very three years, MESA heads to our nation’s capital to hold its annual scholarly gathering. This year we are at MESA’s familiar home, the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, located in a splendid residential area with lots of restaurants and shops. The Woodley Park/Zoo-Adams Morgan stop on the Metro red line is conveniently located within steps of the MWP’s front door. November is a fabulous time to visit the National Zoo, which is within walking distance of the hotel, and you can have a first look at the giant panda cub, Bao Bao! The hotel has changed a little since we were last there. The Wardman Tower—the original building erected between 1917-18—is being converted to condos. Marriott, who manages but does not own the property and wasn’t too pleased with the loss of the Wardman Tower, has been permitted to retain two floors for guest rooms.

We gather in Washington to share research, nurture old friendships and, yes, to commiserate. A program of 270+ sessions, squeezed into 12 panel time slots, begins on Saturday, November 22 at 5:30pm and ends on Tuesday, November 25 at 3:30pm. The program is enormous by MESA standards and is varied. Amongst the myriad topics are numerous analyses of the post-Arab Spring, with the issue of authoritarianism given plenty of attention. MESA’s Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies is organizing an undergraduate research workshop to take place on Saturday, November 22. A poster session of the participants’ work will be held in the afternoon just before panels begin and is open to attendees. How nice to engage these budding young scholars at such an early stage in their education! The program will feature current events sessions on the march of ISIS in Iraq and the violence in Gaza. Things designed with students and/or junior colleagues in mind include a skill-building workshop on turning dissertations into books and one that will address the issue of how to transform scholar speak into language that works in a public setting. There is something for everyone on this year’s program and plenty of it to boot!

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

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

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

Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road NW
Washington DC 20008
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Book on-line:
https://resweb.passkey.com/go/MESA2014Marriott

Special Convention Rate
$194 single/double
$204 triple
$204 quad
(plus room tax of 14.5%)

Cutoff Date
October 24

Travel

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

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

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

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

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

Registration

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

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Instructions for Paper Presenters

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

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

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

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

**Planning for your presentation**

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

**No Show Policy**

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

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**Book Bazaar**

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

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

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

**Roommates**

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

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

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

The Scoop on Thematic Conversations and Roundtables

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

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

Child Care

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

MESA Members Meeting

Date: Monday, November 24
Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm
Location: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Room TBA

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 right). 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 2014 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by November 7, 2014. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA’s Bylaws which are posted on MESA’s website at mesana.org.

Sample Agenda

I. Call to Order
II. Report of the Executive Director
III. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence
IV. 2014 Election of Officers Results
V. Nominating Committee Vote and Call for Names
VI. IJMES Report
VII. RoMES Report
VIII. Committee on Academic Freedom Report
IX. Unfinished Business (if tabled from last meeting)
X. New Business
XI. Adjournment
I suspect I am hardly the only member of MESA who prompts one of three replies from a new acquaintance who discovers my profession. The first is that I find myself receiving a lecture about the Middle East; I generally restrain the urge to explain that I have just been given without charge what I am paid a handsome salary to deliver. The second reply is to exclaim “What an interesting time to be studying the Middle East!” as if there has ever been a boring time. But it is the third response, a question, that gives me the most trouble: “How did you get interested in the Middle East?” The truth is very muddled and mixes in large doses of serendipity and coincidence with smaller but very real doses of fear, intimidation, curiosity, frustration, and determination.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A year after that experience I had an interview in a neighborhood whose name had so confused me a decade earlier—Foggy Bottom. I joined the George Washington University in the fall of 1987 and have taught there ever since. From the beginning it was a fortunate place to be—GW and the Washington locale offered significant student interest, some local resources (such as the Library of Congress), a steady stream of visitors, and a community of colleagues.

Washington is also, of course, a policy-oriented city, though that did not spark much of my interest at first. The sorts of things that absorbed the attention of my academic work—the historical evolution of modes of governance and legal institutions, for instance—were not obviously connected with policy debates about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or the Iran-Iraq war. I would sometimes participate in policy discussions at the margins but generally only by happenstance. In 1988, right after arriving, I received a call from a journalist who was writing a profile of William Quandt, then president of MESA and also a scholar at the Brookings Institution. I had nothing of interest to say—I had read some of his writings in Binder’s and Waterbury’s classes but I had never met him, and he clearly traveled in policy circles far from mine. So I uttered a polite but vague description of him (“he has the respect of both the policy and academic communities and those things are very hard to combine”) as a way of ending the call. I was a bit startled—and I learned my lesson that anything you say to a journalist can be quoted—when I received a copy of the article in the mail with my flattery very much part of the story. I pictured Quandt himself reading it and asking himself, “Who is Nathan Brown and why is he saying nice things about me?” When I finally met him fifteen years later, he did not deny that thought.

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

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

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

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

**Killing Her is a Ticket to Paradise**

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

**When I Saw You**

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

**Kismet**

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

**A Siege of Salt and Sand**

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

**Sponsor a film at FILMFEST 2014!**

Contact Thomas B. Stevenson  
tbstevenson@email.arizona.edu

**Tinghir-Jerusalem**

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

**Karama Has No Walls**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AIVS—American Institute for Yemeni Studies**
Saturday, 11/22
- **Board Meeting**, 4-5pm, McKinley (M)
- **General Meeting**, 7-9pm, Tyler (M)

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

**AUC—American University in Cairo**
Sunday, 11/23
- **Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Maryland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EWIC—Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures**
Friday, 11/21
- **Board Meeting**, 9am-5pm, McKinley (M)
- **Sunday, 11/23**
- **Editorial Board Training**, 9-11am, Wilson A (M)

**Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies**
Monday, 11/24
- **Reception**, 9-10:30pm, Virginia B (L)

**IIIT—International Institute of Islamic Thought**
Sunday, 11/23
- **Reception**, 5-6:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

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

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

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

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

**Lund University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies**
Saturday, 11/22
- **Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Virginia C (L)
- **MECPD–Middle East Center & Program Directors**
  Monday, 11/24
  **Annual Meeting**, 9-11am, Maryland A (L)

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

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

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

- **MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council**
  Saturday, 11/22
  **Teacher Workshop**, 9am-4pm, Virginia C (L)
  **Business Meeting**, 5:30-7:30pm, Johnson (M)
  **Sunday, 11/23**
  **Board Meeting**, 7:30-9am, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

- **MESA–Middle East Studies Association**
  **Sunday, 11/23**
  **CAF Annual Meeting**, 8-10am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)
  **Meeting of Officers of MESA’s Affiliated Organizations**, 7:30-8:30am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

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

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

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

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

- **SSA–Syrian Studies Association**
  **Saturday, 11/22**
  **Board Meeting**, 1-2pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)
  **Business Meeting**, 2:30-3:30pm, Virginia B (L)
  **Panel Discussion**: New Perspectives on the Syrian Conflict, 3:30-5pm, Virginia B (L)

- **TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq**
  Saturday, 11/22
  **Board Meeting**, 1-3pm, McKinley (M)
  **Reception**, 4-6pm, Delaware B (L)

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

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

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 22

(3644) Morocco During the 1940s: Global Imperatives and Local Responses
Organized by Alma Rachel Heckman and David Stenner

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: Emily R. Gottreich, UC Berkeley

Alma Rachel Heckman, UCLA–Vichy Rule as Catalyst: Moroccan Jewish Political Participation and the Development of the Moroccan Communist Party
David Stenner, UC Davis–Talking Revolution but Appeasing the Colonizer: Nasser’s Refusal to Support North African Nationalism
Samir Ben-Layashi, Sciences Po, Paris–The Colonial Social Hygiene Project in the Aftermath of WWII in Morocco
Jonathan Wyrzten, Yale U–Global Deployment and Local Effects: Morocco’s Colonial Soldiers in the 1940s
Daniel J. Schroeter, U Minnesota–Mohammed Ben Youssef and the Jews of Morocco During Vichy

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

Chair: Cyrus Schayegh, Princeton U

Discussant: Ami Ayalon, Tel Aviv U

Stephen Sheehi, Col of William and Mary–“The Motive Behind This Portrait”: Ottoman Arab Photography and the Mediation of Class Anxiety
Radha Dalal, Virginia Commonwealth U, Qatar–Intertextual Representations of Modernity: Max Fruchtermann’s Postcards and the Sultan Abdul Hamid II Photo Albums
Mira Xenia Schwerda, Harvard U–The Spectacle of Death: Photographic Depictions of Executions in the Qajar Era
Hala Auji, American U Beirut–Power in the Ephemeral: The Diverse Politics and Aesthetics of Printed Arabic Pamphlets from fin de siècle Beirut

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

Supported by Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: Robert W. Olson, U Kentucky
Discussant: Tozun Bahcheli, King’s Col London

Mohammed M.A. Ahmed, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies–Are the Kurds Missing the Boat?
Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Technological U–The Syrian Kurds & the Changing Middle East Political Map
Diane E. King, U Kentucky–The Kurdish Region of Iraq and the Changing Middle East Political Map
Nader Entessar, U South Alabama–Securitization of Kurdish Demands in Iran
Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col–Kurdish Identity and Diaspora Politics: Re-Positioning Dissent

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

Discussant: Orit Bashkin, U Chicago

Vivian Ibrahim, U Mississippi–The Black Book Affair: Makram Obeid, the Copts and the Wafdi Party in 1940s Egypt

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

Chair: Mushegh Asatryan, Independent Researcher

Mohammad Sagha, U Chicago–Political Legitimacy, Religious Doctrine, and Sectarian Identity: Applying Social Network Analysis to Buyid Baghdad
Edmund Hayes, U Chicago–The Political and Institutional Role of Charismatic Bābbs in 4th/10th Century
Mohammed Allehbi, U Chicago–The ‘Īṭībā’ Al-Waṣiyya’ Attributed to Al-Mas‘ūdī: Knowledge Production and Sectarian Identity in Tenth Century Imāmīsm

(3674) Mapping Middle Eastern Literatures
Organized by Gretchen Head

Linda Istanbulli, UC Berkeley–Rewriting Egypt’s National Narrative: Idris Ali’s Beneath the Poverty Line
Anna C. Cruz, UC Berkeley–(Re)Creating Cordoba: Mapping Nostalgia, Memory, and the Imagination
Aria Fani, UC Berkeley–Mapping Absence in Missing Soluch
Gretchen Head, UC Berkeley–Contesting the City in Contemporary Tunisian Women’s Writing

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

Chair: Ahmad Atif Ahmad, UC Santa Barbara
Discussant: Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U

Samy Ayoub, U Arizona–Rethinking Premodern Legal Authority in the 20th Century Egypt
Ahmad Atif Ahmad, UC Santa Barbara–Egypt’s 9 Constitutions in 90 Years
Aaron Spevack, Colgate U–Reverence and Realism: The Persistence of Pre-modern Islamic Law in Contemporary Egyptian Law

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

Sponsored by Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair/Discussant: Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut

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

(3849) Reverberations of Conflict: Impacts and Outcomes of Violence
Organized by Christina Sciabarra

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

Lyndall Herman, U Arizona–The Evolution and Current Position of the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine: A Middle Eastern and North African Based Case Study
Christina Sciabarra, U Arizona–The Arab Spring as a Framework for Teaching Arab Spring as a Framework for Teaching

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

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

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

Sponsored by Middle East Librarians Association (MELA)
Chair: Sharon C. Smith, MIT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3958) New Approaches to Palestinian/Israeli Studies
Chair: Richard Cahill, Berea Col

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

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

Mahmoud Azaz, U Arizona–Acquisition of the Definite Marker in Plural Arabic Noun Phrases by Adult L1 English-L2 Arabic Learners
Heba El Ramly, American U Cairo–The Effect of Input-based and Output-based Feedback on the Short Term Development of AFL Learners’ Interlanguage
Ola Hashad, American U Cairo–The Pedagogical Value of Corpus-Based Instruction in Foreign Language Classrooms: Perspectives from the Users

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

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

Virginia Aksan, McMaster U
Robert Zens, Le Moyne College
Chris Gratien, Georgetown U
Howard Eissenstat, St. Lawrence U
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MESA’s Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting
Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

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Middle East Law & Governance Business Meeting
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Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Editorial Board Training
Wilson A (M)

12:30pm-2pm
Center for Arabic Study Abroad Consortium Luncheon
Lebanese Taverna Restaurant (2641 Connecticut Ave. NW)

5-6:30pm
International Institute of Islamic Thought Reception
Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

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American University in Cairo Reception
Maryland A (L)

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

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

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


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

Chair/Discussant: James L. Gelvin, UCLA
Shamiron Mako, U Edinburgh—Authoritarianism and Statebuilding in Iraq: Framing the Role of Exclusionary Institutions
Jason Brownlee, U Texas Austin—The Fiscal Politics of Egyptian Statebuilding, 1876-1879
May Darwich, U Edinburgh/German Inst of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)—Monarchical Authoritarianism: Wahhabism as National Identity in the Saudi Kingdom
Adria Lawrence, Yale U—Democratic Citizens, Crown Subjects: Monarchy and State-Formation in the Middle East

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

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

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

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

Sponsored by Association for Gulf Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)

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

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

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

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

Chair/Discussant: Dina Al-Kassim, U British Columbia

David Prochaska, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign—Approaching Maghrebi Visual Culture
Patricia M. Goldsworthy, Western Oregon U—Postcolonial Re-exposures: The Moroccan Afterlife of French Colonial Photography

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Anna Cavness, UC Irvine–Visual Genealogies of an Algerian Vernacular
Nouri Gana, UCLA–Defeat and Dissent in the Cinematic Discourse of Nouri Bouzid

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

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

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

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

Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association (AASA)

Chair: Louise A. Cainkar, Marquette U

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

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

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

Chair/Discussant: Sherry Vatter, CSU Long Beach

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

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

Carlos Grenier, U Chicago–Writing a Frontier Canon: The Works of Ahmed and Mehmed Yazıcızade
Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U Washington–The Merits of a Poet: The Role of Talent and Education in the Making of the Ottoman Intellectual
Nir Shafir, UCLA–A Book on How to Write a Book: “Instructions to Authors” and the Question of Authorship in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul

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

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

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

Chair: Jeanene Mitchell, U Washington

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

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

Discussant: Driss Maghraoui, Al Akhawayn U

Saloua Zerhouni, Mohamed V U–Islamist’s Participation in Morocco and Egypt
Amal Idrissi, Moulay Ismail U–The Political Speech in the Moroccan Party of Justice and Development (PJD): Normalization or Instrumentalization?
T. Jeremy Gunn, Al Akhawayn U–Islamic Parties of North Africa and Secularism
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Djallil Lounnas, Al Akhawayn U–The Paradox of the Moderate Algerian Islamists in the Post Arab Spring

(3871) Engaging Orlando Patterson’s “Social Death” of Slaves or What is Islamic About Slavery in Muslim Societies?
Organized by Mary Ann Fay
Chair: Mary Ann Fay, Morgan State U
Christine E. Sears, U Alabama, Huntsville–“Tyranical Masters is the Turks”: Mediterranean and Ottoman Context of Barbary Captivity
E. Ann McDougall, U Alberta–“What is Islamic About Slavery in Muslim Societies?”: Revisiting Cooper Through Concubinage in Southern Morocco and Mauritania (19th -21st C)
Gabeba Baderoon, Penn State U–Passive Men and Compliant Women: Islam and Slavery in the Making of Race and Sex in South Africa
Diane Robinson-Dunn, U Detroit Mercy–Religious Imagery and the Study of Slavery in North Africa and the Middle East: What are the Connections?

(3881) Failing to Imagine Cartographic and Discursive Borders
Organized by Emine Rezzan Karaman
Chair: Janet Klein, U Akron
Discussant: Sabri Ates, Southern Methodist U
Emine Rezzan Karaman, UCLA–Neither Persian nor Kurdish: Imposition of Osmanliilik in the Kurdish Frontier and Making of the Ottoman-Persian Border
Seda Altug, Bogazici U–State, People and Violence in the Making of the Turko-Syrian Frontier
Dilan Okcuoglu, Queen’s U–Control and Resilience in Kurdish Geography: Case Studies of Van and Hakkari

(3883) New Approaches in the History of Iranian Urban Space
Organized by Saghar Sadeghian and Fatemeh Masjedi
Chair/Discussant: Ranin Kazemi, Kansas State U
Farzin Vejdani, U Arizona–Everyday Petitioning in Revolutionary Iran: Municipal Governance, Ordinary Iranians, and Urban Conflict, 1906-1911
Fatemeh Masjedi, Zentrum Moderner Orient–Women Mojahedin Transforming the Urban Public Spaces in Tabriz During the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911
Sahar Hosseini, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–Sculpting a Modern-Persian Identity in the City: Memorializing Ferdowsi in a Public Square of Tehran

(3890) The Arab Spring Uprisings: Rebellion, Revolution, and Literature
Organized by Youness Elbousty
Chair: Susan Chenard, Gateway Community Col
Tovmasyan Tovmasyan, Yale U–Harem, Sacred Frontiers, and Mernissi’s Revolution of Women’s World
Sarah Al Ani, Yale U–Literature: The First Step to Awareness that Leads to Rebellion
Youness Elbousty, Yale U–Revolution and Narrative: Shukri’s Al Khobz Al-Hafi
Muhammad Aziz, Yale U–Sufi Aspects in Mahfouz’s Literary Work Journey of Ibn Fattouma

(3896) Learning Arabic in and Outside the Classroom: The Role of Interaction
Organized by Gergana Atanassova
Chair/Discussant: Kassem Mohammed Wahba, Georgetown U
Emma Trentman, U New Mexico–Interaction and the Development of Linguistic Fluency During Study Abroad in Egypt
Maimoonah Al Khalil, King Saud U–Second Language Motivation and Noticing of Recasts in Task-based Interaction
Gergana Atanassova, Ohio State U–Feedback During Interaction in the Arabic Language Classroom: Do Learners Understand It?

(3916) Unfinished Uprisings: Reflections on Egypt from Above and Below
Chair: Peter Gran, Temple U
Soha Bayoumi, Harvard U–“Doctors of the Revolution”: Egypt’s Political Uprisings and the Limits of Medical Neutrality
Sara Salem, Inst of Social Studies–The 2011 Egyptian Uprising: Shifts and Power Struggles within the Elite
Mohamed Elgohari, New York U–The Ultras Political Role and the State in Egypt
Mariz Tadros, U Sussex–The Politics of Unruly Uprisings in Egypt
Yasmeen Daifallah, U Massachusetts Amherst–The Changing Fate of the State: The Conceptual Trajectory of “the State” in the Muslim Brotherhood’s Political Writings

(3936) Turkish Politics in the Republic
Chair: Metin Heper, Bilkent U
Reuben Silverman, UC San Diego–How to Get Ahead in Turkish Politics: Mustafa Sarigul, Factionalism, and the Republican People’s Party
Berk Esen, Cornell U–Nation-Building, State-Capacity, and Regime Consolidation: Kemalism in Comparative Perspective
Huseyin Levent Koker, Attilim U–Languages of Politics and the Constitution: Theoretical Implications of the Debate on the Turkish Constitution
Elizabeth Nolte, U Washington–Untimely?: Literature of Bureaucracy and Ahmet Hamdi Tanpinar’s The Time Regulation Institute

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(3946) The Politics of Language and Literary Production

Chair: Esra Tasdelen, U Chicago

Shaadi Khoury, George Washington U–Al-Hilal in 1919, the Journal of the Arab Academy of Damascus in 1928, and the Nahda’s Contentious Language Debate

Veli N. Yashin, Columbia U–The Sovereign and the Author: Ahmad Faris Al-Shidyaq and the Political Somatology of the Late-Ottoman Empire

Rehenuma Asmi, Allegheny Col–Qur’anic Arabic Literacy and Critical Pedagogy: A New Look at the Pedagogy of Qur’an Schools

Nicholas Walmsley, Indiana U Bloomington–Glossing Nava’i: Navigating the Central Asian Sprachbund with Nineteenth-Century Dictionaries

Catherine Jean, U Florida–Expanding Studies of Orientalism: New Approaches to Representation

Suha Kudsieh, Col of Staten Island CUNY–The Two Editions of Al-Tahtawi’s Travel Account to Paris: The Making of Docile Bodies in Modern Egypt

(3978) Rethinking Ibn Taymiyya’s Circle

Chair: Dale J. Correa, New York U

Rebecca R. Williams, U South Alabama–Ibn Kathir, Methodology, and Pragmatic Compromise

Daniella Talmon-Heller, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev–Historiography in the Service of the Mufti: Ibn Taymiyya on the Origins and Fallacies of Ziyarat

Cole Bunzel, Princeton U–Reading Ibn Taymiyya: A Disputed Treatise on Fighting the Unbelievers and Its Modern Reception

Rodrigo Adem, U Chicago–Ibn Taymiyya and the Historical Contingency of Orthodoxy

(3994) Reframing the Debate About Secularism in the MENA Region; or, What We Talk About When We Talk About Religion

Organized by Ajay Singh Chaudhary

Ajay Singh Chaudhary, Columbia U

K. Soraya Batmanghelichi, Leiden U

Elizabeth Marcus, Columbia U

Suzanne Schneider, New York U
(3658) Tribes in Yemen: The View from Within
Organized by Najwa Adra

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

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

Mohammed Sharafuddin, U Sana’a–Poetry and Tribalism in Yemen
Adil Mujahid Al Sharjabi, Sanaa U–The Future Political Role of Yemeni Tribal Sheikhs in Light of the Expected Outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference
Abdul Karim S. Alaug, Sana’a U–Tribalism in the Yemeni National Dialogue Conference

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

Chair: Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland

Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland–Reflective or Restorative Nostalgia ? in Camus dans le Narguilé (2011) by Hamid Grine: Resisting the Algerian Postcolonial Master Narrative
Robert Mortimer, Haverford Col–History and Memory in Boualem Sansal’s Rue Darwin

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

Chair/Discussant: David S. Powers, Cornell U

Elias Saba, U Pennsylvania–Evolving Difference: Legal Distinctions in the Hanafi Tradition
Mariam Sheibani, U Chicago–Khilāf Literature: The Systematization of Legal Disagreement
Matthew Keegan, New York U–Crosspollinations: The Literature in the Law, the Law in the Literature

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

Chair: David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis U

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

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

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

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

Steven Heydemann, US Inst of Peace–The Future of Authoritarianism in the Arab World
Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter Col CUNY–Rethinking Time and Space in the Arab Uprisings
Frederic Vairel, U Ottawa–Understanding Self-limited Mobilizations: Insights from Morocco
Hesham Sallam, Stanford U–Protest Movements, Formal Politics, and the Paradoxes of the Egyptian Revolution
Francesco Cavatorta, Universite Laval–From Victim to Hangman?: The Tunisian Troika and the Rise of Salafism

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

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

Nasra Shah, Kuwait U–Perceptions and Aspirations of 2nd Generation Non-Emiratis in the UAE: Comparison with Recent Migrants
George Naufal, American U Sharjah–The Data Dilemma: The Case of the GCC Countries
Hend Alsheikh, Inst of Public Administration–Active Labor Policies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
11AM-1PM Sunday November 23

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

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

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

Susan Slyomovics, UCLA—“The Object of Memory” and Settler Colonialism Studies 16 Years Later

Honaida Ghanim, Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies-Judaization and De-Indigenization: Settler-Colonialism in East Jerusalem

Areej Sabbagh-Khoury, Mada Al-Carmel—The Zionist Left and Settler-Colonialism in Marj Ibn ‘Amer: Land, Population and Property

Arnon Degani, UCLA—Non-Statist and Bi-Nationalist Zionism as Settler-Colonial Agendas

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

Nasreen AlKhateeb, Through the 4th Wall—Muhammad Nadim’s 1948 Memo on Moveable Type: Arabic Print Culture at the Crossroads

J.R. Osborn, Georgetown U—Printed Letters, Printed Script, Printed Arabic: Methods of Mechanical (and Digital) Reproduction

Bentley Brown, Georgetown U—Arabic Type in the Digital Age: Have Dialects Paved the Way for Change?

Natalia Suit, UNC Chapel Hill—How Do You Print the Quran?: Technology and Religion in Modern Egypt

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

Andrew Robarts, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)—Nowhere to Run To, Nowhere to Hide: State, Society, and Epidemic Disease in the Ottoman Balkans

Ranin Kazemi, Kansas State U—The Environmental Causes of the Tobacco Protest in Nineteenth-Century Iran

Yaron Ayalon, Ball State U—Natural Disasters and the Fall of the Ottoman Empire

Joseph D. Lombardo, The New School—Eppur Si Muove: Italian Capital, the Environment, and the Kurdish Struggle

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

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

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

Rula Quawas, U Jordan—Madness-ism in Pillars of Salt: Speaking from the Place of Revisionary Badness

Hanadi Al-Samman, U Virginia—Surviving Multiple Wa’d: Samar Yazbek’s A Woman in the Crossfire

Sherifa Zuhur, Inst of Middle Eastern, Islamic & Strategic Studies—Breaking Bad Baladi: Ludicrous Ladies to (S)heroines of the Egyptian and Syrian Revolutions

Randa Kayyali, American U—“Jihad Jane” as “Good” American and “Bad” Arab Girl: Navigating Feminisms, Citizenship and Gendered Strategies of Acceptance

Anita Fábos, Clark U—New ‘Bad Girls’ of the Arab World

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

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

Steven T. Brooke, U Texas Austin—Islamist Social Service Provision and Regime Stability in Egypt

Matt Buehler, U Tennessee—Co-optable Coalitions?: The Success and Failure of Left-Islamist Alliances in Tunisia, Morocco, and Mauritania

Dana El Kurd, U Texas Austin—Survey Experiment on Saudi Arabian Repression: Public Expression and the Religious Police

Joshua Stacher, Kent State U—Regime-Making: State Violence as a Constitutive Process in Egypt

Rachel A. Sternfeld, U Texas Austin—From Repression to (Relative) Permissiveness: A Study of Press Freedoms in Egypt

Roundtable

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

Chair: Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U

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

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

Discussant: Ted Swedenburg, U Arkansas

Yasemin Ipek Can, Stanford U—Fantasies of Deprivation: Lebanese Youth Dreaming a ‘Decent Life’

Rania K. Sweis, U Richmond—Child Life Histories in Ethnography: Reflections on NGOs, Homelessness and Childhood in Egypt

Manata Hashemi, UC Berkeley—Work and Honor: Poverty and Morality Among Youth in Iran

Maia Sieverding, UC San Francisco—Aspirational Identities and Schemas of Change: An Intergenerational Study of Popular Class Women in Cairo

(3805) Cities of Promise: Re-imagining Community in Modern Urban Space
Organized by Sarah El-Kazaz

Chair/Discussant: Diane Singerman, American U

Amy Mills, U South Carolina—The Politics of Mobility in Early Twentieth Century Istanbul

Sheila Crane, U Virginia—Housing as Battleground: Planning Strategies & Ephemer al Tactics in the Battles of Algiers
Nancy Y. Reynolds, Washington U in St. Louis—Opportunity in Aswan: Provincial Urban Consumption and Mobility in Post-colonial Egypt

Sarah El Kazaz, Princeton U—Possessing the City’s History: Heritage Preservation and Assembling Power in Istanbul and Cairo

Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore Col—The Making and Unmaking of a Heterotopic Space: Reflections on Midan Al-Tahrir

(3818) Out of the Box & On Line
Organized by Dalal Aboel Seoud

Chair: Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo

Lisa J. White, American U Cairo—Morphology in the Online Elementary and Intermediate Curriculum

Hanan Hassanein, American U Cairo—Developing Dyslexic Students’ Grammatical Competence Through Blended Learning

Shahira Yacout, American U Cairo—AFL Students’ Perceptions Regarding Arabic Online Learning

Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo—Blended Learning: Infusing Thinking Skills in the AFL Curriculum

(3830) Conflict, Displacement and the Transformation of Kurdish Identity in Turkey: Negotiating Linguistic and Religious Identity(ies)
Organized by Mehmet Kurt

Sponsored by
Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)

Chair: Christian Sinclair, U Arizona

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

Mehmet Kurt, Selcuk U—Between Radical Islam and Kurdishness: An Ethnography of Kurdish Hizbullah in Turkey

Yesim Mutlu, Middle East Technical U—Negotiating Kurdishness Through Language: The Case of Internally Displaced Kurdish Youngsters within the Education System in Turkey

Birgul Yilmaz, SOAS, U London—Language, Identity and Conflict in Turkey: Language Rights and Activism as a Catalyst of Democratization, Political Negotiation and Resistance

(3833) China and Japan in Middle East Studies: State of the Fields
Organized by Shuang Wen

Chair: Hanan Kholoussy, American U Cairo

Discussant: Hyunhee Park, John Jay Col of Criminal Justice CUNY

Qingguo Xue, Beijing Foreign Studies U—Development and Challenges: A Brief History of Arabic Literature in China

Shuang Wen, Georgetown U—Two Gaps: A Brief Survey of China Studies in Egypt

(3842) Narratives of Body, Soul and Sex in the Late Ottoman Empire
Organized by Secil Yilmaz

Discussant: Sara Pursley, Princeton U

Gulhan Balsoy, Okan U—Masculine Anxieties: Conceptions of Impotence in Late Ottoman Medical Writings

Nefise Kahraman, U Toronto—Medical Spectacles in the Late Ottoman Empire: Mazhar Osman’s Hysterics on Stage

Secil Yilmaz, Graduate Center CUNY—Diagnosing Shame, Healing Fear: Manuals for Young Men on How to Protect Themselves from Syphilis in the Late Ottoman Empire

(3843) Muslim Subjects and Clients in the Pre-Modern Christian Mediterranean
Organized by Abigail Krasner Balbale and Brian Catlos

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


Mohammad Ballan, U Chicago—“Zafadola Amicus Mei”: Vassalage, Friendship and the Construction of Imperial Sovereignty in the Chronica Adefonsi Imperatoris (ca. 1146)

Brian Catlos, UC Santa Cruz/U Colorado—Boulder—the Survival of Muslim Minorities in Latin Christian Lands: A Question of Convenience

Fariba Zarinebaf, UC Riverside—Muslim Absence/Presence in European Ports and the Capitulations

Josie Hendrickson, U Alberta—Al-Wahranî’s Unsolicited Advice to the Moriscos

(3852) Empires, People, and Power in Ottoman Iraq: New Approaches to the 19th Century
Organized by Kearby Chess

Chair: Walter G. Andrews, U Washington

Discussant: Arbella Bet-Shlimon, U Washington


Camille Cole, Yale U—Restoring the Garden of Eden?: William Willcocks and the Remaking of Southern Iraq

Rachel Elizabeth Brown, U Washington—Mapping the Social: Kinship Networks and Ottoman Reform

Idan Barir, Tel Aviv U—the Mystical and the Mundane: Sufis and Urban Growth in Hamidian Kirkuk, 1876-1908

(3922) The Armenian Genocide

Chair: Lerna Ekmekcioğlu, MIT

Arda Melkonian, UCLA—Gender-Based Survival Options During the Armenian Genocide

James Helicke, Ohio State U—Turkey’s First Human Rights Movement: Minorities, Multiparty Politics and the Cold War, 1945-1955

Sanket Desai, U Arkansas—Just Keep the Sheep Thieves Away: Minority Challenges to Iraqi Nation-State Building, 1933-1945

Doris Melkonian, UCLA—The Plight of Armenian Genocide Orphans in Muslim Homes

Russell A. Hopkins, U Akron—Assyrians in Hashemite Iraq: Mass Violence as State-Building

(3947) Jews and Christians: The 19th Century

Chair: Susanne Dahlgren, National U of Singapore

Frank Castiglione, U Michigan Ann Arbor—Dragomans, Non-Muslims, and Intra-Imperial Space in Nineteenth Century Istanbul

Seceil Uluisik, U Arizona—Overlapping Networks and Non-Muslim Provincial Elites in the Ottoman Empire During the 19th Century: The Case of Chorbadjis

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Mohammad Gharipour, Morgan State U–Identity and Architecture: Jewish Holy Spaces in Isfahan, Iran
Elektra Kostopoulou, Rutgers U–Confined in Constantinople: The Life and Letters of Cassandra Karatheodore

(3955) Modern Iran: Pahlavi Infrastructures and Politics
Chair: James F. Goode, Grand Valley State U
Heidi Walcher, U Munich–Linking Donkey Tracks to Nuclear Power Plants: Developing the Karun River Route Since the 1870s
Nikolay Kozhanov, St. Petersburg State U–Allied Occupation of Iran in 1941: Reasons and Pretext for the Abdication of Reza Shah
Mikiya Koyagi, U Texas Austin–Living Along the Railway Routes: Enmity and Engagement in Lorestan During the Early Pahlavi Period
Brian Mann, Eastern Illinois U–Development Arrested?: David E. Lilienthal, the Khuzistan Development Program, and the Arabs of Iran

(4004) Public Intellectuals: Taking Research Outside the Academy
Organized by Suad Joseph
Supported by Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC)
Chair: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

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

(3995) World War I in the Middle East
Organized by Elizabeth F. Thompson
Session Leader: Elizabeth F. Thompson, U Virginia
Mustafa Aksakal, Georgetown U
Ellen L. Fleischmann, U Dayton
Michael Provence, UC San Diego
Charles D. Smith, U Arizona
Melanie S. Tanielian, U Michigan Ann Arbor
Jonathan Wyrtzen, Yale U
Yigit Akin, Tulane U
Yucel Yanikdag, U Richmond
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(3699) The Social Lives of Things: Commodities and Culture in Colonial Algeria
Organized by Muriam Haleh Davis
Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)
Chair: Susan Slyomovics, UCLA
Arthur Asseraf, Oxford U–Gunpowder and News: Information as an Explosive Social Commodity, 1881-1918
Terrence Peterson, U Wisconsin Madison–Quitting Colonialism Cold Turkey: Cigarette Boycotts and Anticolonial Youth Activism on the Eve of the Algerian War
Muriam Haleh Davis, New York U–“The Country of Quality”: OFALAC and Standardization of Agriculture in Algeria, 1958-1962
Darcie Fontaine, U South Florida–Algerian "Regroupments" and the Politics of Humanitarian Aid

(3709) Identity, Lieux de Mémoire, and Cultural Memory in Early Islam, Part I
Organized by Elizabeth Urban

(3643) Israel, the United States and a Changing Middle East
Organized by Robert O. Freedman
Sponsored by Association for Israel Studies
Chair/Discussant: Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins U
Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv U–Israel and the Arab World – Who’s First – Syria, Egypt or Lebanon?
Ilan Peleg, Lafayette Col–Israel, Netanya & the Palestinians: Is the Third Term the Charm?!
Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan U–The Israeli-Egyptian-American Strategic Triangle: A Reassessment in Light of the Arab Uprising
Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U–Israel and the Gulf Cooperation Council: New Opportunities for Cooperation?
Uzi Rabi, Tel Aviv U–Iran and Iraq: Post 2013 Elections

(3669) Place and Space in Middle East History: Bridging the ‘Modern/Premodern’ Divide
Organized by Matthew Hal Ellis and Zayde Antrim
Matthew Hal Ellis, Sarah Lawrence Col
Asher Kaufman, U Notre Dame
Amy Mills, U South Carolina
Dana Sajdi, Boston Col
Karen C. Pinto, Boise State U
Zayde Antrim, Trinity Col

(3711) Through the Poet’s “I”s: Authorship and the Creation of Literary Selfhood in the Persian Pen Name
Organized by Dominic Parviz Brookshaw
Chair: Domenico Ingenito, UCLA
Domenico Ingenito, UCLA–The Takhallus as a Marker of Poetic Performance
Justine Landau, Inst for Iranian Studies–The Best Way Out: Taxalos and the Art of Naming in Medieval Persian Lyric Poetry
Dominic Parviz Brookshaw, U Oxford–Pointing at the Feminine: Gendered Self-Naming in Early Qajar Poetry

(3756) Rule of Experts?: Revolutions, Doctrines, and Interventions in the Middle East
Organized by Osamah Khalil
Osamah Khalil, Syracuse U–Modernizing the Arab Mind: Constructing Traditional Society and Expertise in the Middle East, 1951-1973
Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicutt, UC Merced–The Limits of Accommodation: Iraq, the Baath, and the Rise and Fall of Modernization Theory, 1958-72
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(3809) Identity, Language, Media, and Memory: Kurds in the US Diaspora
Organized by Christian Sinclair

Sponsored by
Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)

Aynur de Rouen, Binghamton U SUNY–Coming to America: Kurdish Diaspora in the United States
Stan Thangaraj, City Col of New York–Navigating Empire(s) Through Religion and Culture: Muslim Kurdish American Women and Challenging Power(s)
Christian Sinclair, U Arizona–Infusing Media Rhythms into the Diasporic Space: Kurds and Media Production in the US
Amir Sharifi, CSU Long Beach–The Role of Heritage Language in Identity Construction Among Diasporic Kurds in the United States

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

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

(3906) Of Conflict and Text: Critical Explorations on the Spaces and Significances of Political Posters, Graffiti and Street Art in the Making and Unmaking of Political Violence, Part I
Organized by Kevin M. DeJesus, Johnson and Wales U

Chair: Eric Bordenkircher, UCLA
Discussant: Beshara Doumani, Brown U

Maryam Shariati, U Texas Austin–Poster Politics: A Visual History of the Iranian Revolution
Courtney Dorroll, U Arizona–March of the Penguins: Visual Rhetoric & Gezi Park Protests in Turkey
Karín Gwinn Wilkins, U Texas Austin and Faegheh Shirazi, U Texas Austin – Mapping Political Discourse of the Iranian Green Movement

Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut–American Myth-Making in Middle East: The Uses of Modernization Theory
Seth Anziska, Columbia U–Israel, the United States and the 1982 War in Lebanon
Tahani Mustafa, SOAS U London–The Paradox of Security Sector Reform: The Case of the Occupied Palestinian Territories

(3773) The Mandate for Syria and Lebanon in Global Perspective
Organized by Reem Bailony

Sponsored by
Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair/Discussant: Michael Provence, UC San Diego

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

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

Discussant: Rebecca L. Stein, Duke U

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

(3887) Modernizing Bureaucrats and Globetrotting Technocrats: Networks of Expertise in the Late Ottoman Empire and the Early Turkish Republic
Organized by Elizabeth Williams and Aimee Genell

Chair/Discussant: Mustafa Aksakal, Georgetown U

Michael Christopher Low, Columbia U–“Hot Provinces”: Osman Nuri Paşa and the Articulation of the Hamidian Colonial Experiment on the Arab Frontier
2-4PM Sunday November 23

(3932) Identities and Minorities in Egypt, Part I

Chair: Nivien Saleh, Thunderbird School of Global Mgmt

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


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

Jeffrey Culang, CUNY Graduate Center–The Construction of Minorities and Boundaries of Inclusion in Colonial Egypt, 1908-1923

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

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

(3954) The Production of Oriental(ist) Knowledge

Chair: Fatima Zahrae Chrfi Alaoui, U Denver

Hazem Salem, U Denver–Beyond Narratives of Divergence

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

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

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

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

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

(3957) Nation, Identity, and Public Opinion

Chair: Hedi BenAicha, American Public U System

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

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

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

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


Camelia Suleiman, Michigan State U–The Arabic Language and the Post Arab-Spring Citizen: A View About Egypt

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

Chair: Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U

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

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

Sami Alkyam, Harvard U–The Rape of the Female Body as an Allegory for the Rape of a Nation: Exposing the Ugliness of Dictatorship in Tā’ir Al-Kharāb

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

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

Valentine Edgar, Columbia U–Not Everyone Returns: The Risks of Travel in the Novels of Taha Husayn and Mahmoud Ahmad Al-Sayyid
(3972) Palestinian Identities: Then and Now
Chair: Nancy L. Stockdale, U North Texas

Nora Stel, Maastricht School of Management and Utrecht U–“The Children of the State’: How Palestinians from the Seven Villages Negotiate Sect, Party and State in Lebanon
Torsten Janson, Lund U–From Camp to Campus: Palestinian Identity at Lebanese Universities
Marwan D. Hanania, Stanford U–The Battle of Karamah and Palestinian-Jordanian Dynamics Revisited
Hind Ghandour, Swinburne U of Technology–Citizenship Space: Conceptualizing Palestinian National Identity of Naturalized Citizens in Lebanon
Melanie Meinzer, U Connecticut–The Impact of Foreign Aid on Political Consciousness in Palestinian Education
Harel Chorev, Tel Aviv U–Re-Networking Palestine: Disintegration and Integration of British Mandatory Palestinian Society

(3973) Issues of Gender in the Modern and Premodern Middle East
Chair: Ibtesam Alatiyat, St. Olaf Col

Nayel Badareen, U Arizona–Can a Woman become a Mujtahid?: The Case of Morocco
Rosemary Admiral, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Negotiating Marriage in Marinid Morocco
Alyssa Gabbay, UNC Greensboro–Fatima’s Khutba: An Early Case of Female Religious Authority in Islam
Fatemeh Orouji, U Tabriz–The Method of Education for Women in Safavid Harms
Arezou Azad, U Birmingham–‘Living Happily Ever After’: Fraternal Polyandry and ‘the House’ in Early Islamic Bactrian Society

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(3981) Representing Otherness, Negotiating Difference
Chair: Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana U

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

(4001) On Line Teaching
Organized by Dalal Aboel Seoud
Chair: Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo
Shahira Yacout, American U Cairo
Rasha Essam, American U Cairo

Thematic Conversation

On Line Teaching
Organized by Dalal Aboel Seoud
Chair: Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo
Shahira Yacout, American U Cairo
Rasha Essam, American U Cairo
4:30-6:30PM Sunday November 23

**SPECIAL SESSION**

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

Chair: Sara Roy, Harvard University

Chris Gunness, UNRWA, Office of the Commissioner General, Jerusalem
Brian Moore, UNRWA, Gaza Field Office
Bill Corcoran, American Near East Relief Aid (ANERA)
Ilana Feldman, George Washington University
Brian Barber, University of Tennessee
Susan Akram, Boston University School of Law

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

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

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

Mohammed Dahbi, Al Akhawayn U–The Functions of Arabic in Moroccan Classrooms
Abbas Benmamoun, U Illinois–Arabic Dialects as Resources for Improving the Teaching and Learning of Standard Arabic: Implications for Language Acquisition and Language Policy
Abdulkafi Albirini, Utah State U–Language Attitudes in Relation to Arabization in Education
Abdellah Chekayri, Al Akhawayn U–The Arabic Language Continuum: What Standards are in Place for Writing Arabic Spoken Varieties?

Melis Sulos, Graduate Center CUNY–(Re)Formulating Turkishness: The Intellectual Life of Ayt Inan
Ceyhun Arslan, Harvard U–The Rivalry Between the Poet and the Doctor: The Trope of Sickness in Late Ottoman Literature
Caroline Tee, U Bristol–The Technical Sciences and the Purposes of God: Theory and Practice in the Hizmet Movement in Turkey

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

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

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

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

Mohammed Al-Duais, Foundation for Endangered Wildlife–Bridging the Generation Gap to Protect Nature in Yemen: Conservation of Nature Through Culture

Stephen Steinbeiser, American Inst for Yemeni Studies–Conserving Built Heritage and Landscapes in Yemen: Political and Cultural Considerations for Sustainability

Katherine Hennessey, American Inst for Yemeni Studies and Sana’a U–Cents and Cultural Sensibility: How Transnational Political Agendas Condition the Content of Contemporary Theater in Yemen

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

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

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

Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah, U Maryland–The Bāb Al-Rahma: From Hauts Lieux de Mémoire to the Edge of the Sacred
Antoine Borrut, U Maryland–Remembering Karbalā’ : The Construction of an Early Islamic Site of Memory
Peter Webb, SOAS U London–The Battle of Dhū Qār: A Shifting Landmark in Muslim Memories of Pre-Islam

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

Chair: Khalil Andani, Harvard U

Asif Rawji, U Cambridge–The ‘Uyūn Al-Akhbār and Ismā’īlī Historical Writing in the 9th/15th Century
Daniel Beben, Indiana U–Rethinking the Kalām-i pīr and Its Role in the Central Asian Ismā’īlī Tradition
Shahrad Shahvand, Harvard U–Āghā Khān Maḥallātī and the Tārīkh-i ‘Ibrat-afzā
(3769) The Remaking of Modern Turkey 1945-1960: Cultural Transformation and Populist Democracy
Organized by Nick Danforth
Chair: Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School
Discussant: Hale Yilmaz, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

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

4:30-6:30PM Sunday November 23

(3776) Writing Revolution: Literature and State Violence in the Postcolonial Maghreb
Organized by Brahim El Guabli and Jill Jarvis
Chair: Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland
Discussant: Aomar Boum, UCLA

Lucie Knight, Princeton U–Algerian Women at War: From Independence to Civil War
Emily Drumsta, UC Berkeley–Old Wounds, New Words: Bridging the Nation-as-Woman Paradigm in Ahlam Mustaghamimi’s Dhakirat Al-Jasad
Jill Jarvis, Princeton U–Amnesty/Amnesia/Arris: Yamina Mechakra and Algeria’s Fictions of Justice

(3785) Space, Solidarity and Identity in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Kevan Harris and Kevin Mazur
Discussant: Melani C. Cammett, Brown U

Kevin Mazur, Princeton U–The People Want the Fall of the Governor: Neighborhood Politics in the Capital of the Syrian Revolution

Asef Bayat, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Urbanity of Insurrections: Space and Politics in Middle Eastern Cities
Kevan Harris, Princeton U–Land Reform and the Longue Durée: Iranian Social Mobility from the Ground Up
Diane Singerman, American U–Residents and Municipalities: Renegotiating Political Space and Public Goods in Cairo
Lisa Wedeen, U Chicago–Virtual Space and Uncertainty: Reflections from Syria

(3777) Identity in Colonial Libya
Organized by Eileen Ryan

Eileen Ryan, Temple U–Memory and Modernity: Ottomanism and Mzabi Independence
Amal Ghazal, Dalhouse U–The Empire in the Sahara: WWI in the Maghreb, Pan-Ottomanism and the Transnational
Hebatalla Taha, U Oxford–The Politics of ‘Normalisation’: The Israeli Academic Centre in Cairo

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

James L. Gelvin, UCLA
Alan Mikhail, Yale U
Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, New York U
Heghnar Watenpaugh, UC Davis

(3787) The Sahara in Focus: Frontier-hood, Imperialism, and the Transnational
Organized by Eileen Ryan and Mostafa Minawi

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

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

(3792) Israel Studies in the Arab World
Organized by Johannes Becke
Discussant: Elie Podeh, Hebrew U of Jerusalem

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

(3868) The Politics and Poetics of Transgression in the Late Ottoman Empire
Organized by Vangelis Kechriotis
Chair: Eyal Ginio, Hebrew U Jerusalem
Discussant: Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U SUNY

Vangelis Kechriotis, Boğaziçi U–Longing for Satanic Verses: Greek Satirical Press in Istanbul in the Second Constitutional Period
Murat C. Yildiz, UCLA–Creating New and Challenging Old Conceptions of Bourgeois Masculinity: The Male Body in Late Ottoman Istanbul
Burcu Karahan, Stanford U–Women of Nature: Pleasure Seekers of Ottoman Literature

(3873) The Archive: Collections and Counter-Collections
Organized by VJ Um Amel

Sponsored by Middle East Librarians Association (MELA)
Chair: Roberta L. Dougherty, Yale U Library
Discussant: Khaled Fahmy, American U Cairo
Joy Amina Garnett, The Bee Kingdom–The Bee Kingdom: An Accidental Archive
Tammi Moe, Qatar Unified Imaging Project–A Sand Castle in the Tide: Qatar’s Primary Sources

Kelly Stedem, UMAM Documentation and Research–UMAM Documentation and Research

Hana Sleiman, American U Beirut–Archives of the Palestinian National Movement: A Battle over the Production of History

Nadia von Maltzahn, Orient-Institut Beirut–“Archivisme is a Local Disease”

(3877) Kurdish Imaginations - Imaginations of Kurdishness
Organized by Marlene Schafers and Susan Benson-Sokmen

Chair: Sophie Richter-Devroe, U Exeter

Marlene Schafers, U Cambridge–Acquiring a Voice and Leaving Traces: Imaginations of Kurdish Female Subjectivities

Susan Benson-Sokmen, U Toronto–Imagining the Non-State: Historical Production in Turkey’s “Fourth Most-Kurdish City”

Elif Ege-Tatar, U at Buffalo–A Feminist Account of Kurdishness: Everyday Lives of Young Kurdish Women in Istanbul

Veronica Buffon, U Exeter–Imagining and Sense of Belonging in Diyarbakır: when ‘Health’ and Kurdishness Encounter Political Conflict and Biomedical Domain

Anoush Tamar Suni, UCLA–An Armenian Past in a Kurdish Present: The Politics of Remembering and Forgetting

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

Chair/Discussant: Elliott Colla, George-town U

Negar Mottahedeh, Duke U–When YouTube Algorithms Curate the New Wave

Ted Swedenburg, U Arkansas–The New Social Media Archive of Maghrebi Popular Music

Rebecca L. Stein, Duke U–The Perpetrator’s Archive: Israel’s Occupation on YouTube

Amahl Bishara, Tufts U–A Popular Digital Archive of Resistance: Facebook Posts of Protests and Arrest Raids

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

Session Leader: Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait

Conerly Casey, Rochester Inst of Technology

Christopher Ohan, Texas Wesleyan U

(3933) Identities and Minorities in Egypt, Part II
Chair: Nivien Saleh, Thunderbird School of Global Mgmt


Avishai Ben-Dror, Tel Aviv U–Imagining a New Egypt?: Rethinking the Biography of Rauf Bâsâ

Gregory Hoadley, UC Berkeley–Re-Interpreting the “Coptic Census”: Contesting Statistics and State Power in Egypt

(3941) Migrants and Movements in the New Syria
Chair: Angela Joya, U Oregon

Dina Matar, SOAS U London–Mediated Narratives: Political Activism and Identity Struggles in Syria

Ali Hamdan, UCLA–Beyond Lesser Syria: Spaces of the Syrian Civil War

May Farah, American U Beirut and Jad Melki, American U Beirut–Media Use in Times of War

Ihsan Cetin, Namik Kemal U–Challenges of the Planetary Court: Cosmic Aspects of Millennial Sovereignty in the Thought of Âzar Kayvân and His Followers

Maryam Moazzen, U Louisville–Muhammad Baqir Khatunabadi: The First Safavid Mulla-bashi (Head of Religious Scholars) and the Bread Riot of 1715

Javad Abbasi, U Arizona–Rashid-e-Fakhr: What Happened for Rshid Al-Din Fazl Allah Hamadani’s Medical Expertise During his Political Career in Ilkhanid Administration

(3948) Activism, Feminism, and Agency
Chair: Roberta Micalef, Boston U

Loes Debuysere, Ghent U–The Tunisian Women’s Movement at the Crossroads of Class, History, Politics and Ideology

Lina Kassem, Qatar U–State Feminism, Local Activists, and CEDAW in Qatar: Conflicting Approaches to Strengthening Women’s Rights

Dunya Deniz Cakir, National U Singapore–The Critical Theory of Islamist Women Activists in Contemporary Turkey

Najla Al Khulaifi, Northwestern U Qatar–Female Engagement and Participation in the Arabian Peninsula: Majlis Al-Hareem in Qatar

(3976) Sovereignty and Leadership in the Premodern Middle East
Chair: Malissa Taylor, U Louisville

Jonathan Brack, U Michigan Ann Arbor–“The Shaykh Who Made Me Khan”: Sufi Ritual, Mongol Sovereignty and “Mazdakite” Conspiracy in Fourteenth Century Iran

Justin Stearns, NYU Abu Dhabi–Intellectual History and Political Context in 17-18th Century Morocco

Daniel Sheffield, Princeton U–The Lord of the Planetary Court: Cosmic Aspects of Millennial Sovereignty in the Thought of Âzar Kayvân and His Followers

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(3979) Poetics of Creation

Chair: Pardis Minuchehr, George Washington U

Annie C. Higgins, U Jordan–The Qasida in the Sphere of the Sura
Raymond Farrin, American U Kuwait–Ring Structure in Sura 9: Repentance Emphasized
Han Hsien Liew, Harvard U–The Caliphate of Adam: Sunni Exegetical Commentaries on the Qur’anic Term “Khalīfa”

(4000) Sunnification of Ottoman Ideology and Polity, 16th to 17th Centuries

Organized by Murat Menguc, Seton Hall U

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

Nabil Al-Tikriti, U Mary Washington–Greatness Denied: Firdevsi-yi Rumi on the Cusp of Ottoman Sunnism
Ayfer Karakaya-Stump, Col of Willam and Mary–Sheikh ul-Islam Ebussu’ud (d. 1574) and the (Re)Invention of Ottoman Sunnism
Tijana Krstic, Central European U–Situating Ottoman Sunnification in the “Age of Confessionalization”: Preliminary Remarks on the Dialogic Aspects of Confession-Building in the Ottoman Empire

(4002) Of Conflict and Text: Critical Explorations on the Spaces and Significances of Political Posters, Graffiti and Street Art in the Making and Unmaking of Political Violence, Part II

Organized by Kevin M. DeJesus, Johnson and Wales U

Chair: Eric Bordenkircher, UCLA
Discussant: Beshara Doumani, Brown U

Elisa Pierandrei, Journalist and Educator–Mapping Current Dissent in Cairo Through Graffiti and Street Art
Rebecca Gulowski, U Augsburg–Analysing Graffiti Traces: Towards the Iconography of Conflicts and Violence
Ashley Toenjes, Illinois State U–This Wall Speaks: Graffiti and the Construction of Transnational Space in Palestine
Christoph Guenther, U Leipzig–The Visualization of an “Islamic State in Iraq and greater Syria”: Religio-Political Conflict Mediatized
2014 Presidential Address

Nathan J. Brown
George Washington University

2014 MESA Awards Ceremony

Please join MESA in recognizing the very best in the field in 2014, including presentations of the following awards:

- Albert Hourani Book Award
- Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award
- Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards
- MESA Mentoring Award
- Jere L. Bacharach Service Award
- MESA Academic Freedom Award
- MESA Undergraduate Education Award
- MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize
7:30-8:30am
Meeting of Officers of MESA’s Affiliated Associations
Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

9-11am
Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting
Maryland A (L)

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

7-8:45pm
Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies Editorial Board Meeting
Wilson B (M)

8:30-10:30PM Monday November 24

8:30-10:30am
(3641) Elite Change after the Arab Spring: Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and Yemen
Organized by Dina Bishara and Holger Albrecht

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

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

11am-1pm
(3648) Oil and Discourse in the Gulf Region
Organized by Arbella Bet-Shlimon

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

9-11am
(3656) Imagining Death and the Afterlife in the Middle East (c. 500-1700 CE)
Organized by Ali Yayıçoglu and Patricia Blessing

Chair: Ali Yayıçoglu, Stanford U

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

11am-1pm
(3670) Is There a Need for a New Primary Source Reader for the History of Pre-Modern Islamic Civilizations?
Organized by John Curry

Sponsored by Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State U
Edgar W. Francis IV, U Wisconsin Stevens Point

11am-1pm
(3691) Proficiency Testing and Turkish
Organized by Roberta Micalef

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

Chair: Roberta Micalef, Boston U

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

8:30-10:30am
(3730) Long-Term Consequences of Colonialism
Organized by Adi Greif

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

David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis U—Lines in the Sand?: Border Dynamics in the Middle East
Adi Greif, Yale U—Impact of Imperialism: Gender in Syria and Iraq
Emma Hayward, U Pennsylvania—Colonial Legacies and Judicial Institutions in Lebanon and Egypt
Mohamed Saleh, Toulouse School of Economics—The Cotton Boom and Slavery in Nineteenth Century Egypt

8:30-10:30am
(3737) Religious Inclusivity and Civilizational Identity: Expanding Iranian Identities Along Religious, Ethnic, and Gender Lines
Organized by Lior Sternfeld

Chair/Discussant: Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, U Toronto
Lior Sternfeld, U Texas Austin—Iran is My Homeland, Jerusalem is My Qiblah: Iranian Jews Between Zionist and Iranian Identities
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Shahezad Ahmadi, U Texas Austin–The Iran-Iraq War and Subaltern Subjectivities
Menahem Merhavy, U Texas Austin–The National Appropriation of Religious Symbols in Iran: Quranic Exegesis in the Service of Iranian Identity
Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky U–Baha’is of Iran, 1941-1979

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

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

Robert Greeley, Middlebury Col–The Rule of Law and Local Capacity
Chris Gratien, Georgetown U–Stamps on the Pine: The World of Late Ottoman Forests
Hande Ozkan, Transylvania U–Negotiating the State and Making Subjects in Turkey’s Forests
Graham Auman Pitts, Georgetown U–‘Because You Ate the Bread and Were Full’: The Maronite Patriarchate and the Environmental Origins of Lebanon

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

Chair: Intisar Rabb, Harvard Law School

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

Organized by Ulrike Freitag

Chair: Peter Mandaville, George Mason U

Zina Sawaf, Graduate Inst of Development and International Studies–Women and Genealogies in Urban Saudi Arabia: Remembering for the Sake of the Nation
Claudia Schröder, Zentrum Moderner Orient–In the Service of the Community?: Civic Engagement Among Commercial Entrepreneurs, Government Officials and Civil Servants in Dammmam and Al-Khobar, 1940s-1970s
Annemarie Van Geel, Radboud U Nijmegen–Everyday Life and Women’s Urban Activities in Saudi Arabia: Negotiating Sex Segregation and “Mixing” Between Men and Women in University Education

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

Chair/Discussant: Khaled Fahmy, American U Cairo

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

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

Chair: Sune Haugbolle, Roskilde U

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

(3840) Violence, Politics and the State in Morocco
Organized by Driss Maghraoui

Discussant: Abdeslam Maghraoui, Duke U

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

(3847) Left Behind Democracy
Organized by Rita Stephan

Discussant: Tamer Sorek, U Florida

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

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Manal Al-Natour, West Virginia U–Women "in the Crossfire": The Syrian Revolution 2011

(3850) Integrating Dialect in the Arabic Curriculum: Evidence from the Classroom
Organized by Mahmoud Al-Batal
Chair: Mahmoud Al-Batal, U Texas Austin
Discussant: Sonia Shiri, U Arizona
Lama Nassif, U Texas Austin–To Integrate or Not to Integrate Dialects: Voices from Arabic L2 Learner Speech
Nesrine Basheer, U Texas Austin–Are They Confused?: Evidence from Arabic L2 Student Writing
Caroline Najour, U Texas Austin–Teachers’ Voices: Analysis of Teachers’ Speech in Integrated Arabic Classrooms
William Hussman, U Texas Austin–Integrating Dialect in the Arabic Classroom: Students’ Perspectives

(3854) On Set: Middle Eastern Cinema, Space, and the Ethics of Looking
Organized by Katie Logan
Chair: Blake Atwood, U Texas Austin
Katie Logan, U Texas Austin–Costuming Space: Visual Engagements with Jordan in Contemporary Cinema
Anna Ziajka Stanton, U Texas Austin–Ritual Spaces, Uncanny Places: Cinematic Representations of Loss in Husayn Kamāl’s Chitchat on the Nile
Drew Paul, U Tennessee–The Illusion of the One-Way Mirror: Filming the Checkpoint in Elia Suleiman’s Divine Intervention
Golbarg Rekabtalaei, U Toronto–Contesting Tehran: Early Cinematic Visions of a City in Transformation

(3856) Ottomans Abroad?: Comparative Studies in Ottoman Migration from the Americas to Afghanistan
Organized by Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular
Discussant: Isa Blumi, Georgia State U
James H. Meyer, Montana State U–Turks across Empires: Marketing Muslim Identity in Russia and Istanbul
Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular, Columbia U–Migration Debates in Habsburg Bosnia Herzegovina, 1878-1914
Steven Hyland, Wingate U–"A Resplendent Assembly of Patriotism": The 1908 Young Turk Revolution, Syrian Émigrés and Belonging in Northwestern Argentina
Devi Mays, Jewish Theological Seminary–When the ’Citizenship Question’ becomes the ‘Minority Question’, or Ottoman Jewish Émigrés Between the Ottoman Empire and Turkey

(3876) Contested Voices: Gender, Narrative, and Subversion in Arab American Women’s Writing
Organized by Pauline Homsi Vinson and Elizabeth Claire Saylor
Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association (AASA)
Chair/Discussant: Lisa Suhair Majaj, Independent Scholar
Elizabeth Claire Saylor, UC Berkeley–Subversive Sisterhood: Love Between Women in the Arabic Novels of ’Afifa Karam
Pauline Homsi Vinson, Diablo Valley Col–Gendered Spaces of Narration: Arab American Women’s Writing and the Figure of Scheherazade in Diaspora
Carol Fadda-Conrey, Syracuse U–Re-thinking Arab Masculinities: Intersections of Race, Religion, and National Origin in the Arab American Novel
Rachel Norman, UNC Chapel Hill–Language Games: Restructuring Power and Gender in The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf

(3899) Creativity and Renewal in Ottoman Diplomacy
Organized by M. Akif Kirecci
Chair: M. Akif Kirecci, Bilkent U
Eleanor Lovinfosse, Bilkent U–Ottoman Diplomacy Between Pragmatism and Islamism: German Emperor and Shahs’ Visit to Istanbul
M. Akif Kirecci, Bilkent U–Preamble to Chaldiran: War of Letters Between Selim I and Shah Ismail
Fulya Tiryaki, Bilkent U–Renewing the Image of the Other: 18th Century Ottoman Sefaretnames

Hacer Topaktas, Istanbul U–”Tayinat” System as a Status Indicator in Ottoman Bilateral Relations
Berna Kamay, Boğaziçi U–Ottoman Conduct of Public Diplomacy in Europe, 1839-1876

(3903) Historical Ethnography of Palestinian Circulations
Organized by Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos
Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, CIDECecilia Baeza, Getulio Vargas Foundation

(3904) Contesting Secular-Modernist and Islamist Thought: Global Dynamics, Local Politics and Muslim Intellectuals in a Changing Arab World
Organized Nadia Oweidat
Chair: John O. Voll, Georgetown U
Monica L. Marks, U Oxford–Re-Elaborating Islamism in a Post-Authoritarian Transition: How Local and Global Factors are Shaping the Ideological Evolution of Tunisia’s Ennahda
M. Amine Tais, Georgetown U–Rethinking Islam in Tunisia Today: Olfa Youssef as an Example
Bader Mousa Al-Saif, Georgetown U–The Role of the ‘Ulama Network & the Egyptian State in the Articulation & Production of Religious Reform in Mid-Twentieth-Century Egypt
Nadia Oweidat, Oxford U–Secularism is the Solution: The Argument for Separating Religion from Politics in the Thought of Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd
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(3923) Religion in the Late Ottoman Empire
Chair: Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State U
Ayse Betul Tekin, Columbia U–Muham-mad Abduh’s Approach to History of Religions
Zeynep Oktay, École Pratique des Hautes Études–Kaygusuz Abdâl and the Doctrine of the Abdâls of Rûm
Riza Yildirim, TOBB U of Economics and Technology–Penetration of Shi’ite Ideals into the Ottoman Realm
Bill Hickman, UC Berkeley–Who Really Wrote the Ottoman Turkish Story of Hal-laj?
Waleed Ziad, Yale U–Connecting Shikarpur, Kabul, and Yarkand: The Transmission of Sufi Popular Authority in the Great Game Buffer States
Dr. Vefa Erginbas, Providence Col–Ottoman Sunnism Contested: Ahl Al-Baytism in Ottoman Historical Writing to 1650

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

(3960) Social Movements and Contentious Politics
Bahar Tabakoglu, New School For Social Research–Working Class as a Social Constituent of Religious Politics: Comparative Reflections on Turkish and Indian Cases
Albana Dwonch, U Washington–Youth Citizenship, Digital Media and Personalization of Contentious Politics
Ashley Anderson, Harvard U–Labor Unions Between Incorporation, Cooperation and Conflict: The Case of Morocco
Dilshod Achilov, East Tennessee State U–Explaining the Nexus Between Islam, Islamism, and Collective Contentious Politics in the Middle East
(3646) Economies and Politics of War in the Middle East
Organized by Laleh Khalili

Chair/Discussant: Rochelle Davis, Georgetown U

Lisa Bhungalia, Syracuse U–Economies of War: Aid and the Liberal Encounter in Palestine
Laleh Khalili, SOAS U London–War and the Making of Logistics and Transport Infrastructure in the Gulf
Toby C. Jones, Rutgers U–Toxic War in the Middle East
Nikolas Kosmatopoulos, Columbia Global Center Paris–Master Peace: Violence, Techno-Politics and Expertise in Post-Civil War Lebanon

(3649) Intellectual Exchange Between the Ottoman Empire and South Asia
Chair/Discussant: Giancarlo Casale, U Minnesota

Guy Burak, New York U–Mapping Out the Legal Landscape of the Post-Mongol Islamic World: A Proposal for an Analytical Framework
Irfana Hashmi, Whittier Col–From the Indian Ocean to the Eastern Mediterranean: Al-Azhar and the Movement of Muslim Scholarly Elites
Nur Sobers-Khan, Museum of Islamic Art, Doha (Qatar)–Innovation, Commentary and Translation: Scientific and Religious Knowledge Between the Ottoman and Mughal Empires (16th-18th Centuries)
Tuna Artun, Rutgers New Brunswick–From Najaf to Hyderabad: Reading Ottoman Alchemical Works in the Turn of the Twentieth-Century Deccan

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

Sponsored by
American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Discussant: Nancy Um, Binghamton U

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

Eirik Hovden, Austrian Academy of Sciences–Ideal and Pragmatic Tax Law in Medieval Zaydi Yemen
Ingrid Hehmeyer, Ryerson U–Written versus Archaeological Evidence: The Example of Water and Wastewater in Medieval Zabid, Yemen
Daniel Mahoney, Austrian Academy of Sciences–A Cultural Heritage Text from Early Medieval South Arabia

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

Mohammad Ghandehari, Inst of Islamic Studies–Purloined Excellence of the Companions: The Theft of Fadā’il in the Rivalry Between the Early Shi‘ite and Sunni Narrators
Najam Haider, Barnard Col/Columbia U–The Post-Rebellion Life of Yahya b. ‘Abd Allah (d. 187/802-3)
Nebil Husayn, Princeton U–Enmity for ‘Ali and His Family: The Discourse Between Anti-Alid and Anti-Shi‘i
Adam Gaiser, Florida State U–“Paradise is beneath the Gleaming Swords”: Ibadī Depictions of the First Kharjītes
Matthew S. Gordon, Miami U–Piety and Legitimation: Ahmad ibn Tulun in Al-Balawi’s Sira

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

Sponsored by
Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: Antoine Borrust, U Maryland
Discussant: Nina Safran, Penn State U
Phillip Ackerman-Liebermann, Vanderbilt U–Jews and “Apostates”: Geonic Literature on Conversion
Uriel Simonsohn, U Haifa–Marriage and Apostasy: Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Legal Concerns over Religiously-Mixed Unions in the Classical Islamic Period

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

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

Chair: Gwenn Okruhlik, National U Singapore & AGAPS
Discussant: David Mednicoff, U Massachusetts Amherst

Asli Bali, UCLA School of Law–The Plasticity of International Human Rights Frameworks in Arab Transitions
David Mednicoff, U Massachusetts Amherst–The Rule of Law in the Arab Gulf: Contested Meanings and Social Change
Sheila Carapico, U Richmond–Articulations of National and International Legal Understandings

Roundtable

(3763) Between Militarism and Islamism: Feminism in the Crossfire?
Organized by Mariz Tadros and Hoda Elsadda

Sponsored by
Association for Middle East Women Studies (AMEWS)

Chair: Deniz Kandiyoti, SOAS U London

Hoda Elsadda, Cairo U
Mariz Tadros, U Sussex
Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS U London
Nicola Pratt, U Warwick
Sondra Hale, UCLA

(3783) Algeria: Laboratory of Modern Warfare
Organized by Jacob A. Mundy and Brock Cutler

Chair: Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U
Discussant: Robert P. Parks, Center for Maghrib Studies in Algeria

Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate U–An Algerian Way of War?: Framing the Conversation
Elizabeth Bishop, Texas State U–Algeria: France’s Nuclear Policy and Trans-Arab Resistance
Brock Cutler, Radford U–Against Nature(s): War and Modernity in Nineteenth-Century Algeria
(3787) Microhistories of Palestine
Organized by Liora R. Halperin and Mark Sanagan
Chair/Discussant: Laila Parsons, McGill U
Rosemarie M. Esber, Arabicus Books & Media–The Tantura Massacre of 1948
Liora R. Halperin, U Colorado Boulder–A Microhistory of Jewish-Arab Conflict in Late Ottoman Palestine
Mark Sanagan, McGill U–Violence, Land and the Law in Ṣaffūriyya, 1932-1935
Shay Hazkani, New York U–Fighting for Palestine, Even if My Parents Say No: Egyptian Muslim Brothers Writing from Palestine, 1948

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

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

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

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

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

(3874) Symbolic Power, Contestation, and Authority in Turkey and Beyond
Organized by Nicole Watts
Chair: Resat Kasaba, U Washington
Discussant: Quinn Mecham, Brigham Young U
Senem Aslan, Bates Col–‘Soon the Whole World Will Speak Turkish’: International Turkish Olympiads and the Making of a National Image
Hootan Shambayati, Florida Gulf Coast U–Imagining Democracy: The International Environment and the Re-branding of Turkey’s Image
Nicole Watts, San Francisco State U–State-Society Relations and Struggles for the Symbolic Legacy of Suffering in Halabja
(3918) Parliaments and Power in the Middle East

Chair: M. Akif Kirecci, Bilkent U

Luai Allarakia, U Houston—The Consequences of Miscalculated Electoral Manipulation in Autocratic Regimes: Elections to Kuwait’s Majlis Al-Ummah
David Waldner, U Virginia—Parties, Polarization and Democratic Development in the Middle East
Annette Ranko, GIGA Inst of Middle East Studies and Mazen Hassan, Cairo U—Inter-Elite Trust and Fragility of Transitions: A Comparison Between the Party Elites of Egypt and Tunisia
Alireza Raisi, Kent State U—Parliaments and Power in the Middle East

Al-Zarqawi till Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi and the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham

(3967) Aesthetic Politics in Elite and Mass Culture

Chair: Somy Kim, Boston U

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

(3993) Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Islamic Charities

Organized by Mona Atia and Benoit Challand

Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col
Benoit Challand, New York U

(3998) The US Congress and the Middle East

Organized by Michelle Upton, Al-Monitor

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

(3938) Usage of Contemporary Arabic in the Digital Age

Chair: Nathaniel Greenberg, Northern Michigan U

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

(3952) Sectarian Radicalization and Violence I

Chair: Cheira Belguellaoui, DePauw U

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

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

Chair: Weston F Cook, Jr, UNC Pembroke

Yasir Yilmaz, Purdue U—From ‘gute Nachbarrschaft und Freundschaft’ to the Second Siege of Vienna
Charles L. Wilkins, Wake Forest U—The Emergence of Ottoman Military Grandees in 17th-Century Aleppo: Three Case Studies
Amaya Martin, U Notre Dame—The Ottoman Authorities and the Franciscans: A View of Jerusalem in the Seventeenth Century
(3652) The Balkan Wars and Its Aftermath: A Centennial Perspective
Organized by Ryan Gingeras

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

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

Thematic Conversation

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

Session Leader: Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams U

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

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

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

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

Hilary Falb Kalisman, UC Berkeley–Learning Exile: Palestinian Students and Educators Abroad, 1940–1958
Rephael Stern, Princeton U–Israel’s Post-colonial Predicament and Its Contradicting Jurisdictional Claims in 1948

Roundtable

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

Chair: Vickie Langohr, Col of the Holy Cross

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

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

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

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

2:30-4:30PM Monday November 24

Damla Isik, Regis U–Vakif as Intent and Practice: Charity and Poor Relief in Contemporary Turkey
Seyed Ahmad Mirtaheri, Florida International U–Understanding Muslim Economy: The Case of Shi’ah Economy and the Practice of Waqf
Kim Shively, Kutztown U–Sanctifying Economy: Hizmet and the Purification of Wealth

(3762) Cosmology and Authority: Ismā’īlī Philosophy in the Medieval Period
Organized by Khalil Andani

Chair: Daniel Beben, Indiana U

Khalil Andani, Harvard U–Reconciling Apophatic and Kataphatic Theology: The Neoplatonic Qur’anic Exegesis of Nāṣīr-i Khusraw
Davlata Dadikhuda, McGill U–The Ismā’īlī and Al-Ghazali on Infallible Instruction (Al-Ta’lim)

(3765) Domestic Slavery in the Medieval Middle East
Organized by Craig Perry

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: Shaun E. Marmon, Princeton U
Discussant: Madeline C. Zilfi, U Maryland

Thomas J. MacMaster, U Edinburgh–Before They Were Rich: Domestic Slavery in the Arabia of Muhammad
Karen Moukheiber, American U Beirut–Islamic Law and Sexual Ethics: Debunking the Roles and Positions of Slave Women?
Craig Perry, Emory U–Household Slavery and the Honor of Free Jewish Women in Medieval Egypt
Hannah Barker, Rhodes Col–Domestic Slaves in the Mamluk Marketplace
(3807) Narrating the “Global” Middle East: Migration, Securitization, Urbanism and Hyper-Consumerism Organized by Nadine Sinno

Chair/Discussant: Ken Seigneurie, Simon Fraser U

Amira Jarmakani, Georgia State U—Securityscapes in Desert Romances: The Sheikh-Hero as Gated Community
Ahmed Kanna, U the Pacific—Terroristic Youth and Piratical Urbanism: MENA Cities in Contemporary Urban Theory
Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech–Lebanon, the Land of Milk and Honey, Tabbouleh, and Coke: Orientalist, Local, and Global Discourses in Alexandra Chreiteh’s Always Coca-Cola
Lucia Volk, San Francisco State U–Arab-boy and Arab Queen: Narratives of Deviance and Victimhood of Arab Youths in Germany

(3811) Materials and Methods for a Changing Arabic Classroom Organized by Corinne Stokes

Chair: Kristen Brustad, U Texas Austin

Muna Rehman, U Texas Austin—Cultural Proficiency in the First-Year Arabic Classroom: A Survey of Learners’ Needs at the Secondary & Post-Secondary Level
Michael Turner, U Texas Austin—An Integrated Moroccan and Modern Standard Arabic Curriculum
Anthony Edwards, U Texas Austin—An ‘Arabic’ Composition: Teaching the Rawābiṭ in the Arabic Language Classroom
Priscilla Cunha, U Texas Austin—A Theoretical Framework for Secondary-Level Arabic Curricular Materials
Corinne Stokes, U Texas Austin—“Never Just Pictures”: Visual Material in the Arabic Classroom

(3812) Conceptualizing Spatial Transformations in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula Organized by Matthew MacLean

Chair: John M. Willis, U Colorado

Discussant: Arang Keshavarzian, New York U

Moain Sadeq, Qatar U—Society and Daily Life Practices in Qatar before Oil Industry

Johan Mathew, U Massachusetts Amherst—Janus Spaces of Capital: Ports, Bandars and Arabian Nodes of the Indian Ocean World
Lindsey Stephenson, Princeton U—Port Cities, Hinterlands and Networks in the Northern Persian Gulf

(3813) Personnel and Patronage: Getting Ahead in the Ottoman System Organized by Linda T. Darling and Christine Isom-Verhaaren

Chair: Assef Ashraf, Yale U

Discussant: Serdar Poyraz, Missouri State U

Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Benedictine U—Ottoman Corsair Patrons and Clients: One Path to Naval Leadership
Ekin Tusalp Atiyas, Işık U—“The Bazaar of Eloquence”: Ottoman Scribes and Their Patrons in the Seventeenth Century
Linda T. Darling, U Arizona—Beneficiaries of Patronage?: Retinues and Followers in the Ottoman Army
Baki Teycan, UC Davis—Those Who Did Not Fit In: Ottoman Ulama from the Margins
Murat Menguc, Seton Hall U—Mahmud Pası Angelovic (1420-74) and His Historians

(3826) Governing the Family in Turkey Organized by Elif Babul

Chair: Hikmet Kocamaner, U Arizona

Discussant: Jenny White, Boston U

Zeynep Korkman, U Arizona—“Children are Blessings”: Neoconservative Family Values, Neoliberal Capital Accumulation, and the Occult
Elif Babul, Mount Holyoke Col—Protecting Women and Preserving Families: Women’s Rights and Masculinist State Protection in Turkey
Berna Ekal, EHESS—Dealing with Violence Against Women by Replacing the Family: The Public Women’s Shelters in Turkey
Aslı Zengin, U Toronto—Queer Claims on “Real Family”: Abandonment, Disowning, and Transgender Deaths in Turkey

(3851) Transatlantic Maghreb: Comparative Contexts and Transnational Frames Organized by Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U

Chair: Roger M.A. Allen, U Pennsylvania

Discussant: Mohammed Hirchi, Colorado State U

Stacy E. Holden, Purdue U—The Cold War in Barbary: Re-Casting the Tripolitan War in Kenneth Roberts’s Lydia Bailey
Lara Dotson-Renta, Quinnipiac U—Arab Migrations: Transnational Maghrebi Legacies in Latin America
Brian Edwards, Northwestern U—Sexuality in Circulation: Abdellah Taïa and the Coming Out of Moroccan Fiction
Silvia Mansans-Sakly, Fairfield U—Joined Together, Torn Asunder: The Regency of Tunis and the USA, Portrait of Civil War, 1861-1865

(3863) Across Time and Space: Religious Authority and Knowledge Transmission in Pre-Modern and Contemporary Islam Organized by Josephine Gehlhar

Chair: Gudrun Kraemer, Free U Berlin

Miriam Ovadia, Free U Berlin—Reasserting the Authority of the Sources of Revelation: Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyya’s Criticism Against Rationalist Definitions of ‘Certain Knowledge’
Josephine Gehlhar, Free U Berlin—On Establishing Authority: The Case of the Ottoman Tahāfut Tradition
Olly Akkerman, Free U Berlin—The Transmission of Ismā’īlī Manuscripts from Yemen to Gujarat
Antonia Bosanquet, Free U Berlin—From Indifference to Recognition: The Changing Reception of Aḥkām ahl Al-dhimma Since the 14th Century

(3879) Security for All: The Evolution of the Egyptian Ministry of Interior Organized by Eric Schewe

Chair/Discussant: Ilana Feldman, George Washington U

2:30-4:30PM Monday November 24

Casey Primel, Columbia U–Towards a Perfect Order: Debt, Surveillance and Regulation in Colonial Egypt, 1898-1912


Dina Rashed, U Chicago–From Fusion to Independence: The Egyptian Ministry of Interior and Institutional Change Under Nasser and Sadat

(3905) Natural Resource Politics and Climate Change in the Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Scott Greenwood

Caroline Boules, George Mason U–Climate Change Policy and Adaptation in Agricultural Systems in Northeastern Tunisia


Scott Greenwood, CSU San Marcos–Natural Resource Mismanagement, Climate Change, and Ruling Bargains in the Middle East


(3931) Kurdishness, Identity, and Memory in Turkey
Chair: Dilan Okcuoglu, Queen’s U

Nisa Goksel, Northwestern U–“We Lost Our Identities and We Lost Our Language”: Kurdish Women’s Activism Against War, Violence, and Forced Migration

Muna Guvenc, UC Berkeley–Making Claims of Kurdishness: ‘Alternative’ Urban Projects in Diyarbakir, Turkey

Gozde Ege, U Washington–The Kurdish Movement and the Politics of Memory: Remembering Armenians in Van, Turkey

Mucahit Bilici, John Jay Col CUNY–Kurdishness at Peace with Islam: Indigenization and the Kurdistani Approach to Post-Conflict Articulations of Kurdish Identity in Turkey

Lydia Shanklin Roll, U Kentucky–“Here We Live Our Culture”: Claiming Kurdishness in Urban Turkey

(3953) Sectarian Radicalization and Violence II
Chair: Christina Hellmich, U Reading, UK

Ihsan Alkhatib, Murray State U–Lebanese Shia-Sunni Relations and the Rise and Persistence of the Shaykh Al Aseer Phenomenon

Yousef Baker, CSU Long Beach–Nation(s)-State(s): Competing Sovereignties and Sectarianism in Post-Invasion Iraq

Hamad Albloshi, Kuwait U–The Huthi Insurgency and the Shia Revival

Marko Gagić, University of Belgrade–Ancestral Politics in the Egyptian Presidential Election of 2013

(3969) Film: Identity/Politics
Chair: Carole Barnett, Jacksonville U

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

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

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

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

(3974) Early Arabic Poetry I

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

Jamila Davey, U Texas Austin–Journeying Beyond Representationalism in Al-Shanfar’s Lamiyyat Al-‘Arab

Cory Jorgensen, George Washington U–“Team Collusion” in Umayyad-Era Flytings Poetry
5-7PM Monday November 24

Roundtable

Documenting the Arab Uprisings
Organized by Anaïs Salamon

Chair: Anaïs Salamon, McGill U

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

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

Discussant: Michael G. Morony, UCLA

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

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

Chair: Karin C. Ryding, Georgetown U

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

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

Chair/Discussant: John O. Voll, Georgetown U

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

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

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

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Chair/Discussant: Michelle Hartman, McGill U

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

Musical Politics in the Interwar Maghrib
Organized by Jonathan Glasser

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Mary Youssef, Binghamton U SUNY–Praksa, or Breaking Rule(s): Aristophanes, Tawfiq Al-Hakim, and Egypt’s “First Broadway-Style” Musical Comedy
Chris Silver, UCLA–“Arab” Singers, French Citizens: Algerian Jewish Musicians in the Interwar Period
Jann Pasler, UC San Diego–Colonial Radio and the Power of Music from Morocco to Tunisia
Jonathan Glasser, Col of William and Mary—What is an Author in Interwar Algeria?: Recorded Music, Copyright, and the Problem of the Common

(3791) Syrian Armenians in the Crossfire: The Syrian Uprising and the Future of a Shrinking Minority
Organized by Elyse Semerdjian
Sponsored by Syrian Studies Association (SSA) and Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)
Chair: Bedross Der Matossian, U Nebraska Lincoln
Discussant: Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col
Keith David Watenpaugh, UC Davis—Between Armenian Refugee and Syrian Citizen: The Colonial Origins of Syria’s Contemporary Sectarianism
Ohannes Geukjian, American U Beirut—The Syrian Armenian Diaspora and Conflict: Analyzing Patterns of Influence
Simon Payaslian, Boston U—The Armenian Community in Syria: The End of an Ethno-Religious Community?
Harout Ekmalian, Civilitas Foundation—Armenian Diasporan Community System Tested in the Syrian Uprising

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

5-7PM Monday November 24

(3808) Intellectual Underpinnings of Hodgson’s Islamicate Venture
Organized by Shiraz Hajiani
Chair/Discussant: Shiraz Hajiani, U Chicago
Michael J. Bechtel, U Chicago—Teaching Hodgson
Kyle Bellows, U Chicago—The Historian as Theologian
Lydia Kiesling, UC Berkeley—The Pedagogy of Hodgson

(3832) Archivally Cosmopolitan and Locally Modern: New Scholarship on Late Ottoman Smyrna/Izmir
Organized by Maureen Jackson
Discussant: Vangelis Kechriotis, Boğaziçi U
Malte Fuhrmann, Turkish German U—Smyrna/Izmir as the Ottoman Experimental Ground in Modernity
Dina Danon, Binghamton U—A Modern “Kehillah”: The Jews of Late Ottoman Izmir
Elena Frangakis-Syrett, Queens Col—CUNY—Modernity from Below: The Oriental Carpet Manufacturers Ltd of Izmir
Maureen Jackson, Research Scholar—The Social Economy of Music-Making in an Empire at War: The Case of Smyrna/Izmir

(3837) Municipal Politics and Policy Reforms in the MENA Region
Organized by Marion Bouly and Janine A. Clark
Discussant: Melani C. Cammett, Brown U
Marion Bouly, Trent U—Hamas Women in Municipalities: Patriarchal Politics
Mona Harb, American U Beirut—Decentralization and the Politics of City Strategies: Lessons from Lebanon
Janine A. Clark, U Guelph—Elite Displacement and Municipal Elections in Morocco
Ellen Lust, Yale U—Rupture or Continuity?: The Formation and Performance of Local Councils in Post-2011 Tunisia

(3845) Iron Women: From Revolutions to Reforms
Organized by Rita Stephan
Chair/Discussant: Nicole Khoury, American U Beirut
Maro Youssef, U Texas Austin—Algerian Women Navigate Through Authoritarianism
Namie Tsujigami, U Tokyo—Saudi Women’s Negotiation of Power and Space Through Driving Campaigns
Rita Stephan, Georgetown U—Fighting on Three Fronts: Syrian Women’s Struggle for Rights
Nelia Hyndman-Rzik, UNSW—New Media/New Feminisms: The Lebanese Women’s Movement Goes Online in the Arab Spring
Mounira Maya Charrad, U Texas Austin—Gender in the New Constitution of Tunisia after the Arab Spring

(3846) Spring Confronts Winter: The Publics and Counterpublics of the Arab and Iranian Uprisings
Organized by Nahid Siadoust
Discussant: Miriyam Aouragh, U Westminster
Nahid Siadoust, U Oxford—The Revolution Strikes Back: The Islamic Republic’s Counterrevolution, or Operation ‘Plant Doubt’
Marwan M. Kraidy, U Pennsylvania—Creative Insurgency: The Body in the Arab Uprisings
Joel Parker, Tel Aviv U—The Sound Affects of the Syrian Uprising
Walter Tice Armbrust, U Oxford—A Wall in Bulaq, an Allelgy of Mubarak
Kira Allmann, U Oxford—Back to Normal?: Digital Textuality, Activist Histories, or How the Arab Uprisings Will Be Forgotten

(3888) The Nexus of Sect and Citizenship in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Paul Sedra
Michaelle L. Bowers, Wake Forest U—Sectarianism and Opposition in Syria: Reading and Reception of Ghalioun’s Question of Sectarianism and the Problem of Minorities
Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser U—Egypt’s Copts and Personal Status Law: A Lever for Fractional Interests?
Zainab Saleh, Haverford Col—Conceptualizing Sectarianism in Iraq
5-7PM Monday November 24

**(3907) Natural Resources and Political Conflict: Middle Eastern Environmental Disputes and Their Impact in a Changing Region**
Organized by Kevin M. DeJesus

Chair: Kevin M. DeJesus, Johnson and Wales U

Allison Hartnett, U Oxford–Against the Flow: Stakeholder Dynamics and Informal Institutions in Jordanian Water Governance

Zohra Ismail-Beben, Col of William and Mary–Problems of Collective Action and Natural Resources in Rural Tajikistan

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

Chair: Timothy Schorn, U South Dakota

Elie Podeh, Hebrew U Jerusalem–Missed Opportunities in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Case of the Arab Peace Initiative (2002-2014)

Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State U–Choosing to Negotiate Under Sub-Optimal Conditions: The 2013 Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations

Rima Othman, U Ghent–Reading Between Military Lines: A Conversation Between Israel and Gaza

Gabriele Mombelli, U Florence–The Palestinian National Authority Security Sector: An Operational Overview

Karam Dana, U Washington–Twenty Years after Oslo: What Do Palestinians Think?

Andrew Barwig, Department of State–“New Blood” in Israel’s Knesset: Elite Circulation and Parliamentary Resilience

**(3920) Slavery in the Islamic World**

Chair: Ceyda Karamursel, U Pennsylvania

Tara Stephan, New York U–“Captivity is Harder Than All”: Captives and Ransom in the Jewish Communities, 1000-1300

Michael Ferguson, McGill U–State versus Private Care of Emancipated African Children in Late Ottoman Izmir

Shaun E. Marmon, Princeton U–“I Bought Her and I Named Her”: Names, Ethnicity and the Experience of Enslavement in Mamlûk Society

Philip Issa, U Texas Austin–An Obstructive Debate: Islam, Slavery, and Modernity

**(3961) U.S. Interventions**

Chair: Shea Garrison, Tulane U

Benjamin Schuetze, SOAS U London–‘The Special Forces Experience’: An Analysis of US Security Assistance to Jordan at the Example of the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Centre

Nida Alahmad, European U Inst–Iluminating a State: State-Building and Electricity in Occupied Iraq


Matthew Kelly, Independent Scholar–The United States, the Middle East, and the Imperialism Question

**(3975) Early Arabic Poetry II**

Chair: Annie C. Higgins, U Jordan

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

Myriam Sabbagh, U Chicago–The Court Poet and the Princess: Deconstructing Pari-Khân Khânun’s Power of Literary Patronage in the Safavid Court

Pernilla Myrne, U of Gothenburg–Women’s Eloquence and Oral Culture in Early Arabic Literature

**(3984) Modern Sufism**

Chair: Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver

Philip J. Murphy Jr, UC Santa Barbara–Annihilation in God or Just a Party: Sufi Ritual & Performance in Fez, Morocco

Edith Szanto, American U Iraq, Sulaimani–Contesting Charismatic Authority: Qadiri Sufism in Iraqi Kurdistan

**(3990) The Funding of Middle East Studies post-9/11**

Organized by Christopher Stone, Hunter Col CUNY

Jonathan H. Shannon, Hunter Col CUNY

Samer M. Ali, U Texas Austin

Joel Beinin, Stanford U

Joshua Stacher, Kent State U
8:30-10:30AM Tuesday November 25

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

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

(3688) Book History & the Middle East
Organized by Kathryn Schwartz
Chair: Dagmar A. Riedel, Columbia U
Discussant: Nelly Hanna, American U
Frédéric Bauden, U Liege–Al-Maqrizi’s Collection of Opuscules: A Unique Example of Book Production in the Mamluk Period
Elise Franssen, U Liege–How Useful a Database of Manuscripts Ownership Marks Can Be?: Presentation of a New Project and Case Studies

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

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

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

(3774) Arab Intellectual Thought: Other Directions, Part I
Organized by Muhsin J. Al-Musawi
Chair: Tarek El-Ariss, U Texas Austin
Discussant: Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U
Boutheina Khaldi, American U Sharjah–Aziz Al-Sayyid Jasim’s Critique of Sufism in Modern Arabic Poetics
Hilla Peled-Shapira, Bar-Ilan U–Breaking Taboos in Iraq: The Case of Ghā’īb Tuʾma Farman
Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U–A Genealogy of Aziz Al-Sayyid Jasim’s Theorem

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

(3781) Visual Knowledge in Motion: Reframing the Creation of Cultural Practices in the Modern Middle East, Turkey and Iran
Organized by Melania Savino
Chair: Nadia Radwan, American U Dubai
Discussant: Haytham Bahoura, U Colorado Boulder
Elaehe Helbig, U Bonn–Making Visible: Photography as Visual Knowledge at the Edge of the 19th Century Iran
Martina Becker, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin–Visionary Accidents
Nadia Radwan, American U Dubai–From “Atelier” to “Marsam”: The Transformation in the Practice of Visual Arts in Egypt at the beginning of the 20th Century

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Melania Savino, KHI, Max Planck Inst–Exploring Visual Knowledge: The Creation of Archaeological Museums in the Turkish Republic

(3782) Post-Colonialities and Feminisms: The Challenge of Orientalism
Organized by Ariel Sincoff-Yedid

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

(3803) Merchants in the Ottoman Empire
Organized by Suraiya Faroqui and Said Salih Kaymakci

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

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

(3900) Commerce and Obligation in the Indian Ocean and Mediterranea, c. 1850-1950
Organized by Fahad A. Bishara

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

(3924) Qajar and Ottoman States: Visions and Structures

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

Thomas Kuehn, Simon Fraser U–Reconsidering Autonomy in Late Ottoman Governance: The Case of Yemen, 1872-1919
Assef Ashraf, Yale U–Provincial Politics and the Early Qajar State
Nora Barakat, UC Berkeley–Rethinking Legal Pluralism: Late Ottoman Administration and Land Politics in Hamidian Syria

(3928) Biopolitics, Public Health, and Morality in Turkey and Iran

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

(3934) Missionaries and Converts

Chair: Heather N. Keaney, Westmont Col
Faith J. Childress, Rockhurst U–Converting Missionaries: Shifting Missionary Perspectives on the Kemalist Regime
Aurélie Perrier, Georgetown U–The Conversion of the First Mauresque: Gender and Religion in 19th-Century French Algeria
Zeynep Turkylmaz, Dartmouth Col–“Muslims Should also Enjoy Freedom of Religion”: Muslim Converts Between Protestant Missionaries and the Ottoman State (1856-1877)
Devrim Umit, Karabuk U, Turkey–The American Protestant Missionary Network in Late Ottoman Era
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(3940) Space, Gender, and the Civil War in Lebanese Literature

Chair: Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U

Maya Anbar Aghasi, Lebanese American U–The Narrating Eye: Identity as a Structure of Vision and Its Problems: Etel Adnan’s Sitt Marie Rose
Khaled Al-Masri, Swarthmore Col–The Limits of Masculinity: Sexuality and Male Disability in Alawiyya Subuhi’s Dunya
Kifah Hanna, Trinity Col–Writing the Body in Lebanese War Literature
Judith Naeff, U Amsterdam–Imagining Imminent Erasure in Beirut

(3950) Energy Economy, Energy Politics: Oil, Phosphates, Nuclear

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

(3951) Medieval Maps, Music, and Mysticism

Chair: Rebecca R. Williams, U of South Alabama

Lisa Nielson, Case Western Reserve U–Concerning Music and Musical Instruments: References to Music in a 15th Century Collection of Anti-Sama’ Treatises
Pooriya Alimoradi, U Toronto–Two Kinds of Wisdom in Suhrawardi’s’ Aql-i Surkh and in Zoroastrian Literature
Nader Sayadi, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–An Interpretation of Medieval Islamic Geographical Representations: Two Types of Settlement Network in Al-Istakhrī’s Almasalik wAl-mamalik

Kaveh Hemmat, U Chicago–Poetry, Authorial Presence, and the Construction of a Public in the Khatāynāmah (Book of China)

(3959) Art, Performance, and Politics

Chair: Nadia G. Yaqub, UNC Chapel Hill

Mahnia A. Nematollahi Mahani, Leiden U–The Path to Salvation: Poetry of Sacred Defense During the Iran and Iraq War (1980s)
Maral Yessayan, Dartmouth Col–Staging Modernity: Dance, Dress, and Political Legitimacy
Samer Al-Saber, Davidson Col–Permission to Perform: I/I/Legal Censorship in Jerusalem
Upa Mesbabian, King’s Col London–Song of the Revolution: The Politicization of a Love Song

(3962) Logics and Legitimacy in State Formation

Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar–The Creation of Husseini Ba’thism
James Hollo, Northwestern U in Qatar–Material Needs and Cultural Retention: Legitimation Strategies in Qatar and the UAE
Kocijan Bojana, Central European U–A Tool for Regime’s Survival? Pluralist Discourse in Non-Democracies: Comparative Analysis of Leaders’ Discourse in the Middle East
Jessie Moritz, Australian National U–Nationalism, Loyalty and Dissent: A Comparative Study of Reformist Movements in Bahrain and Oman Since 2011
Trevor Johnston, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Divide and Distribute: Spatial Segregation and Authoritarian Distribution in Qatar
Ilyas Saliba, Social Science Center Berlin & Humboldt U–The International Dimension (In)Stability?: Conceptualizing and Tracing the Effects of Authoritarian Learning During the Arab Uprisings
(3680) Texts and Contexts in Pre-Modern Shi‘ism
Organized by Mushegh Asatryan
Chair: Sean Anthony, U Oregon
Discussant: Najam Haider, Barnard Col/Columbia U

Mushegh Asatryan, Independent Researcher–The “Ghulat Corpus” and Its Authors
Samer Traboulsi, UNC Asheville–If Rice Were a Man: Twelver and Ismā‘īli Reception of Early Imāmī Ḥadīths
Hussein Abdulsater, American U Beirut–Sectarian History and the Straitjacket of Early Imāmī Ḥadīths

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

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

(3719) Reframing Refugees: Immigrants and Settlement Policies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey
Organized by Vladimir Troyansky
Chair: Michael Reynolds, Princeton U
Discussant: James H. Meyer, Montana State U

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roundtable
(3810) New Approaches to the Study of Lebanese Shi‘ism
Organized by Mara Leichtman
Chair: Rola El-Husseini, CUNY Graduate Center

Pascal Abidor, McGill U
Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport
Samer El-Karanshawy, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies
Rola El-Husseini, CUNY Graduate Center
Mara Leichtman, Michigan State U
(3872) From Divan to Pera: The Transformation of Ottoman Literature in the 19th Century
Organized by Didem Havlioglu

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

(3873) Public Opinion in the Middle East
Organized by Yael Zeira

Discussant: Amaney Jamal, Princeton U

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

(3877) Urbanism and the Politics of the Mandate Period, Local versus Imperial Interests
Organized by Harrison Guthorn

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

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

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

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

Oren Kroll-Zeldin, California Inst of Integral Studies–“There is No Choice But to Live”: Struggle and Resistance for Palestinians in Jerusalem
Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew U Jerusalem–The Movement of Palestinian Political Prisoners and the Struggle Against the Israeli Occupation: A Historical Perspective
Sharri Plonski, SOAS U London–Transcending Bounded Space: The Struggle for Land and Space by the Palestinian Citizens of Israel
Julie Norman, McGill U–Prisoners Dilemma?: Prison-Based Resistance and the Diffusion of Activism in Palestine
Maryam Griffin, UC Santa Barbara–Movement as/and Non-Movement in Palestine

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

Dilyara Agisheva, Georgetown U–Criminal Law in the 19th Century Ottoman Empire
Ali Atabey, U Arizona–The Socioeconomics of Punishment: Ta’zir in the Ottoman Legal Culture
Nefertiti Takla, UCLA–Gendered Criminal Justice and Nation-State Formation in Interwar Egypt

(3943) New Horizons of Diaspora Migration I

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

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

Daniel Meier, CNRS-PACTE–Disputed Territories in KRG: A National Identity Issue
Zeki Sarigil, Bilkent U–Inter-ethnic Tolerance in Turkey: Turks vs. Kurds
Kawa Morad, U Exeter–(Dis)Placing Bodies: Syrian Kurdish Refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan
Thomas Schmidingier, U Vienna–Rojava (Syrian-Kurdistan) as a Borderland in Civil War
(3963) The State, Property, and Development

Chair: Bilal Humeidan, Allegheny Col

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

Sarah Ghabrial, McGill U–Law of the
Land: Women’s Inheritance Rights in
Algerian Colonial Courts, 1880-1930

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

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

Joe Florence, Cornell U–The Authori-
tarian Dilemma in the Age of Financial
Globalization: Elite Coalition Politics in
the Middle East and North Africa

(3964) Contestations and Disrup-
tions in Urban Space

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

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

Alma Khasawnih, U Washington Sea-
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