**ADDENDUM TO 56TH MESA ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM**

**MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION ADDITIONS**

**I.B. Tauris 40th Anniversary Reception**  
Saturday, 12/3, 8-10pm in Plaza Court 7

**UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies Alumni Reception**  
Saturday, 12/3, 8:30-10pm in Plaza Court 2

**American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages**  
Monday, 12/5, Business Meeting 4pm Eastern (virtual)  
Wednesday, 12/7, Roundtable: Envisioning New Directions and Post-Pandemic Practices for Teaching and Learning in the Field of Turkish and Turkic Languages, 12-2pm Eastern (virtual)

**EVENT ROOM CHANGES**

**Arab Political Science Network Informational Meeting**  
Friday, 12/2, 9:30-10:30am, moved to Director's Row G

**Middle East Center and Program Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, 12/3, 10am-12pm, moved to Plaza Ballroom D

**MESA Members Meeting**  
Saturday, 12/3, 1:15-2:45pm, moved to Plaza Ballroom AB

**Syrian Studies Association Reception**  
Saturday, 12/3, 9-11pm, moved to Director's Row I

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**MESA CONVENTION PROTOCOL**

As we navigate this phase of the pandemic, we must work together to create a culture of care. That means that each attendee does their part to keep our community and the spaces where we convene safe and healthy.

Here’s what we are doing to help mitigate risk:

**Mask Recommended:** Masks should be worn, fully covering your nose and mouth, at all times when in the meeting space, unless actively eating, drinking, or presenting in a session. MESA attendees must understand, however, that other hotel guests or staff may not be wearing masks since the city of Denver does not have a mask mandate.

**Free masks are available** at registration, the MESA Help Desk, and at the plenary events.

**Badge Required:** Meeting badges will be required to access the MESA meeting space. Please wear your badge at all times. This means that only attendees who are registered for the meeting will be allowed in the MESA Annual Meeting space.

**DO NOT** attend the MESA conference if either of the following is true:

- You test positive for COVID-19;
- You are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., a fever of 100.4°F or higher, cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, extreme fatigue, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 as identified by the CDC).

The safety protocols are subject to change.

**SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

By attending the MESA Annual Meeting, you expressly agree to comply with any and all rules and safety guidelines put in place by MESA and by local authorities and voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19, waiving all claims and potential claims against MESA and their affiliated companies relating to such risks.

**(BEYOND) LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Middle East Studies Association of North America acknowledges the unjust history of settler colonialism in our continent, specifically the expropriation and theft of native land, on which we all live and work. Generic words are not sufficient to convey our moral and financial debts to the indigenous peoples who belong to the historical territories where we will meet.

As a gesture of solidarity, the MESA Secretariat would like to ensure that the Denver meeting and future Annual Meetings are open to all American Indian, First Nation, and indigenous peoples of North America. If you identify as Native American, and you have previously paid for registration, please contact us and we will refund it. We will also be reaching out to regional representatives of the Arapaho, Navajo, and Ute to offer comped registration to any interested in attending this meeting, and to ask what else we can do for their thriving communities.
SESSION UPDATES

Session I, Thursday, 3-5pm
I-01 Withdraw: Aaron Rock-Singer
I-02 Roundtable canceled
I-04 Julia Phillips Cohen replaces Onur Yildirim as chair
I-05 Panel canceled
I-10 Panel canceled
Karim Malak’s paper moved to V-II
Yosra Hussein paper moved to X-20
I-15 Withdraw: Jeffrey Culing
I-16 Withdraw: Sima Ghaddar; Renee Spellman

Session II, Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm
II-01 Roundtable canceled
II-04 Add: Amal Cavender, Purdue University, Chair; Withdraw: Amanda Leong

Session III, Friday, 8:30-10:30am
III-04 Withdraw: E. Attila Aytekin, Onur Yildirim
III-06 Withdraw: Azzedine Layachi
III-08 Withdraw: Mohammed Daadaoui
III-15 Add: Suzanne Morrison, Zayed University Abu Dhabi The Securitization of COVID-19 in the Occupied Palestinian Territories
III-18 Title change: Renata Holod, Recovering Rayy: Erich Schmidt’s Excavations of the late 1930s at Rayy, and their Contribution to the Study of the Material Culture of Medieval Iran

Session IV, Friday, 11am-1pm
IV-05 Special Session canceled
IV-06 Withdraw: Arlen Wiesenthal
IV-07 Add: Cihan Yuksel, University of Houston, Chair
IV-10 Add: Loubna Qatami, Discussant
IV-14 Withdraw: Sevgi Adak
IV-17 Withdraw: Azzedine Layachi, Chair
IV-18 Affiliation: Fouad Marei, Lund University

Session V, Friday, 1:30-3:30pm
V-06 Withdraw: Michael O’ Sullivan; Add: Choon Hwee Koh, Organizer
V-11 Add: Karim Malak (formerly on I-10)
V-13 Add: Sarah A. Tobin, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Discussant
V-14 Withdraw: Irene Fernandez Ramos
V-15 Withdraw: Huma Gupta
V-18 Withdraw: Dunya Habash

Session VI, Friday, 4-6pm
VI-02 Withdraw: Shahad Alshammiri
VI-11 Add: Ayse Lokmanoglu, Northwestern University
VI-10 Room: Now in Governor’s Square 9
VI-18 Add: Marcus Smith, Lindenwood University, Chair; Withdraw: Mohammed Ahmed,
VI-20 Room: Now in Plaza Court 8

Session VII, Saturday, 8:30-10:30am
VII-12 Room: Now in Director’s Row E
VII-16 Withdraw: Betty Rosen
VII-18 Room: Now in Plaza Court 8

Session VIII, Saturday, 11am-1pm
VIII-05 Withdraw: Esther Moeller
VIII-11 Add: Nisrine Slitine El Mghari, University of Kentucky, Chair;
Withdraw:
VIII-12 Affiliation: Ameen Omar, Princeton University
VIII-14 Withdraw: Silvana Toska
VIII-16 Withdraw: Samer Ali
VIII-20 Withdraw: Alyeh Mehin
VIII-21 Withdraw: Heather Jaber, Azadeh Safaeian

Session IX, Saturday, 3-5pm
IX-01 Roundtable canceled
IX-11 Marya Hannun replaces Shirley Anghel as chair
IX-13 Withdraw: Tarik Basbugoglu, Natalie Kouri-Towe
IX-17 Add: Glenn E. Robinson, Naval Postgraduate School, Chair

Session X, Saturday, 5:30-7:30pm
X-09 Room: Now in Plaza Court 6
X-13 Room: Now in Plaza Court 8
X-14 Nusaiba Imad replaces Mari Odoyas chair
X-15 Withdraw: Chiara Fontana
X-18 Withdraw: Adriana De Miranda
X-19 Add: Diala Lteif, University of Cambridge, Chair; Withdraw: Lara Khattab
X-20 Add: Yosra Hussein (formerly on I-10)

Session XI, Sunday, 8:30-10:30am
XI-06 Add: Mona Khneisser, Independent, Chair; Withdraw: Susan Benson-Sokmen
XI-07 Add: Ehsan Sheikholharam, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Chair
XI-09 Withdraw: Jean-Baptiste Allegrini
XI-12 Withdraw: Shirley Veronica Anghel, Chair
XI-16 Add: Samira Musleh, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Chair
XI-17 Withdraw: Paola Rivetti
XI-18 Withdraw: Suzy Halajian
XI-19 Withdraw: Schluwa Sama

Session XII, Sunday, 11am-1pm
XII-05 Withdraw: Alex Schweig
XII-09 Withdraw: Erika Biagini
XII-16 Withdraw: Yasmine Kherfi
XII-19 Withdraw: Yasmine Shafei, Chair

Session XIII, Sunday, 1:30-3:30pm
XIII-02 Add: Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, UC Santa Barbara, Discussant;
Withdraw: Mihai-D. Grigore
XIII-04 Add: Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser University, Chair
XIII-06 Withdraw: Nathaniel George
XIII-09 Moved: Suzanne Morrison’s paper is now on III-15; Withdraw: Jinan Al-Habbal
XIII-11 Add: Ayse Lokmanoglu, Northwestern University, Chair;
Withdraw: Isetet Herdem, Lubna Safi
XIII-13 Withdraw: Hooman Oliaei
XIII-14 Withdraw: Meryem Belkaid
XIII-15 Add: Robert D. Lee, Colorado College, Chair
XIII-16 Add: Gwyneth Talley, American University in Cairo, Chair
XIII-20 Withdraw: Elsayed Issa