Denver is on many academic societies' meeting rotation schedules. A major airline hub, it offers a charming downtown with ample hotels and meeting space, set in a vibrant arts and culture scene. For MESA, 2015 represents the second meeting of a two-meeting contract that also included 2012. The overwhelming response to a survey circulated at the 2012 meeting revealed Denver as a preferred meeting locale.

The Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, our home for four days in November, rests idyllically on the 16th Street Mall, a tree-lined, 16-block pedestrian promenade offering shopping, food, nightlife, and a fun downtown vibe. World class museums, art galleries/districts, theater, music, and splendid examples of Victorian and ultra modern architecture are located just outside the hotel. A program of 220+ sessions, a four-day film festival and a bustling book bazaar await attendees. The American Anthropological Association will hold its annual meeting at the Denver Convention Center November 18-22, slightly overlapping with MESA. A joint session will take place at the AAA venue on Sunday, November 22 (see page 12 for details).

**Preliminary Program**

**MESA’s 49th Annual Meeting**

**November 21-24**

**Denver, Colorado**

Various “housing companies” NOT affiliated with MESA have been contacting attendees/exhibitors to book hotel rooms for the 2015 annual meeting. These companies may actually put people at risk for credit card and identity theft. We do not recommend doing business with them. All housing for the MESA 2015 annual meeting is handled directly by the Sheraton’s Group Reservations Department. A link to the Sheraton reservation page for MESA attendees is listed above. For further information, please go to mesana.org, click on the annual meeting logo, and then on hotel.
Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2015 annual meeting, complete the registration form located on the back page of this program and return it along with payment to the MESA Secretariat. If paying by credit card save a stamp and register online via myMESA (login at http://mesana.org/mymesa/login.php). Pre-registration is recommended as onsite registration rates are higher. The preregistration deadline is October 23, 2015.

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Travel/Ground Transportation

The Denver International Airport (DEN) is a hub for three airlines: United, Southwest, and Frontier. The airport is 30-45 minutes from the downtown. The flat taxi rate to/from downtown Denver and the airport is $55.57. Shared van service will cost about half that. MESA has partnered with SuperShuttle to offer a discount on their shared van service.

Reservations can be made by calling SuperShuttle at 1-800-258-3826 (group code: MESA1) or going to https://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GS=MESA1.

Book Bazaar

The MESA Book Bazaar is located in an open area adjacent to registration and meeting rooms. 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 Denver for a three plus-day festival of books. The book bazaar will be open 9-6 Sunday and Monday (Nov. 22-23) and 8-12 on Tuesday (Nov. 24). 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 2015, please visit MESA’s website or contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520-621-5850.

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.

Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2015 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESAs website at mesana.org, click on the 2015 logo, and then on “panel chair volunteers.” 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.

Roommates

If you are interested in sharing a room at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel during the MESA annual meeting, please visit MESA’s website at http://mesana.org/annual-meeting/roommates.html. MESA maintains a “roommates wanted” page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other.

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.
The members meeting is an annual meeting of the membership open to all members and guests. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. The meeting mainly consists of reports (see agenda at 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 business meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA’s Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2015 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by November 6, 2015. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA’s Bylaws which are posted on MESA’s website at mesana.org.

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**Sample Agenda**

I. Call to Order  
II. Report of the Executive Director  
III. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence  
IV. 2015 Election of Officers Results  
V. Nominating Committee Vote and Call for Names  
VI. IJMES Report  
VII. RoMES Report  
VIII. Committee on Academic Freedom Report  
IX. Unfinished Business (if tabled from last meeting)  
X. New Business  
XI. Adjournment

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**Tools for Paper Presenters**

**Upload Your Paper to myMESA by Oct. 15**

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.

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.
In Iran the practice of public humiliation is an established, highly effective, strategy. Maziar Bahari’s chilling film presents a range of Iranians who have been victimized by a process that forces them to confess to non-existent crimes. Although the victims and the public know they are innocent, being subjected to physical and psychological torture has a powerful impact, one that does not end with their release. Forced Confessions illustrates the methods employed by the Iranian government, including revealing the accuseds’ intimate secrets, and the culture of fear it engenders.

It’s Better to Jump

The ancient city of Akka, along the northern coast of Israel, is the home to a melting pot of Muslims, Christians, Jews, and Baha’i. For centuries, its surrounding forty-foot sea wall has protected its citizens and repelled invaders. Today the city is subject to gentrification. As the Old City endures harsh economic pressures and vast social changes, Palestinian families who have lived there for generations are being pressured to leave. Despite the daily challenges they face, the city’s youth – sons and daughters of fishermen, school teachers, and artists – continue a perilous inter-generational rite of passage expressing individuality and the right to control their destiny: jumping from the high wall into the tempestuous sea below.

Feminism Inshallah

The struggle for Muslim women’s emancipation is often portrayed stereotypically as a showdown between Western and Islamic values, but Arab feminism has existed for more than a century. Ferial Ben Mahmoud’s documentary recounts Arab feminism’s largely unknown story, from its early Egyptian pioneers up to today’s Internet campaigns. Drawing on previously unreleased archives and interviews with activists, we see how the history of Arab feminism has been shaped by nationalism and colonialism.
MESA members need no introduction to Mahmoud Darwish. As one of the most influential Arab writers he was instrumental in shaping Palestinian identity in the years following the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. His poem “Write Down, I am an Arab” led to his imprisonment in Israel and eventual relocation to Beirut where he worked as Yasir Arafat’s speech writer. Throughout this period he was intimately involved with Tamar Ben-Ami a Jewish-Israeli. Drawing on Darwish’s poetry, love letters and archival materials director Ibtisam Mara’ana-Menuhin situates her film at the nexus of the writer’s engaging personal life and his politically important social contribution.

Write Down, I Am an Arab

Khadija al-Salami’s documentary films on Yemen are familiar to FilmFest goers. This year we hope to screen her first dramatic feature. The story tackles the subject of child marriage. Yemeni law does not set a minimum marriage age, and bridewealth payments at marriage make girls a commodity. When eight-year-old Nujoom’s older sister is raped, her father is forced to sell his land and cattle to protect the family’s honor. The family moves to the city, but with hardly enough money to survive. To save costs, Nujoom’s brother is sent to Saudi Arabia and Nujoom is “sold” to a farmer, who will marry her. She has no idea what marriage is, and reality turns out to be worse than she expected. However, she refuses to behave like a wife. She escapes the tyranny of her husband, and goes to court to seek a divorce.

I Am Nujoom, Age 10 and Divorced

In the blur of the 24-hour news cycle it is easy to forget yesterday’s headlines and crises. Although today it rarely tops the news, the revolution in Syria is very alive. Surprisingly one participant is a 19-year-old Syrian-American girl. From her Chicago home she coordinates events in Syria. Using Facebook, Twitter and Skype, she is the connection point for a social network of revolutionaries on the ground. She helps organize demonstrations, publicize events, and protect the identities of her rebel network. As this film reveals, there are many ways to fight a dictatorial regime.

#chicagoGirl: The Social Network Takes on a Dictator
Meetings in Conjunction

- **AATA—American Association of Teachers of Arabic**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Executive Board Meeting**, 9am-12nn, Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)  
  **Panel**, 1-3pm, Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)  
  **Business Meeting**, 3:30-4:30pm, Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)

- **AATP—American Association of Teachers of Persian**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Business Meeting**, 2-3pm, Windows (Tower-2)  
  **Workshop: Multiliteracies: Language, Culture, Communication and Technology in Today’s Persian Classroom**, 3-5pm, Windows (Tower-2)  
  **Award Ceremony**, 5-6, Windows (Tower-2)

- **AATT—American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Business Meeting**, 10-11pm, Tower Court B (Tower-2)

- **AIAS—American Institute of Afghanistan Studies**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 10am-12nn, Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)

- **AllrS—American Institute of Iranian Studies**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 2-4pm, Plaza Court 8 (Plaza-C)

- **AIMS—American Institute for Maghrib Studies**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 9am-2pm, Governor’s Square 10 (Plaza-C)  
  **Business Meeting**, 4-5:30, Director’s Row I (Plaza-L)

- **AMIDEAST—America-Mideast Educational & Training Services**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Education Abroad Academic Consortium Meeting**, 2:30-4pm, Director’s Row I (Plaza-L)

- **AUC—American University in Cairo**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Reception**, 8-10pm, Tower Court C (Tower-2)

- **AUC/AUB—American University in Cairo/American University of Beirut**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Tourism Studies Workshop**, 2-4pm, Governor’s Square 15 (Plaza-C)

- **AASA—Arab American Studies Association**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 3-4pm, Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)  
  **Business Meeting**, 4-5pm, Plaza Court 5 (Plaza-C)

- **AGAPS—Association for Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 10am-1pm, Plaza Court 7 (Plaza-C)  
  **Business Meeting**, 2-4pm, Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)  
  **Happy Hour Reception**, 5:30-8pm, Location TBA

- **AMEA—Association for Middle East Anthropology**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 5:30-6:30pm, Governor’s Square 9 (Plaza-C)  
  **Business Meeting**, 6:30-7:30pm, Governor’s Square 9 (Plaza C)

- **AMEWS—Association for Middle East Women’s Studies**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Board Meeting**, 2-3pm, Director’s Row F (Plaza-L)  
  **Members Meeting**, 7:30-8:30pm, Director’s Row J (Plaza-L)  
  Monday, 11/23  
  **Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Director’s Row E (Plaza-L)

- **EWIC—Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures**  
  Wednesday, 11/18  
  **Board Meeting**, 8:30am-5pm, Director’s Row G (Plaza-L)

- **Gale, Cengage Learning**  
  Monday, 11/23  
  “Early Arabic Printed Books from the British Library”, 12-1pm, Director’s Row H (Plaza-L)

- **CAORC—Council of American Overseas Research Centers**  
  Sunday, 11/22  
  **CAORC/ORC Meeting**, 8-9am, Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

- **IMES—International Journal of Middle East Studies**  
  Saturday, 11/21  
  **Editorial Board Meeting**, 4-6pm, Tower Court B (Tower-2)
ISIS—International Society for Iranian Studies
Saturday, 11/21
Council Meeting, 2-5pm, Plaza Court 6 (Plaza-C)
General Meeting, 6-8pm, Plaza Court 5 (Plaza-C)

MESA—Middle East Studies Association
Sunday, 11/22
Middle East Center & Program Directors Annual Meeting, 9-11am, Governor’s Square 16 (Plaza-C)
Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting, 12:45-3pm, Plaza Court 6 (Plaza-C)
Monday, 11/23
Affiliate Officers Meeting, 7-8:30am, Governor’s Square 9 (Plaza-C)

National University of Singapore, Middle East Institute
Saturday, 11/21
Reception, 7-9pm, Governor’s Square 10 (Plaza-C)

Qatar Foundation International
QFI Arabic Study Award Professional Development Workshop, 8:30-5:30pm, Plaza Court 4 (Plaza-C)

SAS—Society for Armenian Studies
Saturday, 11/21
Workshop, 10am-1pm, Director’s Row I (Plaza-L)
Executive Council Meeting, 1:30-3:30pm, Director’s Row G (Plaza-L)
Membership Meeting, 4-6pm, Director’s Row J (Plaza-L)

Western Consortium of Middle East Centers
Sunday, 11/22
Meeting, 11am-1pm, Governor’s Square 16 (Plaza-C)

Yale University, Council on Middle East Studies
Saturday, 11/21
Reception, 8-10pm, Windows (Tower-2)

Key to Room Locations:
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The Sheraton is a two-building property: The Plaza Building (location of hotel registration on the Lobby Level) and the Tower Building. MESA’s meeting space is in both buildings:
- Plaza-C = Plaza Building, Concourse Level
- Plaza-L = Plaza Building, Lobby Level
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Upon arrival at Denver International Airport:

Take the train from the concourse to the terminal, take the escalator up to Baggage Claim (Level 5). Pick up your luggage and proceed to the SuperShuttle counter (open 24/7). Counter staff will issue tickets and give directions to the vehicle loading area.

Upon return to the Denver Airport:

Meet the van at the hotel entrance at the pre-arranged time, give the driver the confirmation number for your return trip. Shuttles run on schedule through the Sheraton Hotel every 15 minutes between 5:00 AM and 5:00 PM and by reservation only for the rest of the day. You may use your confirmation number to board any of the scheduled vehicles.

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Fun Fact

The Sheraton’s Tower Building, completed in 1960, was originally built as part of a 4-building complex called the Court House Square. In 1961, the building, designed by the architect firm headed by the renowned architect, I.M. Pei, won the American Institute of Architects National Honor Award. It is regarded as a pioneering example in precast concrete.
(4022) Piety in the Turkish Marketplace: Spatiality, Embodiment, and Gender in the Marketing and Consumption of Islamic Lifestyle Commodities
Organized by Reina Lewis
Chair: Carolyn Goffman, DePaul U
Discussant: Carla Jones, U Colorado

Banu Gökarıksel, UNC Chapel Hill and Anna Secor, U Kentucky–Devout Masculinities: Everyday Practices and Moral Geographies of Piety and Consumption in Istanbul and Konya, Turkey
Ozlem Sandikci, Istanbul Sehir U–The Halal Nail Polish: Religion and Body Politics in the Marketplace
Nazli Alimen, U of the Arts London–Islamic Identities, Spaces, and Consumer Cultures: Male Members of Menzil and Süleymanlı Faith-Inspired Communities in Turkey
Reina Lewis, U of the Arts London–Visualizing the Umma in Modest Fashion Marketing in Turkey

(4027) Black Market Mobilities: Clandestine Trades and Traffic in the Middle East, 1880-1940
Organized by Devi Mays and Stacy Fahrenthold
Chair: Stacy Fahrenthold, Williams Col

Stacy Fahrenthold, Williams Col–“Enemy Aliens” or “Alien Slackers?” Syrian Ottoman Immigrants on the American Home Front, 1914-1918
Devi Mays, U Michigan–The Sephardi Connection: Transnational Sephardic Smuggling Networks between Old and New Worlds
David E. Gutman, Manhattanville Col–Social and Spatial Dynamics of Migrant Smuggling Networks in Eastern Anatolia, 1885-1908
Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U–Pauper Pilgrims, Passports, and the Failed Regulation of Indian Ocean Mobilities

(4035) Arabian Identities and the Nation State
Organized by Iain Walker
Chair: Iain Walker, Max Planck Inst

Amal Sachedina, Brown U–Reconfiguring Histories as Part of Nation Building: Creating the Foundation of Ethics and Religiosity in the Sultanate of Oman
Miriam R. Lowi, Col of New Jersey–Confronting ‘The Invisible Army’: Identity, Community and Migrant Labor in Gulf States
Elham Fakhr, Oxford U–Nationality and the Anatomy of Statelessness in the GCC
Amin Moghadam, Sciences Po–Inalco–Building the Nation through Intimate Relationships: The Portrait of a Transnational Love Story in Dubai
Andrea Wright, U Michigan–National Identity and Intra-Regional Belonging: Worker Solidarity, Tribal Affiliations, and the Shaping of Identities in the Gulf States

(4066) Tunisia’s Progress since the Revolution
Organized by Sabina Henneberg
Chair: John P. Entelis, Fordham U
Discussant: Eva Bellin, Brandeis U

Sabina Henneberg, Johns Hopkins U–Security State and Islamism in Transitional Tunisia
Elizabeth R. Nugent, Princeton U–Collective Memory and the Making of the Political Cleavage Structure in Tunisia
Elizabeth Young, U Michigan–Islam and Islamists in the 2014 Tunisian Elections
Alexander Martin, Durham U–Agents of Change: The Role of Tunisian Civil Society in Transition from Authoritarianism to Democratization

(4080) Globalization of Science in the Middle East
Organized by Sahar Bazzaz

On Barak, Tel Aviv U–Risk and Rizq Management: The Globalization of Actuarial Science
Sara Pursley, Princeton U–“Rending the Veils of Time and Space”: ‘Ali al-Wardi, Decolonization, and the Sciences of the Self
Mirjam Brusius, U Oxford–Stories beyond Progress and Modernity: Archaeologies in the Ancient Near East
William Carruthers, European U Inst–Messy Knowledge: Science and the (Archaeological) Field in 1950s Egypt
Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col–‘Strange Sciences’: Close Reading Meets Network Analysis of al-‘ulum al-Ghariba in the 18th and Early 19th Centuries

(4093) Arab New Media Theory: At the Intersection of Art, Technology, and Scholarship
Organized by VJ Um Amel

Marwan M. Kraidy, U Pennsylvania–Reconsidering the Corpus of New Media Theory: From Body-as-Medium to Body-as-Data?
Laila Shereen Sakr, U Southern California–Media Praxis: A Hybrid Approach to Studying the Arabic Open Source Movement
Laura Marks, Simon Fraser U–Delicate Algorithms, Hand-soldered Networks, and Human Nodes in Arab Media Art
Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser U–Memes as Meaning: Theorizing Authority and Authorship in Arab New Media
Bassam Haddad, George Mason U–Knowledge Production between Blogs and Books
**5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 21**

(4179) **Sovereignty, Historiography, and Visual Culture in Middle Eastern Museums**
Organized by Isaac Hand

Chair/Discussant: Asli Z. Igsiz, New York U

**Hannah Scott Deuchar**, New York U–The Palestinian Museum: The Dynamics of Institutionalization and Palestinian Emancipatory Politics  
**Jennifer Varela**, New York U–Yad Vashem Museum: Spheres of Influence and Narratives of Pain  
**Ilker Hepkane**, New York U–The Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews in Istanbul: “Narrative of Rescue” at Display  
**Isaac Hand**, New York U–Making the Land Legible: Landscape and Sovereignty in the Panorama 1915 Museum

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(4126) **Sectarianization in the Middle East**
Organized by Nader Hashemi

**Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi**, KFCRIS–Sectarianization and the Aporias of the Islamic Republic’s Pan-Islamist Hegemony: Iran’s Interventions in Iraq and Syria Compared  
**George E. Irani**, American U Kuwait–How Regional Sectarianization Threatens Lebanon’s Fragile Balance  
**Fanar Haddad**, National U Singapore–Pre-2003 Iraq: Sectarian Relations before ‘Sectarianization’  
**Marwa Daoudy**, Georgetown U–The Politicization of Identity: Sectarianization and the New ‘Struggle for Syria’  

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(4174) **Revisiting Ottoman Literary Culture in the Era of Kanuni Sultan Suleyman**
Organized by Christiane Czygan

**Selim Kuru**, U Washington–Poets at the Gates: Patrons as Readers of Poetry in the Age of Suleyman I  
**Hatice Aynur**, Istanbul Şehir U–Literary Space of Istanbul in Ottoman Texts (1520-1566)  
**Zeynep Altok**, Istanbul Bilgi U–Revisiting Latifi’s Biographies of Poets (1546): A Comparative Historical Analysis  
**Christiane Czygan**, Hamburg–The Making of an Ottoman Royal Poem Collection

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(4197) **Limitations and Opportunities of Religious Activism in the Middle East**
Organized by Mona Tajali

**Lihi Ben Shitrit**, U Georgia–Women in Contested Sacred Spaces: Between Religious Feminism and Conservative Piety  
**Sahar Maranlou**, Oxford U–Religion: A Path to Legal Empowerment or a Barrier to Women’s Access to Justice in Plural Iran?  
**Mona Tajali**, U Oxford–Internal Criticism: Islamic Women’s Rights Activism in Iran and Turkey

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(4185) **The Sparring of the Pen and the Sword: Arguing Political Legitimacy in the Umayyad and Early ’Abbasid Periods**
Organized by Aram Shahin

**Khaled Kesht**, DePaul U–‘Abdallāh b. al-Zubayr and the Precedent of Place: The Locality of ahl al-ḥall wa-l-’aqd  
**Aram Shahin**, James Madison U–The Body of the Muslim Sovereign as Impediment to Legitimate Rule: Blindness and Blinding as a Legal Argument for the Exclusion and Deposition of Rulers  
**Abdulhadi Alajmi**, Kuwait U–Al-Ḥarra and the Formation of ‘ulamā’ Views toward the Umayyads  
**Hayrettin Yucesoy**, Washington U St. Louis–Dinastic Power as Messianic Promise: Forms of Monotheistic Messianism in the ‘Abbasid Caliphate (ca. 750-850 C.E.)

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(4187) **States, Citizens, and Economic Welfare Bargains: Reconsidering Distributive Politics in MENA before and after 2011**
Organized by Anya Vodopyanov

**Anya Vodopyanov**, Harvard U–Reconsidering the Arab Authoritarian Bargain(s), before and after 2011  
**Melani Cammett**, Harvard U–Is There a Faith-Based Welfare Advantage? Findings from a Pilot Study on the Quality of Primary Health Care in Lebanon
5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 22

(4230) Camps and Occupation in Contemporary Palestine: Politics, Economics, Literature

Chair: Carol Bardenstein, U Michigan

Gozde Ege, U Washington–Palestine Calling: Turkish Leftists’ Memoirs of the Palestinian Camps
Neve Gordon, Ben Gurion U–The Politics of Human Shielding
Olivia Martina Dalla Torre, U Fribourg (Switzerland)–Anthropological Glances at the International Community in Occupied Palestine

(4288) The Future of the Survey Course
Organized by James L. Gelvin

Chair: James L. Gelvin, UCLA

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U

(4291) Effects of the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait
Organized by Christopher Ohan

Session Leader: Christopher Ohan, Texas Wesleyan U

Conerly Casey, Rochester Inst of Technology

(4273) The Long Shadow of the Ottoman Legal System

Chair: Omar Y. Cheta, Bard Col

Tommaso Stefini, Yale U–The Ambassador of the Republic of Venice or the Head of the Venetian Taife? On the Contested Legal Status of Venice’s Bailo in the Ottoman Empire
Feryaz Ocakli, Skidmore Col–Institution Building in the Middle East: Comparative Analysis of Ottoman and British Legal Reforms
M. Safa Saracoglu, Bloomsburg U–Corruption and Markets in 19th Century Ottoman Laws
Kenneth M. Cuno, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Claiming Heirship: A Litigant Strategy in the Shari’a Courts of Nineteenth-Century Egypt
Sunday November 22

8-9:45AM - Colorado Convention Center (700 14th Street), Mile High 4C

Mediating on Spaces:
The Anthropology of the Environment in the MENA Region
Organized by Tessa Farmer

Chair: Sofian Merabet, U Texas Austin
Discussant: Tessa Farmer, Whittier Col

Mandana E. Limbert, City U of New York
Jessica E. Barnes, U South Carolina
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Bard College
Hsain Ilahiane, U Kentucky

8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 22

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Middle East Center & Program
Directors Meeting
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MEOC Workshop for Outreach
Coordinators
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Western Consortium of Middle
East Centers Meeting
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Freedom Meeting
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Wadad Kadi
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Dorothy Ohl, George Washington U–
Fight, Flee, or Foment: Soldier Responses
to Iraq’s 1991 Uprising

Kevin Koehler, American U Cairo–The
Political Economy of Defection from the
Syrian Army

Holger Albrecht, American U Cairo–
Build Barracks, Not Schools! The
Political Economy of Coup-Proofing in
the Middle East

(4067) Trans/Nationalism in the
Arabian Peninsula: Continuities
and Disjunctures
Organized by Noora Lori and Neha
Vora

Chair: Noora Lori, Boston U
Discussant: Waleed Hazbun, American
U Beirut

Neha Vora, Lafayette Col–Vision 2030
and Qatar’s Trans/National Future:
Redefining the Terrain of Ethnocracy
within American Branch Campuses

Amelie Le Renard, CNRS Paris–Western
Expatriate Participation in Shaping
Hierarchies of Gender, Class and
Nationality in Saudi Arabia

Noora Lori, Boston U–Maritime Labor
Traffic in the Indian Ocean and Persian
Gulf

John M. Willis, U Colorado–Burying
Muhammad Ali Jauhar: The Life and
Death of the Meccan Republic

(4082) Making History: From
Tabari to Tahrir
Organized by Heather N. Keaney

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

Amr Osman, Qatar U–The Lesser of Two
Evils: Sunni Scholars and the Egyptian
Revolution

Brian Wright, McGill U–Khawarij vs.
Pharoah: Using Faith to Define Politics

Heather N. Keaney, Westmont Col–
‘Ali: Historiography and Notions of
Legitimacy in Ibn Kathir’s Kitāb al-
Bidāya wa-l-Nihāya

(4090) “Innocents Abroad”:
American Undergraduates and
the Middle East in an Age of
Uprising
Organized by Elena D. Corbett

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Educational Exchange (CIEE)

Chair: Kimberly Katz, Towson U

Madiha DeRosa, Council on
International Educational Exchange

Najeh AbuOrabi, CIEE Amman Study Ctr

Koray A. Unur, CIEE Istanbul Study Ctr

Elena D. Corbett, CIEE Amman Study Ctr
(4096) The Materiality of Presence and Erasure: The Returns of Memory and Historicity in Palestine and Israel
Organized by Alejandro I. Paz and Anne Meneley
Chair/Discussant: Lisa Hajjar, UC Santa Barbara

(4116) Modernism in Turkish Arts
Organized by Kaitlin Staudt and Kenan Sharpe

(4118) Rebellion in the Interwar Middle East
Organized by Reem Bailony
Chair/Discussant: James L. Gelvin, UCLA

(4121) Appropriating Boundaries: Epistemological Border Crossing in Middle East Studies
Chair: Evelyn Alsultany, U Michigan

(4132) Imagining the Ummah: Texts, Culture, and the Creation of Community in Early Islam
Organized by D. Gershon Lewental

(4137) Restoring Tunisia: Postrevolutionary Repositionings, Unholy Alliances, and Indignified Youth
Organized by William Lawrence
Chair/Discussant: William Lawrence, George Washington U


Matthew K. Kelly, UCLA—Crime, Nationalism, and the Logic of Empire: The Case of Palestine

Hilary Falb Kalisman, UC Berkeley—Subversive Teachers and the Limits of Rebellion: Government Schooling across the Interwar Middle East

Amahl Bishara, Tufts—Beyond Solidarity: Palestinian Citizens of Israel’s Assertions of Presence and Memory through Protest

Anne Meneley, Trent U—Rooting and Uprooting: Olive Trees, Memory and Materiality in Palestine

Alejandro I. Paz, U Toronto—Scarborough—Buying Houses in Silwan: El-Ad and the Historicity of Colonialism

Sarah Bowen Savant, U Richmond—“The Children of the Desert”: The Exiled Rebels of the Syrian Revolt of 1925–1927

James L. Gelvin, UCLA—The Relations of the National Liberation Movement of Turkey with the Anti-Bolshevik Forces: 1920–1921

Pinar Ure, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U—White Russian Émigrés in Turkish Nationalist Imagination in the 1920s

Michael A. Reynolds, Princeton U—The East’s Eastern Front: The Ottoman-Russian Clash in the Great War and Its Legacy

Erol Ulker, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U—Bolsheviks, Communists, and Unionists: Formation of the Turkish Resistance Movement in Istanbul under Allied Occupation

Reem Bailony, UCLA—“The Children of the Desert”: The Exiled Rebels of the Syrian Revolt of 1925–1927

Yahia Zoubir, KEDGE Business School, France—Tunisia’s Security: The Democratic Transition’s Achilles Heel

Azzedine Layachi, St. John’s U—Tunisia’s Political Economy and the Challenges of Post-2011 Recovery and Reform

Mehdi Ayari, U of Tennessee—(Mis) Managing Authoritarian Coalitions in Tunisia: Ministerial Survival since Independence

Maro Youssef, George Washington U—An Historical Reflection on Identity in Tunisian Foreign Policy

Ricardo Rene Laremont, Binghamton U—Tunisian Youth, Predictors of Regional Instability, and Prospects for the Future

Yucel Yanikdag, U Richmond—The Work of Kamil al-Jadriji (1897–1963)

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(4192) Shari'a in Flux: Islamic Divorce and the Modern State
Organized by Marya Hannun

Chair: Anny Gaul, Georgetown U
Discussant: Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown U

Noga Malkin, Georgetown U–When All Else Is Lost: The Expansion of Judicial Discretion in Shari’a Courts in Israel
Marya Hannun, Georgetown U–Islamic Law in US Courts: Sites of Collision or Conformity?
Samyah Alfoory, Georgetown U–The UAE’s Thirty Year Battle against Citizen Out-Marriage: A Gendered National Project
Kelli Harris, Georgetown U–The Politics of Personal Status Law Reform: The Controversy over Khul’ in Jordan
Samia Errazzouki, Georgetown U–The Neoliberalization of Shari’a: A Political Economic History of Morocco’s Personal Status Code Reforms

(4205) Gender, Sex and Prostitution in Turkey, 1920s–1950s
Organized by Hale Yılmaz

Chair: Amy Mills, U South Carolina

Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State U–Seeking Solutions to the Early Turkish Republic’s Prostitution Question
Hale Yılmaz, Southern Illinois U–Carbondale–Changes in Gender Relations in Urban Turkey, 1930s–1950s
Kyle T. Evered, Michigan State U–Legible Bodies in Invisible and Contained Spaces: The Turkish State’s Construction of Places for Regulated Sex Work
Roger A. Deal, U South Carolina–Aiken–Sexual Relations in Post-World War Two Ankara

(4232) Religion, Modernity, and Literature in Modern Iran

Chair: Mehdi Khorrami, New York U

Aghil Daghagheleh, Rutgers U–Constructing Differences: How Iranian Arabs’ Identity Is Narrativized in Contemporary Iran

Levi Thompson, UCLA–A Phoenix in Ashes: Modernist Poetry in Iran and Iraq
Ayat Agah, Claremont Graduate U–Forough Farrokhzad and the Shaping of Religious Identity and Discourse
Kaveh Bassiri, U Arkansas–Whatever Happened to The Little Black Fish?: Defanging a Classic Iranian Revolutionary Text
Amir Khadem, U Alberta–The Enigma of National Memory in Bahram Beyzaie’s Yazdgerd’s Death

(4240) Contesting Power in 20th Century Egypt

Chair: Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U

Sofia Fenner, U Chicago–Generation after Generation: Familial Ties and Opposition Resilience in Authoritarian Regimes
Gregory Hoadley, UC Berkeley–Legacies of Statebuilding and the Struggle over Authority in Egyptian Official Statistics

(4253) Constructing Memory: Archives, Antiquity, and Archaeology

Chair: Stefan Peychev, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Jameel Haque, CUNY Graduate Center–From Jahilliya to Protection: Tanzimat Reforms and Changing Ottoman Attitudes toward Antiquities
Till Grallert, Orient-Institut Beirut–Publique, Public, Öffentlich? Historical Semantics of al-‘umūm in Late Ottoman Bilād al-Shām (1875–1914)

Joseph N. Hermiz, U Chicago–Legitimizing Middle Eastern Lineages through Archaeology: Hormuzd Rassam and the Making of an Assyrian National History
John Dechant, Indiana U–Muslim Shrine Graffiti as a Source for the Study of History, Religion, and Society

(4267) Making and Breaking Boundaries in the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughul Empires

Chair: Amy Singer, Tel Aviv U

Ferenc P. Csirkes, U Chicago–A “Panther-Like Poet”: Sadiqi Beg’s Fall from the Persian Literary Canon
Conklin Tyler, Yale U–The Boundaries of Loyalty: Self-Fashioning and the Kurds in the Seventeenth-Century Eastern Anatolian Ottoman Borderlands
Gregory Aldous, U Pittsburgh Greensburg–Turk and Persian in the Early Safavid Court: The Case of the Khurasan Campaign of 1512
Ayelet Zoran-Rosen, New York U–The Gazi of the Sixteenth-Century: Frontier Warriors in Bosnia and the Imagined Past of the Ottoman Empire

(4279) Unraveling the Middle East: Global History, Global South, and Futures Past
Organized by Sabah Haider and Wilson Chacko Jacob

Session Leader: Wilson Chacko Jacob, Concordia U, Montreal

Sabah Haider, Concordia U/EHESS
Andrew K. Arsan, U Cambridge
Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State U
Michael Gasper, Occidental Coll
Samira Esmeir, UC Berkeley
Will Hanley, Florida State U
(4016) Defining Approaches, Curricula, and Assessment Tools for Advanced Persian Instruction
Organized by Samad J. Alavi

Chair/Discussant: Blake Atwood, U Texas Austin

Anousha Sedighi, Portland State U–Content-Based Instruction of Persian through Web-Based Modules
Nahal Akbari, U Maryland–What Is “Advancedness” in Foreign Language Education and How Do We Get There?: The Case of Persian as an Additional Language
Pouneh Shahbani-Jadidi, McGill U–Teaching Advanced Persian through Persian Media
Samad J. Alavi, U Washington–Teaching Medieval Persian Texts in the Twenty-First Century Classroom

(4043) Authenticity, Memory, and Modernity in Contemporary Moroccan Literature
Organized by Alexander Elinson

Discussant: Erin Twohig, Georgetown U

Alexander Elinson, Hunter Coll CUNY–Writing Orality and Performing Text: Language Change and the Contemporary Moroccan Zajal
Christina E. Civantos, U Miami–The Moroccan Take on Al-Andalus: Multi-Layered Conquest in Contemporary Moroccan Narrative
Brahim El Guabli, Princeton U–Filmic and Novelistic “Returns” of the Moroccan Jews
Gretchen Head, Yale-NUS Coll–Between Utopia and Dystopia in Marrakech

(4053) Drugs, Gender, Ethnicity, and the Facebook Age: Culture and Communication in the Formation of Afghanistan’s History and National Identity
Organized by Felisa (Farzana) Hervey, U Arizona

Discussant: Thomas Barfield, Boston U

James Bradford, American Inst of Afghanistan Studies–From Trading to Smuggling: An Historical Perspective of the Evolution of Drug Control in Afghanistan
Melissa Kerr Chiovenda, U Connecticut–Remembering or Constructing the Past? Hazara Ethnic Identity and the Legacy of a Contested History
Zuzanna Olszewska, U Oxford–Online Poetics and Politics: Social Media and Contested Visions of the Afghan Nation
Andrea Chiovenda, Boston U–“The War Destroyed Our Society”: Masculinity, Violence and Shifting Cultural Idioms among Afghan Pashtuns
Helena Zeweri, Rice U–Precarious Progress: The Politics of Fear and Loss in Afghan Women’s Empowerment Programs

(4059) Foreign-Policy Making in Authoritarian States of the Middle East
Organized by Noa Schonmann

Chair/Discussant: Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown U Qatar

Jason Pack, Cambridge/Libya Analysis–Foreign Policy Formation in Muammar Qadhafi’s Libya: When Ideology Trumps Pragmatism
Noa Schonmann, U Oxford–Riding the Tiger: The Constraints of Populist Foreign Policy in Nasser’s Egypt
Russell Lucas, Michigan State U–Jordanian Public Opinion and Participation in the Anti-ISIS Coalition: Pandering, Predicated, or Peripheral?
Hussein Banai, Occidental Coll–Between Nezam and the National Interest: The Burdens of Arbitrary Rule on Iran’s Foreign Policy
Victor Kattan, National U Singapore–Foreign Policy in the Making: Inside Palestine’s Statehood Strategy

(4060) Muslim Rulers, Non-Muslim Subjects (1000-1500 CE): Beyond the Dhimmi Paradigm
Organized by Luke Yarbrough and Thomas A. Carlson

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists

Discussant: R. Stephen Humphreys, UC Santa Barbara

Eve Krakowski, Princeton U–Jewish Law and the Islamic Social Order in Geniza Legal Documents
Uri Shachar, Ben Gurion U–Multiculturalism Reconsidered: Articulations of Multilingualism in Late Medieval Alexandria
Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State U–A Necessary Other: Muslim and Christian Leaders in Medieval Eastern Anatolia and Jazīra
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(4061) A Century of Women’s Rights in the MENA: Where Have the Men Gone?
Organized by Katja Zvan Elliott
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Discussant: Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke, U Oxford

Nadia Sonneveld, Radboud U Nijmegen, Netherlands—Women’s Injustice to Men? An Analysis of the Most Recent Family Law Reforms in Egypt and Morocco

Doris H. Gray, Al Akhawayn U, Morocco—Gender Equity beyond the Battle of the Sexes in Morocco

Katja Zvan Elliott, Al Akhawayn U, Morocco—Men’s Struggle with Personal Status Code Reforms in Morocco: Patriarchy Revisited

Fatima Sadiqi—The Role of the Military Men in the Emancipation of Moroccan Women

(4072) Beyond Orthodoxy and Confessionalization: New Perspectives on Ottoman Sunnism
Organized by Vefa Erginbas

Chair: Jane Hathaway, Ohio State U

Yasir Yilmaz, Purdue U—Contextualizing Confessionalism: An Historiographical Inquiry into Confessionalization: Paradigm’s Applicability to Ottoman Sunnism

Selim Güngörürler, Georgetown U—Sunnism, Qizilbashism and Shi’ism in the Context of Ottoman-Safavid Confrontation

Vefa Erginbas, Providence Col—Many Faces of Ottoman Sunnism: Approaches Toward Yazid b. Muawiyah in Ottoman Literary and Historical Writing

Aslihan Gurbuzel, Harvard U—How “Orthodox” Were the Ottoman ‘ulama’?: Approaches to Defining the Islamic Community in the Early Modern Age

Malissa Taylor, U Louisville—A Sultanic Sunnism, a Hanifized Kanun: The Expansion of the Sultan’s Legal Prerogatives (16th and 17th Centuries)

(4134) Crossing Local and Global Boundaries: Networks of Representation in Ottoman Empire and Contemporary Turkey
Organized by Dzovinar Derderian and Neveser Koker

Chair/Discussant: Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col

Neveser Koker, U Michigan—“Heaven for Women, Heaven for Infidels”: Representations of Femininity and Otherness in French Embassy Letters and Persian Letters

Dzovinar Derderian, U Michigan—Crossing Cultural Boundaries: Ottoman and Armenian Marriage Petitions, 1840s–1870s

Ashley Dimmig, U Michigan—The Representation of Tradition: Early Exhibitions of Islamic Art in Turkey and Europe

Başak Çandar, Appalachian State U—Literature beyond the East/West Divide: Orhan Pamuk and Juan Goytiso

(4163) Rethinking Modernity: Comparative Cases beyond the 19th Century Transformation
Organized by Murat Yildiz and Ziad M. Abu-Rish

Chair: Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U

Murat Yildiz, UCLA—Performing the Nation: Sports and Modernity in the Late Ottoman Empire

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U—Beyond the Non-State: Bureaucratic Expansion and Political Mobilizations in Early Independence Lebanon

Alma Heckman, UCLA—Moroccan Jews in the Crosshairs of Modernity: Nationalism, Zionism and the Civilizing Mission


(4173) Art and Politics in the Wake of the Second Intifada: Between Crisis and Transformation
Organized by Kiven Strohm and Sascha Crasnow

Chair: Kiven Strohm, American U Cairo
Discussant: Kirsten Scheid, American U Beirut

Nili Belkind, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign—Mozart at Qalandiya: Checkpoint: The Politics and Aesthetics of a Palestinian Musical Intifada

Sascha Crasnow, UC San Diego—After Oslo: Shifting Perspectives in Palestinian Art

Alessandra Amin, UCLA—Contemporary Citizens, Imaginary Cities: Questions of Place and Statehood in Wafa Hourani’s Qalandia 2067 and Larissa Sansour’s Nation Estate

Rania Jawad, Birzeit U—Locating the Real in Palestine: Art, Politics, and the Museum

(4189) Border Crossings in Arabic Literature: Transnational Identities and Texts in Motion
Organized by Allison Blecker

Chair/Discussant: William Granara, Harvard U

Allison Blecker, Harvard U—Reading Palestine through Chernobyl: Transnational Crisis in Mohamed Makhzangi’s “Memories of a Meltdown”

Khaled Al-Masri, Swarthmore Col—Caught in the Trap of Memory: Trauma, Border Crossing, and Hyperrealism in Hassan Blasim’s The Iraqi Christ

Benjamin Smith, Swarthmore Col—Where To?: Contesting the Rihla in Yousef al-Mohameed’s Fikhaakh al-Raa’iha
Greg Halaby, Harvard U–Al-Jahiz in “Playboy”: The Curious 20th Century Reception of an ʿAbbasid Mufakhara

(4225) Anthropology in the Arab Gulf: 21st-Century Mobilities, Paradoxes, and Protests, Part I
Organized by Marcia C. Inhorn

Sponsored by Association for Middle East Anthropology

Chair: Noor Al-Qasimi, U Exeter
Discussant: Christopher Davidson, Durham U

Ahmed Kanna, U of the Pacific–The Anthropologist as Migrant Worker: Encounters of Privilege, Discrimination, and Governmentality in the Gulf

Pardis Mahdavi, Pomona Col–Intimate Mobilities: Migrating Out of the Social Contract in Asia

Beth Kangas, TAARII–Studying Medical Tourism: Lessons from Yemeni Medical Travelers

Marcia C. Inhorn, Yale U–Cosmopolitan Conceptions? IVF Sojourns in Global Dubai

(4252) Islamist and Professional Activism in Post-Mubarak Egypt

Chair: Abdullahi A. Gallab, Arizona State U

Sarah S. Eltantawi, Evergreen State Col–Nahda vs. Sunna: Tracing the Genealogy of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Egypt


Ewan Stein, U Edinburgh–The Jihad Discourse of the Muslim Brotherhood during the Presidency of Muhammad Morsi


(4257) Media and Political Expression in Contemporary Turkey

Chair: Frances Trix, Indiana U

Joshua Hendrick, Loyola U Maryland–The Politics of (Un)Free Speech in ‘Conservative Democratic’ Turkey

Josh Carney, Indiana U–Cynical Valley - Conspiracy Genres in the Turkish TV Drama “Valley of the Wolves”

Sezin Öney, Bilkent U–Losing the Sight of “Truth”: Conspiracy Theories and Turkey’s Newspapers

Didem Oral, European U Inst, Florence–Mobilizing for Peace: Israel and Turkey as Unidentical Twins

Yavuz Yasar, U Denver–Social Policy, Religion and Politics in Turkey

Suncem Kocer, Kadir Has U–New Politics of News Circulation and Reception in Turkey

(4258) Popular Uprisings in the Early 20th Century

Chair: Weston F. Cook, Jr., U North Carolina Pembroke


William Bamber, U Washington–Anti-Imperialist Intrigue and the South Asian Revolutionary Diaspora in the First World War Middle East


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War: The Maras Uprising and the
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Wilfrid J. Rollman, Boston U–A
Moroccan Perspective on Resistance and
Accommodation to French Conquest
during the Great War
Joel Veldkamp, U Chicago–Sectarian
Violence in the 1925 Syrian Uprising

(4263) The Political Economy
of Oil: Divergent Modes of
Rentierism

Chair: Hootan Shambayati, Florida Gulf
Coast U

Veronika Deffner, National U
Singapore–The Omani Way of
Modernization and Development After
the Oil Boom
Mojtaba Mahdavi, U Alberta–Rentier
State and Beyond: Problematizing
Politics of Petro Populism in
Postrevolutionary Iran
Katayoun Shafiee, National U
Singapore–Petro-Knowledge in the
Reassembling of the Iranian State in the
Early 20th Century
Marie Alienor van den Bosch,
Princeton U–The Politics of Economic
Diversification in Rentier States. An
Expenditure-Centered Framework
to Explain Autocratic Survival: The
Contrasting Cases of Libya and Saudi
Arabia

(4280) Production of Knowledge
on the Middle East: Current
Access to the Region
Organized by Maggie Nassif

Session Leader: Maggie Nassif,
Binational Fulbright Commission in
Egypt

Nevenka Sullivan, Harvard U
Iman Aziz Soliman, American U Cairo
Christopher S. Rose, U Texas Austin
Sonia Shiri, U Arizona
Ted Purinton, American U Cairo
R. Kirk Belnap, Brigham Young U
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(4029) Re-Mapping Moroccan History and Culture: Northern Morocco in Transnational Perspective
Organized by Janell Rothenberg and Eric Calderwood

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Discussant: Susan Gilson Miller, UC Davis

David A. McMurray, Oregon State
U-‘You Will Die Here Just as My Sister Died Here’: Themes of Success and Failure in Northern Moroccan Migration Narratives

Eric Calderwood, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Frac’s Hajj: Moroccan Pilgrims to Mecca during the Spanish Civil War

David Stenner, UC Berkeley–“Dry Fruits” in Cairo: The Moroccan Student Missions and the Failure of Spanish Colonial Policy

Janell Rothenberg, UCLA–Global Port, Regional Place: Infrastructure and the Narrative Politics of Region in Northern Morocco

(4032) Israeli Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy after the March 17, 2015 Elections
Organized by Robert O. Freedman

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

Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U–Israel and the GCC: The Impact of the Death of King Abdullah

Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan U–Israeli-Egyptian Relations in a Changing Middle East

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv U–Israel and Syria: From War to Pecae, from Revolution to Jihad


(4070) Democratic, Left, Feminist and Liberal Activism in the MENA
Organized by John Chalcraft

Maha Abdelrahman, U Cambridge–Social Movements and the Question of Organisation: Egypt and Everywhere

Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS, U London–Feminist Activism in MENA: Iraq and Egypt in Focus

Cengiz Gunes, The Open U–Kurdish Activism in Syria: Building a Post-National Consensus in Uncertain Times

Toby Matthiesen, Cambridge U–Leftists in Arabia: Oil Workers, Activists and the Gulf Rentier States

John Chalcraft, London School of Economics–The BDS Movement and the Question of Radical Democracy

(4071) Parody, Emulation, and Adaptation: Adab in the Second Degree
Organized by Matthew Keegan

Chair/Discussant: Bilal Orfali, Ohio State U

Jeannie Miller, U Toronto–Don’t Take It Seriously: Roasting the Patron in the Early Ninth Century

Kelly Tuttle, Earlham Col–An Imitation Game: Al-Safadi in Mockery and Flattery

Matthew Keegan, New York U–The Indeterminacy of Parody: Ḥadīth Commentary and Grave Robbing

Max Shmookler, Columbia U–Bowdlerizing the Past to Shape the Present: Muhammad Abduh’s 1889 Edition of al-Hamadhāni’s Maqāmāt

(4077) Towards an Understanding of Identity: Ottoman Armenian Art, Literature, and Music
Organized by Barlow Der Mugrdechian

Sponsored by Society for Armenian Studies

Chair/Discussant: Barlow Der Mugrdechian, CSU Fresno

Jirair Christianian, Independent Researcher–Orphaned Armenian Objects in Istanbul: The Patriarchate Museum Collection

Nora Cherishian Lessersohn, Harvard U–Armenian Self and Ottoman Society: Christopher Oscanyan’s Oriental and Turkish Museum in London (1853-54)

Ron Marchese, U Minnesota–Sociological Implications in Armenian Religious Art in the Late Ottoman Period: Data from the Armenian Churches of Constantinople during the Second Armenian Renaissance - Post 1700

(4098) Texts, Reasoning, and Ethics in the Anthropology of Islam
Organized by Fabio Vicini and Aria Nakissa

Discussant: Andrew J. Shryock, U Michigan

Yunus Dogan Telliel, CUNY Graduate Center–Reformism, Qur’anic Authority, and Evidence-Seeking Muslims

Nermeen Mouftah, Northwestern U–Reading for Reform: Amr Khaled’s Hermeneutic of Success

Aria Nakissa, Washington U in St. Louis–Human Rights, Bodily Practice, and the Divine Intentions behind Scripture: Views from Egypt

Nada Mountaz, Ohio State U–Proof in Islamic Law from Texts to Statistics: Debates on the Family Waqf in the Levant (1918-1945)

Fabio Vicini, Istanbul 29 Mayis U–“Reading the Book of the Universe”: On Modernity, Reflection and Islam in Turkey
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(4101) Radical Bodies: Gender and Sexuality in Arab Digital Performance
Organized by Sonali Pahwa

Discussant: Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech

Nadia Latif, Georgia State U–“Syria’s Heart Eating Cannibal”: Producing and Consuming Incrimination Online
Sonali Pahwa, U Minnesota–This Is Not An Advice Column: Satirizing Gender Performance on a YouTube Women’s Channel

(4120) Arabic Graphic Novels: Schemes, Sensations, and Urban Spaces
Organized by Anna Ziajka Stanton

Chair: Tarek El-Ariss, U Texas Austin

Radwa El Barouni, U Texas Austin–Recollecting the Self: Mapping Practices and Fragmented Landscapes of Cairo and Beirut
Anna Ziajka Stanton, U Texas Austin–Getting the Picture: Affects and Aesthetics in the Translation of Arabic Graphic Literature
Chip Rossetti, U Pennsylvania–Translating Cairo’s Hidden Lines: The City as Visual Text in Magdy El Shafee’s Metro

(4122) Inclusive Growth in the Post Arab Spring Middle East
Organized by Edward A. Sayre

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Chair: Jennifer Olmsted, Drew U
Discussions: Bassam Yousif, Indiana State U and Jennifer Olmsted, Drew U

Karen Pfeifer, Smith Col, Emerita–Bottom-Up Elements in an Inclusive Program for Sustainable Development in Egypt
Zine Barka, GREFiP U Tlemcen–Tax Challenges Facing MENA Oil Countries and Algeria Specifically
Hadi Salehi Esfahani, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–The Role of Institutions and Policies in the Allocation of Female and Male Labor in MENA Countries
Edward A. Sayre, U Southern Mississippi–Inclusive Growth and the School to Work Transition of Young People in the Middle East and North Africa

(4140) The Language of Power: Articulating Kingship in the Medieval Islamicate World
Organized by Han Hsien Liew

Chair: Ali Asgar Aghbali, Harvard U

Zainab Mahmoud, New York U–A Kingly Appointment: Al-Malik, Fir’awn and Concepts of Kingship in Medieval Muslim Exegetical Writing
Han Hsien Liew, Harvard U–The Thirty-Year Caliphate: Revisiting Legitimate Authority in Medieval Islam
Maryam Kamali, Harvard U–The Ghaznavid Dynasty in Connection to the Iranian Kingdom and the ‘Abbasid Caliphate
Jonathan Brack, U Michigan–God’s Mongol Caliph: Defining Absolute Kingship in Ilkhanid Iran
Mustafa Banister, U Toronto–Walking the Political Tight-Rope: Ibn Khaldūn’s Dissection of Kingship and Classical Islamic Authority in Mamlūk Egypt

(4170) Shi’i (Trans)nationalism in Comparative Perspective
Organized by Robert J. Riggs and Zackery Heern

Chair/Discussant: Juan Cole, U Michigan

Zackery Heern, Murray State U–Modern Usuli Shi’ism as a Transnational Movement
Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky U–Shi’i Nationalism in the Twentieth Century Iran
Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, Princeton U–The Shi’i Regulators of Free Religious Trade: Debating and Importing the Iranian Revolution in Pakistan
Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport–Al-Sadr’s Indigenization Strategies and the Emergence of Iraqi Arab Shi’ism
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**(4292) Egypt—Intellectuals, Political Tyranny, and the Death of the Public Sphere**  
Organized by Nader Hashemi

Chair: Nader Hashemi, U Denver  
Discussants: Marc Lynch, George Washington U and Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U

**Amr Hamzawy**, Cairo U/American U Cairo  
**Emad Shahin**, Georgetown U/American U Cairo

Amr Hamzawy and Emad Shahin are two of Egypt’s most prominent and influential scholars and public intellectuals (albeit of different stripes). Both have been active participants in the Egyptian Revolution and outspoken critics of the July 2013 coup d’état and subsequent crackdown. This Special Session will provide an opportunity for scholars of the Middle East to engage directly with these two towering figures of Egyptian intellectual life in a lively and open format. The focus of this session will be on Egypt’s failed democratic transition; what went wrong and what lessons should be learned from this experience both for Egypt and for the broader struggle democracy in the Arab-Islamic world.

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**(4233) Late Ottoman Invocations of Politics, Education, and Science**  
Chair: Samy Ayoub, U Texas Austin

**Ella Fratantuono**, Michigan State U–Mosque, Mekteb and Migrant: Immigrant Petitions for Religious Institutions and Educational Resources in the Late Ottoman Empire  
**Shaadi Khoury**, George Washington U–From Constitution to Canon: The Arab Academy of Science in Damascus in the 1920s  
**Maria Swanson**, US Naval Academy–Russian Influence on the Writings of Mikhail Naimy

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**(4234) Kurds and Civil Society in Turkey**  
Chair: Giuseppe Acconcia, Bocconi U  
Discussant: Murat Somer, Koç U Istanbul

**Muna Guvenc**, Independent Scholar–Local Struggles: Contested Landscapes of Kurdish Cities in Urban Turkey  
**Senem Aslan**, Bates Col–Why Do States “Disappear” Their Citizens? Explaining the Variation in Turkey  
**Sule Yaylaci**, U British Columbia–State Legitimacy in the Face of Intrastate Violence: The Case of Turkey

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**(4250) Social Mobilization and Political Change in the Contemporary Middle East**  
Chair: Dilek Cindoglu, Mardin Artuklu U

**Nadine Sika**, American U Cairo–Contentious Politics and Youth Political Participation in Egypt  
**Kawther Alfasi**, U Warwick–Political Participation in the Libyan Uprising: Between Strategy and Symbolism  
**Nermin Allam**, U Alberta–The Trenches and Fortifications of Women’s Engagement in the 2011 Uprising
(4268) Institutional and Cultural Transformation in the Interwar Middle East

Chair: Dennis Sammut, LINKS (Dialogue, Analysis and Research)

Paul Tchir, UC San Diego–Passing the Ball – Britain’s Experiment in Hegemonic Restructuring in Late Colonial Egypt
Arturo Marzano, U Pisa–Listening to Arabic Radio Transmissions in the Middle East (1938-43)
Sami Sweis, U Chicago–Remembering al-Kura: Contested Space and Memories in Transjordan, 1921-1922
Ran Levy, Tel Aviv U–Negotiating Law in Transition: Litigating Criminal Intent under the Colonial Courts in Mandate Palestine
Israa Alhassani, James Madison U–John Van Ess’s High Hope and the National Education System in Iraq in the Early Twentieth Century

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(4281) Is There a Medieval Muslim Mediterranean?
Organized by Karla Mallette, U Michigan

Sarah C. Davis-Secord, U New Mexico
Brian Catlos, U Colorado Boulder
Camilo Gómez-Rivas, UC Santa Cruz
Karen C. Pinto, Boise State U

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(4017) Humanitarianism in the Middle East: War and Care Economies
Organized by Estella Carpi and Lamia Moghnieh

Discussant: Ilana Feldman, George Washington U

Nell Gabiam, Iowa State U–Palestinians Displaced by the War in Syria: Governmental Responses and Refugee Networks of Assistance
Estella Carpi, U Sydney–Humanitarianism and Chronic Emergencies in Lebanon: From the July War to the Syrian Refugee Influx
Lamia Moghnieh, U Michigan–Humanitarian Therapies of Violence in Lebanon during ‘War’ and ‘Peace’
Omar Dewachi, American U Beirut–When Wounds Travel
Bridget Guarasci, Oberlin Col–Winning Hearts and Minds: Environment as a Form of Humanitarianism in the Recent Iraq War

(4079) Infrastructure and Challenges to Sovereignty in the Ottoman Provinces
Organized by Emily Neumeier and Zoe Griffith

Chair: Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington U
Discussant: Christine M. Philliou, UC Berkeley

Zoe Griffith, Brown U–Bequeathing the Nile: Irrigation Waqfs and Political Challenge in Late-Eighteenth-Century Egypt
Faisal Husain, Georgetown U–Ottoman Hydraulic Projects and Condominium Rule in Iraq, 1638-1750
Michael Polczynski, Georgetown U–Memâlik-i Mahrûse, Antemurale Christianitatis: The “Well Protected Domains” and the “Bulwark of Christendom” on the Ottoman/Polish-Lithuanian Frontier
Emily Neumeier, U Pennsylvania–Rules of Engagement on the Ionian Sea: Conflict and Confrontation over the Construction of Ottoman Coastal Fortresses

Roundtable

(4018) Technology in the Service of Pedagogy
Organized by Jeannette E. Okur

Sponsored by American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages

Chair: Jeannette E. Okur, U Texas Austin
Funda Derin, U Wisconsin Madison
Jason Vivrette, UC Berkeley

(4058) Arabs in the US Census
Organized by Rita Stephan

Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association

Chair: Randa Kayyali, George Mason U

(4110) Rethinking Muharram: Shi’i Muslim Minorities and the Politics of Ashura Performances
Organized by Mara Leichtman

Chair: Toby Matthiesen, Cambridge U
Discussant: Chiara Formichi, Cornell U

Samer El-Karanshawy, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies–Texts, Interpretation and Commemorating Imām Husayn
Mara Leichtman, Michigan State U–The ‘Africanization’ of Ashura in Senegal
Kathryn Spellman Poots, Aga Khan U–Muharram Rituals and the Making of British Shi’ism

(4117) Discrepant Itineraries: New Perspectives on the Politics of Travel, Leisure, and Pilgrimage
Organized by Timur Hammond

Discussant: Michael Gasper, Occidental Col

Emily Schneider, UC Santa Barbara–Jewish Travel to the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Challenging Transnational Ties through Alternative Tourism
Timur Hammond, UCLA–Between Islam and the Orient: Shifting Practices of Pilgrimage and Tourism in Contemporary Turkey
Joana Lucas, CRIA-FCSH/NOVA–On the Periphery of the Empire: Tourism and Leisure in Mauritania under French Colonial Administration
Gwenn Okruhlik, National U Singapore–Displacement, Seclusion and Social Identities: Oman on the Verge
(4124) Turmoil and Tolerance: Unpacking the Current Crisis in Yemen
Organized by Daniel Martin Varisco

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies

Chair: Daniel Martin Varisco, Qatar U
Mohammed Sharafuddin, U Sana’a–Yemen and the Culture of Tolerance
Najwa Adra, Independent Researcher–Mediating Social Hierarchies in Yemen’s Highlands
Marieke Brandt, Austrian Academy of Sciences–Huthis and Tribes: Prospects for Tribalism in Huthi-Controlled Areas
Sam Liebhaber, Middlebury Col–A New Era for Language Diversity in Yemen: Mahri and Socotri in the New Yemeni Constitution

Chair/Discussant: Ahmad Shokr, New York U
Nora Barakat, UC Berkeley–Contested Credit: The Dynamics of Mortgage in Late Ottoman Syria
Elizabeth Williams, Georgetown U–The Agricultural Bank: From Ottoman Institution to French Mandate Crisis in Syria
Aaron G. Jakes, The New School U–Crisis Profiteering and the Nationalist Critique of Finance in Egypt, 1907-1914

(4143) Focusing Research on the Lives of Slave Women in Muslim Society
Organized by Kathryn Hain

Chair: Peter Sluglett, National U Singapore
Discussant: Lisa Nielson, Case Western Reserve U
Karen Moukheiber, American U Beirut–Concubines and Qiyān in ‘Abbasid Biographical Compilations: Revisiting the Boundaries of Slave Women’s Cultural Roles
Jocelyn Sharlet, UC Davis–Elocution and Obscenity in the Life and Work of ‘Inān (d. 814), Poet and Slave
Kathryn Hain, U Utah–The Chinese Connection: T’ang Influence on ‘Abbasid Royal Household Slavery
Marina Tolmacheva, Washington State U–Ibn Battuta’s Concubines: Mobility, Dislocation, and Ownership

(4148) Banking on Land: Agriculture, Capital, and the Politics of Empire, 1850-1950
Organized by Elizabeth Williams and Aaron G. Jakes

Chair/Discussant: Ahmad Shokr, New York U
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Elizabeth Williams, Georgetown U–The Agricultural Bank: From Ottoman Institution to French Mandate Crisis in Syria
Aaron G. Jakes, The New School U–Crisis Profiteering and the Nationalist Critique of Finance in Egypt, 1907-1914

(4157) Identity Politics in the Fatimid Ismaili Tradition
Organized by Paul E. Walker

Chair: Farhad Daftary, Inst of Ismaili Studies

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Samer Traboulsi, UNC Asheville–The Latter-Day Fatimids: Construction and Expression of Identity in the Ṭayyibī Ismāʿīlī/Bohra Community
Shainool Jiwa, Inst of Ismaili Studies–Lineage & Legitimacy: Examining the Baghdad Manifesto
Daniel Beben, Nazarbayev U–The Fatimid Legacy and the Foundation of the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate
Paul E. Walker, U Chicago–Rhetorical Methods of Demeaning an Enemy: Fatimid References to the ‘Abbasids

(4167) Negotiating the Intellectual Legacy of the 1960s in Contemporary Cultural Production in Morocco
Organized by Ahmed Idrissi Alami

Discussant: Mohammed Hirchi, Colorado State U
Mbarek Sryfi, U Pennsylvania–Sab ‘at Abwāb: A Renewed Commitment to Life
Said Graiouid, U Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco & School for International Training–Contemporary Cultural Production and Patronage in Morocco
Mary B. Vogl, Colorado State U–The Legacy of the Journal Souffles for the Contemporary Moroccan Cultural Press
Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U–Resisting Neoliberal Subjectification in Laila Lalami’s Secret Son

(4186) The Somatics of Reading Hoda Barakat
Organized by Michal Raizen

Drew Paul, U Tennessee Knoxville–The Materiality of Forgetting in Hoda Barakat’s A Stranger’s Letters
Katie Logan, U Texas Austin–Women of the Cloth: Histories of Touch and Illness in Tiller of Waters
Johanna Sellman, Ohio State U–Hoda Barakat’s The Stranger’s Letters and Shifting Notions of Diaspora in Arabic Literature
Michal Raizen, Ohio Wesleyan U–Debunking Fayruziat al-hawa: Listening as Individual Prerogative in Hoda Barakat’s The Stranger’s Letters and Disciples of Passion
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(4194) Law and Society in Turkey: Courts, Rights and Mobilization
Organized by Filiz Kahraman

Chair: Resat Kasaba, U Washington

Ayse Toksoz, U Washington—When “Laws Are Important, But Not That Much”: Regulating Reproductive Health in Contemporary Turkey
Onur Bakiner, Seattle U—Turkey’s Judiciary during the Kurdish Conflict
Filiz Kahraman, U Washington—A New Avenue for Labor Activists in Turkey? Claiming Labor Rights as Human Rights

(4199) Envisioning and Experiencing the Colonial City: Cairo’s Downtown, Its Publics, and Urban Heterotopia
Organized by Lucie Ryzova

Discussant: G. Carole Woodall, U Colorado

Adam Mestyan, Harvard U—The Club des Princes and the Origins of ‘Imad al-Din Street
Mohamed Elshahed, New York U—A Modernist Architect’s History of Downtown Cairo
Elizabeth Frierson, U Cincinnati—Pharmacists’ Shops as Outposts of Modern Science in Downtown Cairo
Hanan H. Hammad, TCU—Students and Their Brothel Friends in Underworld Downtown Cairo
Lucie Ryzova, U Birmingham—From Darb al-Gamamiz to Ismailiyya: Strolling and Spatial Practices of Efendi Youths

(4204) Jerusalem’s Landscapes of Loss, 1900-2014: Memory and Spatial Politics
Organized by Thomas P. Abowd

Chair: Thomas P. Abowd, Tufts U
Discussant: Amahl Bishara, Tufts U

Issam Nassar, Illinois State U—From a Center to a Periphery: The De-Urbanization of Jerusalem in 1948
Thomas P. Abowd, Tufts U—Jerusalem’s Post-1967 Landscape of Loss: Spatial Politics at the Site of the Western Wall/Moroccan Quarter
Paul E. Chevedden, Independent Scholar—The Crusader Conquest of Jerusalem in 492/1099: Arabic Historiography vs. Historical Reconstruction
Salim Tamari, IPS—Carnivalesque Jerusalem (1908-1930)

(4236) State Policies of Control in the Contemporary Middle East

Chair: Sabri Ciftci, Kansas State U

Kevin W. Martin, Indiana U—“The Voice of Syria”: Mass Media and the Arab World’s First Cult of Personality
Lisa Blaydes, Stanford U—Rumors as Resistance in Iraq under Saddam Hussein: Evidence from the Ba’th Party Bureaucracy
Sean Yom, Temple U—Diffusion-Proofing after the Arab Spring: New Authoritarian Strategies of Framing and Control
Killian Clarke, Princeton U—Fragmented Sovereignty: Authority and Contention in Syrian Refugee Camps

(4270) Representation, War, and Media in Contemporary Lebanon

Chair: Ghenwa Hayek, U Chicago

Kifah Hanna, Trinity Col—Writing the Body in Lebanese War Literature
May Farah, American U Beirut—Gender Representations in Lebanese Television: Inequality on and behind the Small Screen
Hiba Bou Akar, Hampshire Col—The Doubleness of Beirut’s Ruins: Between a Past War and Wars Yet to Come

(4286) BDS and Middle East Studies: Historical, Political and Legal Dimensions
Organized by Jens Hanssen, U Toronto

Session Leader: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Omar Al-Shehabi, Gulf Centre for Policy Studies
Lisa Hajjar, UC Santa Barbara
Rima Kapitan, Kapitan Law Office
2015 Presidential Forum

“The Future of Higher Education in the Middle East”

Moderator: Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences
Lisa Anderson, American University in Cairo
John Waterbury, American University of Beirut

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### JMEWS Publications Meeting
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### JMEWS Editorial Board Meeting
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### AMEWS Reception
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### (4041) Islamic Authority and National Identity: The Evolution of a Dialectic
Organized by Ari Schriber

**Chair/Discussant:** Osama Abi-Mershed, Georgetown U

**Ari Schriber,** Harvard U—Freedom as Revival: Forging the Salafi Politics of Allal al-Fasi in 1930s Morocco

**Youssef Ben Ismail,** Harvard U—Good ‘Ulama’ and Bad ‘Ulama’: History (Re-)Writing as Identity Making in Post-Colonial Tunisia

**Laura Thompson,** Harvard U—Who Speaks for the Sacred?: Locating & Punishing Blasphemy in Post-Arab Spring Tunisia

**Mary Elston,** Harvard U—Threatening Seclusion after the Coup: The Limits of al-Azhar’s Political and Religious Authority

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### (4043) Gendered Spaces in the Arabian Peninsula
Organized by Sean Foley and Jocelyn Sage Mitchell

**Chair:** Sami Hermez, Northwestern U Qatar
**Discussant:** Suad Joseph, UC Davis

### (4046) Palestinian Childhoods: Negotiating a Place of Their Own
Organized by Heidi Morrison

**Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center**

**Discussant:** Rebecca Granato, Bard al Quds Col

**Bree Akesson,** Wilfrid Laurier U—The Socio-Spatial Development of National Identity for Palestinian Families and Children: Insights from the Concept of Territoriality

**Mohammed Alrozzi,** U Fribourg—The Everyday Negotiation of Palestinian Children

**Heidi Morrison,** U Wisconsin La Crosse—Memory, Agency and Palestinian Children of the Second Intifada

**Omri Grinberg,** U Toronto—The Child Witness - Understanding the Key Role of Children in Testimonies Collected by Israeli Human Rights NGOS

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### (4092) Techniques and Tensions of Power in North African Narrative Epistemologies
Organized by Jamiella Brooks

**Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies**

**Amy Riddle,** UC Davis—Social Products: A Fictional Account of Martyrdom in Ben Jelloun’s By Fire

**Charlotte Pardey,** Philipps U Marburg, Germany—Disentangling Fact and Fiction in Times of Turmoil: Kamal al-Riahi’s al-Ghurillā as a Multilayered Narrative of the Tunisian Uprising

**Jamiella Brooks,** UC Davis—Paroles Mésurées: Creative Agency in Two North African Francophone Narratives

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### (4094) The View from the Edge: Decentered Histories of Modern Egypt
Organized by Hoda Yousef

**Anny Gaul,** Georgetown U—Kitab Abla Nazira: Egyptian Cuisine in the 1930s

**Wendy Doyon,** U Pennsylvania—The View from Quft: Archaeology and the Making of a Modern, Rural Elite in Upper Egypt


**Hoda Yousef,** Franklin & Marshall Col—The Three Pleas of Jalila: Negotiating Poverty and Patriarchy, 1908-1913

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### (4091) Researching Lebanon: The Newly Emerging Archival Terrain
Organized by Ziad M. Abu-Rish

**Chair:** Nadya J. Sbaiti, American U Beirut

**Graham Pitts,** Georgetown U  
**Linda Sayed,** New York U  
**Nada Mountaz,** Ohio State U  
**Tsolin Nalbantian,** Leiden U  
**Ziad M. Abu-Rish,** Ohio U

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(4097) Politics of the Body and Masculinity in Turkey  
Organized by Zeynep Korkman and S. Can Aciksoz

Sponsored by Association for Middle East Women’s Studies

Discussant: Gul Ozyegin, Col of William and Mary

Zeynep Korkman, U Arizona and S. Can Aciksoz, U Arizona–Gendering Political Power: Performing and Resisting Sovereign Masculinity
Sertac Sehlikoglu, U Cambridge–Invisible Becoming: Masculinity, Piety, and Transformation in Turkey
Oyman Basaran, U Massachusetts–Modernity, the Welfare State and Male Circumcision in Turkey
Serap Ruken Sengul, U Michigan–Circumscriptions: Violence, Sovereignty and Identity in the Frontier

(4133) Law and (Public) Order: Political Science Engages the New Middle East  
Organized by Jillian M. Schwedler

Sarah Parkinson, U Minnesota–US Law, the “War on Terror,” and Middle East Research
Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter Col, CUNY–Protests are Legal: Law and Public Dissent in Jordan
Robert P. Parks, Centre d’Études Maghrébines en Algérie–Law and Disorder: Demonstrations, Riots and the Uncertainty of Property Rights in Algeria
Laryssa Chomiak, American Inst for Maghrûb Studies–Configurations of Order: Judicial (Re-) Design in Contemporary Tunisia

(4136) Will the Arab Right Please Stand Up?: History and Politics since 1967  
Organized by Hussein Omar, Sherene Seikaly, and Ahmed Dailami

Chair: Jens Hanssen, U Toronto
Discussant: Walter Armbrust, U Oxford

Hussein Omar, U Oxford–Liberal Longings in Republican Egypt (1977-2013)

(4137) History and Practices: Social-Cultural Perspectives on Arab Music  
Organized by Carl Davila

Chair: Dwight F. Reynolds, UC Santa Barbara

Lisa Nielson, Case Western Reserve U–The History of Arabian Music: Revisiting the Legacy of Henry George Farmer in Western Musicology
Carl Davila, Col at Brockport, SUNY–The Moroccan Andalusian Music Anthologies: Evidence for Orality?
Philip Murphy, UC Santa Barbara–Birds Who Sing in Many Trees: Sufi Singers & Professionalization in Fez, Morocco
Christopher Witulski, Florida State U–“Because People Will Like It!”: Locating Malḥūn and Its Audiences through Musical Flexibility

(4138) Developing Landscapes: Experts and the Politics of Environmental Management in the Contemporary Middle East  
Organized by Sarah El-Kazaz and Elizabeth Angell

Chair/Discussant: Toby C. Jones, Rutgers U

Jessica E. Barnes, U South Carolina–What Does It Mean to “Have Awareness?” Knowledge Narratives in Egyptian Water Management
Elizabeth Angell, Columbia U–Governing Risk: Earthquake Preparedness and Urban Transformation in Istanbul

Sarah El-Kazaz, Oberlin Col–Etching Socio-Political Change into Stone: The Politics of Urban Transformation in Istanbul and Cairo
Gokce Gunel, Columbia U–Spaceship in the Desert: Energy and Climate Change in Abu Dhabi

(4139) Emerging Voices: Identity, Otherness and Belonging in Mai Al-Nakib’s Kuwaiti Narratives  
Organized by Angelica Maria DeAngelis

Chair/Discussant: Nancy L. Stockdale, U North Texas

Hanan Muzaffar, American U Kuwait–Locating Home in the Hidden Light of Objects
Angelica Maria DeAngelis, American U Kuwait–Silence and the Agency of Objects: Negotiating Identity, Loss and Belonging in Mai Al-Nakib’s The Hidden Light of Objects
Emanuela Buscemi, U Aberdeen–A Language Held Captive: Transcultural Hybridity, Loss and Belonging
Viviana Peiretti, American U Kuwait–Challenging the Hegemonic Narrative of Orientalism: A South-to-South Perspective on Identity and Belonging in Mai al-Nakib’s The Hidden Light of Objects

(4201) (Re)Mappings: Zoning Gender Sexuality, and Modernity in Iran  

Chair: Behzad Sarmadi, U Toronto
Discussant: Camron M. Amin, U Michigan Dearborn

Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State U–Accenting Iranian Femininity: The Story of the Polish Exiles in Iran
Ida Meftahi, U Maryland–“Degenerate” Bodies, “Degenerate” Performances
Leila Pourtavaf, U Toronto–Gender, Interiority and the City Center: Locating the Golestan Harem during Nasser al-Din Shah’s Reign
(4211) The Ottoman Genocide of Christian Minorities: The Armenians and Assyrians
Organized by Doris Melkonian
Chair: Arda Melkonian, UCLA

Arda Melkonian, UCLA–Resisting Attempts to Re-Create Identity by Renaming
Doris Melkonian, UCLA–Tattooed: Boundaries of Inclusion and Exclusion
Avedis Hadjian, Journalist–Kurds, the Armenian Genocide and the Evolving Relationship between Both Nations
Nicholas Al-Jeloo, U Melbourne–A Clean Sweep?: The Attempted Purging of Assyrians from Hakkârî

(4231) Understanding the Iraqi State: Sectarianism and Authoritarianism

Dr. Nassima Neggaz, National U Singapore–Sunnis, Shi a, and the State in Iraq since 2003: The Construction of a Sectarian-Authoritarian State
Caroleen Sayej, Connecticut Col–Ayatollahs and the Battle over Religion in Post-Saddam Iraq
Tim Jacoby, U Manchester–(Mis) Representing the Sunni Uprising in Iraq: Culture Talk and the “Islamic State”

(4247) Reading Islamic Texts: Law, Biography, and Social History

Chair: Dale J. Correa, U Texas Libraries

Alyssa Gabbay, UNC Greensboro–‘And It Is Not the Word of a Poet’: Poetical Ambivalence in the Prefaces of Amir Khusraw (d.1325)
Rachel Hagler Schine, U Chicago–The Etiology of the Black-Arab Hero: The Case of ‘Abd al-Wahāb
Amir Toft, U Chicago–The Construction and Function of Precedent in Hanafi Jurisprudence

Sharon Silzell, U Texas Austin–Blood on the Text: The Mushaf and the Construction of the Sacred
Pamela Klasova, Georgetown U–Poets on the Periphery: Tajmîr and Ta’ arrub in Umayyad Poetry

(4265) Migration and Identity: Transnationalisms in Politics and Literature

Chair: Elise Salem, Lebanese American U

Mary Youssef, Binghamton U–Re-imagining Migration and Gender in Mīrāl al-Ṭahawī’s Brooklyn Heights and ‘A’lā’ al-Aswānī’s Chicago
Chelsie May, U Chicago–On A Contemporary Notion of Arab Jewish Identity: Reading Haviva Pedaya Intersectionally
Victoria M. Phaneuf, U Arizona–“We Aren’t Hidden!”: Material Culture as Communication in French North African, Pied-Noir, and Harki Civic Associations
Leila Tarakji, Michigan State U–Passeurs across Time and Space: Transnational Poetics of Muslim American Poetry
Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury U and Dhia Ben Ali, U Arkansas–All Politics Is (Not) Local: The Regional Impact on Democratization in Tunisia

(4269) Education, Gender, and Colonial Legacies

Chair: Mirna Lattouf, Arizona State U

Jonathan Sciarcon, U Denver–Changing the Program: The AIU Girls’ School in Baghdad after WWII
Samuel Anderson, UCLA–Domesticating the Médersa: Islamic Education and Colonial Rule in French Algeria
Carine Bouget, U Arizona–Communautarisme or Intégration? Muslim Schools in France
Johanna Peterson, UC San Diego–Nation, Girls’ Education, and the Women’s Press in Lebanon, 1919-1922
Sarra Hilali, U Chicago–Women and Education in Mamluk Cairo

(4278) International Law, Sovereignty and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire
Organized by Michael Christopher Low and Aimee Genell

Session Leader: Aimee Genell, U Miami

Will Smiley, Reed Col
Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School
Lale Can, City Col of NY, CUNY
Virginiya Aksan, McMaster U
Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U
Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington U
Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U
Linda T. Darling, U Arizona
Will Hanley, Florida State U

(4014) New Approaches to Christians in the Middle East
Organized by Febe Armanios and Candace Lukasik

Chair: Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State U
Discussant: Saba Mahmood, UC Berkeley

Alda Benjamen, U Maryland, Col Park–Assyrians in Ba’thist Iraq: From “National Minority” to “Religious Denomination”
Febe Armanios, Middlebury Col–Télé Lumière: Christian Television in Postwar Lebanon
Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col–Conversations in Hybridity: Islamicized Armenian Conversos in Contemporary Turkey and Syria
Candace Lukasik, UC Berkeley–Mobilizing Copts: Lay Politics and the Coptic Orthodox Church in Post-2011 Egypt
(4024) Muslims, Moriscos, and Christians: Conflictual Encounters, Conversions, and Exchange in the Early-Modern Mediterranean World
Organized by Diana Galarreta-Aima

Chair: Andrew Devereux, Loyola Marymount U
Discussant: Diana Galarreta-Aima, U Virginia

Nadia Zeldes, Ben Gurion U in the Negev–Conversos and the Inquisition in Sicily in the Age of Carlos V
Aaron Stamper, U Colorado Boulder–Ambiguous Boundaries: The Córdoba y Válor Family, Christian Concomitants and Muslim Dissenters in Sixteenth Century Granada
Nabil Matar, U Minnesota–Arab Resistance to Conversion: From Malta to Syria
Mohamad Ballan, U Chicago–The 1501 Hispano-Muslim Qasida to Sultan Bayezid II: A Reconsideration

(4025) Lebanese Writing beyond al-Ahdath
Organized by Zaki Haidar

Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech–Scandalous Women, Gay Men, and Biracial Children: Exploring Emergent Subjectivities in the Contemporary Lebanese Novel
Zaki Haidar, Carleton Col–Tropic Exhaustion and Mountain Modernism
Ghenwa Hayek, U Chicago–Everyday Writing in an Extraordinary City: New Perspectives on Beirut

(4034) States of Imagination: Four Perspectives on Iraqi Political Culture, 1900–2014
Organized by Annie Greene and Carl Shook

Sponsored by The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq

Discussant: Peter Wien, U Maryland, Col Park

Annie Greene, U Chicago–From Baghdad with Love: Negotiating Ottoman-Iraqi Regionalism under the CUP
Carl Shook, U Chicago–Rivers and Ruins: The British Imperial Episteme of Iraq’s Geo-Space
Pelle Valentin Olsen, U Chicago–Idle Days in Baghdad: Coffee Shops and the Dangers of Unsupervised Intellectual Activity
Omar Sirri, U Toronto–Seeing, Perceiving and Believing the Spatial Politics of Baghdad

(4038) Identity and Sectarianism in Modern Syria
Organized by Kevin Mazur

Chair: Steven Heydemann, US Inst of Peace

Max Weiss, Princeton U–The Idea of Syrian Sectarianism
Daniel Neep, Georgetown U–The State as Sectarian Relation? Rethinking Syria in Historical Sociological Perspective
Annika Rabo, Stockholm U–Regional Politics and Shawal’i Identities in the Raqqa Province
Kevin Mazur, Princeton U–Sectarianism as Social Boundary Activation: The Case of the 2011 Syrian Uprising

(4052) Ottoman Armenians before 1915: Old Debates, New Questions
Organized by Yasar Tolga Cora

Toyygun Altintas, U Chicago–Organizing, Framing and Policing Disobedience: Revolutionary Action, and Reactions in Sasoun

Mehmet Fatih Uslu, Istanbul Sehir U–Armenian Provincial Literature in the Ottoman Empire
Yasar Tolga Cora, U Chicago–Textile Manufacturing in Yerzinka/Erzincan and the Social Structure of an Armenian Community in the Nineteenth Century

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Paul Kubicek, Oakland U–Turkey in the 21st Century: A Rising, Revisionist Power?
Ziya Onis, Koc U–The Political Economy of Turkey in the Age of Emerging Powers: Achievements and Contradictions of the AKP Era
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Ayelet Even-Nur, UC Berkeley–Syntactic Satire: Language, Identity and Humor in Arab Labor
Samer M. Ali, U of Michigan, Ann Arbor–Wine Satire in the Medieval Islamic Public Sphere: New Money Ahsabis and the Politics and Poetics of the Bacchic

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Franklin D. Lewis, U Chicago–The Scintillating Sanā‘ī, the Prickler Sūzanī and the Sexual Lexicon of Persian Poetry
Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora, U Chicago–Expanding the Boundaries of Meşnevi: The Narration of Erotic Desires
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(4102) Accoutrements of Power: The Portrayal of Kingship in the Medieval Islamicate World
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Heba Mostafa, U Kansas–The Dar al-Imara in Early Islam
C. Ceyhun Arslan, Harvard U–Poetics and Politics Reconsidered: Ruins and ’Imāra in Classical Arabic Qaṣīda
Cameron Cross, U Chicago–The Man Inside the Mountain: Architectonics of Power and Kingship in Vis and Ramin
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Daniel Meier, CNRS/PACTE-Grenoble–France–South Lebanon as a Palestinian Borderscape: The Fidayyin Experience during the 1970s
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Nasser Isleem, NYU Abu Dhabi and Khulood J.M. Kittaneh, NYU Abu Dhabi–Promoting Language Proficiency and Intercultural Competence in Arabic Language through Short Intensive Immersion Program in the City of Al Ain
Mahmoud Azaz, U Arizona–Challenges Facing Arabic Language Planning Policies in the Gulf and Their Implications in Teaching Arabic
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(4172) Economic Development and the Transformation of Gulf Landscapes
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Noah Haiduc-Dale, Centenary Col, NJ–Reflecting the Gulf: Arab Views of the Sea in Literature and Song
Matthew MacLean, New York U–Nation-Building and the Commercialization of Agriculture in the Trucial States/UAE: The Case of Digdagga, Ras al-Khaimah
(4187) Questioning the Moral in Islamic Education: Modernity and the Reconfiguration of Islamic Knowledge
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Sami Emile Baroudi, Lebanese American U–Sheikh Wahbah al-Zuhaili on International Relations: The Discourse of a Prominent Contemporary Islamist Scholar (1932–)
Hasan Azad, Columbia U–Creating a Virtuous Muslim: Ebrahim Col and the Question of Islamic Ethics
Caitlyn Bolton, Graduate Center, CUNY–Colonizing Curriculum: Modernity, Morality and Islamic Education in Colonial Zanzibar
Archana Prakash, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Teaching Egyptians Translation: The Role of Madrasat al-Alsun in Indigenizing “Useful” Knowledge

(4202) Law and Society in Post Revolution Egypt
Organized by Mahinour El-Badrawi

Chair: Amy Shalakany, American U Cairo
Discussant: Sherief Gaber, American U Cairo

Farida Makar, American U Cairo–Let Us Legislate Learning: The Dynamics of Law and Education in Egypt
Karim Medhat Ennarah, American U Cairo–On the Margins of the Rule of Law: Protection for Refugees in Post-Revolutionary Egypt

(4239) Networks of Empire: Money, Pilgrims, and Texts
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Irena Fliter, Tel Aviv U–In the Service of Ottoman Diplomats: Prussian Jews as Brokers of Financial Networks and Cultural Exchange in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century
Tobe Shanok, Independent Scholar–Economic Largesse to Palestine during WW I Generated New Realities
Donal Hassett, European U Inst–Provision and Supervision: The Comité des Amitiés Africaines and Algerian Veterans of the Great War
Madeleine Elfenbein, U Chicago–Ottomanism on a European Stage: Ali Suavi and Teodor Kasap in the Pages of the French and British Press
Assef Ashraf, Yale U–At the Edge of Empire: Frontier Administration and the Formation of Qajar Iran

(4262) Populism, Resistance, and Social Media in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
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Alaa Tartir, London School of Economics/Graduate Inst of International and Development Studies–Criminalizing Resistance: The Cases of Balata and Jenin Refugee Camps in Occupied Palestine
Sara Hughes, UCLA–Land for Lives: Memorializing Violence through West Bank Settlement Construction
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(4272) Women’s Activism: Entrepreneurship, Networking, and the Pursuit of Rights
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Namie Tsujigami, U Tokyo–Women’s Networks and Empowerment in Saudi Arabia
Roksana Bahramitash, U Montréal–Social Economy, Social Entrepreneurship & Women’s Economic Empowerment: A Case Study from Iran’s Sistan and Baluchistan Province
Zahra Ali, EHESS–Post-2003 Iraqi Women’s Rights Activism: Between NGOs, Sectarianism and Rise of Conservatism
Hanan Nazier, Cairo U and Racha Ramadan, Cairo U–Women’s Participation in Labor Market in Egypt: Constraints and Opportunities

(4276) State of the Art in Middle East Studies
Organized by miriam cooke

Session Leader: miriam cooke, Duke U
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Lindsay J. Benstead, Portland State U and Ellen Lust, U Gotenburg–Traits, Competencies or Policy Signals? Candidate Identity and Electability in Tunisian, Libyan, Egyptian and Jordanian Elections
Steven T. Brooke, U Louisville–Measuring Preference Falsification in an Authoritarian Regime: Results from a List Experiment in Egypt

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Organized by Helen M. Rizzo, Susana Galan, Angie Abdelmonem, Nicole Grove, and Elisa Wynne-Hughes

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Chair: Helen M. Rizzo, American U Cairo
Discussant: Nancy E. Gallagher, UC Santa Barbara

Nicole Grove, U Hawai‘i–The Cartographic Ambiguities of HarassMap: Crowdmapping Security and Sexual Violence in Egypt
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Susana Galan, Rutgers U–Fighting Back: Self-Defense Initiatives against Street Sexual Harassment and Assault in Post-Revolution Egypt

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Organized by Vincent Lemire

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Discussant: Jens Hanssen, U Toronto

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Michelle U. Campos, U Florida–Mapping People and Places in Late Ottoman Jerusalem through GIS
Leyla Dakhli, Centre Marc Bloch (CNRS)–From Multiple Understandings to Multiple Translations: Languages of Jerusalem at the Turn of the 20th Century
Anouk Cohen, CNRS–Shared Uses of Religious Schools, Libraries and Printing Press in the Holy City: Questioning the Concept of “Citadinité” through the Construction of Public Knowledge (1840-1940)

(4146) Anthropology of Hope and the Future of the Middle East, Part II
Organized by Noa Shaindlinger, U Toronto and Daniel Monterescu

Chair: Daniel Monterescu, CEU
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Nora Tataryan, U Toronto–Linger between Defeat and Hope: Hearing the Stories of Armenian Women Immigrants beyond the Limits of Transnational Migration
Hosna Sheikholeslami, Yale U–Navigating Hope and Uncertainty: The Precarious Status of the Publication of Western Social Science in Iran
Daniel Monterescu, CEU–“The Right of Return to Old Jaffa”: National, Binational and Postnational Hopes
Sondra Hale, UCLA–The Concept of Failure Transformed: Sudan and the New Insurrections

(4154) Elites, State Formation, and Post-Colonial Politics in Algeria
Organized by Robert P. Parks

Chair/Discussant: Robert P. Parks, Centre d’Études Maghrébines en Algérie

Malika Rahal, IHTP (CNRS, France)–Vanguard, Opposition and “Critical Support” to the FLN: the Parti de l’avant-garde socialiste (1966-1989)
Clement Moore Henry, National U Singapore–The UGEMA Generation of Algeria’s Civilian Leadership

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Fadi Dawood, SOAS U London–Assyrians and the Narrative of the Simile Massacre
David Simonowicz, Pepperdine U–Arab Artists in Cold War Capitals: Travelogues and Visual Narratives of Moscow and Beijing

(4178) Theater of Loss: Trauma in Modern and Contemporary Arabic Drama
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miriam cooke, Duke U–Staging Trauma
Hanadi Al-Samman, U Virginia–Witnessing Traumas, Performing Alterity in Heather Raffo’s 9 Parts of Desire
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(4206) Interpretation and Practice of Maliki Law in the Islamic West
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Discussant: Mohammad Fadel, U Toronto

Nina Safran, Penn State U–Almoravid Rule and the Contested Domain of Maliki Usulis
Ismaïl Warscheid, CNRS–Islamic Law and Legal Practice in Pre-Modern Tuwat (Algerian Sahara)
Camilo Gómez-Rivas, UC Santa Cruz–The Islamic Legal Background to Spanish Imperial Protocols of Possession

(4209) MENA Middle Class Report: Analysis and Cretique
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Waleed Ziad, Yale U–Hazrat Fazl Ahmad Peshawari: Excavating the Bukhara-Peshawar Nexus after Nadir Shah
Jo-Ann Gross, Col of New Jersey–Local Expressions of Ismā’īlī Identity in 19th Century Badakhshan
Devin A. DeWeese, Indiana U–Local Shrine Guides and Regional Identities in 19th-Century Central Asia: The ‘Description of Khwārīzma’ and the Geography of Pilgrimage

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Seval Yildirim, Whittier Col School of Law–Development Clothed in Sacred Robes: Neoliberal Religious Parties and the Secular State in Turkey and India
Jessica Megellem, Loyola U Chicago–Disappearances and Individual Criminal Responsibility in Algeria and Turkey
Faith J. Chidress, Rockhurst U–Converting Missionaries: Shifting Missionary Perspectives on the Kemalist Regime
Ozturk Kart, Necmettin Erbakan U–“From Fatherland to the Motherland”: A View to the Mass Migration Cases of Turkic Communities from Central Asia
To Turkey during the Republican Period

Mohamed Sallam, U Minnesota–I Am Not a Farmer, I Value Education: NGOs and the Fashioning of a Provincial, Rural-Urban Dualism in Upper Egypt
Brandon Gorman, UNC-Chapel Hill–Tunisia’s Women Entrepreneurs: Religiosity, Self-Efficacy, and Success
Godzie Guran, Princeton U–Expert Networks and Economic Governance in Syria

Nizar F. Hermes, U Virginia–Recalling al-Andalus in Early Modern Moroccan Diplomatic Writing: Al-Ghassānī’s Riḥlat al-wazīr fi ḥīn al-ʾasr (1690-1691) as a Case Study

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Jackson Perry, Georgetown U–Planting the State: The FAO Forestry Division in Mid-20th Century Morocco
Yaron Ayalon, Ball State U–Natural Disasters and Religious Boundaries in the Pre-Tanzimat Ottoman Empire
Keiko Iwamoto, Osaka City U–A Study on Turning Point for the Ottoman Policy Applied to Nomads: The Settlement Policy on Turkish and Kurdish Nomads in the 17th-18th Centuries
Robert Greeley, Middlebury Col–Governed and Ungoverned Territory: Lebanon’s Shouf Biosphere Reserve
Suraiya Faroqhi, Istanbul Bilgi U–Conflicts Involving Sheep-Breeding in an Agricultural District: Gebze in the Mid-1700s

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Quinn Mecham, Brigham Young U–Is the “Islamic State” a State? Implications of an Emergent Statehood
Sabah Firoz Uddin, Merrimack Col–Fashioning the Ummah – A Thoroughly Modern Muslim Movement

Rachel Friedman, Williams Col–Redefining Terms to Redraw the Boundaries: Al-Bāqillānī’s Interpretation of Muḥkam and Mutashābih
Brahim Chakrani, Michigan State U–Language Commodification in Morocco: An Emerging Discourse

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Peter Kitlas, Princeton U–Infra-Islamic Diplomacy in the Early Modern Mediterranean
Hatice Yıldız, Graduate Theological Union–Understanding The Qizilbash Ritual and the Ritual Space in the Buyruk Manuscripts of the Seventeenth Century
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Gulriz Sen, TOBB U Economics and Technology–Iran and the ISIS: Challenges and Opportunities for Iran’s Diplomacy

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis, Bilkent U–EU and Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East and ISIS: Pragmatism vs. Ideology?

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Mohamad Elmasry, U North Alabama–When Myth Becomes Reality: The Discursive Construction of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt

Deina Abdelkader, U Massachusetts Lowell–Old Wine in New Bottles: On The Limits of Secularism

Joel Gordon, U Arkansas–A New ‘Crisis of Orientation’: Egypt’s Liberals after Tahrir and Rab’a

Ann M. Lesch, American U Cairo–Advocacy Organizations Struggle against the Authoritarian State

Sahar Aziz, Texas A&M School of Law–The Paradox of Egypt’s Judiciary: Independent and Coopted

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Farah Kawtharani, U Michigan–Dearborn–Shi’a is Responding to Lebanon’s Sectarian State: Hizbullah and Jurist Shams al-Din

(4045) Qatar after Sheikh Hamad
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Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown U Qatar–Steven Wright, Qatar U

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Leena Dallasheh, Humboldt State U–Decolonization Interrupted: Nazareth across the 1948 Divide

Maha Nassar, U Arizona–Colonial and Anticolonial Discourses Regarding Palestinian Women in Israel

Maurice Jr. Labelle, U Saskatchewan–“We Have Right on Our Side”: Izzat Tannous and the Palestinian Politics of Self-Representation in the United States, 1955-64


(4078) Medieval Ismaili Muslim Thought: Methodology, Hermeneutics and Cosmology
Organized by Khalil Andani

Chair: Daniel Beben, Nazarbayev U


Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard Divinity School–The World as Discourse: Natural Science and Exegesis in the Jābirian Corpus and Early Iṣmā’īlīs

Khalil Andani, Harvard U–The Iṣmā’īlī Influence on al-Ghazālī: A Reassessment


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Kara A. Peruccio, U Chicago–Penbe Romanlar?: The Politics of Suat Derviş and Nezihe Mühiddin’s Novels in the Early Turkish Republic

Kathryn Libal, U Connecticut–Suat Derviş’s Reportage in the Early Turkish Republic: Pioneering an Investigative Journalist Voice

A. Holly Shissler, U Chicago–Public Lives Publicly Remembered: Memoirs of Two Women of the Early Turkish Republic

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Karim Ahlberg, SOAS U London–Infrastructures of Image Making in Mubarak’s Egypt: Tourism, Authoritarian Conditions and Global Marketing Networks
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Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver–Locating “Palestine’s Summer Residence”: Mandate-Era Tourism as a Site for National Identity
Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut–Middle East Airlines and the Making of Beirut as a Regional Travel Hub

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Discussant: Damla Isik, Regis U

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Discussant: Melanie Cammett, Harvard U

Nadine Abdalla, Arab Forum for Alternative Studies (AFAS)–The Labor Movement in the Egyptian Transformation: Which Challenges for Driving Socio-Political Change?
Irene Weipert-Fenner, Peace Research Inst Frankfurt (PRIF)–Facilitate, Mitigate, Forestall: Tunisia’s Labor Union UGTT and its Role in Formal and Informal Socioeconomic Protests
Jan-Philipp Vatthauer, Peace Research Inst Frankfurt–Development and Impact of Socioeconomic Protests in the MENA Region: A Quantitative Comparison
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Pei-Chen Tsung, UC Berkeley–Figurative Language and the Self in the Wine Poetry of Abū Nuwās and Li Bai
Linda Istanbulli, UC Berkeley–I, We, Us and Them: Metamorphosis and Rebirth in Fadwa Tūqān’s Published Words
Douja Mamelouk, U Tennessee Knoxville–Reinventing Tunisian Identity: Revolution, Violence and Trauma in Emma Rmili-Weslati’s al-Bāqi
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Heather Schell, George Washington U–Falling in Love with the Neo-Ottoman Harem: The Romance of Magnificent Century
Stacy E. Holden, Purdue U–Reconcilable Differences: Post-9/11 Captivity Fantasies in American Sheikh Romance Novels
Catherine Jean, U Florida–Romancing Authoritarianism: The Role of the Sheikh in Desert Romance Novels
Emily A. Haddad, U Maine–Contemporary Harlequin Novels, Deployed to the Middle East

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Eid Mohamed, U Guelph–The Reluctant Fundamentalist: South Asian Subalternity and the Re-framing of Arab American Studies
Amanda Eads, North Carolina State U–Lebanese-American in the South: Transition from Diasporic to Hyphenated Identity
Danielle Haque, Minnesota State U Mankato–Reading Identity in Arab American Writing
John Tofik Karam, DePaul U–Redrawing Area and Ethnic Studies: Arab America Across and beyond the Hemisphere
(4158) Traveling Knowledge: Psy-Sciences in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Ana Maria Vinea

Chair: Sara Pursley, Princeton U
Discussant: Ahmed Ragab, Harvard U

Secil Yilmaz, Graduate Center CUNY–Unnatural Love: The Pathology of Desire during the Late Ottoman Period
Kutlughan Soyubol, Graduate Center CUNY–Diagnostics across Cultures: Translating Psychoanalysis into Turkish
Selim Karlitekin, Columbia U–Detoxing Our Souls from the West: Turkish Theology and the Invention of a Psyche for Homo Islamicus
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Kahraman Sakul, Istanbul Sehir U–Mutiny at Palermo, Diplomacy in Istanbul
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Emrah Safa Gurkan, Istanbul 29 Mayis U–Captives, Diplomats and Spies: The Extraordinary Career of a Trans-Imperial Go-Between: Bartolomeo Bruttoni (1560s-1590s)
Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U–Ottoman World War I POWs and “Enemy Aliens” in British Hands: Incarceration, Citizenship Status, and Wartime Diplomacy

(4277) Sex and Sexualities in the Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Lisa L. Wynn and Angel M. Foster

Lisa L. Wynn, Macquarie U
Paul Amar, UC Santa Barbara
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Neil Ketchley, U Oxford–When Is Protest Repressed? Muslim Brothers and Mass Mobilization after the Egyptian Coup of July 2013
Ian M. Hartshorn, U Nevada Reno–Regime Strategy and Protester Response: Workers in Sisi’s Egypt
Yasmine Laveille, LSE–Local Dynamics of Popular Mobilisation and Demobilisation in Upper Egypt: Ordinary Networks, Brokers and Loyalties in the Protests against Deteriorating Public Services

(4068) Drugs and the State in the Modern Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Graham H. Cornwell, Georgetown U and Graham Pitts

Chair: Reem Bailony, UCLA
Discussant: Rudi Matthee, U Delaware

Zachary Foster, Princeton U–How Did Lod and Ramla Become the Hashish Capitals of Palestine/Israel?

(4084) Methodology and Margins: Studying Jewish Histories of the Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Lior B. Sternfeld

Chair: Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan U

Orit Bashkin, U Chicago
Susan Gilson Miller, UC Davis
Alma Heckman, UCLA
Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State U

(4010) When Class Matters: Interdisciplinary Inquiries on Class in the Middle Eastern Cities
Organized by Yasemin Ipek Can

Chair: Kristin V. Monroe, U Kentucky
Discussant: Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore Col

Yasemin Ipek Can, Stanford U–Aspirant Youth and Social Class: Making Connections and Upward Mobility in Beirut
Momen El-Husseiny, UC Berkeley–Private Security and the Perception of Upper-Middle Class in Cairo’s Gated Communities
Feyda Sayan Cengiz, Mardin Artuklu U, Turkey–“She Just Does Not Fit in Here”: Headscarf and Class in Retail Jobs in Turkey
Dina Makram-Ebeid, Max Planck Inst for Social Anthropology–Waẓīfa as Property: Passing One’s Job to Their Children and Local Understandings of Class in an Industrial Suburb of Cairo

(4159) Pro- and Anti-Safavid Propaganda, 1480-1580
Organized by Matthew Melvin-Koushki

Chair/Discussant: Sara Nur Yildiz, St Andrews U/Orient-Institut Istanbul

Christopher Markiewicz, U Chicago–The Evolving Rhetorical Response to Shah Ismail: Idris Bidlisi and Ottoman Anti-Safavid Sentiment, 1501-1513
Matthew Melvin-Koushki, U South Carolina–The Unpatriotic Persian: Fazl Allah Khunji as Pioneer of Anti-Safavid Propaganda
Colin Mitchell, Dalhousie U–F Is for Fath: Qazi Mir Husain Maybudi and His Model Victory Letter
Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer, Ohio State U–Turning Kızılbaş, Turning Safavid: Pro-Safavid Propaganda in Anatolia during the 15th and 16th Centuries

(4164) Negotiating Fragmentation: The Recent History of Four Islamist Movements
Organized by Laurence Deschamps-Laporte

Jose Vericat, U Oxford–The Influence of Regional Political and Religious Developments on Hamas
Laurence Deschamps-Laporte, U Oxford–Da’wa before Politics? The Egyptian Da’wa Salafiyya’s Fragmentation under the Rule of Sisi
Rory McCarthy, U Oxford–Tunisia’s Ennahdha: Between Preaching and Politics
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(4181) Maghrebi Literature and the Re-Appropriation of the Euro-American Figure
Organized by Brahim El Guabli and Anouar El Younssi

Chair: Nizar F. Hermes, U Virginia
Discussant: Gretchen Head, Yale-NUS Col

Jill Jarvis, Princeton U–Doing Justice: Kamel Daoud Cross-Examines Albert Camus
Anouar El Younssi, Penn State–Tahar Ben Jelloun and the Limits of “Worlding” Maghrebi Literature
Nancy Demerdash, Princeton U–Integration, Exile and Postmemory in the Franco-Maghrebi Graphic Novel
Nathan H Dize, U Maryland, Col Park–La Sexualité et l’ethnicité sont des sujets chaus: Intersectionality and Abdellatif Kechiche’s La Vie d’Adèle

(4182) The Social History of the Middling, Petty, and Impoverished Scholars (’Ulama’) of the Early Modern Ottoman World
Organized by A. Tunc Sen and Basil Salem

A. Tunc Sen, U Chicago–The Multiple Faces of the 16th Century Ottoman Scholars: The Case of Zaifī (d. 1557) and His Embritted Voice
Carlos Grenier, U Chicago–“I Saw Some Subṣaṣī and Asked How They Could Favor Me”: The Making of a Family of Ottoman Popular Litterateurs on the Fifteenth-Century Frontier
Michael D. Sheridan, Bilkent U–“So Much for the ‘Ulama’”: Early 17th-Century Ottoman Invective and Tensions within the Learned Classes
Basil Salem, U Chicago–The Social Category of ‘Ulama’ in Eighteenth Century Ottoman Damascus

(4190) Changing Discourses of Nationalism in Contemporary Turkish Politics
Organized by Huseyin Levent Koker

Chair/Discussant: Neveser Koker, U Michigan

Halise Karaaslan Sanli, Ankara U–Democracy and Nationalism in Political Party Leader’s Speeches: An Assessment with a Focus on 2015 Elections
Ulku Doganay, Ankara U–The Discourse of Ottomanism in 2015 General Elections
Huseyin Levent Koker, Near East U–The Nationalist Impasse in Turkey’s Constitution Making Process

(4207) Negotiating Authority in Contemporary Shiʿism
Organized by David Thurfjell

Chair: David Thurfjell, Sodertorn U, Sweden

Johan Gärde, Ersta Sköndal U–Col, Sweden–Marginalization and Disappointment? The Socio-economic Conditions of Shiʿite Populations in the Middle East
David Thurfjell, Sodertorn U, Sweden–A Charismatic Challenge: The Heyyati-Movement in Contemporary Iran
Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus U–Stay Pure: Religion without Politics among the Shiʿa in Kuwait

(4218) Gender Trouble in the Gulf and Palestine: Challenges of Approaching Gender Issues in the Classroom and Society
Organized by Jacqueline Armijo

Chair: Jacqueline Armijo, Qatar U
Discussant: Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown U

Lina Kassem, Qatar U–Educating Women in the Gulf: Unintended Consequences and Developing New Strategies
Hatoon Al Fassi, Qatar U–Teaching “Women in Islam” in the Gulf

Esraa Al-Muftah, Qatar U–Teaching a “Women’s Profession”: A Case of Gender Stereotypes at the College of Education, Qatar U
Islah Jad, Qatar U–When Gender Meets Colonialization and Conservatism: Teaching Gender in Colonized Palestine and Qatar

(4237) Rethinking Premodern Persian Texts: Poetry, Prose, and Theater

Chair: Yaseen Noorani, U Arizona

Laurie Pierce, U Chicago–New Sources for Mahsati: Rethinking the Poet and Her Impact on the Persian Quatrain
Pouye Khoshkhoosani, U Arizona–Amorous Depiction of Love: Gender, Religion and Power in Classical Persian Poetry
Ana Ghoreishian, U Arizona–Disruption of Constructed Gendered Frameworks of “Properness” in Iraj Mirza’s Arefnameh
Theodore Beers, U Chicago–The Baharistān of Jami and Persian Canon Formation
Hamid Rezaieyazdi, U Toronto–Looking Back at the Future: Modern Prose Literature in Iran and the Myth of Translation

(4242) Contestation in Early Islamic Historiography

Chair: Brian Ulrich, Shippensburg U

Michael Dann, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Values and Specialization in the Hadith Milieu of the Late 2nd/8th and Early 3rd/9th Centuries
Brian Dee, Georgia State U–Reexamining the Barber Revolt
Alison Marie Vacca, U Tennessee–“The Year of the Fire”: Muhammad b. Marwān, the Second Fitna, and the Churches of Naxčawan and Xram
Florian Schwarz, Austrian Academy of Sciences–Revisiting the Urbanization of Iran in the Early Islamic Period
Michael Bonner, U Michigan–The Ridda in East Arabian Perspective
Dr. Karim Samji, Gettysburg Col–Narrative Reconstruction in Early Islamic Historiography: The Case of Dūmat al-Jandal
(4244) Displacement, Memory, and Identity Construction

Chair: Madison Marks, Qatar Foundation International

Toni Rouhana, UC Santa Cruz—Sectarian Imaginations: The Shifting of Sectarian Habitus in Lebanon
Rawan Arar, UC San Diego—Placing the Refugee Burden: Refugees Immigration Policy in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon
Philip Issa, U Texas Austin—Organizing before the Organization: Palestinian Civic Leadership in Lebanon before 1964

(4254) Patterns of Household Formation: Gender, Family, Law

Chair: Samy Ayoub, U Texas Austin

Marion Holmes Katz, New York U—Who Has to Do the Chores? Domestic Labor as a Key to the Islamic Law of Marriage
Etienne Paulin, Université de Moncton (Canada)—Limiting the Growth: Patterns of Household Formation among the Berbers of Southern Morocco in Precolonial Times
Elizabeth Perego, Ohio State U—War-Torn Algeria as Woman: Representations of Women during Algeria’s “Dark Decade,” 1991-2002
Sara Verskin, U Rhode Island—Compassionate Conservatives: Medieval Muslim Jurists Imagine the Spiritual Experiences of Women

(4266) Competing Identities and Diverging Lives: Israel/Palestine after 1948

Chair: Rebecca Granato, Bard al Quds Col

Noa Shaindlinger, U Toronto—Point of No Return: The Nakba and the “New Normal” in Jaffa, 1948-1949
Hillel Gruenberg, Jewish Theological Seminary—Yesh 1972: The GSS-Abetted Victory of Haifa’s Jewish-Arab Student Left
Kimberly Katz, Towson U—Hebron under Jordanian and Egyptian Rule: The “Dual Era” in 1949
Molly Theodora Oringer, UCLA—Consuming the Homeland: Luxury Commodities and Diaspora Tourism in Israel

(4290) Reframing the Debate about Secularism in the MENA Region; or, What We Talk about When We Talk about Religion

Organized by Suzanne Schneider

Session Leader: Ajay Chaudhary, Columbia U

Gregory Starrett, UNC Charlotte
Suzanne Schneider, NYU Brooklyn Inst
Joyce Dalsheim, UNC Charlotte
Underdevelopment

U–Jordan’s Long War: Iraq, Capital, and Policies
Pete W. Moore, Kent State U–Military Inc. and Dividing the Spoils: A Political Economy of Egypt’s Uprising
Max Ajl, Cornell U–Social Origins of Agricultural Underdevelopment
Sheila Carapico, U Richmond–Peripheral Underdevelopment and Upheaval in Yemen

Chair/Discussant: Resat Kasaba, U Washington

(4042) Conversion, Diaspora and Inquisition in the XVI Century: Conversos and Moriscos in the Spanish Empire’s Mediterranean Policies
Organized by Diana Galarreta-Aima

Chair: Mayte Green-Mercado, U Michigan

(4043) Iran, the Genre; or, Who Writes Iran?
Organized by Pardis Mahdavi, Pomona Col and Amy Motlagh, American U Cairo

Chair: Persis Karim, San Jose State U

Zuzanna Olszewska, U Oxford
Roxanne Varzi, UC Irvine
Blake Atwood, U Texas Austin
Shahram Khosravi, Stockholm U

(4044) The Islamic Middle East and Memorial Space in the North American Public Sphere
Organized by Nadeen Kharpootly

Chair: Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego
Discussant: Afshin Marashi, U Oklahoma

(4045) Patriarchy, State and Legitimacy in Turkey
Organized by Meral Ugur Cinar

Chair: Alev Cinar, Bilkent U
Discussant: Ozlem Altik, U North Texas

Sezen Yaras, Bilkent U–Politics of Inclusion and Engendering the Narrations of ‘Inclusive Political Authority’ in Turkey’s Latest Constitution Making Process
Ozlem Altan-Olcay, Koç U and Ayse Alnicik, U Pittsburgh–Public Policy Making in Turkey: How Technical Goals of Development Turn into Conservative Gender Politics
Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col–Daughters or Wives? Poor Women’s Empowerment and Disempowerment in Neoliberal Turkey
Simten Cosar, Hacettepe U–Feeling Socially Secure in Turkey: The JDP’s Gender Regime in Focus
Meral Ugur Cinar, Bilkent U–“Don’t Worry Mom, We Are Protesting in the Back Rows”: Patriarchy and Its Subversion in the Gezi Movement

Chair/Discussant: Joshua Stacher

(4046) Securing and Contesting Middle Eastern Frontiers: Iraq and Palestine
Organized by Jeremy Siegman and Kali Rubaii

Discussant: Samera Esmeir, UC Berkeley

Dina Omar, Yale U–Debating Ghosts: An Ethnographic Study of the UC Berkeley Divestment Campaign
Kali Rubaii, UC Santa Cruz–Conducted Chaos: Frontiering Iraq’s Anbar Province
Ross Caputi, Fitchburg State U–Moral Disengagement and the Perception of the Enemy’s Use of Human Shields

Jeremy Siegman, U Chicago–Securing and Contesting a Settler Frontier: Policing and Politics in Occupied West Bank Commercial Spaces

Daniel Fields, Princeton U–Remapping the Empire: State Imposed Place Name Change in the Late Ottoman Period
Canan Bolel, U Washington–Quest for a Portable Homeland on the Verge of Extraterritoriality: Conceptualization of Ladino as the Affective Linguistic Space in Izmir, 1909-1914
Onder Eren Akgul, Georgetown U–Ottoman Imperial Attempts to Build a Local Army: Asakir-i Hamidiye in Yemen 1880-1882
Tugce Kayaal, U Michigan–The Emergence of Charity as a Contested Domain: Armenian Orphans of Istanbul during the Hamidian Era 1876-1907

(4047) On the Margins of Ottoman Modernity: Multidimensional Negotiations of Identity
Organized by Tugce Kayaal

Chair: Nadeen Kharputly, UC San Diego–The Institutional Narratives of Inclusion and Exclusion at the National 9/11 Memorial
Nima Rassooli, UC San Diego–The Marvel Universe as an Islamic Memorialized Site: Exploring the Muslim-American Superhero as a Site of Commemoration and Challenge to Alterity

(4048) Political Economies of Upheaval and War in the Middle East
Organized by Joshua Stacher

Chair/Discussant: Joel Beinin, Stanford U

Pete W. Moore, Case Western Reserve U–Jordan’s Long War: Iraq, Capital, and Underdevelopment

Michael Herb, Georgia State U–The Resource Curse and Civil Conflict in the Arab World

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New Directions in the Study of Charity and Philanthropy
Organized by Miriam R. Lowi
Discussant: Miriam R. Lowi, Col of New Jersey
Jennifer Olmsted, Drew U–‘Development,’ Charity and the Social Contract
Aliaa Remtilla, Simon Fraser U–Charity as Love: Religion and Development in Post-Soviet Tajik Ishkashim
El-Sayed El-Aswad, United Arab Emirates U–Philanthropy and Social Responsibility: A Case Study of the Culture of Giving in the United Arab Emirates
Damla Isik, Regis U–Volunteerism, Aid Relief, Entrepreneurship and Pious Economies in Turkey

Cultural Heritage Destruction: Evidence and Emergency Responses in Syria, Iraq, and Libya
Organized by Brian I. Daniels
Chair: Brian I. Daniels, U Pennsylvania Museum
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Corine Wegener, Smithsonian Institution–The Plight of Museums in Armed Conflict: A Syria Case Study
Susan Wolfinbarger, American Association for the Advancement of Science–Monitoring Cultural Heritage in Conflict Using Satellite Imagery: Syria and Iraq

The Relation of Engineering to Sociopolitical Developments in the Modern Middle East
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Abdullah Haris Toprak, ISAR Foundation–Between Tradition and Modernity: Majmua al-Ulum al-Riyadiyyah of Bash Hoca Ishaq Effendi
Sadegh Foghani, U South Carolina–Engineering the Revolution: French Thermodynamics and the Formation of Religio-Political Thought in Twentieth-Century Iran

Palestine Letters: Exile, Resistance, Solidarity
Organized by Salah D. Hassan
Chair/Discussant: Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State U
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Karim Mattar, U Colorado Boulder–Refusing to Mourn: Gaza and the Language of Resistance
Yaseen Noorani, U Arizona–Sacrificial Palestine and Arab Identity

Culture and Politics in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring
Chair: Suncem Kocer, Kadir Has U
Nour Halabi, U Pennsylvania–From Democratic State to Democratic Media: The Case of Egyptian Media After Mubarak
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(4249) Public Health: Sex, Birth Control, Stress, and Mental Health

Ellen J. Amster, McMaster U–The Politics of Birth in Morocco: A History between Muslim Midwifery, French Colonial Obstetrics, the WHO, and the Arab Revolutions
Joanna Wulfsberg, U Arizona–Madness and Marginality in the Making of a Local Icon: The Case of Bursa’s Deli Ayten
Monica Alessandra Ronchi, U Exeter–Psychiatry and the Mental Health System in Colonial and Postcolonial Algeria: A Doomed Institution?
Yara Asi, U Central Florida–Quality of Life in Palestine: The Role of Stress, Insecurity, and Sumud
Gholam R. Vatandoust, American U Kuwait–Building a Brothel City: Reza Shah of Iran’s Social and Health Policies (1926-1945)

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Chair: Sebastian Guenther, U Goettingen
Aiyub Palmer, U Kentucky–Rethinking Early Islamic Authority, Contextualizing al-Hakim al-Tirmidhi’s Vision of Sainthood
Roxanne D. Marcotte, Université du Québec à Montréal–“On the Science of Spiritual Wayfaring”: A 13th Century Treatise
Zachary Wright, Northwestern U Qatar–Sufi Selfhood in the Eighteenth Century Tariqa Muhammediyya
John Walbridge, Indiana U Bloomington–The Content and Transmission of Suhrawardi’s “Creed of the Sages”
Sara Abdel-Latif, U Toronto–Al-Sulami’s Haqā’iq al-Tafsīr: Interpreting the Qur’ān through Lived Mystical Experience

(4251) Identity and Discourse in the Development of Nationalism

Huma Gupta, MIT–The ‘Always, Already Hybrid’ One: The Diaries of Alexander Svoboda from Baghdad to Paris and Back
Defne Bilir, Florida State U–Through the Lens of David Douglas Duncan: Picturing the Palestine Territories of 1946
Mina E. Khalil, U Pennsylvania–Magda and Nadia Haroun: Two Jewish Sisters Claiming Their Egyptian Homeland

(4252) Court Systems and Legal Reform: Gender, Family Law, and Terrorism

Tara Deubel, U South Florida–Divorce and Women’s Status: Impacts of Family Law Reform in Southern Morocco
Yüksel Sezgin, Syracuse U–“Democratizing” Muslim Family Laws: What Explains and the Success or Failure in Family Law Reform
Samaneh Oladi, UC Santa Barbara–Religious Activism: Reformation of Women’s Legal Status
Aisha Ghani, Stanford U–Invocations of Islam in Terrorism Courts: Challenges of and to Secular Law, Categories, and Space
Brock Cutler, Radford U–The Man in the Middle: Gender and the Courts in Colonial Algeria

(4253) Pedagogies of Teaching Arabic Language and Middle East Studies

Chair: Madison Marks, Qatar Foundation International
Emma Trentman, U New Mexico–Using the ACTFL Can-Do Statements to Design a Proficiency Based Arabic Curriculum
Said Hannouchi, U Wisconsin Madison–Investigating Cultural Awareness of Learners of Arabic as Compared to Moroccan Native Speakers of Arabic
Cindy Elder, U Washington–Normalizing Middle East Studies
Shaimaa Abdel Aziz, American U Cairo–Arabic, Corpora and Classroom
David Henen, American U Cairo–A Corpus Linguistic Exploration of the Particle yā in Five Egyptian Films

(4254) The Revolution in Palestinian History

Organized by Abdel Razzaq Takriti

Chair: Karma Nabulsi, Oxford U
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Abdel Razzaq Takriti, U Sheffield
Ilan Pappe, U Exeter
Mezna Qato, U Cambridge
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(4049) Middle East Primary Resources in Times of Conflict: The Future of Collections and Fieldwork
Organized by Dale J. Correa and Laila Moustafa
Chair: Dale J. Correa, U Texas Libraries
Laila Moustafa, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Noah Gardiner, U Michigan
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David B. Hollenberg, U Oregon
James Casey, Princeton U

(4050) Judges, Lawyers, and Change in the MENA: When and How Do Judicial Practitioners Challenge or Defend the Status Quo?
Organized by Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke
Chair: Denis J. Sullivan, Northeastern U
Discussant: Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U
Rania Maktabi, U Oslo–Female Lawyers on the Rise in Kuwait: Potential Agents of Reform?
Monique C. Cardinal, Université Laval–Dissident Prosecutors, Judges and Courts in Syria since the Revolution of March 2011
David Mednicoff, U Massachusetts Amherst–Legal Practitioners in Qatar and the Gulf: Agents of Stability, Change or Both?
Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke, U Oxford–Morocco’s Judges Club: Calling for Dignity and Independence in the Name of the King

(4062) Whither the History of Islamic Science
Organized by Miri Shefer-Mossensohn
Session Leader: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, Tel Aviv U
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(4081) Societal Transformations in Contemporary Turkey
Organized by Sarah Fischer and Seda Demiralp
Chair: Timur Hammond, UCLA
Solen Sanli, Santa Rosa Junior Col–End of Hegemony? AKP, Neoliberalism and Social Disciplining
Seda Demiralp, Işık U–The New Turkey? Urban Renewal and Beyond
Fulya Apaydin, Instit Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals–Financialization and the Push for Non-state Social Service Provision: Philanthropic Activities of Islamic and Conventional Banks in Turkey

(4111) Towards an Anthropology of Aftermath - Ethnographic Perspectives from the MENA Region
Organized by Karin Ahlberg and Carl Rommel
Sponsored by Association for Middle East Anthropology
Chair: Karin Ahlberg, SOAS U London
Discussant: Samuli Schielke, ZMO
Nora Danielson Lanier, U Oxford–A Tale of Two Aftermaths: Time, Protest and the Politics of Asylum in Cairo, Egypt
Alice Elliot, U Col London–The Aftermath of Return: Revolution, Crisis, and Homecoming in Tunisia
Fuad Musallam, London School of Economics–Possible Politics in the Aftermath: The Production of Activist Subjectivities in Lebanon after the Arab Uprisings
Youssef El Chazli, U Lausanne–Godot Is Here. Now What? The Biographical Consequences of Revolutionary Activism
Carl Rommel, SOAS U London–In the Aftermath of Port Said: Fading Emotionality and Remade Politics within a Ruined Landscape of Egyptian Football

(4129) Modern Infrastructural Development in Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Mesopotamia
Organized by Pauline Lewis
Discussant: Fredrik Meiton, New York U
Pauline Lewis, UCLA–Signaling Sovereignty: Ottoman-British Cooperation and Contestation over Telegraphy, 1858-1875
Samuel Dolbee, New York U–Ancient Infrastructures, Modern Borders: Roads, Ruins, and Locusts on the 1920s Syrian-Turkish Frontier
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Discussant: Salim Tamari, IPS
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Alex Winder, New York U–Caught in the Middle: Palestinian Policemen between Colonial State and Rebel Counter-State during the 1936–1939 Revolt
Steven Wagner, McGill U–British Intelligence and Colonial Control: The Internment and Freedom of Arab “Renegades” during and after the Second World War
Shay Hazkani, New York U–“I Think Food Is More Important Than Pictures”: Palestinian POWs Correspond with Their Families under Israel’s Watchful Eye, 1948–1949

(4139) Challenging ‘Abbasid Dominance: The ‘Other’ Islamic Powers of the Medieval Islamic World
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Chair: Jere L. Bacharach, U Washington
Robert Haug, U Cincinnati–I will Give the Kharaj to al-Mu‘tasim, Not ‘Abdallah b. Tahir: Local Authority vs. Regional Authority vs. Imperial Authority in Tahirid Khurasan
Eric J. Hanne, Florida Atlantic U–The Contested History of the Early Mazyadid Amirate and Its Role in the Fourth-Fifth/Tenth-Eleventh Century Political Arena
Mohammed Allehbi, Independent Scholar–A Tale of Two Governments in a Divided City: Maintenance of Public Order in Baghdad during the Early Seljuq Era

Rachel T. Howes, CSU Northridge–Courtiers in the Cairo, Shiraz, and Baghdad Courts: Does a Common Pool of Personnel Mean Common Court Cultures?

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Organized by Sara Nur Yildiz
Chair/Discussant: Matthew Melvin-Koushki, U South Carolina
Nahyan Fancy, DePauw U–The Role of Commentaries and Their Movements in the Production of Medical Knowledge in Islamic Societies, 1300–1520
Sara Nur Yildiz, St Andrews U/Orient-Institut Istanbul–Traveling Pharmaceutical Knowledge: Abridgements and Translations of Ibn al-Baytar’s Compendium of Simples (14th-17th Centuries)
Aleksandar Shopov, Harvard U–Ibn Kemal as Writer and Practitioner: Texts, Appointments and New Medical Regimes

(4235) Regional and Transnational Movements in Iran
Organized by Mohammad Ayatollahi Tabaar, CSU Northridge–Legislatures in Authoritarian Rentier States: The Case of Kuwait
Chair: Yass Alizadeh, UNH
James M. Gustafson, Indiana State U–The Local Roots of Iranian Nationalism: Identity and Space in Persian Local Histories, 1870–1910
Mikiya Koyagi, New York U–The Transnational Formation of the Iranian Railway Workforce
Mohammad Ayatollahi Tabaar, Texas A&M U–Theology, Elites, and Contentious Politics
Gi Yeon Koo, Seoul National U–Making an Alternative Public Sphere in Iran

(4238) Gender and Sexuality in the Modern Arab World
Chair: Debra Baldwin, Utah State U
Mehreen Jamal, U Arkansas–Images of Women in Egyptian and Pakistani Literature: Two Classic Works by Latifa al-Zayyat and Khadija Mastoor
Rebecca Joubin, Davidson Coll–The Politics of Love and Desire in Post-Uprising Syrian Television Drama
Dr. Marielle Risse, Dhofar U–“Why Would I Hurt a Woman?”: Respectful/Respecting Women in the Southern Oman
Nada Ayad, U Southern California–Between Mudhakirati and Harem Years: A Story of Movement
Betul Eksi, Northeastern U–Hegemonic Masculinity in Politics: The Case of Prime Minister Erdogan

(4245) Gulf Studies: Development of State and Society
Chair: Kristi N. Barnwell, U Illinois Springfield
James Redman, Zayed U-Guestrooms and Public Property Law in Kuwait: Demarcating the Boundaries of Tradition and State
Courtney Freer, London School of Economics–Qabila in the 21st Century: Tribes as Civil Society in the Arabian Gulf
Luai Allarakia, U Houston–Legislatures in Authoritarian Rentier States: The Case of Kuwait
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Erin Gould, UC Riverside–Community and Censorship: Heavy Metal Music in Morocco
Alyssa Miller, Duke U–Arts of Failure: Bidoun 2 and the Aesthetics of Tunisian Post-Revolution
Caroline Seymour-Jorn, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–Post-Revolutionary Creative Production in Cairo, Egypt
Sandra G. Carter, U Houston-Victoria–Dirty Cops, Prostitutes, Murderers, Criminals: Moroccan Film Noir

(4271) 20th Century Fiction: Experiments in Re-Envisioning a Multilingual Canon

Chair: Roger A. Deal, U South Carolina Aiken

Paul A. Sundberg, American U Cairo–A Literary Geography of Naguib Mahfouz’s Midaq Alley à la Franco Moretti
Nancy Linthicum, U Michigan Ann Arbor–The Literary Journal al-Kitābah al-Ukhrá and the Experimental Prose Fiction of Egypt’s ‘Nineties Generation’
David Mason, Zayed U–Halide Edip and Detective Fiction
Sevinç Türkkan, Binghamton U–Multilingual Identities and Fictions of Cultural Translation: Güneli Gün’s The Book of Trances (1979)
Spencer Scoville, Brigham Young U–From Utopia to Dystopia: Moments in Arabic Science Fiction
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Non-participants: Requests for refunds must be received by October 23, 2015. No refunds will be honored after that date.
Program Participants: Requests for refunds must be received by August 1, 2015. No refunds will be honored after that date.
Email refund requests to: sara@mesana.org

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