



MESA 2022

Denver, Colorado | December 1-4

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

An overview of 250 sessions, book exhibit, and the virtual FilmFest.

Please see the MESA 2022 [searchable program](#) for current information on this year's program. You may also search previous programs from 2009-2021.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, December 1

3:00-6:00 PM	Book Exhibit
3:00-5:00 PM	Session I
5:30-7:30 PM	Session II

Friday, December 2

8:30-10:30 AM	Session III
9:00 AM-6:00 PM	Book Exhibit
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Session IV
1:30-3:30 PM	Session V
4:00-6:00 PM	Session VI
7:00-9:30 PM	Presidential Panel & Awards Ceremony
9:30-11:00 PM	Reception

Saturday, December 3

8:30-10:30 AM	Session VII
9:00 AM-6:00 PM	Book Exhibit
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Session VIII
1:15-2:45 PM	Members Meeting
3:00-5:00 PM	Session IX
5:30-7:30 PM	Session X
9:00 PM-1:00 AM	Dance Party

Sunday, December 4

8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Book Exhibit
8:30-10:30 AM	Session XI
11:00 AM -1:00 PM	Session XII
1:30-3:30 PM	Session XIII

REGISTRATION HOURS

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Thursday, Dec. 1
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Friday, Dec. 2
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Saturday, Dec. 3
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Sunday, Dec. 4

Denver welcomes MESA

Denver is a major airline hub and is relatively easy to get to for most. It also happens to have large convention hotels that can accommodate a group of MESA's size. After receiving positive feedback following the 2012 and 2015 annual meeting, we look forward to returning once again.

The meeting will take place at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, which is perfectly located on the 16th Street Mall, a 16-block, tree-lined, downtown pedestrian promenade that boasts numerous outside cafes, lots of shopping, and public art.

The hotel is within walking distance of Denver's large collection of Victorian houses. Examples of Queen Anne, Richardson Romanesque, and Shingle styles are ample. Free electric shuttle buses run up and down the mall. At one end you can walk to the Denver Art Museum and the Colorado State Capitol Building, modeled on the U.S. Capitol. On the other end you can get off the shuttle and walk over three pedestrian bridges, one of which takes you to Denver's hip LoHi neighborhood filled with restaurants and brew pubs.

Conference Registration

Pre-register by November 8

or on-site beginning

Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 AM

To register, <https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/registration>

Category	By Nov 8	On-site
Full/associate	\$175	\$225
Student/retired member	\$85	\$135
Student non-member	\$150	\$200
Other non-members	\$300	\$350



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CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel located on the 16th Street Mall. Please consider booking your stay at the conference hotel where MESA has contracted special discounted rates.

SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN HOTEL

Address: 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado 80202
 Phone: 303-893-3333
 Parking: On-Site (Daily Rate): \$45; Valet (Daily Rate): \$54

Room Rates: [Passkey to Book at Hotel](#)

Single: \$179
 Double: \$179
 Triple: \$199
 Quad: \$219

NEEDING A ROOMMATE?

MESA maintains a “roommates wanted” page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other. If you are interested in sharing a room at the conference hotel during the MESA annual meeting, visit MESA’s website at <https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/roommate-locator>.

To receive these room rates, make your reservation **by November 8, 2022**.

TRAVEL FROM DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE SHERATON

Denver is an airline hub and a convenient location when traveling within the US. It is about a 30-45 minute commute by car. An estimated cost of a taxi from the airport is \$65-\$80; for Lyft or Uber estimate \$40-\$50.

Denver’s Regional Transportation District (RTD) provides rail and bus services for much more affordable transportation. Their [Trip Planner service](#) is a useful tool for getting from Point A to Point B.

Example: Use Denver International Airport as Point A, and the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel as Point B, then plan travel. You will be given specific instructions with time estimates for each leg of the trip. See illustration at right.

RTD Trip Planner:
<https://www.rtd-denver.com/app/plan>

The screenshot displays the RTD Trip Planner interface. At the top, it shows 'Suggested trips' with four options, each with a duration, date, and transfer information. Below this, a detailed itinerary is shown for a trip starting at 10:01pm at Denver International Airport and ending at 2:14pm at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. The itinerary includes walking to the airport station, boarding a train to Union Station, transferring to a bus (M26) to 16th St Mall & Wewatta St, and finally walking to the hotel. A map on the right shows the route through Denver.



CONFERENCE POLICIES AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

The MESA meeting is a harassment-free event for everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, age or religion. Any attendee who displays inappropriate behavior or creates a disturbance or safety hazard will be subject to having their registration revoked. If you are being harassed or notice an act of harassment, please see the MESA Help Desk located in the registration area, and/or email ash@mesana.org

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Speakers presenting materials that they do not wish to be shared live should make a request to the audience at the beginning of their presentations. Follow MESA on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest on [#MESA2022](#) and the field of Middle East studies.

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 their panel at the conference and hasn't notified the MESA Secretariat beforehand.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

MESA does not directly provide on-site child care, but registered MESA attendees can hire a local service to care for children during the Annual Meeting, and MESA will reimburse up to \$200 of expenses. We support working parents, and we thank our members for their generous contributions to the MESA Annual Meeting Child Care fund, which permits your association to subsidize the cost of childcare for attendees. For further information, see <https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/childcare>.

LACTATION ROOM

A private room has been designated for parents needing to nurse their children. Please see the MESA Help Desk located on the Concourse Level to obtain access.

PRAYER & QUIET ROOM

MESA has designated the Gold Room located in the Tower Building for prayer and quiet space.

INTERVIEW ROOM

If you are an employer and wanting a private area to conduct interviews, please contact Kat Teghizadeh at kat@mesana.org by November 8. After that time, you will need to make arrangements on-site.

BUSINESS SERVICES

The FedEx Office Print & Ship Center located at the Sheraton Denver Downtown provides services and supplies such as shipping, copying and printing services, and various office supplies. For further information, email usa3025@fedex.com or call 303-218-5465



BOOK EXHIBIT

Publishers and vendors of interest to our members have booth space in the Book Exhibit, conveniently located on the concourse near MESA registration and panels. Take the opportunity to browse all of the latest publications in the field beginning Thursday, December 1 at 3:00 PM.

Exhibitors

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| Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT | Hackett Publishing Company |
| Aga Khan University - ISMC | I.B. Tauris (Bloomsbury) |
| Al Balqa Applied University Language Center | Indiana University Press |
| American Research Center in Egypt | Ingram Academic Services |
| American University in Cairo Press | Intellect Books |
| Amideast Education Abroad | Interlink Publishing |
| Arab American Language Institute in Morocco (AALIM) | ISD, Distributor of Scholarly Books |
| The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW) | Lynne Rienner Publishers |
| Arab Studies Institute | Middlebury Language Schools |
| Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF) | NYU Press/Library of Arabic Literature |
| AramcoWorld | Persian Heritage Foundation |
| Brill | Persiana Books & Journals |
| Cambridge University Press | Princeton University Press |
| CAORC | Read, Learn, and Play (Arabic) |
| Columbia University Press | Sijal Institute for Arabic Language and Culture |
| Critical Language Scholarship Program | Stanford University Press |
| Daaris (Noor Majan Arabic Institute) | Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center |
| Dar Almanduman Co. | Syracuse University Press |
| De Gruyter | University of Arizona MENAS Arabic Special Programs |
| Duke University Press | University of California Press |
| Edinburgh University Press | University of Texas Press |
| Foundation for International Education (FIE) | University of Wisconsin, Middle Eastern & Mediterranean
Language Institute (MEDLI) |
| Georgetown University Press | |
| Gingko | |

MESA'S COOPERATIVE BOOK DISPLAY

MESA's Cooperative Book Display is a low-cost option for authors and/or publishers to display titles at the exhibit hall without the cost of renting booth space. To place an order to include your titles or items in the Cooperative Book Display, complete the form and submit payment by November 1, 2022. One copy of each title is needed for display and becomes the property of MESA. For more information, contact Marielle Geerling at marielle@mesana.org.

39TH ANNUAL MESA FILMFEST

The MESA FilmFest is a valued part of the MESA Annual Meeting, and the change to a virtual FilmFest allows registered attendees to view films the week before through the week after the conference. Only MESA 2022 registrants will have access to view films by streaming from the FilmFest site. Registrants will be provided the login details prior to the start of the FilmFest.

Here are some of the films we expect to screen.

An Act of Worship

In *An Act of Worship* Pakistani-American filmmaker Nausheen Dadabhoj weaves a glorious tapestry of personal stories, vérité, archival footage, and home movies together, to open a window into the world of Muslim Americans. Due to their first-hand knowledge



and intimate access to the Muslim community, the filmmaking team is able to take charge of the account, which has previously been shaped by outsiders. The film follows three women activists who have come of age since 9/11 and who are part of a new generation of Muslims in America. One is a community organizer of a sanctuary city initiative in New York, another is a young hijab-wearing activist in Michigan learning how to overcome society's expectations of her, and the third is a California lawyer advocating for her community while balancing motherhood. Interwoven with each woman's tale is a historical timeline that takes a look back at pivotal moments affecting Muslim community. From the Boston Bombing to the Muslim Ban, the film's chronicle explores the collective memory of the community through a lyrical combination of home videos and re-told stories. The portrait the film creates shows a community that has undergone enormous change as it emerges from the shadows to shape its own narrative and resist further marginalization.

Beirut: Eye of the Storm

Four young women in Beirut document the momentous October 2019 uprising against the ruling regime. They are journalist Hanine Rabah, camerawoman Lujain Jo, and Noel and Michelle Keserwany, two artist sisters whose avant-garde songs have made them a voice for their generation. The prevailing mood is one of hope and change. But a few months later, Covid-19 locks down the city, and all optimism evaporates with the economic collapse and the massive explosion at Beirut's port. Will the young women be able to hold onto their dreams of a new Lebanon? *Beirut: Eye of the Storm* explores the women's vision of a new Lebanon and their special relationship with their city, Beirut.



Blind Trust: Leaders & Followers in Times of Crisis

Blind Trust celebrates the life and work of psychiatrist and psychoanalyst Dr. Vamik Volkan, a five-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee who has spent over four decades bringing enemy groups together in areas of conflict all over the world. *Blind Trust* traces Dr. Volkan's life journey from his birthplace on the ethnically divided island of Cyprus to his development of a model of diplomacy based on the emotional life of nations. This look into his pioneering fieldwork and peace-building missions in Europe, the Middle East, and the US sheds light on how large-group identity and shared trauma can both unite us and divide us for generations.



Gair (Outsider)

Eager to fit in with his high school friends in Abu Dhabi, Armaan distances himself from his parents and his Indian identity. Ali, a taxi driver, yearns for his family in Pakistan as he struggles to make ends meet and provide for his daughter's education. One day, when Armaan plans to go partying with his friends, their divergent lives serendipitously intersect, unravelling questions of identity, position and privilege in Abu Dhabi.



The Translator

A fascinating thriller about an Arabic-English translator during the 2000 Olympics set in Australia who was forced into exile after an ill-fated mistranslation, who is obligated to return to Syria after his brother was taken into custody by the Assad regime in 2011. During the Sydney Olympics, Sami, who was the translator for the 14-member Syrian team, was asked about his opinion on regarding the succession of Bashar al-Assad to power. His response was distorted in translation which significantly insulted the regime and ultimately led him to seek asylum in Australia. Eleven years later the start of the Arab Spring would lead him back to his home country to help his activist brother Zaid, who had been arrested. As the unending civil war is now in its second decade, *The Translator* highlights the significance on the power of language and contrasts the different between translating others words and sticking up for oneself.





MESA MEMBERS MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2022

1:15-2:45 PM MST

The Members Meeting is an annual meeting of the membership open to all members. Voting is restricted to fellow and student MESA members. The meeting mainly consists of reports (see agenda below). Members play an important role by 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, augmenting those proposed by MESA's Board.

Quorum

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

Resolutions

When important issues are before the membership, resolutions are sometimes presented at the members meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA's Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2022 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by Thursday, November 14, 2022. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA's Bylaws which are posted on MESA's website at mesana.org.

MESA Members Meeting Sample Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Meeting Rules
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence
5. Announcement of 2022 MESA Election Results
6. 2023 MESA Nominating Committee Call for Names
7. Update from President Eve Troutt Powell
8. Report of Executive Director Jeffrey D. Reger
9. Reports of Editors: Joel Gordon for IJMES and Heather Ferguson for RoMES
10. Committee Reports
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

VOLUNTEER PANEL CHAIRS NEEDED

Volunteers are invited to chair put-together panels at the MESA 2022 annual meeting. MESA only assigns chairs, who may also take it upon themselves to serve as discussants. There are many such panels on the program. To volunteer, [please complete the form located on MESA's website](#).

Please note that MESA membership and annual meeting pre-registration are required of all meeting participants on the program, including volunteer panel chairs.



MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION

AASA – Arab American Studies Association

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 12-1pm in Director's Row G

Business Meeting, 1-2pm in Director's Row J

AATA – American Association of Teachers of Arabic

Thursday, 12/1

Executive Board Meeting, 9am-12pm in Director's Row I

Annual Panel, 1-3:30pm in Director's Row I

Annual Business Meeting, 4-5pm in Director's Row I

AATP – American Association of Teachers of Persian

Thursday, 12/1

Business Meeting & Awards Ceremony, 11am-2pm in Governor's Square 15

AGAPS – Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 9am-12pm in Director's Row J

Business Meeting, 12:30-2:30pm in Plaza Court 7

AIMS – American Institute for Maghrib Studies

Thursday, 12/1

Annual Business Meeting, 1:15-2:30pm in Director's Row E

AIYS – American Institute for Yemeni Studies

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 11am-12pm in Director's Row E

Sunday, 12/4

Information Meeting, 11am-12pm in Director's Row G

Al-Monitor

Friday, 12/2

Roundtable Conversation: Energy, Innovation and the future of Middle East Economies, 5:30-6:45pm in Director's Row E, with refreshments, wine and cheese served

Rama Chakaki, aiXplain

Karen Young, Columbia University

Andrew Parasiliti, Al-Monitor

Greg Cohen, Al-Monitor

AMEWS – Association for Middle East Women's Studies

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 12pm-2:30pm in Plaza Court 8

Business Meeting, 7-8pm in Governor's Square 10

Saturday, 12/3

Reception, 7:30-9:30pm in Director's Row H

CASA–Center for Arabic Study Abroad

Locations will be shared via invitations/ communications

Thursday, 12/1

Governing Board Dinner Meeting 6:30-9:30pm

Friday, 12/2

Consortium Annual Luncheon 11:30am-1pm

Saturday, 12/3

Alumni Reception 7-9pm

HARVARD, CMES

Saturday, 12/3

Reception, 8-10pm in Governor's Square 12

MEM – Middle East Medievalists

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 9-11am in Director's Row G

Business Meeting, 12-1pm in Governor's Square 12

Reception 8-10pm in Governor's Square 17

MESA – Middle East Studies Association

Thursday, 12/1

Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES) Poster Presentation, 4-5pm outside Governor's Square 9/17

IJMES Editorial Board Meeting, 1-2:30pm in Governor's Square 17

Friday, 12/2

Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting, 9-11am in Silver

Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Associations, 9-10am in Director's Row J

Global Academy Fellows Meeting, 11am-1pm in Director's Row J

Saturday, 12/3

Middle East Center and Program Directors Meeting, 10am-12pm in Plaza Ballroom A

RoMES Editorial Board Meeting, 11:30am-1pm in Director's Row G

MESA Members Meeting, 1:15-2:45pm in Plaza Ballroom D

MEOC – Middle East Outreach Council

Thursday, 12/1

Business Meeting, 8-9pm in Director's Row F

OTSA – Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 11am-1pm in Director's Row F

Reception, 7:45-8:30pm in Director's Row H

Members Meeting, 8:45-10:15pm in Director's Row I

PARC – Palestinian American Research Center

Thursday, 12/1

Board Meeting, 10am-2pm in Plaza Court 4

PSU – Pennsylvania State University

Thursday, 12/1

Department of History and Middle East Studies at Penn State Reception, 8-11pm in Plaza Court 1

SSA – Syrian Studies Association

Saturday, 12/3

Annual Meeting, 8-11pm in Director's Row E

Roundtable**I-01: The Future of Political Islam**Organized by **Jocelyne Cesari**Chair: **Jocelyne Cesari**

Jocelyne Cesari, Georgetown University
Bob Hefner, Boston University
Sultan Tepe, University of Illinois at Chicago
Aaron Rock-Singer, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ihsan Yilmaz, Deakin University
Vedi Hadiz, Asia Institute

Roundtable**I-02: The Regional Legacies of the 2006 Lebanon-Israel War**Organized by **Waleed Hazbun**

Nader Hashemi, University of Denver
Jeannie Sowers, University of New Hampshire
Waleed Hazbun, University of Alabama

I-03: "Ottomans on the Moon!" Pious Conservatism and Neo-Ottoman Nostalgia in Turkish Popular CultureOrganized by **Pierre Hecker**Discussant: **Valentina Marcella**, University of Naples L'Orientale

Ali Sonay, University of Bern *"A War of Series"? Middle Eastern History between Competing Narratives in Turkish and Arab Television Dramas*

Kaya Akyıldız, Bahcesehir University *Home is where the Heart is? Neo-Ottomanist Sea & Space Military Doctrines in 'New Turkey'*

Ivo Furman, Istanbul Bilgi University *Superheroes for a 'New Turkey' - Neo-Ottoman Representations in Hakan Muhafız and Akıncı*

Pierre Hecker, Philipps University Marburg *Dreams of Empire: The Role of Ottoman Nostalgia in Turkish State Propaganda*

I-04: Migration and Displacement in the Late Ottoman EmpireOrganized by **Milena Methodieva**Chair/Discussant: **Onur Yildirim**, Middle East Technical University

Milena Methodieva, University of Toronto *Calamity of Calamities: Narratives of Displacement and the Russo-Ottoman War of 1877-78*

Ella Fratantuono, UNC Charlotte *The Limits of the Hijra: Hamidian Islamism and Migration Management*

Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, UC Santa Barbara *Refugees' "Abandoned Land" in the Post-1878 Balkans*

I-05: Symbolic Politics in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of TurkeyOrganized by **Olivia Glombitza**Chair/Discussant: **Mehran Kamrava**, Georgetown University Qatar

Olivia Glombitza, Autonomous University of Barcelona *Islamic Revolutionary Ideology and its Narratives: Making Sense of the Nuclear Issue*

Senem Aslan, Bates College *Crying in Politics: Emotional Communication in AKP's Turkey*

Hakki Tas, GIGA *The Contours of AKP Populism: Continuity and Change in Turkish Foreign Policy*

I-06: Mothers and Matrilineal Lineages in the Early Islamic WorldOrganized by **Robert Haug****Sponsored by the Middle East Medievalists (MEM)**Discussant: **Alison M. Vacca**, Columbia University

Robert Haug, University of Cincinnati *Dajjāja bt. Asmā' al-Sulamī: A Basran Matriarch*

Elizabeth Urban, West Chester University *Maternal Kinship Ties in Ibn Sa'd's Ṭabaqāt*

Alyssa Gabbay, UNC Greensboro *Mu'awiyya as Ibn Hind: Maternal Ascription in Early Islam*

Leone Pecorini Goodall, University of Edinburgh *Ummahāt al-Khulafā': Matrilineality and caliphal succession in the Marwānid period*

I-07: North African Conceptions of Sovereignty in the Nineteenth Century

Organized by **Jessica Marglin**

Sponsored by the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair/Discussant: **James McDougall**, University of Oxford

Jessica Marglin, University of Southern California *Sovereignty, Extraterritoriality, and Legal Belonging in Nineteenth-Century North Africa*

Youssef Ben Ismail, Columbia University *On the Nature of Ottoman Caliphal Authority in the Maghrib*

Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound *The Inter-Religious Roots of Territoriality in the Far Maghreb*

I-08: Gender and the New History of Capitalism in MENA

Organized by **Susanna Ferguson**

Chair/Discussant: **Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa Barbara

Susanna Ferguson, Smith College *The Laboring Body: Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, and the Porous Body in the Arabic Women's Press*

Kristen Alff, North Carolina State University *Unveiling Myths of the Limited Liability Corporation: Gender, Marriage, and the Early-20th Century Levantine Company*

Toufoul Abou-Hodeib, University of Oslo *From Women to Workers: Limits to Revolutionary Subjects in the PLO's Economic Program*

Hanan H. Hammad, Texas Christian University *Gendering the History of the Labor: Reconceptualizing Women's Labor Activism in Egypt*

Kylie Broderick, UNC Chapel Hill *The Role of Advertisements in Periodicals Circulating in the Interwar Arab and North Atlantic Worlds*

I-09: 20 Years Since 'Rule of Experts': Current Paths in the Study of Technopolitics

Organized by **Mattin Biglari** and **Rana Baker**

Owain Lawson, Oberlin College *Technopolitics and Vernacular Development in Postcolonial Lebanon*

Ibrahim Elhodaiby, Columbia University *Cost of Science: The Suez Canal International Scientific Commission Report*

Mattin Biglari, SOAS University of London *The Technopolitics of Iranian Oil Nationalisation*

Rana Baker, Columbia University *Durable Flows: Technical Expertise and Capitalist Development in Egypt*

I-10: Afterlives of Quarantine: Space, Materiality, and Biopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean

Organized by **Marianne Dhenin**

Chair: **Khaled Fahmy**, University of Cambridge

Discussant: **Jennifer Derr**, UC Santa Cruz

Alaa Attiah M., University of Toronto *Al-Tur Quarantine Station: Where is the exit?*

Marianne Dhenin, Leibniz Institute of European History *Razed Slums, Salubrious Dwellings: How 19th-Century Disease Shaped Egypt's Built Environment*

Karim Malak, Durham University *Quarantine Rewind: Quarantine in the Eastern Mediterranean under Mehmet Ali, 1831-3*

Yosra Hussein, Columbia University *Escaping Quarantine: Practices of Resistance during the Cholera Epidemic in Egypt (1883-1896)*

I-11: The One State Paradigm Shift: Emerging Realities and Growing Discrepancies in Israel/Palestine

Organized by **Smadar Ben-Natan**

Chair: **Amal Jamal**

Smadar Ben-Natan, University of Washington, Seattle *The One Carceral State: Mass Incarceration and Carceral Citizenship in Israel/Palestine*

Lisa Strombom, Lund University and **Anders Persson**, Linnaeus University *One or two states as a solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict – the EU caught between international norms and realpolitik*

Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University *The Politics of Inclusive Exclusion and the Categorical Imperative of Shared-Sovereignty*

Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania *The Reality of Annexation in Right-Wing Discourse--The Case of Ribonut (Sovereignty)*

I-12: In search of Zomia: Non-State Politics in the Middle East and North Africa

Organized by **Bareez Majjid** and **Alessia Colonnelli**

Dastan Jasim, GIGA *Civic Culture and Support for Democracy amongst Kurds in Iran, Iraq, and Turkey*

Johannes Becke, Heidelberg University *No Friends but the Mountains? Comparing the Politics of State Evasion in Southeast Asia to the Middle East and North Africa*

Bareez Majjid, Heidelberg University *From Forced Orality to Monumentalization; (de)Politization of Memory in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq*

Alessia Colonnelli, Heidelberg University *Inventing a State-Making Past for a Non-State Community? Amazigh Nationalism between Colonial Fantasy and Anti-Colonial Nation-Building*

I-13: The Sonic, the Social, and the Novel

Drew Paul, University of Tennessee Knoxville *Tunnels and Resistance: Dystopia, Dissent, and the Underground in Contemporary Egypt*

Roberta L. Dougherty, Yale University Library *Song in Mahfuz 2019 Bayn al-Qasrayn: Recreating and Appreciating the Diegetic 201CSoundtrack201D of a Modern Egyptian Novel*

Passent Moussa, University of Essex *Power and Subjectivity in the post-1952 Egypt: A sociological reading of Naguib Mahfouz's Karnak Café (Al-Karnak)*

Nada Ayad, The Cooper Union *Troubling Time(s): Excavations, Evacuations, and Futurity in Ahdaf Soueif's In the Eye of the Sun*

Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine *Filles-Fleurs, Filles-Cicatrices: Decolonial Sexuality in Mohamed Leftah's Demoiselles de Numidie*

Sanabel Abdelrahman, University of Philipps-Marburg *The Prison as a Nightmare Space: Ghaleb Halasah's The Storytellers*

I-14: Does Middle Eastern Modernism Exist?

Organized by **Levi Thompson**

Chair: **Levi Thompson**, University of Texas at Austin
Discussant: **Ziad Dallal**, Bard College

Hajar Mahfoodh, University of Bahrain/University of Surrey *Adunis: Modernism in the Levant*

Maziyar Faridi, Clemson University *Notes on the Anxieties of Nima Yushij's Aesthetics*

Elias G. Saba, Grinnell College *I'm not European: Khalil al-Khūrī and Arabic Literary Modernism*

Asad Alvi, University of Texas at Austin *Two Moments of Catachresis: Qurratulain Hyder and Intizar Hussain*

Kyle Anderson, SUNY Old Westbury *The Village Novel and Literary Modernism in Egypt*

I-15: Caring for humans and non-humans in Egypt

Organized by **Nefissa Naguib** and **Beth Baron**

Beth Baron, CUNY *Birth Work: Imperial Doctors, Provincial Dayas, and Parturient Women in Egypt*

Noha Fikry, University of Toronto *To Kill and to Care: Reflections on Rearing Animals and Making Meat in Rural Egypt*

Nefissa Naguib, University of Oslo *Recipe for Care: Women, and Faith-based Food justice in Cairo*

Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, Independent Scholar *Landscaping Gardens in Urban Egypt: Hospitals and Gardens in 19th-20th Century Cairo, Alexandria and the Suez Canal Cities*

Jeffrey Culang, Independent Scholar *Mayat al-Nil: Water Pollution and the Politics of Care in Postcolonial Egypt*

I-16: Cyberspace and Social Movements and the Authoritarian Governance of Digital Public Sphere

Banu Akdenizli, Northwestern University Qatar *A First for the Country, The Qatari Shura Elections: An Exercise in Empowerment? Candidates' Twitter Use During the Campaign*

Sara O. Sayed-Ahmed, Columbia University *Intimate anonymous conversations: Egyptian women-only Facebook groups as educational spaces*

Renee Spellman, University of Arizona *Palestinian Feminist Activism in Digital and Non-Digital Spaces: Stances, Discourses, and Risks*

Mariam Karim, University of Toronto *Tracing Arab Women's Movements: Information Activism from the Twentieth Century*

Sima Ghaddar, UCLA *Competing Event Narratives: Mobilization and Counter-mobilization Strategies During Lebanon's 2019 Uprising*

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Joe Macaron, University of Bath *External interventions in multi ethnoreligious conflicts: the case of contemporary Levant*

Lily Hindy, UCLA *State Repression, Everyday Resistance and Complex Alliances: Kurds in Iraq, 1968 – 2003*

Lorenz Nigst, Aga Khan University *When Gigantic Armies Are Set in Motion: Druze Millenarian Poetry and Why It Matters*

Deena Al-halabieh, UC Santa Barbara *Enslaved African Muslims on Display: Examining Performances of Religious Piety in 19th Century America*

Joshua Schreier, Vassar College *Constantine Riots of 1934: Muslims, Jews, and Citizenship*

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Ethan Mefford, UCLA *The north and south of Morocco's 19th century oil economy*

Robert J. Bell, NYU *The 1953 Farmer's Share Law: Iran's Oil-Less Pivot to Rural Development*

Robert Mogielnicki, AGSIW *Empowering the Dragon: Political Implications of Evolving Chinese Demand for Gulf Oil and Gas*

Janicke Stramer-Smith, Weber State University *Follow the Money: Economic interests and the political behavior of militaries in a comparative perspective*

Sami Al Daghistani, Norwegian School of Theology, Religion & Society/Columbia University *Tracing the Modern Epistemology of al-Iqtisad al-Islami*

Nazak Birjandifar, Mount Royal University *The Politics of Tax Reform in Safavid Iran: The Case of Gilan*

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Organized by **Shay Hazkani** and **Basma Fahoum**

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Shay Hazkani, University of Maryland, College Park
Leena Dallahseh, Cal Poly Humboldt
Nimrod Ben Zeev, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
Basma Fahoum, Stanford University
Mezna Qato, University of Cambridge

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Organized by **Charles Kurzman**, UNC Chapel Hill and
Richard Nielsen, MIT

Rochelle Terman, University of Chicago
Peter Verkinderen, AKU-ISMC
Mustafa Yavas, NYU Abu Dhabi

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Organized by **John Ghazvinian**

John Ghazvinian, University of Pennsylvania

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Leyla Tajer, HELP University Malaysia *Presence of Persian Spiritual Literature in the 16th Century South East Asian Sufi Tradition: A Fresh Visit to Hamzah Fansuri's Writings*
Amanda Caterina Leong, UC Merced *Re-thinking Medieval Race and Female Javānmardī: Khvaju Kirmani's Khamsa and the Kitab-i Samak 'Ayyar*
Amin Mahini, CSUN *Fatalism and Intercession: Evolution of Gender and Love in the poem of Varqa and Golshah by Ayyuqi*

Domenico Ingenito, UCLA *(Un)Gendering the Body in Medieval Persian Pornography*

Ipek Sahinler, University of Texas at Austin *"Before" Homosexuality in Ottoman Literature*

Thomas Parsa, Independent Scholar *The Sukhan-sanj of Lahore: Munir Lahori's (1610-1644 CE) Criticism, Exegesis, and Ornate Prose*

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Organized by **Ceren Abi** and **Artemis Papatheodorou**

Ceren Abi, Netherlands Institute in Turkey *"Exceptional Opportunities": Archaeology in the Ottoman Empire during World War I*

Artemis Papatheodorou, Koç University *Ottoman Greek Indigenous Archaeologies*

Filiz Tütüncü Çağlar, Forum Transregional Studies Berlin *Ottoman Archaeologists at Work: Theodore Macridy and His Archaeological Legacy*

Elvan Cobb, Hong Kong Baptist University *The Pursuit of the Ancient Past in Ottoman Lands: The Dawn of 'Scientific' Archaeology and Ottoman Modernization*

II-06: "Affective Authoritarianisms": Affect, Emotions and Authoritarian Governance in the Arab World and Turkey

Organized by **Cilja Maren Harders**

Chair/Discussant: **Cilja Maren Harders**, Freie Universität Berlin

Zeynep Korkman, UCLA *Feeling with Others: Oppositional Political Affect in Turkey*

Ricarda Ameling, Freie Universität Berlin *The Changing Narrative of the 25 January Revolution under al-Sisi - a Genealogy of Diminishing*

Bahar Firat, Freie Universität Berlin *"Ours is a love story": Analyzing Erdoğan's governing with love as form of affective authoritarianism*

Amira Abdelhamid, University of Sussex *Aspirational Citizenship: Figurations of the 'honourable citizen' and the making of Egypt's counter-revolution*

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Organized by **Reda Rafei**

Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies (AMECYS)

Chair: **Dylan James Baun**, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Reda Rafei, Texas Tech University *Al-Haz al-Awfar wa al-Ghibta al-Rajiha: Parents and the Wellbeing of Children in the Second Half of the 18th Century Ottoman Tripoli through the Sijillat of the Islamic Sharia Court*

Atacan Atakan, University of Arizona *Exploration of the Dim Fringes: Children's Sexuality, Gender, and Corporeality in Ottoman Empire during the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*

Melis Sulos, CUNY Graduate Center *Performative Construction of Childhood*

Samar Nour, University of Toronto *"Mental Hygiene" and Child Governmentality in Egypt*

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Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco**

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Chair: **Flagg Miller**, UC Davis

Daniel Martin Varisco, American Institute for Yemeni Studies *The Late 11th Century CE Almanac Poem of Nashwān b. Sa'īd al-Himyārī*

Sam Liebhaber, Middlebury College *Muḥammad al-Zubayrī: Between literary neo-classicism and oral folk poetry*

Emily J. Sumner, University of Minnesota *A Dialogic Approach to Chanted Poetry in Yemen's Civil War*

Muhammad Aziz, Yale University *Three Poets from Yemen*

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Organized by **Orit Bashkin**

Chair/Discussant: **Israel Gershoni**, Tel Aviv University

Orit Bashkin, University of Chicago *An Egyptian Iraqi Nahda 1890-1935*

Mostafa Hussein, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor *The Place of Hebrew in Nahda Movement in Egypt*

Yaseen Noorani, University of Arizona *World Literature, Eastern Literature and the Struggle over Literary Identity in Inter-War Egypt*

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Organized by **Yusuf Unal**

Yusuf Unal, Emory University *The Bone of Contention: Safavid Revolutionary Exhumations and Sectarian Violence in the Early Modern Middle East*

Devin J. Stewart, Emory University *Observations on Sunni-Shiite Polemics in the Safavid Period*

Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer, NYU *Conversion, Adaptation, or Modification: "Becoming" Qizilbash in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*

Riza Yildirim, Emory University *Revolution Against Whom?: Another Look at the Safavid Takeover of Iran in 1503*

Ferenc Csirkés, Sabanci University *Qizilbash Identity in Late Safavid and Afsharid Iran: Resistance, Piety, and Pilgrimage in the Divan of Rahima*

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Organized by **Michael Brill**, **Bruno Schmidt-F Feuerheerd**, and **Ahmed Alowfi**

Chair/Discussant: **Kristin Smith Diwan**, AGSIW

Bruno Schmidt-F Feuerheerd, University of Cambridge *Intellectual production and cultural entrepreneurship: the grass-roots origins of Saudi national identity*

Haya Al-Noaimi, Georgetown University *Alter/Native Futures: Chronographies of Power and Contested Cultures in the Contemporary Arab Gulf*

Ahmed Alowfi, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *Cosmopolitanism in a Nation-building Project: Evidence from the Art Fields in the Post-2015 Saudi Arabia*

Michael Brill, Princeton University *Michel 'Aflaq and Syrian Ba'athists in the Service of Saddam Hussein's Regime*

Hamad H. Albloshi, Kuwait University *Identity and Political Cartoons: Arab Nationalists and Ajam in Kuwait in 1960s*

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Organized by **Curtis R. Ryan**

Chair: **Curtis R. Ryan**

Curtis R. Ryan, Appalachian State University *Waves of Protest and Activism in Jordan After the Arab Spring: Changing Protests and Changing State Responses*

Janine A. Clark, University of Toronto at Mississauga *LGBTQ Activism in the MENA*

Summer Forester, Carleton College *Bureaucracy as Backlash: Institutional Opposition to Women's Activism in Jordan*

EJ Karmel, University of Guelph *Demobilizing Jordan's "Arab Spring": The Impact of Moral Injury*

Jillian M. Schwedler, CUNY Hunter College *Questioning Hashemite Jordan: Spatial Dimensions of Protest in and against the Hashemite Kingdom*

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Organized by **Odile Moreau**

Chair/Discussant: **Julia Clancy-Smith**, University of Arizona

Stuart Schaar, Brooklyn College, CUNY *Tunisia Awakes, 1918-1930*

Odile Moreau, Montpellier 3 University/Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne *The rise of a new form of warfare in North Africa: from guerrilla warfare to the proclamation of the 'Rif Republic'*

Daanish Faruqi, Duke University *The role of 19th century Moroccan Sufi currents in globalizing North African conceptions of spiritual authority in the post-WWI period*

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Organized by **Nathaniel Greenberg** and **Waleed Mahdi**

Chair/Discussant: **Waleed Hazbun**, University of Alabama

Nathaniel Greenberg, George Mason University *Glossy Earths & Muddy Waters: Digital Influence Hubs in the Era of Terror*

Nadia Oweidat, Kansas State University *The Rise and Fall of Digital Activism in MENA*

Omar Al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics *Post-truth and post-morality in communicating the war on terror*

Waleed Mahdi, University of Oklahoma *Egyptian Militainment as a War on Terror Legacy*

II-15: The Entanglement of Islam and Christianity: Inclusion, Diversity, and Justice

Organized by **Alexander Shepard**

Chair/Discussant: **John Walbridge**, Indiana University Bloomington

Alexander Shepard, Indiana University Bloomington *The Portrayal of Jesus in Usul Al-Kafi*

Azadeh Aghighi, Indiana University Bloomington *The People of the Book and Shi'ism; The Image of Ahl al-Kitāb in Nahj al-Balāgha*

Eduardo Acarón-Padilla, Indiana University Bloomington *(Re)Imagining Timur: The Poetics of Representation and Divine Kingship in 'Abd-Allah Hatifi's and Christopher Marlowe's Books of Timur*

Seyed Amir Asghari, Indiana University Presence, *Manifestation, and Visitation in Abrahamic Religions: The Notion of "Presence" in Shi'ism*

Ahmed Hassan, Indiana University *Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Local History of Egypt*

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Alireza Karbasioun, Columbia University *Call me the Khan: Architectural Inscription of an Empire of Oil in the Persianate World*

Motsem Abuzaid, Georgetown University *Networks, Urban Space, and Mobilization in Hama and Aleppo*

Tyler Schuenemann, University of Massachusetts Amherst *Spectacles of (Mis)Rule: Making Political Grievances out of Environmental Hazards in Oman*

Ali Murat Ozkaratas, Istanbul University *Socio-Economic and Spatial Differentiation in North Kurdistan (Turkey): Gated Communities of Kayapinar*

Samia Rab Kirchner, Morgan State University *Community Food Sovereignty as Shared Heritage: The Case of Protests Against the River Ravi Redevelopment in Lahore-Pakistan*

Vahid Vahdat, Washington State University *Carnival Nonmovements and the Repoliticization of Urban Space in Yazd, Iran*

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Organized by **Renee Ragin Randall** and **Beverly Tsacoyianis**

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Renee Ragin Randall, University of Michigan *Ghada al-Samman's Crucible: The Supernatural, The (Im)Moral and the Mad in her Lebanese Civil War Trilogy*

Beverly Tsacoyianis, University of Memphis *Committed: Madness and Duty in Palestinian and Israeli History*
Lamia Moghnieh, University of Copenhagen *The Anguish of the Intellectuals: Trauma, Modernity and the Ethics of Living-in Violence in Lebanon*

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Organized by **Ali Karjoo-Ravary**

Chair: **Belle Cheves**, Harvard University

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Teren Sevea, Harvard Divinity School *From Creation to Circumcision: Imagining History in Early Modern Malay*
Jyoti Balachandran, Penn State University *Entangled Lineages: The Rise of a Historian-Jurist in Sixteenth-century Mecca*
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Organized by **Ella Williams**

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Organized by **Kamran Talattof**

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Chair/Discussant: **Yaseen Noorani**, University of Arizona

Narges Nematollahi, University of Arizona *Allegorical Readings of the Shahnameh*

Sajedeh Hosseini, University of Arizona *The Tuṭīnāma of K̄āja Zīā'-al-Dīn Naḳṣabī; Form, Content, and Didactic Elements*

Shabbir Agha Abbas, University of Arizona *Allegory of the Sun and the Moon in Pietistic Literature; From Panegyric to Polemical Usage*

Kamran Talattof, University of Arizona *In Search of Religion and Dantean Moments in Nezami's Story of Mahan*

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Organized by **Francesco Cavatorta**

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Chair: **Francesco Cavatorta**, Université Laval

Vincent Durac, University College Dublin *Tribes, Sects, Parties and Governing Coalitions in Lebanon and Yemen*

Tereza Jermanová, Charles University and **Jens Heibach**, GIGA *Coalition Maintenance during Democratization: Comparative Insights from Tunisia and Yemen*

Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State University, **Taib Biygautane**, Kennesaw State University, and **Stephanie Stapleton**, Kennesaw State University *Doomed for Failure? Coalition Formation Experience Under Foreign Intervention in the MENA*

Mohamed Daadaoui, Oklahoma City University *Between the Scepter and the Rifle: Multiparty Coalition Governments under Authoritarian Tutelage in Morocco and Algeria*

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Organized by **Leila Pourtavaf**

Chair: **Leila Pourtavaf**

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Sumayya Kassamali, University of Toronto *Thinking the "Female" of the Female Migrant Domestic Worker in Contemporary Beirut*

Ayse Su, University of Cambridge *Escaping Liberty: Captivity and Labour in the Ottoman Mediterranean, 1890-1912*

Leila Pourtavaf, York University *The Servant Class of Gulistan: Gender, Race and Affective labor in the Late-Qajar Harem*

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Organized by **Yosra Moussa Sultan** and **Eman S. Morsi**

Yosra Moussa Sultan, NYU *"The Woman Question" Revisited: The New Family Ideology, the Mother/Child Dyad, and Women's Emancipation in Modern Egypt*

Eman S. Morsi, Dartmouth College *In Search of Female Authors: Male Gatekeepers, the "New Woman", and the Nasserite State*

Reem Awmy Abuzaid, University of Warwick *Feminist Legal Activism against family values in Egypt*

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Organized by **Mina Khanlarzadeh**

Chair: **Sepehr Vakil**

Mina Khanlarzadeh, Northwestern University *The Female STEM Students Navigating their Paths from Qirtī to 'Inqilābī at the Campus of AUT (1966-1979)*

Sepehr Vakil, Northwestern University *The politicization of engineering students: Critically fabulated learning scenes from the Global South*

Mahdi Ganjavi, Northwestern University *The Struggle For Autonomy: Faculty and Student Activism at Aryamehr University of Technology (1976-1979)*

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Organized by **Kevan Harris**

Chair: **Kevan Harris**

Daniel L. Tavana, Pennsylvania State University
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Kevan Harris, UCLA *Legacies of Land Reform in Modern Iran: Historical and Contemporary Variation across Nine Provinces*

Gilad Wenig, UCLA *The Consequences of Military Coups: Evidence from Egypt and Syria*

Allison Spencer Hartnett, University of Southern California *State Building and Regressive Redistribution: Evidence from Colonial Property Reforms in Jordan*

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Nour MJ Hodeib, CUNY Graduate Center *Grooving on the Barricades: Leftist Artists and African-American Music in the Lebanese Civil War*

Phil Hoffman, UCLA *Limits of Solidarity: Coverage of Malcolm X's Visits to the Middle East in the Syrian Press*

Noura Erakat, Rutgers University-New Brunswick *Deadly Exchange: Upending Circuits of State Violence*

Fabiola Hanna, The New School *Reckoning with our Role as Immigrants to Stolen Land*

Sara Hussein, UCLA *Pan-African Cairo: Black Radicals and the Anticolonial Struggle in Nasserist Egypt*

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Aycan Akçamete, University of Texas at Austin *Human Rights Narratives in the Stage Adaptation of Can Dündar's #WeAreArrested*

Rachel Green, University of Massachusetts Amherst *Ecological Catastrophe Unfolds All Around: Kaleidoscopic Solastalgia in Israeli, Palestinian and Arab Gulf Literatures*

Uri Horesh, Achva Academic College and **Saleem Abu Jaber**, Achva Academic College *Universalist freedom and Palestinian resistance in the writings of Shafiq Habib*

Jeannette E. Okur, University of Texas at Austin *Kurdish Prison Literature Goes Mainstream in Turkey*

Aya Labanieh, Columbia University *They Know Our Streets: Minorities as "Conspirators" at the Nexus of Imperial & National Interests*

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Sertac Sen, Brown University *We are All Crocodile Birds: Feeding (On) Mars in Turkish Thrace*

Sophia Goodfriend, Duke University *Carceral Convenience*

Toni Rouhana, University of Sheffield *Sect Habitus and the Politics of "Security and Safety" the Case of Syria*

Eric Schoon, Ohio State University *State of Suspicion: Personal Risks, Collective Fates, and the Politics of Daily Life in Turkey*

Özgür Özkan, University of Washington *When the Revolution Devours Its Own Children: Coups, Self-Purging, and Military Effectiveness in Turkey (1960-2007)*

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Elizabeth C. Saylor, North Carolina State University *Arabic Language Through Cultural Arts, Radio, and Music Listening*

Anne K. Rasmussen, College of William and Mary *Singing in Arabic: Experience, Enlightenment, Embodiment, Empowerment*

Youssef El Berrichi, AMIDEAST *Tajwid in the Foreign Language Classroom: Qur'anic Recitation and Arabic Language Learning*

Rachel Colwell, West Chester University *The Sonic Nexus: Language in MENA Music Teaching*

Beau Bothwell, Kalamazoo College *Teaching, Transcribing, and (Not) Translating Arabic Music Theory for Anglophone Students*

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Yasser Sultan, Georgetown University *Al-Azhar, War Narratives and the Making of Contemporary Egyptian Nationalism*

Mary Elston, Harvard University *Countering Extremism Through Knowledge: A Twenty-First Century Biographical Dictionary*

Ibrahim Gemeah, Cornell University *Azharis Abroad: The Role of Islam in Nasser's Foreign Policy*

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Organized by **Renata Holod**

Theodore Van Loan, University of Pennsylvania *Archive as Archaeological Site: Visualizing the Erich Schmidt Excavations of Rayy*

Meredyth Winter, Philadelphia Museum of Art/Colgate University *The Sultan's Silks: A Cache of Seljuk-Era Textiles from Rayy*

Rocco Rante, Louvre Museum *Rayy Abstract*

Renata Holod, University of Pennsylvania *Recovering Rayy: Erich Schmidt's Excavations of the late 1930s at Rayy, Iran, and their Contribution to the Study of the Material Culture of Medieval Iran*

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Organized by **Annie Greene**

Chair/Discussant: **Levi Thompson**, University of Texas at Austin

Cagdas Acar, University of Chicago *Translation as Planning and the Elasticity of "Kütübhāne": Abdullah Cevdet's Publishing Project*

Annie Greene, Loyola University Chicago *Narrating Literary Histories, Translating Linguistic Presents: A Nahda Project of Ottoman Baghdad*

Francesca Chubb-Confer, University of Chicago *Telling the Secrets of the Self: Nicholson, Iqbal, and Translating Modernist Islam*

Stephanie Kraver, University of Chicago *Conjuring Hittin in Darwish and Ravikovitch's Post-1967 Poetics*

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Organized by **Pheroze Unwalla** and **Victoria Hightower**

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Kristi N. Barnwell, University of Illinois at Springfield
G. Carole Woodall, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

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Organized by **Sherene Seikaly**

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Maya Mikdashi, Rutgers University
Paul Amar, UC Santa Barbara
Lara Deeb, Scripps College

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Organized by **Banu Ozer Griffin**, American Association of Teachers of Turkic Studies

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Kağan Arık, University of Chicago
Emrah Sahin, University of Florida
Gozde Mercan, University of Toronto
Meryem Demir, Harvard University

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Organized by **Suad Joseph**

Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis

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Organized by **Amanda Long**, TARI

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Chair: **Dina Rizk Khoury**, George Washington University

Nadje Al-Ali, Brown University *Our River – Our Sky*
Qussay Al-Attabi, Kenyon College *Al-Hashd al-Sha'bi in Post-ISIS Iraq*
Nada M. Shabout, University of North Texas *Descendants of al-Wasiti: be an Iraqi Artist*
Zainab Saleh, Haverford College *Genealogies of Migration in Iraq*

IV-06: Food, Animals, Poetry, and Marriage: New Approaches for Studying Individuals and Communities at the Margins of Early Modern Ottoman Social History

Organized by **Arlen Wiesenthal** and **Zeynep Tezer**

Chair/Discussant: **Gottfried Hagen**, University of Michigan

Zeynep Tezer, University of Chicago *Beyond Officialdom and Patronage: Alternative Careers and Self-Fashioning among the Ottoman Educated Elites during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries*
Arlen Wiesenthal, University of Chicago *Something Wicked This Way Comes?: "Outsider" Perspectives on the Violence and Abuses of the Sultan's Court Out-of-Doors in Seventeenth Century Ottoman Municipalities*
Isin Taylan, Yale University *Popular and Intellectual Approaches to Food as Social and Political Critique in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*
Ashley Sanders, UCLA *Women's Roles in Ottoman Algerian Socio-Politics*

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Overlapping Property Claims and the Land Regime in
the Ottoman Empire**

Organized by **Abdurrahman Atcil** and **Christopher Markiewicz**

Abdurrahman Atcil, Sabanci University *Jurisprudence as the Language of Opposition in Early Modern Egypt: Egyptian Scholars and Ottoman Tax Reform*

Evgenia Kermeli, Hacettepe University *Retaining and Expanding Monastic Waqf Land in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*

Malissa Taylor, University of Massachusetts Amherst *Ibn 'Abidin and the widening consensus on miri land law: where does one find the law of miri land?*

Christopher Markiewicz, University of Birmingham *Ottoman Fatwas and the Controversy on Taxing Egyptian Waqf Lands in the Sixteenth Century*

**IV-08: Rulers and Scholars in the
Premodern Islamic World**

Organized by **Han Hsien Liew**

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Discussant: **Hayrettin Yucesoy**, Washington University in St. Louis

Mohammed Allehbi, Vanderbilt University *The Shurṭa in al-Andalus: An Alternative History of Islamic Criminal Justice*

Kameliya Atanasova, Washington and Lee University *'Army shaykhs': Ottoman Sufis on the Battlefield*

Han Hsien Liew, Arizona State University *Legitimizing Politics: Ibn al-Jawzi's Reassessment of Ruler-Scholar Relations*

Karen Taliaferro, Arizona State University *Will the Real Scholar Please Stand Up? Dialectic and the Mutakallimūn in the thought of Ibn Rushd*

**IV-09: Gender and Sexuality in the
Premodern Islamic World**

Organized by **Allison Kanner-Botan**

Sabeena Shaikh, McGill University *On the margins: Gender and Sexuality in a Liminal Time and Place*

Allison Kanner-Botan, University of Chicago *Letters from Layla: Reading 'Ishq as Active Engagement*

Alexandra Hoffmann, University of Chicago *Masculinities, Homoeroticism, and Mystical Love in Zolāli's Maḥmud o Ayāz (1615 CE)*

Tobias Scheunchen, University of Chicago *Marriage, Dowers, and Value-Creation in Classical Islamic Law*

**IV-10: Rethinking Internationalist Solidarity
with the Palestinian Revolution**

Organized by **Samar Saeed**

Chair: **Fadi Kaftey**, University of Houston/AEF Center for Arab Studies

Lubna Taha, Independent Scholar *On Cinema and Revolutions: Tricontinental Militancy and the Palestinian Revolution*

Samar Saeed, Georgetown University *Remembrance through the Arts: Political Posters of the Palestinian Revolution during the 1960s in Jordan*

Jeremy Randall, CUNY Graduate Center *Global Revolution Starts with Palestine: The Japanese Red Army's Solidarity with the PFLP*

Erica Augenstein, University of Houston *Organizing and Theorizing Resistance: The Formation of the General Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists*

IV-11: Race and Racialization in Egypt

Organized by **Sara Seweid-DeAngelis**

Discussant: **Nefertiti Takla**, Manhattan College

Sara Seweid-DeAngelis, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *Gendered Anti-Blackness in 20th-Century Egyptian Print Media*

Aida Bardissi, London School of Economics *Indigeneity In Absentia: Racializing the Nubian People in Nasserite Film*

Razan Idris, University of Pennsylvania *Tahsin al-Nasal: Eugenics, Race, and "Improving the Offspring" in Modern Egypt*

Beshoy Botros, Yale University *Takwin Jins, Formulating Racializing Assemblages in Modern Egypt*

IV-12: Occult Bodywork

Organized by **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**, University of South Carolina

Chair/Discussant: **Jane H. Murphy**, Colorado College

Shreyash Palshikar, University of Pittsburgh *Jadoo and Jadu-tona: Islamic Magic and Mysticism in Modern India*

Ellen Amster, McMaster University *Kabbalists, Sufis, and Solomon's Magic Ring: Magic Healing Amulets as Historical Artifacts of Judeo-Islamic Exchange in Morocco*

Patrick J. D'Silva, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs *From the Subtle Body to Concrete Results: The "Science of the Breath" (ilm-i dam) in Early-Modern Persian Occultism*

Behzad Borhan, McGill University *The Evolution of the Karāmāt Narratives in Sufi Literature*

IV-13: Scripting Change in Saudi Arabia: Narratives and Narrators, Policies and Policymakers

Organized by **Andrew Leber**

Chair/Discussant: **Andrew Leber**, Tulane University

Sultan Alamer, George Washington University *The Death of Wahhabism: A Bottom-Up Analysis of the state-religion relations in Saudi Arabia:*

Luai Allarakia, University of Richmond *The Shura Council and the Changing Demographics of the New Saudi Arabia*

Kristin Smith Diwan, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington *Saudi Arabia's State Populism*

Majed Binkhunein, SOAS University of London *The Nation as a Brand: Citizen-Making, Technopolitics, and the of Discourse of Reforms in (Re)-shaping Class in Under Saudi Vision 2030*

Nora Doaiji, Harvard University *Anti-Ottomanism in Saudi History Textbooks: A New or Local Narrative?*

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Chair: **Hasan Bulent Kahraman**, Işık University

Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University *Grassroots Familialism? Politics of the Family and Conservative Local Networks in Contemporary Turkey*

Murat Somer, Koç University *Return to Point Zero in Turkey: Prospects for Democratic Transition and Resolving the Turkish-Kurdish Conflict*

Kaori Mita, Chuo University *Rise of Populism in Kuwait*

Spyros A. Sofos, London School of Economics *The Meanings of the People in Turkish Politics: A Genealogy of Populism*

Kerem Oktem, Ca' Foscari University of Venice *Democratic counter-politics in the context of autocratization and personalization of power: The case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality*

Feyza Burak-Adli, Northwestern University *Agent of Change or Guardian of Tradition?: Sufism, Gender, and Nationalism in Cold War Turkey*

IV-15: Language, Culture and Politics in the Interwar Period in the Maghreb

Organized by **Ahmed Idrissi Alami**

Mohammed Hirchi, Colorado State University *From Lyautey to Ropars: language politics and the French Republican Model*

Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue University *Popular Sufi Orders and Nationalist Salafism in 1930s Morocco*

Mbarek Sryfi, University of Pennsylvania *Progressive Political Reform and Social Conservatism in Interwar Morocco*

Silvia Marsans-Sakly, Fairfield University *Waging War Under the Ramparts: Ali Douagi's Satire and Song*

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Organized by **Benjamin Schreier** and **Hella Cohen**

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George Abraham, Northwestern University *Permission to Speculate: Death Worlds and Palestinian Literary Imaginations*

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Zahra Babar, Georgetown University Qatar *The Paradox of Technical Education and the Pakistani Migrant in the Gulf*

Tamir Sorek, Pennsylvania State University *From basketball to soccer: North African Jews' generational transformation in sports interest*

Erfan Saidi Moqadam, University of Richmond *Racialization and Claiming Whiteness among Iranian-Americans in the U.S. South*

Sarah Tobin, Chr. Michelsen Institute *Examining the Possibilities for Economic Citizenship Among Arab Muslim Immigrant Entrepreneurs in Norway*

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Organized by **Fouad Gehad Marei**

Mara Leichtman, Michigan State University *Transnational Networks between Kuwait and East Africa: The Case of a Shi'i Islamic NGO in Tanzania*

Eric Lob, Florida International University and **Amirhossein Mahdavi**, Brandeis University *Electoral Authoritarianism and Regime Underperformance: The Case of Iran*

Fouad Gehad Marei, University of Birmingham *'Partners not Recipients': FBOs, liberal-peace actors and the humanitarian-development-peace nexus in Beirut's southern suburbs*

Oula Kadhum, Birmingham University *Iraqi Shia Transnational Charities in the Age of ISIS and Counter-Terrorism*

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Organized by **Sonali Pahwa**

Rana AlMutawa, NYU Abu Dhabi *Everyday Life in the "Glitzy" City: Making Home in Spectacular Dubai*

Beth Derderian, College of Wooster *Outside the Triptych: Artists Reframe the UAE*

Sonali Pahwa, University of Minnesota *Language and the Performance of Locality By Dubai Influencers*

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Organized by **Jennifer Olmsted**

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Rasmieyh R. Abdelnabi, George Mason University *Women's Work, Political Violence, and Palestinian Embroidery: Between Precarity and Cultural Continuity*
Bassam Yousif, Indiana State University *New Institutional Dynamics in Iraq*

Edward A Sayre, University of Southern Mississippi *The Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis on Economic Outcomes and Political Attitudes of Young People in Lebanon and Jordan*

Jennifer Olmsted, Drew University *Syrian Women Refugees: Caught Between Patriarchy, Nationalism, and Capitalism*

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Organized by **Jonas M. Elbousty**

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Jonas M. Elbousty, Yale University *Narrating Catastrophe and Longing in Alktreb's "Homs and The Studio of Good People"*

Esra Tasdelen, College of Dupage *The Human Body as Metaphor: Fragmentation and Catastrophe in Ahmad Saadawy's 'Frankenstein in Baghdad'*

Doaa A. Omran, University of New Mexico *Suad Amiry's Sharon and My Mother-in-Law: Post-Nakba Autotheoretical Biomythographies*

Touria Khannous, Louisiana State University *Tropes of death and Arab Nationalism in Nazik Al-Malaika's poem "Cholera"*

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Organized by **Michael O'Sullivan**

Chair/Discussant: **Choon Hwee Koh**, National University of Singapore

Dimitrios Stergiopoulos, UC San Diego *Georgios Zarifis and Christos Zografos: The Political Ambitions of Ottoman Greek Bankers and the Crisis of the Empire in the 1870s*

Michael O'Sullivan, UCLA *Gujarati Capitalists, Middle Power, and Ottoman Economic Internationalism*

K. Herman Adney, UCLA *Portfolios of Regional Enterprise: Commerce, Politics, and Law in 1880s Ottoman Macedonia*

Ellen Nye, Yale University *An Empire of Obligation: English Merchants as Ottoman State Fiscal Agents, 1670-1720*

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Organized by **Flo Martin** and **Nadia G. Yaqub**

Chair/Discussant: **Terri Ginsberg**, Concordia University

Samirah Alkassim, George Mason University *Khadijeh Habashneh and Women's Films in the Long 70s of the Revolution*

Flo Martin, Goucher College *Arab Women's Transnational Film on 'the Move': Kaouther Ben Hania's Man Who Sold His Skin (2021)*

Nadia G. Yaqub, UNC Chapel Hill *For the Self Expression of the Arab Women: Women, Cinema, and Commitment of the long 1970s*

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Organized by **Sara Rahnama**

Christopher Silver, McGill University *Raissa Embarka v. Baidaphon: the Case of a Middle Eastern Record Label in the Maghrib*

Sara Rahnama, Morgan State University *The Professional Women of the Mashriq in Interwar Algeria*

Katrina E. Yeaw, University of Arkansas at Little Rock *Educated in the Mashriq: The Influence of International Education on Women's Rights in Libya*

Anny Gaul, University of Maryland, College Park *Anticolonial "Good Food" and the Mashriqi Culinary Imaginary*

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Chair: **Khalil Dahbi**, GIGA

J r mie Langlois, University of Wisconsin-Madison *To Whom Do We Concede? Explaining Regime Responses to Public Sector Strikes in Algeria*

Aslam Kakar, Rutgers University *Kurds in Turkey and Pashtuns in Pakistan: A comparative analysis of social movements in response to state violence*

Sofia Fenner, Colorado College *Beyond Hopeless: Communist Trajectories in Sudan and Egypt*

Fadi Kafeety, University of Houston/AAEF Center for Arab Studies *Revolutionary Horizons: The Movement of Arab Nationalists and the Marxist Turn in the Arabian Peninsula and Palestine*

Carolyn Ramzy, Carleton University *"We will Vote with our Feet": Coptic Women Contest Liturgical Exclusions Off and Online*

V-10: Labor Organizations, Leverage, and Capacity

Organized by **Keenan Wilder**

Chair/Discussant: **Rima Majed**, American University of Beirut

Tyson Patros, New York University *Making Revolutionary Constitutions? Labor's Constitutional Campaigns in Egypt and Tunisia, 2012-2013*

Keenan Wilder, Brown University *Transnational Origins of Colonial Labor Policy in Tunisia and Egypt*

Rebecca Gruskin, Hamilton College *Labor Embodied: Organizational Strategies and Survival Strategies in the Gafsa Mineworkers 1937 Strike*

Robert Hildebrandt, George Washington University *Beyond "Hebrew Labor";: Palestinian Citizens' Experiences in the Contemporary Histadrut*

Ahmad Al-Sholi, Stony Brook University *Trade Unions in Morocco and the Arab Spring*

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Organized by **Sam Pulliam**

Chair: **Sam Pulliam**

Discussant: **Jennifer Derr**, UC Santa Cruz

Soha Bayoumi, Johns Hopkins University *Women Doctors and Narratives of Resistance in Egypt*

Ernest Tucker, US Naval Academy *Clara Barton, the American Red Cross and the Ottoman Red Crescent: Performative Humanitarianism at the Dawn of Modern Emergency Assistance*

Sam Pulliam, George Washington University *A Lack of Care: The Politics of (Not) Treating Madness in Colonial Egypt*
Yasmin Shafei, American University of Beirut *Reading Resistance Through Citizen Petitions in 19th Century Egypt*

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Chair: **Meriam Belli**, University of Iowa

Alaa Tartir, The Graduate Institute *Violent Extremism Threat Assessment in the Southern Libya Borderlands*

Salam Alsaadi, University of Toronto *Why “Black Knights” support certain Fellow Autocrats more than others? Evidence from Egypt, Sudan, and Tunisia*

Daniel Levine, University of Alabama *“He Knew of a Surety”: Realism, Zionist National-Security Discourse, and the Absent Sublime*

Guy Eyre, King’s College/GIGA *Of friends and foes: Schmitt, shibboleths, and Salafi (anti-)politics in Morocco and Algeria*

Gunes Murat Tezcur, University of Central Florida *Instrumentalization of Religion in Turkey: Polarization, Partisanship, and Nationalism*

David Rahimi, Independent Scholar *“Home of Ruby Wine and Rosy Lips”;;: Tourism in Post-WWII Pahlavi Iran*

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Organized by **Daanish Faruqi**

Chair: **Daanish Faruqi**, Duke University

Marc Owen Jones, Hamad bin Khalifa University *Deception, not disinformation: Bots, astroturfing and Gulf-aligned narratives in the Syria social media space*

Andrea Stanton, University of Denver *Erasure as Disinformation: Visual and Textual Messaging in the Syrianpresidency Instagram Account*

Nour Halabi, University of Leeds *Journalistic Integrity in covering the Syrian Revolution and the Global War on Terror*

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Organized by **Shir Alon** and **Melissa Melpignano**

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Melissa Melpignano, University of Texas at El Paso *Throwing Like a Palestinian Girl: Resisting Resilience*

Irene Fernandez Ramos, Independent Scholar *Performing Survival in Palestinian Theatre: From Sumud to Transformative Resilience*

Liron Mor, UC Irvine *Insourcing Resilience: Self-Writing and Self-Help in Palestine-Israel*

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Organized by **Mona Damluji**

Chair: **Bridget Guarasci**

Discussant: **Gokce Gunel**, Rice University

Mona Damluji, UC Santa Barbara *Blackouts, Heat Waves and the Narrative of Perpetual Crisis in Iraq*

Bridget Guarasci, Franklin & Marshall College *Living with Water Insecurity in Iraq*

Huma Gupta, MIT *Material Systems and the Production of Scarcity in Iraq*

Kali Rubaii, Purdue University *Anomaly: on Teratogenic Violence in Iraq*

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Organized by **David Joseph Wrisley**

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Chair: **David Joseph Wrisley**, NYU Abu Dhabi

Jihan Mohammed, Michigan State University *Studying Sectarianism in the Middle East: An Overview and Critique of the Methodologies and Methods*

Mai Zaki, American University of Sharjah *Modern Arabic literature as data: Lessons and possibilities*

Amin Marei, University of Pennsylvania *Online learning for all “Arabs”: Examining the pedagogical approach of a cross-cultural Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for multicultural “Arab” learners*

Sara Ann Knutson, University of British Columbia *Towards a Pedagogy of Data and the Digital in the Middle East Classroom*

Suphan Kirmizialtin, NYU Abu Dhabi *Decolonizing Digital Sources for the Middle Eastern History Classroom*

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Organized by **Dima Ayoub** and **Haytham Bahoora**

Dima Ayoub, Middlebury College *The Paratextual Life of Translation*

Haytham Bahoora, University of Toronto *Self-Censorship and the “Deviant” Literary Plot*

Qussay Al-Attabi, Kenyon College *Digital Poetry and the Poets of Social Media in Iraq*

Ghenwa Hayek, University of Chicago *The Routes of Diaspora Publishing*

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Marcel Camprubí, Princeton University *The Emergence of Musical Notation in Medieval Baghdad*

Elizabeth Tower, University of Michigan *Palestinian Hip-Hop Culture: Intermediality, Access Points, and a Movement Towards the Mainstream*

Jared Holton, UC Santa Barbara *Fingerprinting Sound in Tunisian Andalusian Music: Musical Processes of Territorializing Difference*

Melissa Camp, UNC Chapel Hill *“My Country”/Her Song: Habiba Messika’s Nationalism on Baidaphon Records (1927-1930)*

Dunya Habash, University of Cambridge *Syrian Musicians in Istanbul: Reconceptualising Aesthetic Agency through Displacement*

Andrea Shaheen Espinosa, Arizona State University *The Syrian Diasporic Imaginary of the U.S. Southwest: Arabness, Trauma, and Musical Identities*

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Organized by **Jeffrey Sacks**

Chair/Discussant: Anthony Alessandrini, CUNY

Jeffrey Sacks, UC Riverside *Reading Cedric Robinson in Arabic: Notes Toward a Decolonial Praxis in Arabic Studies*

Amanda Batarseh, UC San Diego *Al-ana wal-makan: Hussein al-Barghouti’s Critical Interventions on Place*

Rana Sharif, UC Riverside *Narration as Method: A Palestinian Digital Poetics*

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Organized by **Amahl Bishara**, Tufts University

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Chair: **Anne Meneley**, Trent University

Rami Salameh, Birzeit University
Nayrouz Abu Hatoum, Concordia University
Amahl Bishara, Tufts University
Sa'ed Atshan, Emory University
Nadeem Karkabi, University of Haifa

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Organized by **Beverly Tsacoyianis** and **Sara Scalenghe**

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

Beverly Tsacoyianis, University of Memphis
Sona Kazemi, Ohio State University
Shahd Alshammari, GUST
Halla Attallah, Georgetown University
Timothy Y. Loh, MIT
Christine Sargent, University of Colorado Denver

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Organized by **Ada Petiwala**

Chair: **Ada Petiwala**

Ada Petiwala, NYU
Jared McCormick, NYU
Helga Tawil Sourì, NYU

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Organized by **Joel Gordon** and **Heather Ferguson**

Joel Gordon, University of Arkansas
Heather Ferguson, Claremont McKenna College
Brahim El Guabli, Williams College

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Organized by **Hande Yalnizoglu Altinay**

Hande Yalnizoglu Altinay, University of Oxford A *Comparative Look at Ottoman Quarantines: The View from Baghdad in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*
Isacar Bolaños, CSU Long Beach *The Limits of Quarantine in Late Ottoman Iraq*
Mustafa Emre Günaydı, Iowa State University *Lost Promises of Infrastructure: Fighting the Euphrates in Late Ottoman Iraq*
Sara Farhan, University of Northern British Columbia *Medical Pluralism, Professionalization, and Public Health in late Ottoman Iraq, 1868-1917*

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Organized by **Mostafa Minawi**

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Adam Mestyan, Duke University *Ottoman Genealogical Politics: ‘Ali Haydar and the Economy of Şerafet, 1880s-1920s*
Burcu Karahan Richardson, Stanford University *Anxiety over Masculinity in Ottoman Erotic Fiction*
Cevat Dargin, Princeton University *Colonizing Dersim across Empire and Nation-State (1877–1938)*

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Organized by **Rita Stephan**

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Chair/Discussant: **Rita Stephan**

Salma Al-Shami, Princeton University *A Regional Perspective on Women’s Rights and Roles During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
Rita Stephan, USAID *Real Men Don’t Wear Masks*
Maro Youssef, University of Southern California *The Success of Tunisia’s Feminist Movement During the Coronavirus Pandemic*
Mayyada Abu Jaber, Independent Scholar *Harmony of Feminine and Masculine Leadership during COVID-19 Pandemic in Jordan*

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Organized by **Omar Aljawfi** and **Khaled Al-Hammadi**

Organized under the auspices of the Mokha Center for Strategic Studies and Washington Center for Yemeni Studies

Chair: **Ateq Garallah**

Omar Aljawfi, Washington Center for Yemeni Studies *Obstacles to Successful Negotiations toward a Sustainable Peace: Investigation on Kuwait, Stockholm and Riyadh agreements*

Mohammed Alshuwaiter, Washington Center for Yemen Studies *The Impact of the War on Yemen's Justice System*

Khaled Al-Hammadi, Mokha Center for Strategic Studies *The deadly arrests in the current armed conflict in Yemen*

Ateq Garallah, Mokha Center for Strategic Studies *The Complexities of the Current Political Scene and Future Prospects of Yemen*

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Organized by **Ali M. Ugurlu**, **Ellis Garey**, and **Hengameh Ziai**

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Lorenzo Bondioli, University of Cambridge *Commercial Capitalism in the Pre-Modern Middle East?*

Deren Ertas, Harvard University *Imperial Geologies: The Political Ecology of Mining in Eastern Asia Minor, 1775-1875*

Hengameh Ziai, SOAS University of London *Producing 'Economy' and 'Religion': A Genealogy of Political Economy in Ottoman Sudan*

Ellis Garey, NYU *Freedom from Work: the 1908 Ottoman Constitutional Revolution & the Strikes of Beirut*

Ali M. Ugurlu, Columbia University *Freedom: The Life of a Concept in the Ottoman Age of Capitalization (1820s-1870s)*

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Organized by **Dahlia El Zein**

Dahlia El Zein, University of Pennsylvania *The Shi'i Nahdawis*

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, University of Pennsylvania *A Global Fight: Persian Shia Narratives of Decolonization in Late Pahlavi Iran*

Noor Zaidi, University of Maryland *Being Shia in the Modern' World- the Rise of the Sayyeda Zaynab Shrine*

Zeinab Eskandari, University of Pennsylvania *Moving Across Borders: An Investigation of Iranian Pilgrims' Encounters on the Iran-Ottoman Borderlands, 1848-1925*

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Organized by **Hazal Ozdemir**

Hazal Ozdemir, Northwestern University *Armenian Nationality and Bureaucratic Border-Building at the End of Empire*

Bahadin Kerborani, University of Chicago *The Servant of the Kurdish Language: Kurdizade Ahmed Ramiz*

Idil Ozkan, Northwestern University *Building a Linguistic Wall: Historical Reparations and the Limits of Belonging in Sephardi Citizenship Law*

Mariam Taher, Northwestern University *In the Shadow of Territory: Gendered Mobilities in Siwa, Egypt*

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Organized by **Jennifer Dueck**

Jennifer Dueck, University of Manitoba *Food Writing as Masculine Identity: The Lives and Livelihoods of George Mardikian and Irfan Orga*

Heather J. Sharkey, University of Pennsylvania *Middle Eastern-American Community Cookbooks: Culinary Nostalgia and Transnational Belonging*

Andrew P. Haley, University of Southern Mississippi *Cabbage Tamales: Arab Recipes and America's Segregated South*

Gaétan Du Roy, Radboud University *Coptic recipes online: Negotiating community boundaries in diaspora*

Antonio Tahhan, Independent Scholar *Molokhia*

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Chair: **Francesco Cavatorta**, Université Laval

Sultan Tepe, University of Illinois at Chicago *Offending the State: Understanding the Mechanisms of Censorship and Marginalization in the Authoritarian Regimes*

Ibrahim Oker, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation: Insights from the Middle East and North Africa*

Cagil Albayrak, University of Kansas *Coup-proofing, Military Purges and Authoritarian Power Grab in Hybrid Regimes*

Jean Lachapelle, Université de Montréal *Repression and Support for Authoritarian Rule*

Hesham Sallam, Stanford University *Regime-Sponsored Parties in Sisi's Egypt: Origins, Historical Evolution, and Limitations*

Ann Marie Wainscott, Miami University *Benign Bureaucracies? Religion Ministries as Authoritarian Instruments of Repression, Co-optation and Legitimation*

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Organized by **James Worrall**

James Worrall, University of Leeds *Reaction Norms? Understanding Arab League and GCC Interventionism in the Arab Spring*

Mona Saleh, GIGA *Dispute Settlement in Libya: The Role of the Arab League*

Silvia Feraboli, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul *The limits of knowing the International Relations of the Arab World through the study of the Arab League*

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Paul Losensky, Indiana University *Imagination Games: Ten Fantasias on the Beloved's Features from Zolālī's Mahmud o Ayaz*

Nathan L. M. Tabor, Western Michigan University *Moving the Target: Emulation and Imagination in Persian and Urdu Salons of Delhi's 1720s*

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Chair: **Keye Tersmette**, Harvard University

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Sabeen bin Zayyad, University of Calgary *Ana Muwatin, Ana Ghair Muwatin: The Nuances of Citizenship in the United Arab Emirates*

Catherine Baylin Duryea, St. John's University School of Law *Law and Citizenship in Kuwaiti Social Mobilization in the 1980s-1990s*

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Kaveh Askari, Michigan State University *Circulation Worries*

Blake Atwood, American University of Beirut *Creative Work and Care in Beirut*

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Carlos Grenier, Florida International University *God in Slippers: Deciphering the West Anatolian Hurufi Community of the Fifteenth Century*

Mustafa Kaya, University of Chicago *An al-Ghazali in the Fifteenth Century: A Comparative Reading of Khwafi's Apology of Sufism*

Mushegh Asatryan, University of Calgary *Constructing Sunnis: the making of a heresiological category*

Kenan Tekin, Yalova University *Beginnings or Principles: Commentaries and Glosses on the Notion of Mabādi' in Ibn Ḥājib's Mukhtaṣar al-Muntahā*

Joseph Vignone, Harvard University *"Powers Impossible to Alter": the Influence of Māturīdī Theology over Rāghib al-İṣfahānī's Concept of Natural Endowment*

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and **Berin Gölönü**

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Cultures of Flower Breeding in Ottoman Istanbul*

Weam Alabdullah, Kuwait University *Human and Non-
Human Actors in Kuwait's Al-Shaheed Park*

Reem Alissa, Kuwait University *Conocarpia: Towards
a Measured Narrative of Kuwait's Copious, Desired and
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Timur Hammond, Syracuse University *Weedy Property:
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Sahar Aghasafari, University of South Carolina Lancaster
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Derya Dogan, Indiana University Bloomington *The
Discourse(s) of Promoting Islamic Schooling on YouTube in
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Parin Somani, Independent Scholar *A Comparative
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Manijeh Moradian, Barnard College
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Michael Brill, Princeton University
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Alissa Walter, Seattle Pacific University
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Abdulaziz Alghashian, Lancaster University
Lana Salman, Ghent University
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Andrea Stanton, University of Denver

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Hamid Alawadhi, Point Park University
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Jilian Ma, Koç University *Travel Mobility between China and the Ottoman Domain in the Late Nineteenth Century*
Ismail Noyan, Simon Fraser University *Application of Tanzimat Reforms and Protégé issue at the Habsburg Ottoman border in the 1860s*
Fatih Dogan, Sabanci University *Lawmaking on the Frontier: The Fatwas of an Ottoman Provincial Mufti, Ali Akkirmani (d. 1618)*
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Ayse Parla, Boston University *Justice, Revenge and the Haunting of Soghomon Tehlirian*

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Organized by **Brian A. Catlos**

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Chair/Discussant: **Brian A. Catlos**, University of Colorado Boulder

Reem Taha, UC Santa Barbara *Arabo-Islamic Travel Writing as Literary Historiography: Narrating the Memory of al-Andalus*

Constantine Theodoridis, Princeton University *Hussein's Progress: In Search of an Ottoman Embassy to Europe (1618-1619)*

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Organized by **Kristin Tassin**

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Matthew MacLean, Independent Scholar *Teaching the Middle East: Views from a Specialized Public High School in New York City*

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Organized by **Randa Tawil**

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Randa Tawil, Texas Christian University *Policing One's Own: Syrian Interpreters at the US Mexico Borderlands 1900-1924*

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Murad Idris, University of Michigan *Violence, Colonialism, and Capitalism in an Islamist Key: Reading al-Da'wa, 1951-1953*

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Deborah Starr, Cornell University *Kouka, Global Cinema, and Transnational Constructions of Race and Gender*

Heba Arafa Abdelfattah, Grinnell College *Film and British Cultural Hegemony in Egypt: The Case of Rivoli Cinema*

Pelle Valentin Olsen, Roskilde University *A Tale of Three Brothers: Ezra, Me'ir, and Hayyawi Sawda'i and the Role of Iraqi Jews in the Iraq Cinema Industry, 1909-1951*

Samhita Sunya, University of Virginia *Experimentation on Tape: "Film Hindi" in Arab City Films*

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Sean Yom, Temple University *The Politics of Anti-Corruption Crackdowns: The Case of Jordan*

Taraf Abu Hamdan, Central European University *The State Starts When the Tribe Ends States, Tribes, and Rural Communities*

Lillian Frost, Virginia Tech and **Steven Schaaf**, University of Mississippi *Citizenship In the Shadow of Law: The Exercise and Contestation of Authoritarian Power in Jordan*

Jose Ciro Martinez, University of York *Sensing the State: Baking Political Authority in Contemporary Jordan*

Jamil Wekhian, Kent State University *Negotiations of Power Between Nonviolent Protesters and the Nation-State: The Idiosyncratic Case of Jordan's 2018 Tax Law Demonstrations*

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Mounah Abdel Samad, San Diego State University *Tunisian Civil Society Legislative Advocacy*

Sarah Anne Rennick, Arab Reform Initiative *Political Socialization in Transitional Tunisia: Assessing Differences between Post-2011 Youth Generations*

Guliz Dinc, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University *The Trials and Tribulations of Domestic Human Rights Civil Society Organizations under AKP rule*

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Martin Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark *UAE's Power Projections Into The Horn Of Africa: The Case Of Ports And Logistics Networks*

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Abdulla Al-Etaibi, Australian National University *National Narrative, Role & Foreign Policy: Kaab Al-Mathium & Qatar's Foreign Policy during Arab Spring*

Samira Musleh, University of Minnesota Twin Cities *Islamic Marital Economy beyond the Middle East*

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Rachel Friedman, University of Calgary *Revisiting classical texts on Qur'anic language: Exegetical and linguistic concerns in I'jaz al-Qur'an discourse*

Daryoush Mohammad Poor, Institute of Ismaili Studies *Allegory and Metaphor: Multiple Genres of Muslim Exegesis of the Qur'an*

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Betty Rosen, UC Berkeley *Secrets Sounded Out: Ahmad Fāris al-Shidyāq, Zakī al-Arsūzī, and the Poetics and Politics of Arabic Linguistic Exceptionalism*

Avigail Noy, University of Texas at Austin *No Comparison: The Poetics of Verses That Do Not Contain Tashbīh in Classical Arabic Poetry*

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Weeam Hammoudeh, Birzeit University *Acute and Chronic Uncertainties in the Palestinian Context: reflections on uncertainty before and after the covid-19 pandemic in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)*

Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore College *The Social Life of a Virus: A Comparative Look at COVID-19 in Egypt and Jordan*

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Rezart Beka, Georgetown University *Articulations of the Jurisprudence of Reality in Contemporary Islamic Thought*

Latifeh Aavani, Harvard University *The Making of the Concept of Modern Law (qānūn) During the Pre-Constitutional Period in Iran (1850-1900)*

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Organized by **Peter Limbrick**

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Raed El Rafei, UC Santa Cruz *Awakened Belly Dancers, Arab Queer Imaginaries and the Revolution*

Laura Marks, Simon Fraser University *Talismanic Movies*

Tarek El-Ariss, Dartmouth College *Pulleys, Cisterns, and Jerricans: The Story of Water from War to Pandemics*

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Dobroslawa Wiktor-Mach, Cracow University of Economics and **Marcin Skupinski**, Cracow University of Economics *Unstable Climate in Unstable Land: Kurdish Environmentalists Facing Climate Catastrophe*

Yossef Ben-Meir, High Atlas Foundation *Decentralized renewable energies and the water-energy-food nexus in rural Morocco*

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Discussant: **Rachel Smith**

Nancy Ko, Columbia University
Jessie Stoolman, UCLA
Ryan Zohar, Middle East Institute
Rachel Smith, UCLA

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Organized by **Courtney Freer**

Courtney Freer, Emory University
Zahra Babar, Georgetown University Qatar
Matteo Legrenzi, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Jessie Moritz, Australian National University

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Organized by **Paraska Tolan-Szkilnik**

Hassan Ould Moctar, SOAS, University of London
Paraska Tolan-Szkilnik, Suffolk University
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Organized by **Mezna Qato** and **Dana Sajdi**

Chairs: **Mezna Qato**, University of Cambridge and
Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara

Dana Sajdi, Boston College
Beth Baron, CUNY
Abdel Razzaq Takriti, University of Houston

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Organized by **Barbara Henning**

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Behind: Negotiating a New Status for the Orthodox
Patriarchate of Constantinople after 1821*
Ibrahim Halil Kalkan, AAT University of Science and
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powerful maintained their power: Land, violence and
identity in fin de siècle Palu*
Barbara Henning, JGU Mainz *Who do you think you
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attempts to safeguard privileges in late- and post-imperial
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Esther Moeller, Universität der Bundeswehr München
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Zeynep Ertugrul, BGSMS/ÉHESS *Local Elites and the
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Erdağ Göknaç, Duke University *Affective Archives of
Atrocity: The Afterlives of Genocide Trials in Occupied
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Aslihan Gunhan, Cornell University *What Trees May
Remember: Absence, Architecture, and Environment in the
Upper Euphrates*
Carel Bertram, San Francisco State University
*Encountering Homeland: Survivor Objects, Embodied Data,
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Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman College *Phantom Limbs:
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Yael Navaro, University of Cambridge *Negative History, Negative Ethnography: Writing Turkey from the Vantage Point of Absentees*

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Organized by **Tabby Anvari**, Iran 1400 Project

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Aram Hessami, Montgomery County Community College *Two Regimes and Four Grand Projects: Iran in the Last Century*

Robert Steele, London School of Economics *Iran's Relations with Southern Africa in the 1970s: Oil, Race and the Cold War*

Shabnam Holliday, University of Plymouth *'Liberal world order,' 'rogue state' status, and legitimacy: Iran- US relations and world order*

Mehdi Rezaia, University of Alberta *Sori tā Sorayā: A Hundred Years of Development of Iranian Art*

Annie Tracy Samuel, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga *Israel-Palestine and Iran's Place in the World*

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Organized by **Tugce Kayaal**

Chair/Discussant: **Seçil Yilmaz**, Franklin and Marshall College

Elizabeth Berk, Yale University *HIV/AIDS, Civil Society Activism, and Subjectivities in Beirut, Lebanon*

Deena Naime, University of Southern California *Druze Feminist Praxis Through the Space of the "Zyara"*

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Organized by **Hilary Falb Kalisman**

Chair: **Ellen Fleischmann**, University of Dayton

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Elizabeth Williams, University of Massachusetts Lowell *The Politics of Agricultural Education: Exerting Rural Influence under the French Mandate*

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Organized by **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**

Chair: **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**, University of South Carolina

Cyril V. Uy II, James Madison University *Real Talk: Language, Revelation, and Play in the Work of Sa'd al-Dīn Ḥamūya (d. 1252)*

Mohammad Amin Mansouri, University of Toronto *'Azīz al-Dīn Nasafī, Lettrism, and the Qur'an*

Tuna Artun, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey *Sheikh Ilyās b. 'Isā Aḳḳiṣārī and his intellectual milieu*
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Minsoo Jeon, Central European University *Translation as Rewriting: Yazıcızâde 'Âli's Political Use of Poetry in Tevâriḥ-i Âl-i Selçuk*

Margaret Morley, Indiana University *Inciting Debauchery: Attention and Corporeal Economies in Egyptian Dance*

Zia Khoshsirafat, UCLA *Pride and Profit: An Ethnography of Spiritual Persian Poetry in Los Angeles*

Benjamin Jones, Georgetown University *Contested Heritage: Arabs, Berbers, and Bowles in the Making of Music of Morocco*

Yael Mizrahi-Arnaud, NYU *Integration versus Separation: The Struggle for Sephardic Representation in Echo's from the East*

Roger A. Deal, University of South Carolina Aiken *Squares and Triangles: The Coded Sexual Records of a Turkish Bureaucrat*

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Hania Abou Al-Shamat, University of Florida and **Enshirah Barakat**, University of Florida *Muslim Immigrants' Claim for U.S. Citizenship and Islam's (In) Visibility in the Courtroom, 1900-1944*

Sonia Tamar Seeman, University of Texas at Austin *De-colonizing "The Dark Girl" - Racializations in Late Ottoman Cultural Forms*

Sahar F. Aziz, Rutgers Law School *Palestine, American Empire and the Racial Muslim*

Noa Shaindlinger, Worcester State University *"Israel's Oriental Problem:" Race and Political Dissent in 1960s Israel*

Ameen Omar, Hamad Bin Khalifa University *After Emancipation: How the Gulf Relates to Slavery and Racism*

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Organized by **Juan Cole**

Juan Cole, University of Michigan *Ahmadou Bamba's Nonviolent Critique of French Imperialism in Senegal*

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Amal Hassan Fadlalla, University of Michigan *Sudan's Unfinished Revolution*

Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University *Jihad as non-violent struggle and peacemaking in the writings of Jawdat Said and Wahiduddin Khan*

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Nathaniel Shils, UCLA *Strategic Adaptation and the Pursuit of Self-Determination: Palestinian Dilemmas and Prospects for Change*

Nareg Seferian, Virginia Tech *Siunik in the Changing Geopolitical Culture and Geo-body of Armenia*

Victoria Gilbert, Wofford College *Insurgent Histories: Historical Analogies and Mobilizing Insurgencies in Syria and Iraq*

Silvana Toska, Davidson College *Rebel Governance in Yemen: Explaining Divergencies in Public Goods Provisions in Rebel Controlled Areas*

Christophe Muller, Aix-Marseille University *Terrorism, Insurgency, State Repression, and Cycles of Violence*

Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew University of Jerusalem *Revisiting the First Intifada and the Resolutions of the 19th PNC Session (Algiers 1988): What Prevented the PLO from Advancing towards Palestinian Independence?*

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Organized by **Matthew Walleser**

Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies (AMECYS)

Chair: **Matthew Walleser**, Centre for Lebanese Studies

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Oroub El Abed, Independent Scholar *When Options are Limited: Youth in the Middle East and North Africa in the Midst of Displacement, Unemployment and Covid-19*

Basma El Doukhi, University of Kent *Rethinking Palestinian youth roles in the camps of Lebanon*

Mjriam Abu Samra, Independent Scholar *Making Transnational Politics during a Global Pandemic: Palestinian Youth Activism at the Time of Covid-19*

Mary Elaine Hegland, Santa Clara University *Challenges Facing Iranian Youth: To Migrate or Not to Migrate*

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Organized by **Jennifer Tobkin**

Discussant: **Cory Jorgensen**, George Washington University

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Kirsten Beck, Queens College, CUNY *The Kuthayyir `Azza Narratives in al-Isfahani's Kitab al-Aghani*

Kaley Keener, University of Pennsylvania *Tongue and Taste in the Poetry of Manṣūr al-Ḥallāj*

Samer M. Ali, University of Michigan *Present Everywhere Visible Nowhere: Linguistic Revolution in Early Arabo-Islamic Culture and the Question of Ontology*

Ali Hussein, University of Haifa *Humorizing the Love Theme in an Early Islamic Poem*

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Shae Omonijo, Harvard University *Afro-Oriental(ist) Anxieties: Disarticulating the Boundaries Between Africa and the Middle East*

Rania Said, University of Massachusetts Boston *The Tunisian #MeToo Movement: Les Siestes du grand-père: récit d'inceste by Monia Ben Jémia as a Case Study*

Maru Pabon, Yale University *In Search of the Voice of the People: Mahmoud Darwish's Poetic Realism and its Third-Worldist Genres*

Fidan Cheikosman, University of Edinburgh *Understanding Turkish Representations of Identity Through the Pamukian Novel*

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Organized by **Basma N. Radwan** and **Doha Tazi Hemida**

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Basma N. Radwan, Columbia University *A Comparative Reading of Al-Ghazālī's and Brillat-Savarin's Epistemologies of Eating*

Doha Tazi Hemida, Columbia University *Sovereignty and Possession: Baqillani and Bodin*

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Chair: **Adil Elkhiyari**, Qalam wa Lawh Center

Ozgun Basmaz, Purdue University *A Turkish Woman with Multiple Identities: Untangling the Knots of Intersectionality in the Representations of Halide Edib in the U.S.*

Eman Abdelhadi, University of Chicago *Raising Strangers - Gendered Parenting among American Muslims*

Rula Kahil, University of Toronto and **Maleeha Iqbal**, University of Toronto *Grandmothers Behind the Scenes: Subordinate Integration, Care Work, and Power in Syrian Canadian Refugee Resettlement*

Basileus Zeno, Amherst College *Legal Violence and the "War on Terror:" How the immigration policies in the United States exclude (im)migrants from the Middle East*

Ehsan Estiri, Utah State University *Discourses of Association and Differentiation: How Muslim Iranian Angelinos Talk Back to America Through Islamic Discourses*
Hina Azam, University of Texas at Austin *Muslim American Fiction: Trends, Themes, and the Construction of Religion*

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Alyeh Mehin, University of Arizona *English Language Education in Iran: Dominant and Alternative Discourses*

Nasser Hajjaj, Johns Hopkins University *The Biases in the standardized Arabic Grammar created by traditional Arabic Grammarian Sibawiah: A Case Study of the Glottal Sounds Change*

Hany Fazza, Georgetown University in Qatar *AFL Students' Perceptions of the Use of an Interactive Digital Platform to Enhance Reading Strategies: An Activity Theory Perspective*

Magda El-Sherbini, Ohio State University Library *Development of an Arabic Open Access Multilanguage Thesaurus Based on the Linked-Data Approach*

Kamilia Rahmouni, Virginia Commonwealth University and **Elsayed Issa**, University of Arizona *Second Dialect Acquisition: Attitudes and Motivational Orientation among Heritage Learners of Arabic*

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Azadeh Safaeian, Northwestern University *"To Crip" the Blessed: Disability Representation in The Marriage of the Blessed*

Ethan Pack, UCLA *Post-Zionism and Violence: Case Studies from Two Israeli Television Dramas*

Farah Aridi, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies *Spatiality of Sound: A Tale of Two Cities*

Re'ee Hagay, Cornell University *Torn Cosmopolitanism: Eli Hamo's Archive of a Mizrahi Utopia*

Heather Jaber, University of Pennsylvania *The YouTube Conversion: Egypt, Lebanon, and the digital economy of atonement*

Dima Nasser, Brown University *The Visual Poetics of Pain and Deformation in Lan vis-à-vis Sittat rusūm*

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in Middle East Studies**Organized by **Samer M. Ali**Organized under the auspices of Middle Eastern
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Touria Khannous, Louisiana State University
Clarissa Burt, United States Naval Academy
Robert Vitalis, University of Pennsylvania
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Popular Culture and the State in Egypt**Organized by **Zeinab Abul-Magd**Chair: **Peter Gran**, Temple University

Joel Gordon, University of Arkansas
Zeinab Abul-Magd, Oberlin College
Hoda Yousef, Denison University
Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser University
Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser University
Dina El-Baradie, Georgetown University
Atef Said, University of Illinois at Chicago
Hanan H. Hammad, Texas Christian University

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Jess Marie Newman

Weeam Hammoudeh, Birzeit University
Christine Sargent, University of Colorado Denver
Jess Marie Newman, Cornell University
Eda Pepi, Yale University
Alize Arican, Boston University

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Managing Change**Organized by **Nazanin Shahrokni**Chair: **Peyman Jafari**

Nazanin Shahrokni, London School of Economics
Peyman Jafari, Princeton University
Azam Khatam, York University
Amin Moghadam, Ryerson University
Maziyar Ghiabi, Exeter University
Golnar Nikpour, Dartmouth College
Vahid Abedini, Florida International University

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Knowledge in and on the Arab Region**Organized by **Seteney Shami**, Arab Council for the Social
SciencesChair: **Eve Troutt Powell**, University of Pennsylvania

Mohammed A. Bamyeh, University of Pittsburgh *Arab
Knowledge Systems and the Challenge of a less Colonial
Future*
Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington University
*Knowledge Production, Activism and the Politics of Crises
in the US and the MENA region*
Driss Ksikes, Independent Scholar *Decolonizing thought,
imaginaries and practices: Crisis as opportunity for
alternative epistemologies in North Africa*
Hanan Sabea, AUC *Possibilities in Permanent Crises:
Collaborative Translations as Nodes in Knowledge
Production*

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Intellectualism and Political Action**Organized by **Kutay Onayli**Chair: **Cemil Aydin**, UNC-Chapel Hill
Discussant: **Julia Phillips Cohen**, Vanderbilt University

Jacob Daniels, Independent Scholar *Liberty and Limits:
The Jews of Edirne and a New Public Sphere, 1908-1912*
Ugur Z. Peçe, Lehigh University *Words and Deeds: The
Cretan Factor in the Ottoman Empire*

Kutay Onayli, Princeton University *The Empire of Rum: Greek Ottoman Visions of the Imperial Long Durée*
Varak Ketsemanian, Princeton University *The Armenian Constitutional Order in the Late Ottoman Empire: From Reform to Crisis*

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Organized by **Amy Austin Holmes** and **Lisel Hintz**

Chair: **Gunes Murat Tezcur**

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Khatchig Mouradian, Columbia University *'Bring a Stone from Ani': A Peoples' History of the Armenia-Turkey Border*
Dilan Okcuoglu, American University *Comparative Study of Violence: Local Mechanisms and Experiences on Kurdish Borderlands in Turkey, Iraq and Iran*

Amy Austin Holmes, Council on Foreign Relations and **Diween Hawezy**, Independent Researcher *Deterring Kurdish Autonomy: A New Dataset on the Turkish-Kurdish Conflict in Syria and Iraq*

Lisel Hintz, Johns Hopkins University *SAIS Pride, Prejudice, and Presidency: A Social Identity Approach to Turkey's Failed Peace Process*

Aysegul Aydin, Colorado University, Boulder *Toponymic Cleansing and Insurgent Violence*

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Organized by **Emily Greble**

Chair: **Elizabeth F. Thompson**, American University
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Tolga U. Esmer, Central European University *Cultures of Paramilitarism: Terror and Protection Rackets in the Making of the Post-Ottoman Order, 1808-1838*

Emily Greble, Vanderbilt University *Legal Improvisation in Pre-Tanzimat Ottoman Serbia (1820s-30s)*

William Smiley, University of New Hampshire *Autonomy, Enslavement, and International Law in the Ottoman Empire*

Kelly O'Neill, Harvard University *Shrubs and Sheepfolds: Landownership and Spatial Culture in the Crimean Khanate*

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July Blalack, Middlebury College *Crossing the Line: Gender, Slavery, and Political Solidarity in Mauritanian Women's Novels*

Elya Assayag, Columbia University *Unstitching the French law: Marriage Law and Domestic Violence in Colonial Morocco (1912-1956)*

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Organized by **Negin Yavari**

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Chair: **Olga M. Davidson**

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Gregory Nagy, Harvard University *The Dancing Peacock in the Jātakas and Herodotus on Courtship and Political Power*

Guy Ron-Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University *Thus Spoke the Ant: A Tale of Solomon between Qiṣaṣ al-anbiyā' and Jewish Aggadah*

Christine Van-Ruymbeke, Cambridge University Press *Kalīla wa Dimna Fables and their Audience and Translations in Premodern France*

Olga M. Davidson, Boston University *The Poetic Agenda of Ferdowsi in Aetiologizing the Iranian Reception of Kalīla wa Dimna*

Istvan T. Kristo-Nagy, Exeter University *By the Faylasūf, for the Faylasūf: Ibn al-Muqaffa's Kalīla wa-Dimna as Philosophy*

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Organized by **Corey Sherman**

Benjamin Berman-Gladstone, NYU *Influencing Empire: How 'Aden's Jewish Emergency Committee Paved the Way to Operation On Eagles' Wings*

Liora R. Halperin, University of Washington, Seattle *Native Sons, Native Settlers: The 'Union of the Sons of the Yishuv,' 1939-1965*

Yair Wallach, SOAS, University of London *The Arab Ashkenazi – on Jewish Ashkenazi Migration to the Middle East beyond the Zionist Prism*

Corey Sherman, UC Hastings College of Law *Navigating Neqama: Jewish Americans in Mass Media*

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Ehsan Sheikholharam, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies *The Aga Khan's 2019s Notion of Pluralism: Negotiating a Minority Identity in Secular Settings*

Ahmad Kindawi, Independent Scholar *Toward a New Synthesis in Saudi Arabia*

Sopanit Angsusingha, Georgetown University *Gendered Encounters: American Protestant Missionary Education and Gender Differences in Basra, Iraq (1910s-1940s)*

Aziza Khazzoom, Indiana University Bloomington *Comparing Definitions of Antisemitism and Islamophobia*

Marya Hannun, Georgetown University *'Almanac of Religion': Locating Abd al-Rahman's Afghanistan on the map of Islamic Reform*

Wael Abu-Uksa, Hebrew University of Jerusalem *Heterodox Christianity and Harmonization between the Three Monotheist Religions in Nineteenth-Century Syria: The 'Heresy' of Khristufurus Jibara*

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Ozlem Altioik, University of North Texas *Secularism as hegemonic morality: Religion in ideological struggles in the making of modern Turkey*

Negin Nabavi, Montclair State University *Commercial Advertising and the Constitutional Press in Iran*

Lars Erslev Andersen, Danish Institute for International Studies *The Dialectic of Secularization and the Unresolved Balance Between Religion and Politics in the Current Crisis in Lebanon*

Mohamed Ben Hammed, Columbia University *On "Duration Disorder." The Post-Naksa Trope of Arab Discontinuous Time—Its Philosophical Problems and Orientalist Origins*

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Chair: **Ghassan E. El-Eid**, Central Connecticut State University

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University *Russia in Syria: A Long Road to Victory*

Zachary Manning, University of New Mexico *A Souq of Bones, Buzzards, and Aid Workers Negotiating Emergency Humanitarian Aid in Syria: 2011-2021*

Tarik Basbugoglu, Glasgow Caledonian University *How did the Syrian refugees become "others" for Turkey? The AKP's humanitarian and security-oriented narratives during the Syrian Civil War*

Nihal Kayali, UCLA *Uncertain Practices: How Syrian Doctors Work in Istanbul*

Natalie Kouri-Towe, Concordia University *Queer Theory and the Challenge of "Family" in Refugee Resettlement*

IX-15: Poetic Trends and Movements In Post-Revolutionary Iran

Organized by **Fatemeh Shams** and **Farshad Sonboldel**

Discussant: **Mahdi Ganjavi**, Northwestern University

Vahid Davar Ghalati, University of St. Andrews *Bizhan Elahi or Maryam Heydarzadeh: On Collective Hypocrisy*

Fatemeh Shams, University of Pennsylvania *Exile Persian Poetry of 1980s and 1990s*

Farshad Sonboldel, UC Santa Barbara *Staging Persian Poetry: Poetics and Politics of Persian Performance Poetry (The 1990s- Present)*

IX-16: Rethinking Resistance and Transnationalism in the Middle East and its Diasporas

Organized by **Evynd Lê Espiritu Gandhi**

Chair: **Shir Alon**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Sara Almalla, UC San Diego *Radical Movements Towards Refugee Futures: Displaced Syrians and Kurds (Re)building Lives in Precarity*

Evynd Lê Espiritu Gandhi, UCLA *Exilic Poetics and the Refugee Settler Condition: A Relational Reading of Vietnamese Israeli and Palestinian Poetry*

Sunaina Maira, UC Davis *Un-forgetting Yemen: War Stories and Un-banned Poems*

Alborz Ghandehari, University of Utah *Remembering the Past, Rethinking the Future: The Resurgence of the Marxist Left in Iran's Student Movement*

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Organized by **Zeinab Azarbadegan** and **Özge Calafato**

Chair/Discussant: **Salim Tamari**, Institute for Palestine Studies

Zeinab Azarbadegan, Vienna School of International Studies *Ittihad-i Islam in WWI: Portraits of Islamic Unity Between the Ottomans and Iranians*

Sary Zananiri, Leiden University *Costumes and the Image: Authenticity, Identity and Photography in Palestine*

Özge Calafato, University of Amsterdam *From Ottoman to modern Turkish: Politics of Photographic Inscriptions*

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Samuel Scurry, University of Arkansas *Consulting the Ancestors: Moderate Salafism and Fatwa Production in 1920s Arabia*

Quinn Mecham, Brigham Young University *Party Systems in North Africa: Islamists and their Competitors*

Michaëlle L. Browsers, Wake Forest University *Zaynab al-Ghazali's A King and A People's Hope*

Katerina Dalacoura, London School of Economics *The International Thought of Turkish Islamists: History and Historiography*

Raihan Ismail, Australian National University *Al-Azhar and the Salafis in Egypt: Contestation of two traditions*

Massimo Ramaioli, Al Akhawayn University *Shared Anxieties in Late Modernity: Between 'Weak Thought' and Salafi Islamism*

IX-19: The Creative City in the Arab World

Organized by **Colin McLaughlin-Alcock** and **Claire Panetta**

Ahmad Gharbieh, AUB *Mapping, Access, Discord: Case Studies from Beirut*

Colin McLaughlin-Alcock, Carleton College *The rise of Jordan's creative class*

Claire Panetta, Pace University *Future Dreams: Mural-Making and Participatory Urbanism as Sites of Politics in Post-Uprising Cairo*

Kyle Craig, Northwestern University *Street Art and the Urban Politics of Color in Amman, Jordan*

IX-20: Transformations in Gender Culture

Chair: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**, Concordia University

Katie J. Hickerson, University of Chicago *Gendering the Mahdist jibba: Performativity and Power in an Indigenous Empire*

Ayda Melika, Urban Media Institute *Women Change-Makers: Social and Environmental Sustainability in Contemporary Iran*

Gwyneth Talley, University of South Dakota *UNESCO and Riding Tradition: What's next for the Moroccan Equestrian Games*

Amina Tawasil, Columbia University *The Women of Howze-ye Kowsar*

Isabel Käser, London School of Economics *Claiming Spaces: Youth, Art and Gender in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq Post-ISIS*

IX-21: Patriarchy's Women: Power, Gender & (Self-) Representation

Organized by **Idun Hauge** and **Kelly Hannavi**

Idun Hauge, Georgetown University *Ladies of Culture: Civilizing Lebanon through Festivals and Flowers, 1943-1975*

Kelly Hannavi, University of Michigan *Labor and Land: Syriac Orthodox Christian Women's Spiritual Practices in the 19th c. Ottoman East*

Noa Davidyan, Ben Gurion University of the Negev *The Muslim Sisters in Egypt during the 20th century*

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Organized by **Sa'ed Atshan**, Emory University
and **Heba Ghannam**

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Anthropology (AMEA)**

Hsain Ilahiane, Mississippi State University
Carl Rommel, University of Helsinki
Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore College
Heba Ghannam, American University
Karem Said, University of Houston
Maria Frederika Malmström, Lund University/CUNY
Graduate Center

Roundtable**X-02: Solidarities Across Borders: Teaching and Writing
Women, Gender, and Sexuality History in MENA**

Organized by **Susanna Ferguson**

Susanna Ferguson, Smith College
Nova Robinson, Seattle University
Murat C. Yildiz, Skidmore College
Nefertiti Takla, Manhattan College
Reem Bailony, Agnes Scott College
Seçil Yilmaz, Franklin and Marshall College

Roundtable**X-03: Permission to Narrate: Palestine
in the American Academy**

Organized by **Yara M. Asi**

Chair/Discussant: **Yara M. Asi**

Brian Boyd, Columbia University
Penelope Mitchell, Palestinian American Research
Center
Alex Winder, Brown University
Yara M. Asi, University of Central Florida
Amahl Bishara, Tufts University
David Mills, Harvard University

Special Session**X-04: The Future of Social Sciences and Humanities
in the Arab World**

Organized by **Nathan J. Brown**

Chair: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington University

Ahmad Salim Dallal, American University in Cairo
Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences
Hillary Wiesner, Carnegie Corporation of New York
Lisa Anderson, Columbia University
Marwan M. Kraidy, Northwestern University Qatar

**X-05: "Ordinary Ottomans": Borders, Frontier
Effects, and Experiences of the End of Empire**

Organized by **Jordi Tejel Gorgas**

Discussant: **Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet**, University of
Pennsylvania

Jordi Tejel Gorgas, University of Neuchâtel *Gendered
"Frontier Effects" along the Turkish-Syrian Border, 1926-
1946*

Robert Fletcher, University of Missouri *'Those Migrating
Masses': Locusts and Bedouins on the Borders of the British
Middle East*

Matthieu Rey, Wits University/CNRS *Building Cities and
Borders from « below »: Armenians and Urban Cultures*
Laura Stocker, University of Neuchâtel *'Divide and Rule'
in the Desert: Bedouins and Border Regimes in the Iraqi-
Syrian Borderlands in the 1920s*

**X-06: Fairs And Festivals In Turkey: Transformations
From The Early Republic Into The 21st Century**

Organized by **Hale Yilmaz**

Chair: **Roger A. Deal**, University of South Carolina Aiken
Discussant: **Semih Gökatalay**, UC San Diego

Hale Yilmaz, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Small-Town Fairs in Film and Photography
Naz Vardar, Simon Fraser University *Carnival Festivities in
the Early Turkish Republic: Social Expansion and Changing
Public Discourse*

Hakki Gurkas, Kennesaw State University *Revival of
Alevi-Bektashi Tradition in Festive Culture*

X-07: Alternative Modes and Frameworks of Justice

Hannah Ridge, University of Chicago *Israeli Ethnicity, Peace, and Democracy: A Conjoint Analysis*

Mustafa Kemal Topal, University of Central Florida
Kurdish Women's Democratic Experiment in Post-Conflict Northern Syria

Douaa Sheet, CUNY Graduate Center *The Demand for Dignity as an Evaluative Standard of Justice*

Yeter Tan, Binghamton University *Possibility of Alternative Adjudication: A Case of Alternative Justice System Developed by the Kurds in Turkey*

Madonna Aoun Ghazal, UCLA *Property Devolution Practices Ex Testamento in Late Ottoman Beirut*

X-08: Resonances: The Work and Legacy of Etel Adnan (1925-2021)

Organized by **Pauline Homsy Vinson**

Sponsored by the Arab American Studies Association (AASA)

Chair: **Ghassan Abou-Zeineddine**, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Discussant: **Amira Jarmakani**, San Diego State University

Pauline Homsy Vinson, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Unsettling Narratives of Migration: Art, Embodied Feminism, and the Idea of the Journey in the work of Etel Adnan

Nadine Sinno, Virginia Polytechnic Institute *"The Only True Love is the Love of the Stranger": Violence and Exclusion in Adnan's Sitt Marie Rose*

Rachel Norman, Linfield University *Painting in Arabic: Post-Language and Linguistic Departure in Etel Adnan's Oeuvre*

X-09: The State of Kurdish Studies

Organized by **Ozum Yesiltas**

Organized under the auspices of the Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: **Mehmet Gurses**

Discussant: **Dilan Okcuoglu**, American University

Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena College *Crossing Boundaries: The Intersection of Kurdish and Diaspora Studies*

Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Tech University and
Mohammed M.A. Ahmed, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies
Earlier Kurdish Studies (1940S-1970s)

Ozum Yesiltas, Texas A&M University *Kurdish Studies in the United States*

Mehmet Gurses, Florida Atlantic University *The Rise of "Kurdish Studies": Challenges and Opportunities Ahead*

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Organized by **James Tallon**

Chair: **James Tallon**

Discussant: **Meltem Toksoz**, Wesleyan University

James Tallon, Lewis University *The Long World War I of the Ottoman Empire as a Crucible of Transformation*

Jonathan McCollum, Brigham Young University *The Italo-Ottoman War and the Long War in the Mediterranean*

Charalampos Minasidis, University of Texas at Austin *Is the Neighbor a Friend or a Foe? Pontus' Long War (1912-23)*

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Organized by **Peyman Jafari**

Chair: **Peyman Jafari**

Nelida Fuccaro, NYU Abu Dhabi *Seeing like an Oil Company: the Corporate Photography of Labour in the Arab World*

Peyman Jafari, Princeton University *Missionaries of Oil Modernity: Culture and Corporate Oil Publications in 20th Century Iran*

Sanaz Sohrabi, Concordia University *Audiences of oil Across Borders: Visual Petrocultures of Decolonization Through a Transnational Lens*

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Organized by **Nora Fisher-Onar** and **Yusuf Sarfati**

Chair: **Nora Fisher-Onar**

Sebnem Gumuscu, Middlebury College *Party Capture, Populism, and Pluralism: Lessons from Islamist Parties*
Halil Yenigun, Stanford University *Turkey's Religious Populism and the Limits of Islamist Models of Popular Sovereignty*

Nora Fisher-Onar, University of San Francisco *(Anti-) Pluralism as Analytical Tool: Comparing Populism and Political Religion across "East" and "West"*

Yusuf Sarfati, Illinois State University and **Karabekir Akkoyunlu**, SOAS University of London *Blood Gambit: How populist incumbents fuel conflict to reverse electoral setbacks -- evidence from Turkey and Israel*
Cengiz Gunay, Austrian Institute for International Affairs *Building a "moral community" – polarisation and partisanship in Turkey*

X-13: Peacebuilding in Muslim Societies: Local Initiatives in Conflict Management

Organized by **Samir Boudinar**, Al Hokama Center for Peace Studies and **Sanae Alouazen**, Al Hokama Center for Peace Studies

Ohannes Geukjian, AUB *Why the Tai'f Agreement did not Bring Sustainable Peace and Stability to Post-War Lebanon?*

Ibrahim Fraihat, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies *Conflict Mediation in the Arab World: Perspectives from the Field*

Dima Smaira, AUB *Navigating Dahiyeh, Negotiating Everyday Peace: Mediation practices across Beirut's Southern Suburbs*

X-14: After Syrian Literature

Organized by **Mari Odoj** and **Dima Ayoub**

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Chair: **Dima Ayoub**, Middlebury College
Discussant: **Mohja Kahf**, University of Arkansas

Mari Odoj, University of Minnesota *A Woman in the Crossfire, A Novelist in Translation: the "memoirization" and Translation of Syrian Novelist Samar Yazbek*

Razan Ghazzawi, University of Sussex *Pedagogies of Protest*

Johanna Sellman, Ohio State University *Silence and Mobility in Samar Yazbek's Al-Mashā'a*

X-15: Classical Matters: Periodization, Diversity, and Inventiveness

Organized by **Nizar F. Hermes**

Chair: **Muhsin J. Al-Musawi**, Columbia University

Nizar F. Hermes, University of Virginia *Bakr Ibn Ḥammād al-Tāhartī: A Peripatetic Maghribi Poet in Different Wor(l)ds*
Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia University *Plagiarism as a Dynamic in Innovation and Inventiveness*

Suzanne Stetkevych, Georgetown University *From Classical to Postclassical: Late Abbasid Poetics and Aesthetics*

Huda J. Fakhreddine, University of Pennsylvania *Ibn al-Mut'azz in Kitāb al-Badī: A Poet and Activist*

Chiara Fontana, Ca' Foscari University of Venice *The Name of the Key: Al-Sakkākī's Literary Craftsmanship and Pragmatic Poetics in Miftāḥ al-'Ulūm*

Kevin Blankinship, Brigham Young University *A Banū Sāsān Underworld Poem by Naṣrid Andalusī Jurist 'Umar al-Mālaqī (d. after 1440 CE)*

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Organized by **Mekarem Eljamal** and **John Kallas**

Chair: **Kylie Broderick**, UNC Chapel Hill

Janina S. Santer, Columbia University *Reading al-īdhā'a: Popular Culture in Postcolonial Lebanon (1940s-1950s)*

Mekarem Eljamal, Columbia University *Utopias and Dystopias: Urban Imaginations in Palestine+100*

Sena Duran, University of Michigan *"Aroused at the Signs of Empire": Fantasies of the Middle East in Stag Film*

John Kallas, NYU Abu Dhabi *Animating the Orient: Art's Cultic Aura in a Unipolar World*

X-17: MENA Migrations: State-Diaspora Relations

Organized by **Leila Zonouzi**

Leila Zonouzi, UC Santa Barbara *Alienation and Marginalization of Dissidents: Diaspora Formation in the 2010s*

Gözde Böcü, University of Toronto *Repression through Time: Legacies of Transnational Repression in the Diaspora*

Canan Sahin, Queen's University *Forced Migration Waves And Complex Racialization Dynamics In West Istanbul: Surplus Labour, Hyper-Exploitation And Racialized Encounters Among The Displaced Kurds And Syrians*

X-18: Arts, Artifacts and, Iconography

Bernard O'Kane, AUC *Turning the Corner: Strategies in Monumental Islamic Epigraphy and Decoration*

Fatih Tarhan, Princeton University *Enacting the Divine through Nūr (Light) - The Islamic Concept of Naẓar in Medieval Mosque Lamps*

Adriana De Miranda, Ca' Foscari University Venice *Wonderful Mechanics between Hellenism and the Islamic Age*

Michael A. Lally, Temple University *America as Beyond the Orient and the Ottoman Empire as the West: A look at Piri Reis' 1513 World Map*

Caroline Angle Maguire, University of Maryland, College Park *La Collaboration Patiente et Éclairée: North Africans' Contributions to Local Museum Formation in Algeria, 1830 - 1900*

Sadegh Ansari, SUNY Geneseo *Science in the Margins: Using Digital Humanities Tools to Study the Marginalia of Two Manuscripts on the Science of Music from Medieval Islamic World*

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Navid Fozi, Bridgewater State University *Iranian Zoroastrians, Nationalism, and the Dilemma of Cultural Ownership*

Leen Alfatafta, George Washington University *The Holy Land Experience and Long Distance Dispossession*

Roxana-Maria Aras, University of Michigan *In Search for Futures Lost: Waqf, Parish, and Locality among Rum Orthodox in Beirut*

Hrag Papazian, UCLA *Christian, Muslim, and Alevi Armenians: Parallel regimes of religious and racial exclusion in Turkey*

Lara Khattab, Mount Allison University *Precarity and the Political Economy of Violence in Northern Lebanon: Studying Informality and Resistance in the Northern Lebanon*

X-20: Empire, Health, and Disease in the 19th and 20th century MENA

Organized by **Christopher S. Rose**

Stephanie Boyle, City Tech *Clot Bey and the Establishment of Medical Orientalism in Egypt*

Shaherzad Ahmadi, University of St. Thomas *Families and Physicians: Rebutting the Experts*

Christopher S. Rose, Our Lady of the Lake University *Trial by Virus: Imperial Anti-Contagionism and the 1883 Cholera in Egypt*

Roundtable**XI-01: The Politics of Culture in ‘New Turkey’**Organized by **Danielle V. Schoon**Chair: **Kaya Akyildiz**

Danielle V. Schoon, Ohio State University
Kaya Akyildiz, Bahcesehir University
Pierre Hecker, Philipps University Marburg
Ivo Furman, Istanbul Bilgi University
Valentina Marcella, University of Naples L’Orientale

Roundtable**XI-02: West and East and the Problem of History**Organized by **Henry Clements** and **Philip Balboni**

Henry Clements, Yale University
Candace Lukasik, University of Mississippi
Hengameh Ziai, SOAS University of London
Mattin Biglari, SOAS, University of London
Philip Balboni, UC Berkeley

XI-03: Economic Structures in the Ottoman EmpireChair: **Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer**, NYU

Shawn Broyles, Oklahoma State University *Slaves in Sicily and Shurut Manuals: The Changing Legal Realities of Subservience in the Early Modern Ottoman State*
Christopher Whitehead, Ohio State University *Taking the Empire by Force: The Ottoman Household Cavalry’s “Usurpation” of Tax Collection in the Early Seventeenth Century*
Eunjeong Yi, Seoul National University *Janissary Regiments and Officers in Business Seen through Istanbul Court Records (1660-1700)*
Turkana Allahverdiyeva, University of Bonn *Non-elite Household Female Slaves and Agency in Early Eighteenth-century Crimean Khanate*
Sultan Toprak Oker, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *A Blurred Boundary Between Public and Private Space: The Ottoman Tavern in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul*

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Pinar Emiralioğlu, Sam Houston State University *Between Old and New: Cartographical Knowledge and Being an Ottoman in the Seventeenth Century*
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Christian Sinclair, Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF) *Connecting Language Learning and Language Communities: An Engaged Approach to Learning Arabic Dialects*
El Mostafa Ouajjani, Dartmouth College *Building Linguistic and Cultural Competence for Study-Abroad Programs: New Perspectives*
Khlood Kittaneh, NYU Abu Dhabi *experiential learning pedagogy at NYUAD*
Mokhtar Boub, Dartmouth College *Teaching and learning Arabic in Study Abroad: A reflection on indigenous pedagogies*
Jamila Chahboun, Dartmouth College *Challenges and Prospects of Arabic language instruction at Dartmouth: a reflection on students’ perspectives.*

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Anne De Jong, University of Amsterdam *The Unity Intifada as Tipping Point Pillarization as Strategy for Activism and Resistance in Palestine*

Ameena Yovan, University of Chicago *The Zanj Rebellion in Muslim Histories*

Susan Benson-Sokmen, University of Toronto *Kurdish Women and Memorial Resistance*

Julia Gettle, Brown University *A Revolutionary Year: Armed Resistance and Statebuilding from Below in the 1958 Lebanese Crisis*

Natalie Honein, American University of Sharjah *Discursive Interruptions: Juxtaposing Arab Women's Activism*

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Ali A. Olomi, Penn State Abington *Queen of the Stars: Buran and The Role of Women in Astrological Knowledge in the Abbasid Caliphate*

Mustafa Banister, Utah State University *Negotiating the Uncertain: Ibn 'Arabshah's Dialogue Construction as a Reading of Fifteenth-Century Mamluk Succession Politics*

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Eleni Zaras, NYU *Roots of Green Infrastructure in Nineteenth Century Egypt? A Closer Look at the Suez Canal Company and its Horticultural Interests*

Alex Schultz, UC Santa Barbara *Waiting in Line at Taps: Water Carriers and the Disruption of Water Infrastructure Modernization in Egypt*

Mohamed Abdou, NYU *Elusive Fish in a Pond: State-Fishermen Contestation & the Formation of Sovereignty in the Manzala Lake Region of Lower Egypt, 1834-1914*

Zeead Yaghi, UC San Diego *Planning National Unity: An Investigation of State Development and Modernization in Rural Lebanon 1958-1970*

Carly Krakow, London School of Economics *Toxic Saturation and Health Devastation in Iraq: The Indelible Damage of War*

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Kathleen Doody, University of Arkansas *Representation of Women in Electoral Politics during Tunisia's Democratic Decade*

Lindsay J. Benstead, Portland State University *Explaining the Gender Gap in Political Engagement in the Arab World*

Bethany Shockley, American University of Sharjah *Support for Female Candidates in the UAE: An Experimental Exploration of Intersectional Identities*

Jean-Baptiste Allegrini, University College London *Lebanese Women Searching for their Political Destiny: The 2018 Parliamentary Elections' Gender and Sectarian Hurdles in Scrutiny*

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Organized by **Tiina Hyypä**

Chair/Discussant: **Steven Heydemann**, Smith College

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Silvia Carenzi, Scuola Normale Superiore *Building Legitimacy: A Comparative Analysis of Militant Islamist Groups in Syria*

Joseph Daher, European University Institute *Syria, Political Economy of Zones of influence between division and cooperation*

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Chair: **James Clark**, University of Nebraska Omaha

Fatima-Ezzahrae Touilila, Columbia University *The Caliphate question: archive of a crisis in the imperial order (1914-1926)*

Emily Schneider, Northern Arizona University *The Role of Ideological Conversion in the Palestine Solidarity Movement*

Tom Woerner-Powell, University of Manchester *Many Paths to Peace: Islam, Pacifism, Decoloniality, and Interdisciplinarity*

Chris Rominger, University of North Florida *Transnational Origins of the Anti-Colonial Maghrib: Scenes of Empire and Rebellion from Southern Tunisia, 1915-16*

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Tristan Leperlier, CNRS/Columbia University *The Internationalisation of Maghreb Literature: Between France and the USA?*

Tariq Adely, George Washington University *Localizing "Jordanian" Authors: Practices of Place and Scale on Literature-Focused Facebook Pages*

Marjan Moosavi, University of Maryland, College Park and **Mehdy Sedaghat Payam**, University of Maryland, College Park *Iranian Drama by Vectors: A Computational Analysis of Iranian Plays*

Nusaiba Imady, University of Minnesota *Mayy Ziyāda and Archival Fabulation: The Fabrication of History in Waciny Laredj's May-Nights of Isis Copia*

Nancy Linthicum, University of South Carolina *Reading Egyptian Literature at Home and Abroad: Transnational Reception of Miral al-Tahawy's Brooklyn Heights*

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Rhoda Kanaaneh, Columbia University *The Right Kind of Suffering: Arab Gender and Sexuality Asylum Seekers in the United States*

Ayda Apa-Pomeshikov, University of Washington *Syrian Forced Migrants as Humanitarian Professionals*

Kenny Schmitt, Al-Quds Bard College *Gazan Christians: After Migration and the Dilemmas of Remaining*

Bogna Hall, Polish Academy of Sciences *Seizing the right to asylum: an ethnography of Yemenis' border transgressions*

Gehad Abaza, UC Santa Barbara *Making home(s) in the 'Non-Existent': Syrian War-Time Migration in Abkhazia*

Hasmik Tovmasyan, University of Calgary *War, Transgenerational Trauma, and the Syrian Armenian Refugees in Canada*

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Naziha Houki, Al Akhawayn University *Social Media Engagement With Moroccan 4th Wave Feminist Content*

Alka Kurian, University of Washington Bothell *Fourth Wave Feminism In Morocco*

Souad Eddouada, Iben Tofail University *Moroccan Feminisms and the Urban/Rural Divide*

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Anwar Alsaad, Kuwait University *Humor In Short Narrative Texts And Jokes Created And Distributed Via Social Media In Kuwait During Covid-19*

Michael Battalia, Princeton University *Fake News in 1870s Beirut*

Hanadi Al-Samman, University of Virginia *Strangers in My House: Conspiracy Theory of Queer Representation in Arab Media*

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Arash Mohammadavvali, Leiden University *Internal dynamics of the official Iranian memory of Iran-Iraq War*

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Annalise Pforr, Hellenic College *Holy Cross Texts, Practices, and Embodied Experiences: Religious Experience in the White Monastery of 4th Century Upper Egypt*

Mina Khalil, Harvard Law School *Making Society: Doctrinal Shifts on the Eve of Transformation in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Egypt*

Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Tech *Mutual Aid: Reading Abu Hamid al-Ghazali's Treatise on Friendship with an Anarchist Lens*

Zain Alattar, UC Berkeley *The Avicennian and Akbarian turn in Shiite Theology: an analysis of two sections of that 'Ali ibn Sulaymān al-Baḥrānī's (d. ca. 1274 CE) al-Ishārat wa-l-Tanbihāt*

John Walbridge, Indiana University Bloomington *Rediscovering Suhrawardi: The Evidence of Manuscripts and Texts*

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Mustafa Aslan, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen *Perceptions of 'the West' between Iran and Turkey: A Comparative Study of Jalal Al-e Ahmad and Necip Fazıl Kısakürek*

Paola Rivetti, Dublin City University *Beyond Orientalism? The Construction of Oriental and Middle East Studies in Italy*

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Nicholas E. Roberts, University of the South Zion
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Insia Malik, CUNY Graduate Center
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Liat Berdugo, University of San Francisco
A Tree in Palestine: A photographic view of afforestation as a tool for colonization and control

Faezeh Faezipour, University of Arizona
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Elisa Pierandrei, Independent Scholar
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Chelsea Haines, Arizona State University
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China Sajadian, CUNY Graduate Center
"Men Don't Weed": The Agrarian Question of Debt among Syrian Refugee-Farmworkers in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley

Brittany Cook, Louisiana State University
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Schluwa Sama, Independent Scholar
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Anna Simone Reumert, Columbia University
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Organized by **Maryam Alemzadeh**
and **Mohammad Ataie**

Chair: **Eric Lob**, Florida International University

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Mohammad Ataie, Brandeis University
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Jane H. Murphy, Colorado College
Elise K. Burton, University of Toronto
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Organized by **Mimi Kirk**, Middle East Studies Association

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Yigit Bayman, University of Arizona *Ottoman Imperialism in Yemen in the Early Twentieth Century, Colonial Caliphate*

Jennifer Manoukian, UCLA *Cultural Nationalism and the Spread of a 'National Language' among Arabophone, Turcophone and Kurdophone Armenians in the Ottoman Empire, c. 1840 to c. 1860*

Humza Azam Gondal, Princeton University *Pan-Islamism and its Discontents: The Worldview of Ittihad-ı İslam in the Late Ottoman Empire*

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Organized by **Christine Isom-Verhaaren**

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Linda T. Darling, University of Arizona *Archival Documents and Group Disaggregation in the Ottoman State*

Kent Schull, Binghamton University, SUNY *Navigating Criminal Justice related Sources for the Ottoman Empire: A "History from Below" Approach*

Fariba Zarinebaf, UC Riverside *Bordering and Surveying the Borderland: Azerbaijan under Ottoman Rule*

Alex Schweig, University of Arizona *Multiple Routes to the Anatolian Subject: Decentering Modernization Narratives in Late Ottoman Anatolia Through Source Diversity*

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Organized by **Gizem Zencirci**

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Alev Cinar, Bilkent University/Stanford University *Debating Civilization in Contending Muslim Conservative Journals in Turkey*

Ayse Ayten Bakacak, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University *Islamist Contestation of AKP's Civilizationist Discourse: The Iktibas Journal*

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Gizem Zencirci, Providence College *"The Hidden Codes of Civilization": Reviving Ottoman Ahi (Craft) Guilds and Rebuilding Islamic Business Ethics*

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Khalil Dahbi, GIGA *Narrating a New World: The Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Movement in the Post-Cold War Era*

Mona Khneisser, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *Unsettling Crisis: Rethinking Crisis Narratives & Epistemes in Theorizing Political Economy & the Everyday in Lebanon*

Anna Rebrii, Binghamton University *Transforming Knowledge Production: Epistemological and Methodological Contributions of the Kurdish and Zapatista Movements*

Rand al-Jumaily, University of Toronto *Re-examining Iraq's Simele Massacre*

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Peter Gran, Temple University *Updates and Revisions in the Study of the Egyptian Reformer Shaykh Hasan Al-`Attar, d. 1835*

Amy Fallas, UC Santa Barbara *Death of a Prime Minister: The Assassination of Boutros Ghali and Mediating*

Sectarianism in Egypt, 1906-1911

Mathias Ghyoot, Princeton University *Brothers Behind Bars: Researching the History of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, 1948-1975*

Farida Makar, University of Oxford *The Malleability of Progressive Education: The early Nasser Years*

Arthur Zárate, San José State University *Debating Islamic "Tradition": Can the Concept Account for Change or Novelty in Islam?*

Erika Biagini, Dublin City University *The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood after its Ousting from Government: A Meso-Level Analysis*

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Crystal Ennis, Leiden University *Rethinking Wages and Class in Global Gulf Labour Markets*

Hee Eun Kwon, UC San Diego *Performance of Cosmopolitanism in the United Arab Emirates*

Yavuz Yasar, University of Denver *Social Reproduction in Turkey since the 2000s*

Mikiya Koyagi, University of Texas at Austin *Pedaling in Pahlavi Iran: A History of the Bicycle*

Matt Buehler, University of Tennessee *Racism and Labor Market Threat (Mis)Perceptions: An Original Survey Exploring Moroccan Attitudes about sub-Saharan Migrants*

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Organized by **Alaa Tartir**

Chair/Discussant: **Alaa Tartir**, The Graduate Institute

Ghada Sasa, McMaster University *"Making the Desert Bloom" or Desertifying Palestine?*

Gabi Kirk, UC Davis and **Paul Kohlbry**, University of Chicago *Situating the Transnational in Rural Palestine*

Yara M. Asi, University of Central Florida *The Bureaucracy of Mortality: The Structural Violence of Medical Permits for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*

Jeremy Wildeman, University of Ottawa/Carleton University *Western Intervention, Liberal Idealism and the Denial of Palestinian Self-Determination*

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Omar Yousef Shehabi, Yale Law School *No Alternative to Despair? Sahrawis, Palestinians, and the International Law of Nationalism*

Asli Bali, UCLA *Democratic Decay in Turkey: The Use and Abuse of Constitutionalism*

Omar Safadi, University of Chicago *"Bigger Than You and Me": Geopolitical Games, Collective Action, and the Affects of Political Helplessness in Contemporary Lebanon*

Alon Burstein, Hebrew University of Jerusalem *Let's Trust in God: The Religionization/Secularization Processes of Violent Groups*

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Nuha Askar, Goethe University *The DeformNation Theory: The Fragmentation of the Nation in the Narratives of Postcolonial Nation-States*

May Kosba, Graduate Theological Union *Fateful Triangles: Locating Egyptian Race-Consciousness in Bahā' Tāher's Wāhat al-ghurūb*

Adam Spanos, Independent Scholar *The Presentist Novel in 1950s Lebanon*

Kyle Wanberg, NYU *Consumption as a Narrative Device: Sonallah Ibrahim's The Committee*

Rania Mahmoud, University of Arkansas *A Sufi Evaluation of the Egyptian National Project in Bahaa Taher's Sunset Oasis*

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Alessandra Bonci, Laval University *How pious illiberal Muslim women challenge the national identity in the post-revolutionary Tunisia*

Serpil Atamaz, CSU Sacramento *Nowhere is Safe: Sexual Violence in Early Republican Turkey*

Rosemary Admiral, University of Texas at Dallas *From Premodern to Modern: Navigating Law, Society, and Gender in Morocco*

Babak Tabarraee, University of Texas at Austin *Men at Work: Revisiting Filmfarsi and the Hegemonic Masculinities of the Pre-Revolutionary Iranian Cinema*

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Organized by **Yesim Kaptan**

Chair/Discussant: **Yesim Kaptan**

Ece Algan, CSU San Bernardino and **Yesim Kaptan**, Kent State University *Cultural production under government control: The case of Turkish TV industry*

Petra De Bruijn, Leiden University *Primetime Piety. The depiction of religion in Turkish television drama.*

Yasemin Celikkol, Northwestern University in Qatar and **Sashreek Garg**, Northwestern University in Qatar *The Popular Geopolitics of Turkish TV Series in India*

Marc Saurina, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid *Need of cultural translation? Exploring dubbing and subtitling practices into Spanish of Turkish TV Series*

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Organized by **Miray Philips** and **Amr ElAfifi**

Miray Philips, University Of Minnesota *Diasporic Coptic Activism, Generational Divides, and the Challenge of Framing Islam/ophobia*

Yasmine Kherfi, London School of Economics *The Politics of Syrian Archival Practices in Exile*

Amr ElAfifi, Syracuse University *The political psychology of exile*

Negar S. Razavi, Northwestern University *Navigating the Middle East in Washington*

Saif Alislam Eid, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies *Exiled young leaders: how does the exile affect the Egyptian student activism leader?*

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Robert Flahive, Virginia Tech *"You need to give structure for perception, how to perceive our history": Harnessing architectural history to refashion settler colonialism in Tel Aviv*

Noah Hysler Rubin, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design *Municipal Engineer Ben Zion Guini and the transition from Ottoman to British planning in Jerusalem/Palestine*

Muna Guvenc, Brandeis University *Manifesting Identity through Urban Politics*

Ahmed Abdelazim, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Preachers of Islamic architecture: Locating the “Islamic” in Egypt’s architectural discourse during 1980s*

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Pierre Folliet, Yale University *The Politics of Multilingualism on the Eve of Algeria’s Independence: Arabization, Secularism, and Francophone Berber Intellectuals*

Nicholas Mangialardi, Williams College *“A Journey from East to East”: Arabic Travel Writing from Japan*

Maria Swanson, United States Naval Academy *Nasīb ‘Arīḍah’s Translations, Arabizations and Emulations of the Russian Poetry and Their Impact on His Creative Works*

Berkay Uluc, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor *Rethinking Arabic-Turkish Literary Contact: 19th-century Robinson Crusoe Translations*

Marina Mayorski, University of Michigan *Translated Modernity: Ladino Adaptations of French Fiction in the Late Ottoman Empire*

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Sabrina Lilleby, University of Texas at Austin *Self-help and Community Care in Post-Revolutionary Cairo*

Josephine Chaet, University of Illinois at Chicago *The Politics of Care (al-r’āīaa): Organizational Patronage in hashmī a-shamālī*

Tess Waggoner, New York University *Listening (Imp)Acts: Sound, Trauma and the “Bellephonic”*

Noora Lari, Qatar University *Building Capacities: Youth Civic Engagement in a post-Pandemic Era*

Ayca Alemdaroglu, Stanford University *Reading life through immature death or dying young in Turkey*

Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed, Stanford University *Explaining Government Responsiveness in Ramadan in the Muslim World*

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Kaveh Hemmat, Benedictine University
Hyunhee Park, CUNY Graduate Center/John Jay College
Gottfried Hagen, University of Michigan
Baki Tezcan, UC Davis

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Andreas Helmedach, Ruhr-University Bochum *The Life and Crisis of a Venetian Soldier: Colonel Francesco Muazzo in the First Morean War (1684-1699)*
Mihai D. Grigore, Leibniz Institute of European History *There and Back Again: The Patriarch of Antioch and What the Ottoman Authorities Learned from His Journey to the Orthodox Rulers*
Gul Sen, University of Bonn *"From Now on You Are Captives of the Russian State!" Narrating the Experience of War Captivity in the Eighteenth Century*
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Chair: **Alev Cinar**, Bilkent University/Stanford University
 Discussant: **Cemil Aydin**, UNC Chapel Hill

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Enes Ateş, Mardin Artuklu University *The Formation of Civilization-Centered Thought in Turkey: Sezai Karakoc and The Dirilis (The Rebirth) Thesis*

Ismail Yazici, Bilkent University *Occidentalism, Internationalism, and Nativism in Islamic Civilizational Thought: Reflections on Nuri Pakdil's Writings*
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Sarah Azmeh, Indiana University Bloomington *Muhammad Al-Khidr Husayn and the Nationalist Modernity of the Free Officers: A "Modern" Yet Authentic Egypt?*
Weston Bland, University of Pennsylvania *Salama Musa and "Religious Fascism"*
Atar David, University of Texas at Austin *The Social Dilemma: Why, Who, and How to Feed Egyptian Citizens in the Interwar Period*
Eftychia Mylona, Leiden University *Education in transition: The Greeks and the education in Egypt, 1960s-1980s*
Rami Ginat, Bar-Ilan University *Lutfi al-Khuli and the Egyptian Peace Movement: A Missed Opportunity*

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Vahid M. Mazdeh, UC Berkeley *History and Politics: Readings of the Constitutional Revolution in Post-1979 Iran*
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Ehsan Kashfi, University of Alberta *The Politics of Street Names: Reconstructing Iran's Collective Identity*

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Laila Ballout, Wichita State University *“Preserving our Shared Western Values: U.S. Neutrality in the Lebanese Civil War and the Campaign to Strengthen Ties between the Lebanese Phalange and the United States”*;

Alex Hobson, US Naval War College *Sheikh Muhammad Fadlallah and the Fragility of U.S. Power in the Middle East in the 1980s*

Daniel Chardell, Harvard University *Let My People Go—Where? Soviet Jewish Migration, Israeli-Palestinian Peace, and the Limits of U.S. Neutrality, 1989-1991*

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C. Carter Barnett, Johns Hopkins University *Gazan Society and Missionary Medicine, 1882-1954*

Samuel Dinger, NYU *The Sakan Shababiyy, or the World Improvised: Masculine Care and the Production of Domestic Space in Exile*

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Chair: **David Siddhartha Patel**, Brandeis University

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