East Studies

Sunday, 11/19

Advisory Council Meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)

♦Yale Council on Middle East Studies

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

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 sultaniship: The writing of sultanic biography as performance of social status
Jo Van Steenberg, 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: **Nazlı Özkan** and **Besim Can Zirh**

Chair: **Nazlı Özkan**, 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-Securitization of sectarianism? The Turkish state and the Alevis in the post-2011 era

Nazlı Özkan, 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**

Organized under the auspices of Social Science Research Council (SSRC) InterAsia Program

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

Nadine Sika, American U Cairo-Youth civic and political participation in the MENA: Does trust matter?

Ellis Goldberg, U Washington-Demonstrations of democracy

James H. Sunday, American U Cairo-Making space: Taking part in the everyday politics of Cairo’s popular quarters

Ahmed Abdrabou, U Denver-Student mobilization and political participation in Egypt: Why the Egyptian transition has failed

Khalil al-Anani, Doha Inst for Graduate Studies-Resisting the junta: Forms of political mobilization in Egypt after the coup of 2013

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

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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, U Massachusetts Lowell-*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, Seton Hall 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"

Chair: **Carole Woodall**, U Colorado Colorado Springs

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*

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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 Palestinian (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-*Securitized peace in Palestine/Israel: Criminalizing resistance, entrenching authoritarianism*

5022 Competition and Social Practice in Early and Medieval Islamic Poetry

Chair: **Anita Husen**, Stanford U

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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JMEWS Editorial Board Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)
- 7-8am
Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Associations
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AMECYS Business Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)
- 9-10am
TAARII Executive Committee Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)
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Thematic Conversation

5029 Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents

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

Session Leader: **Pauline Homsy 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 and 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: Chorbazhis, 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-Ittihad 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**

Chair: **Sharon C. Smith**, MIT
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

**4984 Workers Across Borders:
Labor, Migration, and Class**

**Sponsored by
Association for Gulf and Arabian
Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)**

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-*Problematising 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**

Chair: **A. Nazir Atassi**, Louisiana Tech U

Pouye Khoshkhoosani, U Arizona-*Safavid Qasidah: A poetic genre for legitimizing power*

Ferenc P. Csirkés, 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**

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Arab American Studies Association

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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://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu/arab-families-working-group-1/images/files/ComponentsofHumanitiesSocialSciencesResearchProposal.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-Koc, 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-Ibadi
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*

10:30AM-12:30PM Sunday November 19

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**

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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*

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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, Postdoctoral Scholar-Hassan, Marcus, and Cohen: *Redefining literary representations of Jews in contemporary Egypt*

Brahim El Guabli, Princeton U-Literature remembers Moroccan Jews
Katharine Halls, American U Cairo-"Everything was fine": *Rehabilitating the Jewish other in Egyptian historiographical discourse*

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 Zakariyā al-Rāzī, Fakhr al-Dīn 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, Columbia U-National vs. 'other' monuments: *The role of the Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities in the institutionalisation of preservation activities in Istanbul*
Burcu Selen Coskun, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts U-Scraping the layers: *Tahsin Öz and his stylistic restorations in Topkapı 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*

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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 Almubarakhi**

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Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)

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

Shaikhah Almubarakhi, 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.

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*

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

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*

3:30-5:30PM Sunday November 19

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

Organizer: Christopher Rominger

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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)
Muriam Haleh Davis, UC Santa Cruz- The 1964 census in Algeria: Markets and national identities during the Cold War

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

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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 Elsis, 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

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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 Mikkelsen

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 Mikkelsen, 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 Soulaïmani, 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 Elkhayari, 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 ****

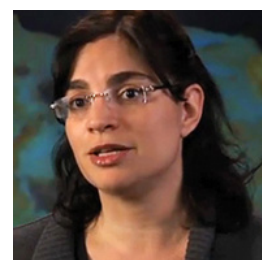
“MESA, ACLU and the Muslim Ban”



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

On March 10, 2017, MESA joined the ACLU and other partner organizations in a federal lawsuit challenging President Trump's second Muslim ban executive order (*International Refugee Assistance Project v. Trump*). The case made its way through the federal courts and was placed onto the U.S. Supreme Court docket. On Sunday, September 24, upon the expiration of the partial travel ban the Supreme Court allowed to go into effect over the summer, the Trump administration issued a new presidential proclamation imposing a ban on certain individuals from eight countries (Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen) with no expiration date. The Supreme Court canceled the oral arguments in *IRAP v. Trump* and requested that both sides weigh in on what to do with the case by October 5. Cody Wofsy (Staff Attorney, ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project) joins MESA President Beth Baron (City College and Graduate Center, CUNY) and Asli Bali (UCLA School of Law), for a discussion about the administration's effort to ban travel from certain countries and its impact on higher education.

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.

MESA Mentoring Award

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

Roger Owen Book Award

Recognizing the very best in economics, economic history, or the political economy of MENA.

Jere L. Bacharach Service Award

Recognizing extraordinary service to MESA, other societies, and the field of Middle East studies.

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards

Recognizing exceptional achievement in research for and writing of dissertations in Middle East studies.

Academic Freedom Award

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

MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize

Recognizing achievements in research for and writing of a graduate-level paper.

Undergraduate Education Award

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

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

7-8am

ARCE Fellowship Alumni Breakfast

Virginia C (L)

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)

12-2pm

Arabic Overseas Flagship Business Meeting

Park Tower Suite 8216 (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-Hunnicut, 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 Stanislaus

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 Ayanak, 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**, McGill U and **Samuel Dolbee**

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

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-alternatively: 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's 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 Aydınlık Ölüm Gibi Karanlık"*

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, U Massachusetts Lowell
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**

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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*

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

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

SPECIAL SESSION

5053 Turkey Since the July 2016 Coup Attempt
Organizers: Mostafa Minawi, Cornell U and Hale Yılmaz, Southern Illinois U

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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, Işık 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.

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

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

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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 Abdelmobbdy, 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*

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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

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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 Beinlin, Stanford U
Shira Robinson, George Washington U
Joshua Schreier, Vassar Col
Sarah Anne Minkin, Independent Scholar

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*

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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

Sponsored by
Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)

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
Discussant: **Naima Hachad**, American 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 reexamined*

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-Kawâkibi'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*

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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*

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?*

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**

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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

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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**

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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*
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. İğsız**, 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

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(ARCE)**

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, SUNY Old Westbury-
*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

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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**

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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*

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
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Chelsi Mueller, Tel Aviv U-*Contesting
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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

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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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**

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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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Maghrib Studies (AIMS)**

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 Nishanian’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, Bogaziçi U-*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*

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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 Erensi**

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

Sinan Erensi, 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

Chair: **Gökser Gökçay**, Texas State U

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

Amjad Dajani, Northwestern U-Sheikh al-Islam of the British Isles, Sheikh Abdullah Quilliam

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

Chair: **Sena Karasipahi**, Texas A&M U

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)

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5013 The Formation of the Secular Since Ottoman Times

Chair: **Metin Heper**, Bilkent U

Mohamed Daadaoui, Oklahoma City U-*Secular Islamists: The Rise of neo-Islamism in Tunisia and Morocco*

Amir Toft, U Chicago-*Sacred and secular justice in the Ottoman Empire: The execution of Râziye and its aftermath (c. 1590)*

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*

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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, EHES-*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*

Ahmed El Shamsy, U Chicago-*Editing classics of Islamic philosophy, late 19th and early 20th centuries*

Angela Giordani, Columbia U-*Arabic philosophy, competing universalisms, and the Egyptian nahda*

Murad Idris, U Virginia-*Illustrating Islamic philosophy: Post-colonial canons, education, identity, and Ibn Tufayl's "Hayy ibn Yaqzan", 1937-1992*

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 Zamkane, 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: **Michael Herb**, Georgia State U
Discussant: **Farah Al-Nakib**, American U 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, Princeton U-Loyalist roots, reformist attitude: The Al-Fateh Youth Coalition in Bahrain

Andrew Leber, Harvard U-Trading off on loyalty: Business elites in the Gulf

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

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

Chair: **Nathaniel Greenberg**, George Mason U

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

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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 disillusion 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

4783 Humanitarianism in the Ottoman Empire During World War I

Organizer: **Stacy Fahrenthold**

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Chair/Discussant: **Barlow Der
Mugrdechian**, CSU Fresno

Melanie S. Tanielian, U Michigan-
Nourishing bodies and souls: The Maronite
Church's relief effort in Mount Lebanon
during the Great War
Stacy Fahrenthold, CSU Stanislaus-
American relief and émigré politics in the
Syrian mahjar
Asya Darbinyan, Clark U-Can refugees
speak? Humanitarian crisis at the Ottoman-
Russian border (1914-1917)
Khatchig Mouradian, Columbia U-Not
like a lamb to the slaughter: Humanitarian
resistance during the Armenian Genocide

4802 Mass Media in Middle East Historiography

Organizer: **Andrew Simon**

Chair: **Jonathan Smolin**, Dartmouth Col

Yasemin Gencer, Independent Scholar-
Between reality and fiction: Interpreting
visual culture in early Turkish republican
print media
Golbarg Rekabtalaei, North Carolina
State U-The reel 1940s: Cinema, popular
culture and politics in post-World War II Iran
Andrew Simon, Cornell U-Vulgarizing
sounds: Tapes, taste, and the end of high
culture in modern Egypt
Febe Armanios, Middlebury Col-"Touch
your screen and be healed!": Reconsidering
the history of televangelism in the Middle East

4826 Vulnerability and Exclusion: Examining Access to Services and Institutions for Syrian Refugees and Residents of Cairo's Ashwayyat

Organizer: **Colette Salemi**

Chair/Discussant: **Denis J. Sullivan**,
Northeastern U

Alice Verticelli, Northeastern U-Victims
or undeserving: Access to services for refugees
in Turkey and the EU

Colette Salemi, U Minnesota-System
resiliency and the Jordan response platform
for the Syria crisis

Rasha Hassan, Cairo U-Informality and
access to services among youth of Cairo's
ashwaiyyat

4852 Social and Environmental Histories of the Middle East in the Nineteenth Century

Organizer: **Ranin Kazemi**

Chair/Discussant: **Arash Khazeni**,
Pomona Col

Noah Haiduc-Dale, Centenary U, NJ-
Water and society in the Gulf littoral
Camille Cole, Yale U-Social, economic, and
environmental geographies of steamshipping
in Southern Iraq, 1865-1909
Zozan Pehlivan, McGill U-Relief for whom?
Peasants, crop failure, and politics in Ottoman
Kurdistan, 1840-1896
Ranin Kazemi, San Diego State U-The
Black Winter of 1860-61: War, famine, and the
political ecology of disasters in Qajar Iran
Sabri Ates, Southern Methodist U-Nature
of rebellion: The 1880 Kurdish Rebellion and
the role of environmental factors

4886 Colonialism and Culinary Cultures in the Middle East and North Africa

Organizers: **Graham Cornwell** and **Anny
Gaul**

Discussant: **Stacy E. Holden**, Purdue U

Graham Cornwell, Georgetown U-Tea,
sugar, and rural consumers in colonial
Morocco

Kelly Hammond, U Arkansas-"They do
drink tea, just not like us": Imperial Japan,
perceptions of tea drinkers in the Middle
East and North Africa, and expanding global
markets during WWII

Anny Gaul, Georgetown U-Mother sauces
and civilizing processes: Writing cuisine in
Egypt and Morocco

Sylvie Durmelat, Georgetown U-"Art
couscous": Chewing on the colonial experience

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4895 Practices of Translation in the Ottoman and Safavid Empires

Organizer: **Yusuf Unal**

Elif Bozgan, U Chicago-*The Ottoman Turkish translation of history of Shah Abbas the Great*

Philip Bockholt, Freie U Berlin-Scholarly interest or enemy studies? Ottoman Turkish translations of Arabic and Persian chronicles in the 16th to 18th centuries

Ercan Akyol, U Vienna-In search of originality: Hamsa of Nevizade Atayi

Yusuf Unal, Emory U-The translation of non-Shi'ite works in Safavid Iran

4896 Rethinking ISIS: War, Crisis, and Transformation

Organizer: **Feras Klenk**

Chair: **Leila O. Hudson**, U Arizona
Discussant: **Paul Amar**, UC Santa Barbara

Moses Adams, Columbia U-Semiotics of the Islamic State: Interpreting narratives of ISIS' western sympathizers

Abe Jimenez, U Arizona-The transformation of IS Inc.: Restructuring and rebranding under the war economy

Feras Klenk, U Arizona-The state of education: Violence, boundary formation, and the territorial imaginary of ISIS

Cheikh Isselmou, U Arizona-Jihad, secularity, and eschatology: A new look into the discourse of ISIS

4939 Representations of Struggle and Horizons of Freedom

Organizer: **Maryam Griffin**

Chair/Discussant: **Golnar Nikpour**, U Wisconsin Madison

Amanda Batarseh, UC Davis-History interrupted: Form in contemporary Palestinian literature

Arash Davari, Whitman Col-Auto-Empathy: Cultures of pragmatism and collective action in revolutionary Iran

Maryam Griffin, U Washington, Bothell-Mobility and struggle: Palestinian artists' imaginaries of freedom and return

Yousef Baker, CSU Long Beach-Conjuring old dreams to imagine new futures; Oral histories of Iraqi refugees and exiles

4975 Women and Contemporary Politics

Chair: **Fatemeh Hosseini**, Georgetown U

Silvana Toska, Davidson Col-Does Islam explain gender inequality? Reassessing Islam and its impact on gender outcomes

Lars Berger, U Leeds-A symbol of inequality? Arab perceptions of the veil

Victoria Gilbert, U Penn-Sister citizens: Women's identities and roles in Syria's conflict

Hisae Nakanishi, Doshisha U-Emerging post-Islamist discourse on women's rights in contemporary Iran

Jesilyn Faust, UC Santa Barbara-Between the world and the state: Women's bodies as a battle ground in Morocco

4986 From Commerce to Economics in Islamic Thought and Society

Chair: **Carter V. Findley**, Ohio State U

Ibrahim Elhodaiby, Columbia U-Bifurcated partnerships: Debt and the rise of families and corporations in Egypt

William Murrell, Vanderbilt U-Translators in the diwan: Facilitating cross-cultural trade in the Eastern Mediterranean in the crusader period

Deniz Kilincoglu, Middle East Technical U-Northern Cyprus Campus-The first treatise on political economy in the Middle East: Content and context

Ian Jones, UC San Diego-An archaeological approach to the political economy of Ayyubid Southern Jordan

Heiko Schuss, Abdullah Gül U-The influence of politics on the development of participation banking in Turkey

4987 Gendering and Governing the Body

Chair: **Michela Cerruti**, EHESS Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

Diana P. Hatchett, U Kentucky-Bodybuilding and building the body politic in Iraqi Kurdistan

Miguel Fuentes Carreno, UC Santa Barbara-The construction of masculinity through HIV in Egypt

Keren Zdafee, Tel Aviv U-The good, the bad, and the evil: Images of women in modern Egyptian caricature

Pascale N. Graham, McGill U-Lebanon: Codification of sexual labor and its detractors

4994 Schooling the Nation: The Politics of Education in Historical Perspective

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

Johanna Peterson, UC San Diego-Policy in practice: Subverting the colonial and the national in Lebanese girls' schools during the French mandate

Ghada AlMadbouh, Birzeit U-Education in Palestine: A good case to be made

Christiana Parreira, Stanford U-Students into Iraqis: The politics of education in Ba'athist Iraq

Grace Wermenbol, U Oxford-The birth of the refugee problem in Israeli and Palestinian textbooks

Archana Prakash, Stanford U-Epistemological convergences: Exploring hybridized education in Egypt, 1825-82

4998 Disillusionment, Ambivalence, and Narrations of the Self

Chair: **Ghenwa Hayek**, U Chicago

Greg Bell, Princeton U-Mahjar doughboy: Mikhail Naimy and the canon of Great War literature

Niki Akhavan, Catholic U-On the homefront? Women's memoirs and the Iran-Iraq War

Maya Aghasi, American U Sharjah-Historical fiction and the postcolonial, transnational condition

Anwar Alsaad, American U of the Middle East-The hidden sarcasm in The Arabic Flash Fiction; A study of the Kuwaiti short-short story

Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine-Civil war and the disembodied self: Hoda Barakat's "Ahl Al-Hawa"

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5015 Negotiating Memories and Legacies of Communal Violence in WWI Anatolia

Chair: **John Walbridge**, Indiana U
Bloomington

Muriel Mirak-Weissbach, Independent Scholar-“Good Germans” in the Armenian Genocide

Leigh Stuckey, U Michigan-Undercover politics: Exchange organizations and minority identity in Turkey

Leonidas Karakatsanis, British Inst at Ankara-Displacement, memory and empathy: A comparative analysis of Greek-Turkish and Turkish-Armenian rapprochement

Anoush Tamar Suni, UCLA-Palimpsests of violence: History, memory, and the ruins of Anatolia

5023 Militaries of the Middle East: Politics and Economics

Chair: **Hind Arroub**, Fordham U

Marwa Maziad, U Washington-Oscillating economic roles of Middle East militaries:

Comparative inception stories of military business in Turkey, Egypt and Israel

Özgür Özkan, U Washington-Transformation of the Turkish civil-military relations in the 21st century

Loosineh Markarian, U Denver-The impact of privatization on the political autonomy of the militaries of Iran and Egypt

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

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

Aysenur Sonmez Kara, George Mason U-Welcoming Syrian refugees in Turkey: The role of religious discourse in the case of diyanet

Nora Fisher Onar, Coastal Carolina U-Post-Factual politics and the illiberal turn: The case of Turkey

Yusuf Sarfati, Illinois State U-Challenging religious neoliberal governmentality under the AKP

Aykut Ozturk, Syracuse U-The democratizing potential of Islamic social organizations: The case of HAK-IS in Turkey

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