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**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, November 2**
- 3:00-6:00 PM Book exhibit
- 3:00-5:00 PM Session I
- 5:30-7:30 PM Session II

**Friday, November 3**
- 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 Address & Awards Ceremony
- 9:30-11:00 PM MESA Reception

**Saturday, November 4**
- 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
- 8:30 PM-1:00 AM Stand-up Showcase & MESA Dance Party

**Sunday, November 5**
- 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**
- 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday, Nov. 2
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday, Nov. 3
- 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday, Nov. 4
- 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM Sunday, Nov. 5

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**Special Events at MESA 2023**

**Friday, November 3**
- 7:00-11:00 PM Presidential Address
  - Eve M. Troutt Powell, University of Pennsylvania
- Honoring excellence in Middle East studies

**MESA Reception**
- Held immediately following, in celebration.

**Saturday, November 4**
- 8:30 PM-1:00 AM Stand-up Showcase and MESA Dance Party
  - Join us for a stand-up comedy show highlighting a diverse lineup of some of the funniest Montréal-based comedians of Middle Eastern descent, followed by a dance party dedicated to the celebration of diverse music from the Middle Eastern and North African regions and their diaspora. Co-sponsored with the Institute for Islamic Studies at McGill University.

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**Conference Registration**

Pre-register by September 29
or on-site beginning Thursday, November 2 at 11:00 AM

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MESA has designated Room 440 for prayer and quiet space.

COMPLIMENTARY WHEELCHAIR

Wheelchairs may be borrowed for use at the Palais but must be reserved in advance. For more information, go here.
BOOK EXHIBIT

Publishers and vendors of interest to our members have booth space in the Book Exhibit, conveniently located near MESA registration and panels on the fifth level of the Palais. Take the opportunity to browse all of the latest publications in the field beginning Thursday, November 2 at 3:00 PM.

EXHIBITORS

Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations
American University in Cairo Press
Arab American Language Institute in Morocco (AALIM)
Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington
Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF)
Arabic & Persian at University of Maryland
AramcoWorld
Brill
Cambridge University Press
Columbia University Press
The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)
Dar Almoundah
Duke University Press
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Syracuse University Press
TAF Center, Alexandria University
University of Alberta Press
University of California Press
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University of Toronto Press

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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 be a part of the Cooperative Book Display, complete the form and submit payment by October 1, 2023. One copy of each title is needed for display and becomes the property of MESA. For more information, contact MESA at meeting@mesana.org
MESA’s 40th Annual FilmFest, which will be held virtually, has dozens of new and innovative shorts and features, including both documentaries and narrative films. The virtual format allows meeting registrants to stream films on demand during the conference, as well as the week prior and the week after the in-person events. Only 2023 Annual Meeting registrations will have access to the view the films during this three-week window.

Here are some of the films we expect to screen.

**Fraiha**
Based on the real-life childhood events of writer-director Amal Al-Shammari, Fraiha recounts her inspirational childhood memory when Amal (6) was helped to overcome her classroom literacy struggles by her loving mother Fraiha (45). Amal returns home from school in a state of despair, unable to grapple with the work assigned by her teacher and mocked by the other students. Waiting at home for her, Fraiha attempts to console her emotional daughter and encourages her to work even harder on her homework. As a result of her continued support, Amal’s schoolwork improves immeasurably, and she impresses both her teacher and fellow students. When Amal is awarded a merit certificate, Fraiha struggles to read it and Amal realises that her mother cannot actually read. This revelation inspires her even more and fills Amal with love and pride for her inspirational mother.

**Sister**
Julie is the new receptionist at T-Hotel, Abu Dhabi, where she is welcomed by an enthusiastic yet culturally insensitive South Asian manager and a no-nonsense supervisor, Mary. Hoping that their similar backgrounds can bring them closer, Julie struggles to impress Mary who is keen on maintaining her reputation if she is to become the next manager. Julie quickly learns that friendly associations simply cannot unfold within the workspace but remains hopeful about the possibilities of finding warmth and solidarity in the new city. Eating one sweet at a time, Julie and Mary subtly embark on a friendship unlike any other.

**Transfer** is a documentary film that showcases the story of three Syrian activist friends (Amer, Muhammad and Sami, the director) during their last days in five-year siege imposed by the Assad regime in Eastern Ghouta. Each carried a different civil role to support their cause and community. They worked and hoped for a better future for their homeland, Syria. Unfortunately, their dreams turned into nightmares. They were forced to leave their homeland and be separated. Amer ended up staying in northern Syria, Muhammad in Germany and Sami became a refugee in France. In the larger context, the film shows the situation in which the inhabitants of Eastern Ghouta had managed to survive the last military campaign carried out by the Syrian regime and the Russian air forces in February 2018. The film explores the consequences of war on individuals and communities. Through the stories of the three main characters, it tackles issues of solidarity, death, forced displacement, exile and separation.

**Om Layoun**, or The Mother of Sources, is a documentary film (feature length) that aims to open a societal debate, in Tunisia and elsewhere, on the absolute and urgent need to better manage available water resources through the adoption of new economic models oriented towards more water and ecological, social, intergenerational and economic justice. The film is built on a simple idea: Water is a common good for all humanity, and access to it, according to needs, is a fundamental human right that should not suffer any precondition. As a necessary condition for biological and social life, water must not be considered in any way as a marketable commodity, as is the case today. This is what Om Layoun tries to demonstrate, discuss and defend by showing situations of scandalous waste and/or shocking deprivation induced by the internal mechanisms of the water market and, more generally, by the dominant extractivist economic model.

**in the whiteness** is a poetic exploration of identity through the eyes of a Harari woman, displaced from the Horn or Africa via war, now living in Canada. She uses poetry and movement as a meditative method of reconnecting with her roots and in doing so, establishes a magical bond with her ancestors.
OTHER EVENTS

MESA-organized Meetings & Events
Thursday, 11/2
   Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES) Poster Presentation, 4-5pm
Friday, 11/3
   Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting, 10:45am-1:15pm
   Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Associations, 9-10am
Saturday, 11/4
   Middle East Center and Program Directors Meeting, 9:30-11am
   MESA Members Meeting, 1:15-2:45pm
   MESA Global Academy Reception, 5-7pm

AATA - American Association of Teachers of Arabic
Thursday, 11/2
   Board Meeting, 9am-12pm
   Panel, 1-3:30pm
   Business Meeting, 4-5pm
   Reception, TBD

AATP - American Association of Teachers of Persian
Thursday, 11/2
   Business Meeting & Awards Ceremony, 11am-2:30pm

AATT - American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages
Saturday, 11/4
   Reception, 7:30-9:30pm

AIMS - American Institute for Maghrib Studies
Thursday, 11/2
   Business Meeting, 1:00-2:30pm

AIYS - American Institute for Yemeni Studies
Thursday, 11/2
   Business Meeting, 9-10:30am

AIS - Association for Iranian Studies
Thursday, 11/2
   Business Meeting, 2-4pm
AGAPS - Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies
Thursday, 11/2
  Board Meeting, 9am-12pm
  Business Meeting, 12:30-2:30pm
  Reception, 6-9pm

AMEWS - Association for Middle East Women's Studies
Thursday, 11/2
  Board Meeting, 1-3pm
  Business Meeting, 7:30-8pm
  Reception, 8-10pm

Arabic Study Abroad Options at Alexandria University
Saturday, 11/4
  Informational Meeting, TBD

Consortium of Middle East National Resource Centers
Saturday, 11/4
  Meeting, 11:15am-12:45pm

MEM - Middle East Medievalists
Thursday, 11/2
  Board Meeting, 9:30-11am
  Business Meeting, 12-2pm

OTSA - Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association
Thursday, 11/2
  Board Meeting, 4-5pm
  Reception, 8-9pm
  Members Meeting, 9-10:30pm

PARC - Palestinian American Research Center
Thursday, 11/2
  Board Meeting, 11am-2pm

POMEPS - Project on Middle East Political Science at George Washington University
Thursday, 11/2
  Reception, 8-10pm

PSU - Pennsylvania State University, Department of History and Middle East Studies
Thursday, 11/2
  Reception, 8-10pm

SSA - Syrian Studies Association
Saturday, 11/4
  Annual Business Meeting, 3-5pm

UCLA
Saturday, 11/4
  Reception, 5-7pm
SESSION I

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

ROUNDTABLE
I-1: Locality and the Production of Knowledge in the Long Nineteenth Century: Extending Connections Across Middle East Studies and History of Science

Organized by Jane Murphy

Jane Murphy, Colorado College
Sahar Bazzaz, College of the Holy Cross
Peter Gran, Temple University
Liat Kozma, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Elise Burton, University of Toronto

ROUNDTABLE
I-2: Decolonial Feminist Praxis: The Question of Voice and Community

Organized by Rita Stephan

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

Chair: Rita Stephan, North Carolina State University
Zeina Zaatari, University of Illinois at Chicago
Esraa Al-Mufah, University of British Columbia
Laila Mourad, York University
Sarah Sabbab, American University of Beirut

ROUNDTABLE
I-3: From Colonial Finance to Financialization: Concepts, Methodologies, and Research Questions

Organized by Myriam Amri and Hicham Safieddine

Chair: Omar AlShehabi, University of Leeds

Hicham Safieddine, University of British Columbia
Hengameh Ziai, SOAS, University of London
Myriam Amri, Harvard University
Riya Al Sanah, University of Exeter

ROUNDTABLE
I-4: Palestine and the Rhetoric of Human Rights

Organized by Karim Mattar

Chair: Karim Mattar
Discussant: Samera Esmeir, UC Berkeley

Karim Mattar, University of Colorado at Boulder
Stephanie Kraver, University of Chicago
Nouri Gana, UCLA
Yasmine Khayyat, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

ROUNDTABLE
I-5: Higher Education amidst War and Revolution: University and Radical Pedagogy in Northeast Syria

Organized by Sardar Saadi

Chair: Sardar Saadi, Wageningen University
Atefeh Ramsari, University of Bielefeld
Anna Rebrii, Binghamton University, SUNY
Gulay Kilicaslan, Carleton University

I-6: MENA as Carceral States

Organized by Amr ElAfifi and Walaa Quisay

Chairs: Amr ElAfifi and Walaa Quisay
Discussant: Amr ElAfifi

Amr ElAfifi, Syracuse University and Yousuf Abdelfatah, Princeton University Counting and Discounting: How to Know a Carceral State When You See One?
Mohamud Mohamed, University of Pennsylvania Inside Barre’s Prison: Carcerality and Its Consequences in Socialist Somalia
Walaa Quisay, University of Edinburgh Carceral Theology in Post-2013 Egypt
Mina Ibrahim, University of Marburg/ Shubra’s Archive/ MENA Prison Forum Narrating Syrian Prisons in Germany: Legal Consciousness before the Koblenz Trials

I-7: Exploring the Inspirations and Ambitions Behind “Woman, Life, Liberty”

Organized by Sydney Martin

Organized under the auspices of the Iran 1400 Project

Discussant: Sydney Martin, Iran 1400 Project

Arash Azizi, New York University Iran and Three Revolutions: Comparing 1906, 1979 and 2022 in a Global Perspective
Tom Walsh, University of Durham Social Media, Visuality, Music, and Iran’s Gen-Z Uprising
Rahim Haji Agha, Jagiellonian University The Slogan J in, Jiyan and Azadi (Woman, Life, Freedom) and the Transformation of Iran's Political Space
Zeinab Eskandari, University of Pennsylvania Socio-Cultural Patriarchy, One of the Root Causes of the Women, Life, Freedom Movement
I-8: Islamists in Government
Organized by Francesco Cavatorta
Chair: Francesco Cavatorta, Universite Laval
Maryam Ben Salem, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Sousse Ennahda in Government in Tunisia: A Sociological Analysis
Sebnem Gumuscu, Middlebury College Islamization and Declining State Capacity in Turkey
Vincent Durac, University College Dublin Hamas in Gaza: From Violent Non-State Actor to Pragmatic Governance
Mohamed Daadaoui, Oklahoma City University Strategic Miscalculation or Regime Pawns: The Rise and Fall of the PJD Islamists in Morocco

I-9: Narrating Premodern Islamic Diplomacy: Imperial Strategy or Authorial Agency?
Organized by Malika Dekkiche
Chair: Malika Dekkiche
Malika Dekkiche, University of Antwerp “And On That Day an Envoy Reached Us From...”: 15th Century Accounts of Reception of Embassies in Mamlûk Chronicles
Alessandro Rizzo, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Managing and Representing Diplomacy with the Mamluk Sultanate: The Case of the Venetian and French Missions to Cairo in 1512, through an Analysis of the Diplomatic Sources
Gowaart Van Den Bossche, Ghent University “Lacking a Signature” Full of the “Clattering of the Persians”: A Narratological and Material Analysis of Early Ilkhanid-Mamluk Diplomacy
Bogdan Smarandache, UMR 8167 Orient et Méditerranée “He (the English King) Called Together a Party of the Khawâss”: Depictions of Interfaith Encounters in Ayyûbid and Mamlûk Accounts of the Third Crusade

I-10: Mamluk Arabic Literature, or New Wine in Old Bottles
Organized by Kevin Blankinship and David Larsen
Chair/Discussant: Jeannie Miller, University of Toronto
Kevin Blankinship, Brigham Young University Organic Unity in the “Personified Letter” of Ibn Hijja al-Hamawi (d. 837/1434)
Li Guo, University of Notre Dame Sex and the City of Cairo: Re-reading Ibn Dâniyâl’s “The Enchanted and the Enchanter (al-Mutayyam wa-l-Yutayyim)”
Ghassan Osmat, University of Toronto Jibrâyil Ibn al-Qilâ‘î’s (d. ca. 1516) Madiha’alâ’jalabulNubnân: Liturgical Epic in the Time of Interconfessional Crisis
David Larsen, New York University Derivative Virtuosity in the Manṭiq al-Tayr of Ibn al-Wardi

I-11: Premodern Fables in a Comparative Frame
Organized by Niloofar Fotouhi, Ilex Foundation
Organized under the auspices of the Ilex Foundation
Chair: Olga M. Davidson
Discussant: Neguin Yavari, Independent Scholar
Olga M. Davidson, Boston University Fable as Parable: The Plant of Immortality in Ferdowsi’s Shâhnâma and the Holy Grail in the Medieval French Vulgate Arthurienne En Prose
Gregory Nagy, Harvard University Fables Compared: The Case of Ancient Greek Sybaritic Tales
Amanda Luyster, College of the Holy Cross When Is a Story Not a Story? Secular Narrative Imagery on the Alhambra Ceilings and the Chivalric Order of the Banda
Richard Van Leeuwen, University of Amsterdam Fables Compared: The Case of Ancient Greek Sybaritic Tales

I-12: The Sisi Regime and the Limits of Authoritarian Upgrading in Egypt
Organized by Hesham Sallam and Dina Shehata
Chair/Discussant: Joel Beinin, Stanford University
Hesham Sallam, Stanford University Sisi and the Youth of the Counter-Revolution: The Limits of Regime Cooptation Strategies in Egypt
Dina Shehata, Independent Scholar Urban Planning as a Tool for Authoritarian Control in Sisi’s Egypt
Erin Snider, Texas A&M University The Political Economy of Renewable Energy in Sisi’s Egypt
Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser University Media Paradoxes Under Sisi: From Outsourcing to Outing Sources

I-13: Rethinking Jewish Migration to and from the Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Michael Rom
Chair: Lior B. Sternfeld, Pennsylvania State University
Discussant: Shay Hazkani, University of Maryland, College Park
Michael Rom, University of British Columbia From the Land of the Pharaohs to the Land of the Future: Egyptian Jewish Immigration to Brazil, 1956-61
Roy Orel Shukrun, McGill University and University of Groningen Mediating Migration, Brokering Belonging: Rethinking the Alliance Israélite Universelle in Narratives of Moroccan Jewish Departure, 1943-1983
Angy Cohen, University of Calgary The Same Past, Dif ering Memories: Impact of Immigration Experiences on the Personal Memories of Spanish-Moroccan Jews in Israel and Argentina
Yair Wallach, SOAS, University of London Between Migrants and Colonisers: Rethinking Jewish European Migration to the Eastern Mediterranean
Orit Bashkin, University of Chicago Gendered Migrations: Iraqi Jewish Women and the Quest for Emancipation

I-14: Protest Politics and Social Transformation in the Late Ottoman Empire
Organized by Matthew Ghazarian
Discussant: Ugur Z. Peçė, Lehigh University
Matthew Ghazarian, Smith College Natural Allies and Natural Alibis: Famine, Drought, Discontent in the Ottoman East, 1906-08 Önder Eren Akgül, Kadir Has University “The Çiftlik Occupations”: Revolution and Counter-Revolution in the Ottoman Rural Geography, 1908-1913 Önder Eren Akgül, Kadir Has University “The Çiftlik Occupations”: Revolution and Counter-Revolution in the Ottoman Rural Geography, 1908-1913 Ellis Garey, New York University Popular Anti-Imperialism and Worker Protest in Late Ottoman Greater Syria, 1908-1914
Joan Chaker, Harvard University Muleteers as the Last Mile: Global Capitalism and the Energy Transition

I-15: Digital Technologies and the Transition in Arab Media and Arab Cultural Debates
Organized by Eid Mohamed
Chair: Eid Mohamed
Eid Mohamed, Qatar University Expertise and Authority: Contesting Media Priorities in the Arab World
Sahar Khamis, University of Maryland Discourses of Online Arab Resistance in the Diaspora in the Post-Arab Spring Era
Mai Zaki, American University of Sharjah The Rise of Arab Influencers: Identity and Language in Cyberspace
Mustafa Menshaway, Lancaster University The Death of A Media Discourse? Reframing the 1973 War in Egypt

I-16: Children, Family, and State: Evolving Conceptions of Childhood in the Ottoman Empire
Organized by Reda Rafei
Chair: Nada Moumtaz, University of Toronto
Reda Rafei, Texas Tech University Invisible Subjects: Children of the Empire Before the Age of Modernization
Ugur Akgınar, Graduate Center, CUNY Beyond Compassion: The Politics of Childcare in the Ottoman Empire
Madonna Aoun Ghazal, University of California, Los Angeles Marital Problems in the Shari’a Court in Fin de Siècle Beirut
Melis Sulos, Graduate Center, CUNY To Whom Belongs Children?

Christine B. Lindner, Murray State University Transnational Family Networks in Ottoman Syria: The Case of the DeForest Family

I-17: De-exceptionalizing the Arabian Peninsula: Pirates, Pilgrims, Archives
Chair: James Onley
James Onley, American University of Sharjah Gulf History and Colonial Archives in Britain and India
Bret Windhauser, Graduate Center, CUNY Prohibited Pilgrims: Smuggling to and through 20th Century Hajj
Lawson Pace, Central European University The Shipborne Shadow of Empire: Discourses of Piracy in British-Ottoman Relations in the Late Nineteenth-Century Persian Gulf
Saleh Alkhulaifi, University of Cambridge Genesis of the Gulf Emirate: Contemporary Conceptions of an Arab Polity, 1766-1810
Nicholas Roberts, Norwich University A Tolerated Terror: Raḥmah bin Ḫābir and the Forging of a Global Gulf

I-18: Ottoman Social and Environmental Engineering in the Long Nineteenth Century
Chair: Amal Cavender, George Washington University
Stephen Pascoe, University of New South Wales A Malthusian Middle East? Recasting Population through the Ottoman Age of Reform
Ayse Ozil, Sabanci University “Hans” of the Galata Port: International Trade and the Making of the Urban Landscape in Late Ottoman Istanbul
Sumeyye Kocaman, University of Oxford Transport Technologies and Pan-Ideologies: Late Ottoman Era Experience of Globalisation (1870-1908)
Serriye Akan, Binghamton University, SUNY An Example of Ottoman Biological Materialism? A Closer Look at Fikri Tevfik’s Hüceyre Hayatin Esası (Cell: The Essence of Life)
Sean Lawrence, West Virginia University A New Rumelia: Imperial Nostalgia and the Remaking of Anatolian Environments
Baris Tasyakan, University of California San Diego “The Exordium of Ottoman History Has Perished”: The Bursa Earthquake of 1855 and Reconstruction of a Tanzimat City

I-19: Redefining Subjectivities in the Maghreb: Memory, Performance, Politics
Chair: Volunteer needed
Kaoutar Ghilani, University of Cambridge Failing the Nation? The Rise and Fall of Arabization in Postcolonial Morroco
Idriss Jebri, Trinity College Dublin Learning to Overcome Revolutionary Defeat: Memoirs as Sites of Inter-Generational Transmission for the Tunisian Lef (1967-2011)
Elizabeth Matsushita, Reed College Making the Nation in Tunisia’s Post-Colonial Radio
Elizabeth Perego, Ohio State University Performing Masculinity in Algerian Theater of the Interwar Period, 1926-1939

I-20: Topics in Transnational Studies of the Middle East

Chair: Ohannes Geukjian, American University of Beirut

Erik Freas, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY Zionism and the Manner of Palestinian National Identity’s Formulation

Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State University Dry Aspirations: An Early Trajectory of US-Middle East Relations

Rami Ginat, Bar-Ilan University Conceptualizing Normalization: The Case of Egyptian-Israeli Relations

Simon Payaslian, Boston University Nasserism and the Armenian Exodus from Egypt and Syria

Limor Lavie, Bar-Ilan University Egyptian State Media in Opposition to the Government: Al-Ahram’s Political Orientation under Morsi as a Case Study

I-21: Social Transformations in the Gulf: Identity and Belonging

Chair: Lauren Clingan, Princeton University

Salma Serry, University of Toronto Migrant Menus: Placemaking and Belonging in Dubai’s Food History

Vorachai Israsena Pichitkanjanakul, Qatar University Royal Customs, Traditions, and the Role of the Female Royals: A Comparative Analysis of Qatar and Thailand

Philippe Thalmann, University of Cambridge An Ethnography of Social Transformation in Saudi Arabia

Hee Eun Kwon, University of California, San Diego More Than a National Dress: The Symbolic Context of Abaya

Joud Alkorani, Radboud University Nijmegen Belonging Beyond Citizenship: Relationality in Dubai

I-22: Gender Entanglements and Neoliberal Imperatives

Chair: Volunteer needed

Yapram Damla Yildirim, Yale University Femicide and Masculinist Restoration in Islamist Neoliberalism

Dina Najjar, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas Wheat Cooperatives in Morocco: Structure, Governance, Benefits and the Impact of COVID-19

Ola Galal, New York University Mediating Justice: Victimhood and Public Denunciation in Cases of Gender Violence in Tunisia

Mariam Omar, University of Ottawa How Does Donning a Hijab Influence Fieldwork on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Libya?

I-23: Death, Love and Protest in Iran

Chair: Volunteer needed

Hajar Ghorbani, University of Alberta Governing the Dead’s Territories: Tehran’s Beheshte-e Zahra Cemetery

Mojtaba Mahdavi, University of Alberta “What Are the Iranians Dreaming About?” The Zan, Zendegi, Azad Movement and Iran’s Post-Islamist Renaissance

David Siddhartha Patel, Harvard Kennedy School The Market for Ayatollahs: Competition and Religious Authority Between Najaf and Qom

Amirhossein Mahdavi, University of Connecticut and Ahmad Medadi, American University Impact of Economic Sanctions on Iran’s Teacher Movement

I-24: The Maghreb between the Local and Global: Tourism, Informal Economies, and the Politics of Sports

Chair: Volunteer needed

Kira J umet, Hamilton College Translating Sports Achievements into Diplomatic Results: The Political Impact of Morocco’s 2022 World Cup Success

Jie Gao, University of Arizona Casual Informality and Social Reproduction: The “Huan Qian” Practice in the Chinese Business Community in Morocco

Laurence Deschamps-Laporte, Université de Montréal Is it All About Peace? Internationalizing Morocco’s Regional Strategic Interests through the Abraham Accords

Dan Brown, College of Charleston My Government Did This: Comparing the Negative Case of Lebanon’s Antifragile Regime

I-25: Employment and Labor Relations in the MENA

Chair: Volunteer needed


Froilan Malit Jr, University of Glasgow Labor Migration and Knowledge Production -- Power Structures and Politics across the Gulf Cooperation Council States

Bethany Shockley, American University of Sharjah Employment Experiences and Expectations in the Rentier State: Evolving Economic and Social Relations

Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew University of Jerusalem On the Contribution of the Palestinian Authority to Formation of a New Middle Class in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, 1994-2017
I-26: Racializing Arab Cultures

Chair: Asmaa J isri, York University

May Kosba, Princeton University The Docile, the Vulgar, and the Beautiful: Depictions of Black, Egyptian, and White Women in the Afro-Arab and African Diasporic Novel

Pierre Folliet, Yale University Ideologies of Racial Capitalism: On Colonial Accumulation and the Algerian Literary Field

Wijdan Alsayegh, University of Michigan The Vast Veil: Black Arabs and Blackness in the Contemporary Arab Fiction

Reem Taşyakan, University of California, San Diego The Arab-American Polyphonic Novel's Indictment of the Post-9/11 Right-Wing Political Narrative

Mehraneh Ebrahimi, York University Literary Representations of Black Peoples in the Arab and Non-Arab Middle East Exemplified in Haji J abir’s novel “Black Foam”

I-27: Faith and Representation

Chair: Volunteer needed

Amira Abou-Taleb, University of Helsinki Resisting the Ugly; the Epistemology of Ḩasan (Beauty/Goodness) in the Qurʾan

Stephen Cúrto, Union College of Union County, NJ The Lord is One, but Cloaked in Many Garments: Situating the Multivalence of ʿAlī Centered Topoi Within the Gināns

Mohamed Mohamed, George Mason University Al-Azhar Re-imagined: The Coercive Reinstitutionalization of the Ulama’s Transnational Identity Under Nasser

I-28: Culture and Nationalism

Chair: Rania Mahmoud

Tristan Leperlier, The French National Centre for Scientific Research/Columbia University The Bridge and the Engineer: Translators of North African Literature in the USA

Ilana Webster-Kogen, SOAS, University of London Albert Memmi, Jewish Thinker

Seerwan Hariry, Georgetown University Qatar Shouting Loudly: Reflections on Linguistic Smear Campaign Against the Use of Kurdish Language in the Ottoman Empire from A Historical and Literary Perspective

Rania Mahmoud, University of Arkansas Redeemed by the Nation

Sadam Issa, Michigan State University Stigmatizing Portrayals of Former President Donald Trump in Arabic Political Cartoons: A Visual Framing of Trump’s Decision to Move the US Embassy to Jerusalem and his Middle East Peace Plan

Efkan Oguz, Queen’s University at Kingston De-Heritagization as a Coercive Practice in Heritage Diplomacy: A Study of Heritage Contestations in Turkey

WORKSHOP

I-29: MESA’s Publications Workshop

Heather Ferguson (RoMES Editor) and Joel Gordon (IJ MES Editor) will discuss the respective publishing agendas, review procedures and potential keys to success for the two journals published under MESA auspices. Special attention will be devoted to authors seeking their first peer reviewed publications.

Organized by MESA’s Publications Committee

Chair: Senem Aslan, Bates College

Heather Ferguson, Claremont McKenna College

Joel Gordon, University of Arkansas
SESSION II 5:30 - 7:30 PM

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SESSION II 5:30 - 7:30 PM

ROUNDTABLE

II-1: Dynamics of Disruption: Ethnographic Practice in Contemporary Turkey

Organized by Eric Schoon

Chair/Discussant: Eric Schoon, Ohio State University

Anoush Tamar Suni, Northwestern University
Nihal Kayali, University of California, Los Angeles
Danielle Schoon, Ohio State University
Seda Saluk, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Gokhan Mulayim, Boston University

ROUNDTABLE

II-2: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the Middle East: Knowledge Production in the Contemporary Moment

Organized by Zeina Zaatari

Chair: Zeina Zaatari, University of Illinois at Chicago

Kirsten Scheid, American University of Beirut
Cortney Hughes Rinker, George Mason University
Shahrzad Mojab, University of Toronto
Rania Maktabi, Østfold University College Norway
Hanadi Al-Samman, University of Virginia

ROUNDTABLE

II-3: Arabic Glitch: On the Negotiation of Digital Space for Hegemony and Resistance

Organized by Adel Iskandar

Chair: Bassam Haddad, George Mason University

Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser University
Vj Um Amel, University of California, Santa Barbara
Alexandra J Juhasz, Brooklyn College, CUNY
Mohamed Elshahed, New York University

ROUNDTABLE

II-4: Pedagogies of Genocide: Critical and Comparative Approaches to Mass Atrocity and Political Violence in the Middle East

Organized by Erdag Goknar, Hulya Adak, and Melanie Tanielian

Erdag Goknar, Duke University
Helen Makhdoumian, Vanderbilt University
David Kazanjian, University of Pennsylvania

ROUNDTABLE

II-5: Reassembling the Pieces: Settler Colonialism and the Reconception of Palestinian Health

Organized by Weeam Hammoudeh

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Weeam Hammoudeh, Birzeit University
David Mills, Harvard School of Public Health
Yara Asi, University of Central Florida
Bram Wispelwey, Harvard Medical School
Osama Tanous, Harvard School of Public Health

II-6: The Politics of Reproduction in the MENA—Birth, Midwifery, Illegal Mothers, and Abandoned Children

Organized by Ellen Amster

Chair: Soha Bayoumi, Johns Hopkins University

Ellen Amster, McMaster University
The Muslim Midwife: A Politics of Birth, Obstetrics, and Women’s Agency in Colonial and Postcolonial Morocco
Ginger Feather, University of Kansas
Living on the Margins of Intersectional Gendered Legal Discrimination: a Comparative Case Study of Morocco and Tunisia
Beth Baron, City College and Graduate Center, CUNY
Hard Labors: The Body as an Archive
Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, University of Pennsylvania
Abandonment and Neglect: Children, Natural Disasters, and Survival in Iran

II-7: Visual and Aural Histories of (De)Colonization in North Africa

Organized by Lacy Murphy

Sponsored by American Institute of Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: Lacy Murphy, Washington University in St. Louis
Daniel Coslett, Drexel University
Modernity, Identity, and the Architecture of Postcolonial Tourism in Downtown Tunis

Sheyda Aisha Khaymaz, The University of Texas at Austin
Theorizing Tinariwen: Desert as a Decolonial Tool in Kel Tamashq Imagination

Katarzyna Falecka, Newcastle University
The Afterlives of Images from the Algerian War of Independence

Adel Ben Bella, Brown University
Vision(s) of Algeria in the Making: Liberating Multiplicities in the Photography of Mohamed Kouaci

II-8: The Rojava Experiment in Post-Conflict Northern Syria
Organized by Mustafa Kemal Topal
Chair: Gunes Murat Tezcur, Arizona State University

Mustafa Kemal Topal, University of Central Florida
Kurdish Women’s Success in Rojava

Anna Rebrii, Binghamton University, SUNY
Commoning the Justice System in North East Syria

Marcin Skupinski, University of Warsaw
Nurturing Life and Propelling the Revolution: Water, Oil and Radical Politics in North and East Syria

II-9: The Shatat and the Literary Imagination
Organized by Keith Feldman
Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association (AASA)

Keith Feldman, University of California, Berkeley
The Shatat, Form, and Minoritarian知

Amanda Batarseh, University of California, San Diego
Place & Movement: Developing a Radical Reading Practice in Palestinian/Palestinian-American Literature

Rana Sharif, University of California, Riverside
Technomediated Poetics and Digital Storytelling: Palestinian Embodied Subjectivities and the Palestine Writes Literature Festival

Benjamin Schreier, Pennsylvania State University
Palestine and the History of Arab American Literature

II-10: The Yemeni Crisis: Opportunities and Challenges for Peace
Organized by Khaled Al-Hammadi
Organized by Mokha Center for Strategic Studies

Chairs: Khaled Al-Hammadi, Ryerson University and Ateq Khadher Al-Garbi

Ateq Al-Khadher Al-Garbi, Mokha Center for Strategic Studies
Yemen Requirements for Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding in Yemen

Najeeb Ghanem, Independent Political Obstacles and Future of Peace Building in Yemen

Huda Mukbil, University of Ottawa
International Policy Orientations in Yemen Crises

Khatab Alrawhani, London School of Economics and Political Science
The Role of Media in Yemen’s War: An Analysis of Its Impact and Future Recommendations

Dheya Al-saeedi, Mokha Research Institute
The Complex Relationship between Yemeni Tribes and the Modern State: A Historical Analysis of State-Construction and State-Destruction

II-11: Environmental Crisis and Political Movements in MENA & the Indian Ocean World
Organized by Wilson Chacko Jacob

Wilson Chacko Jacob, Concordia University
The Sayyid vs El Niño: Dhofar and the Indian Ocean World, 1875-1879

Zozan Pehlivan, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
The Sheikh Ubeydullah Rebellion: A Political Uprising during the High Days of Famine in Kurdistan

Conor Kilroy, Concordia University
The Voices of Mosul’s “Marsh People”: An Environmental History of Oil Exploration and Building the “Northwest Passage” to India in Late-Nineteenth-Century Iraq

II-12: Under the Hammer: Trafficking, Trading, and Salvaging the Middle Eastern and North African Written Heritage
Organized by Cecilia Palombo and Sabine Schmidtke

Cecilia Palombo, University of Chicago
Manuscripts in the Art Market and in Scholarship: A Symbiotic Relationship

Chair: Sabine Schmidtke
Valentina Sagaria Rossi, Università degli studi Tor Vergata Different Sources, Shared Fortunes: The Collection of Folios from Arabic and Persian Manuscripts in the National Museum of Oriental Art (Rome)

Josh Mugler, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library Manuscript Collection and Digitization in Post-ISIS Mosul

Sabine Schmidtke, Institute for Advanced Study Lost Treasures: Medieval Arabic Manuscripts of Iraqi Provenance in Private Hands

Luise Loges, University of Glasgow Studying Cuneiform in Times of Conflict - A Scholar’s Dilemma

II-13: Baha’i History, Texts, and Contexts

Organized by Mina Yazdani, Zackery Heern, and Omid Ghaemmaghami

Chair/Discussant: Farzin Vejdani, Toronto Metropolitan University

Zackery Heern, Idaho State University Islam in the Writings of Bahā’u’llāh

Saghar Sadeghian, Willamette University The Role of the Babi/Baha’i Movement in Empowering Women in Qajar Iran

Alyssa Gabbay, University of North Carolina at Greensboro Around Iran in 400 Days: Heshmat Moayyad’s Yad-e Yaran

Omid Ghaemmaghami, Binghamton University, SUNY The Writing and Early Promulgation of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas

Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky University The Anti-Baha’i Pogrom of 1903: The Prince, the Prime Minister, and the Clerics

II-14: Reflections on Palestine Advocacy in Canada

Organized by Jeremy Wildeman

Chair: Jeremy Wildeman, Carleton University

Discussant: Nadia Abu-Zahra, University of Ottawa

Yasmeen Abu-Laban, University of Alberta and Abigail Bakan, University of Toronto Anti-Palestinian Racism, Antisemitism and Anti-racism: Towards an Analytic of Solidarity as Praxis

Maurice J r. M. Labelle, University of Saskatchewan Re-presenting Palestine: Sami Hadawi and Palestinian Decolonization in Canada

Mira Sucharov, Carleton University Canada’s Israel Lobby and the Palestinians

Emily Regan Wills, University of Ottawa Palestinian Organizations in Ottawa: Understanding Communities in Practice

Rachad Antonius, University of Quebec at Montreal Palestinian Advocacy in Canada: Evolution and External Factors of Success

II-15: Taking It Over: Civil Servants and Informal Agents as (Inter)faces of the Everyday State

Organized by Marie Vannetzel and Giedre Sabasevičiute

Marie Vannetzel, National Center for Scientific Research Baking It Work! Gambits and Ethics of the Subsidized Bakers in Egypt

Prunelle Aymé, Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies) Building Bridges: Women between Local Party Branches and Municipal Welfare Ofices in Turkey Under J DP’s Rule

Giedre Sabasevičiute, Czech Academy of Sciences “Writers, Not Civil Servants”: Running Cultural Palaces in Cairo

Sahar Aurore Saednia, Institut français du Proche-Orient Fragmented Public Action, Local Policy Intermediaries and the Authoritarian State Effect in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Assia Boutaleb, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne “The King is Ours Too”: Moroccan Public Hospital Administrators Face the Test of RAMED

II-16: Translation as Archive: Documenting Cross-Cultural Contact in Middle Eastern and Eastern Mediterranean Histories

Organized by Erdem Idil and Berkay Uluç

Chair: E. Natalie Rothman, University of Toronto Scarborough

Erdem Idil, University of Toronto Translating the Archive, Archiving the Translator: Everyday Histories of Venetian Dragomans in Early Modern Istanbul

Berkay Uluç, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Translingual Registers of Ottoman Modernity

Okcan Yıldırım Tur, Free University of Berlin Making the Ottoman State Comprehensible to all: Translating and Vernacularising the Ottoman Turkish Parlance

Thomas Alexander Sinclair, University of Cyprus The Sources for Mahmut Efendi’s History of Athens
II-17: Art, Performance, and Power in Modern Egypt
Organized by Carmen M.K. Gitre
Chair/Discussant: Margaret Litvin, Boston University
Carmen M.K. Gitre, Virginia Polytechnic Institute France, Britain, and Cultural Control of Interwar Egypt
Aliaa Dawoud, Graduate Center, CUNY How the Musalsal ‘Haret El Yahoud’ Was an Early Indication of Sisi’s Foreign Policy
Jillian Campana, American University in Cairo Exploring the Attitudes about/of Sexual Harassment and Assault in Egypt through Performance

II-18: North Africa and the Balkans: Towards A Connected History of Two Ottoman Regions
Organized by Jovo Miladinovic
Chair: Lale Can, City College of New York, CUNY
Discussant: Amy Singer, Brandeis University
Jovo Miladinovic, University of Konstanz A Trans-Adriatic Story of Ulcinj: Negotiating Maritoriality in the 18th Century Mediterranean through the Balkan-Maghreb Connections
M’Hamed Oualdi, Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies) A Maritime Road from Venice to the Balkans and Tripoli: Exploring New Connections across the Mediterranean during the Second Half of the 18th Century
Peter Kitlas, New York University Abu Dhabi From Tercüman in North Africa to Consuls in Istanbul: Triangulating Imperial Knowledge Production across the 18th Century Mediterranean

II-19: MENA as Carceral States II
Organized by Walaa Quisay and Smadar Ben-Natan
Chair/Discussant: Walaa Quisay, University of Edinburgh
Saif Alislam Eid, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies Deconstructing the Authoritarian Policies in Egyptian Prisons af er 2013: Implementing on Education
Enis Demirer, University of Toronto Erotics of Survival: Queer Experiences of Detention at Sansaryan Inn
Abdullah Alaoudh, George Washington University Incarceration Literature in Saudi Arabia in Post 2011

II-20: Contested Histories of (Ottoman) Slavery and Race in Turkey
Organized by Ezgi Guner, Ezgi Cakmak, and Aysegul Kayagil
Sponsored by Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA)
Discussant: Mostafa Minawi, Cornell University
Chair: Ipek Kocaömer Yosmaoglu, Northwestern University
Ezgi Guner, University of Edinburgh Heritage through Negation: Atlantic Slavery, and the Moral Economy of Neo-Ottomanism in Turkey
Ezgi Cakmak, Rutgers University-Newark “Real Slaves” of the Empire: Entangled Histories of Africanness and Slavery in the Late Ottoman Empire
Aysegul Kayagil, New School for Social Research Ghosts of Ottoman Slavery: Race in the Making of Hegemonic Turkishness
Baki Tezcan, University of California, Davis Racialization at the Ottoman Court: Eunuchs and their Distinctive Careers

II-21: New Horizons in the 21st Century Gulf’s Cultural Production
Organized by Thomas Fibiger
Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus University Religion-as-Civilization in Global Gulf Museums: The Exhibition Narrative at the Louvre Abu Dhabi
Thabiti Willis, Carleton College Africa, Music, and Heritage in the Gulf
Fergus Reoch, Barker Langham Al-Mirwiyat al-‘Arabiyya fi Matahif al-J azira (Arabian Narratives in Arabian Museums)
II-22: Politics of Urban Reconstruction in Syria and Turkey

Organized by Najib B. Hourani

Sponsored by Middle East Research and Information Project

Chair: Najib B. Hourani

Najib B. Hourani, Michigan State University Alternative Urban Imaginaries and the Reconstruction of Syrian Cities
Giulia Annalinda Neglia, Polytechnic University of Bari Landscape Strategies for Urban Recovery in the Wake of Traumatic Events
Anas Soufan, Harvard University Rebuilding Syrian Cities: Heritage as Human Right
Tuba Inal Cekic, Hertie School Berlin A Sui Generis Law to Overcome All Obstacles in Urban Transformation

II-23: Conceptualizing the Social in the Late and Post-Ottoman World

Organized by Ziad Dallal, Nader Atassi, and Ali M. Ugurlu

Ali M. Ugurlu, Columbia University Freedom Quest: Kemal, Hassun and the Normative Grounds of Critique in the Ottoman 19th Century
Nader Atassi, Columbia University Arabs, Young Turks, and the Making of a Syrian National Economy in the Early Twentieth Century
Ziad Dallal, Bard College Civilized Communities and The Logic of (In)Commensurability
Bengisu Zeynep Ertugrul, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin Categorizing the Social World in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey

II-24: State Power and Social Order in the Early Modern Era

Chair: Mark L. Stein, Muhlenberg College

Yuxuan Cai, University of Cambridge Organizing the Coastal Defenses around Thessaly and Central Greece in the Late 15th and Early 16th Centuries
Safa Hamzeh, University of California, Los Angeles Supervening Crises and Social Formation in Early Modern Ottoman Aleppo, 1697 - 1786

II-25: Discourses and Practices of Scientific Development in the Twentieth Century

Chair: Volunteer needed

Soheila Ghaziri, Université de Montréal To Beirut and Back: Medical Pathways and Circulating Physicians in Interwar Levant
Saghar Bozorgi, University of Texas at Austin “Know Yourself”: Discourses on Health and Mental Health between 1940 and 1960 in Iran
Robert Bell, New York University A Pioneering Editor and the Angel of Sarbandan: Two Iranian Women’s Rural Development Strategies during the 1950s and 1960s
Mattin Biglari, SOAS, University of London The ‘Gift of Skill’: Rural Development, Peasant Subjectivity and the Near East Foundation in Iran
Arthur Zárate, San Jose State University What is Secular Arab Nationalism? Secularity, Statism, and the Social Imaginary in Nasser’s Egypt

II-26: Science, Prophecy, and the Occult from the 10th to 12th Centuries

Chair: John Walbridge, Indiana University Bloomington

Alex Matthews, University of Chicago A Fāṭimid Version of the Occult Sciences
Ahmed Tahir Nur, Yale University Avicenna’s “Subtle Epistle” on the Classification of the Sciences: A Success Story
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**II-27: Iran: Political Conflict and Regional Power**  
Chair: **A.R. Joyce**, Middle East Policy Council

*Kaveh Niazi*, Independent Scholar  
*Science Across Barriers of Space, Time, and Language: The Remarkable Case of Qaṭṭān Marwazi’s Kayhān Shinākhht*

*Gamze Akbaş*, Ohio State University  
*The Secrets of Women: Female Agency in ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Shayzarī’s 12th Century Treatise on Sexual Health*

**II-28: Borders and Borderlands: The New Politics of the Middle East**  
Chair: **James Clark**, University of Nebraska Omaha

*Wassim Mroue*, University of Edinburgh  
*The Drivers of Intra-sect Relations in Civil Wars: A Close Look at the Emergence of the AMAL-Hezbollah Alliance*

*Annie Tracy Samuel*, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
*Iran’s Militaries and the Iran-Iraq War: Continuity and Change in U.S.-Iran Nuclear Negotiations (1969–1978)*

*Reyhaneh Javadi*, University of Alberta  
*Codification of Sharia and Women’s Rights in Iran: A Narration of Legal Exclusion and Resistance*

*Carl Forsberg*, Air War College  
*The Specter of the Left: The US and the Iranian Revolution*

**II-29: Debating Islamic Law: Imams, Intellectuals, and Salafists**  
Chair: Volunteer needed

*Ahmed Achrati*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
*Transcendence in the Qur’an and Ambiguities in the Tawhidic Discourses*

*Massimo Ramaioli*, Al-Akhawayn University  
*Islamic Gramscian Intellectuals: ‘Ulama, New Religious Intellectuals and the Dynamics of Political Modernity*

*Ali Ekber Cinar*, McGill University  
*Is “Islamic Law” Really Islamic “Law”? Reading Islamic Legal Tradition through the Lens of Hartian Concept of Law*

*Gaber Mohamed*, Al-Azhar University  
*Interrogating Two Concepts in Islamic Criminal Jurisprudence: Victim’s Family vs. Of ender’s Family*

*Dragos Stoica*, Concordia University  
*What Does Harlem Have to Do With Cairo? A Comparison between Malcolm X’s and Sayyid Qutb’s Islamic Totalism*

**II-30: Institutions and Actors in Diverse Polities**  
Chair: Volunteer needed

*Salman Rafi Sheikh*, Lahore University of Management Sciences  
*Changing Majoritarian Constitutions: Punjab and the Politics of the 18th Amendment in Pakistan*

*Omar Sadr*, University of Pittsburgh  
*Political Order, Religion, and Pluralism in Afghanistan*

*Aaron Eldridge*, University of Toronto  
*Sectarianism Interrupted: Rum Orthodox Christian Monasticism and Islam in Lebanon*

*Kelly Stedem*, Bucknell University  
*Sermons & Politics: The Role of Religious Institutions in Political Messaging*

*Kallan Larsen*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*Group Dynamics, Religious Diversity, and Political Tolerance in Lebanon*

**II-31: Understanding Anti-Black and Anti-Arab Racism from a Comparative Perspective**  
Chair: Volunteer needed

*Canan Sahin*, Queen’s University at Kingston  
*Racialized Fractures among Urban Surplus Populations: Hierarchy of Exploitation among Syrians, Kurds and the Poor Turks in West Istanbul*

*Sahar Sadeghi*, Muhlenberg College  
*“Good Foreigners” and the Persistence of Racial Nationalism*

*Noura Salahaldeen*, University of Vienna  
*Crossing the Bridge: Becomings of the African Community of Jerusalem beyond al-Quds*

*Dalal Daoud*, Queen’s University  
*Nation-building and Afro-Arabs in Saudi Arabia*
SESSION III 8:30 - 10:30 AM

ROUNDTABLE
III-1: Teaching 9/11 and the Global War on Terror at the Undergraduate Level
Organized by Sarah Ghabrial
Organized by MESA's Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)
Sarah Ghabrial, Concordia University
Pheroze Unwalla, University of British Columbia
Jay Shelat, Ursinus College
Mariam Durrani, American University
Shaimaa Hassan, University of East London

ROUNDTABLE
III-2: The October 1973 War at 50: Legacies of Regional Militarization, Oil Politics, and US Hegemony at the Dawn of Neoliberalism
Organized by Jacob A. Mundy
Sponsored by Middle East Report/Middle East Reporting and Information Project (MERIP)
Chair: Jacob A. Mundy
Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul University
Christopher Dietrich, Fordham University
Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate University

ROUNDTABLE
III-3: Loss, Recovery, and Community Engagement: Archiving the MENA
Organized by Leila Zonouzi
Chair: Leila Zonouzi, University of California, Santa Barbara
Amy Fallas, University of California, Santa Barbara
Michael Akladios, University of Toronto
Mohamed Elshahed, New York University
Farida Makar, University of Oxford

ROUNDTABLE
III-4: Digital Humanities: Creating Big Data Sets and Ensuring Their Reuse into the Future
Organized by Mathew Barber
Organized under the auspices of The Centre for Digital Humanities at Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations
Chair: Leif Stenberg, Aga Khan University
Mathew Barber, Aga Khan University
Jonathon Parkes Allen, University of Maryland, College Park
Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan University
Irene Kirchner, Georgetown University
Mai Zaki, American University of Sharjah
Intisar Rabb, Harvard Law School

ROUNDTABLE
III-5: Officially Silenced Narratives in Republican Turkey
Organized by Umit Kurt
Chair: Ipek Kocaömer Yosmaoglu, Northwestern University
Baris Unlu, University of Virginia
Baki Tezcan, University of California, Davis
Yavuz Kose, University of Vienna
Fatma Müge Göçek, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

ROUNDTABLE
III-6: Packrats and Hoarders of Arabic Literature
Organized by Samuel England
Chair: Samuel England
Adam Talib, American University in Cairo Arabic Poetry Media: A History of Collecting and Collection
Samuel England, University of Wisconsin-Madison Four Lines, 33 rpm: Ruba‘iyyat in Arabic Public Spheres
Emily Drumsta, The University of Texas at Austin A New Register of the Arabs: Poetry as Ur-Science and Diwan in Ahmad Zaki Abushady’s al-Shafaq al-Baki (1926)
Yasmine Ramadan, University of Iowa Blood, Filth, and Excretions: The Abject in Contemporary Egyptian Fiction
III-7: Alternative Sovereignties
Organized by Omar Shehabi

Discussant: Asli Bali

Omar Shehabi, Yale Law School From Crémieux to Gerezim: Performative, Constitutive and Disfiguring Citizenship in the Contested Spaces of the Middle East and North Africa

Lily Hindy, University of California, Los Angeles “Selling” the Kurdish Plight in Iraq to an International Audience: The Messaging of Kurdish Diaspora Organizations after the Human Rights Revolution (1975-2005)

Kian Tajbakhsh, Columbia University Decentralization, Sovereignty and Democratization under the Islamic Republic of Iran: Do Local Electoral and Civic Institutions Offer Interstitial Spaces for Building Practices of Self-Rule?

Asli Bali, Yale Law School Rethinking Self-Determination: Experiments with Confederatism in the MENA Region

David Mednicoff, University of Massachusetts Amherst Syrian Refugee Governance at the Intersection of Transnational and Local Actors: Lessons for Contested Political Spaces of the MENA?

III-8: Representing Revolution, Revolutionary Representations: Visual Activism about Palestine from the 1960s to the Digital Age
Organized by Nadia G. Yaqub

Nadia G. Yaqub, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Refracted Solidarity: Palestine in Mid-Twentieth Century Arab Cinema

Umayyah Cable, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Producing Education, Circulating Solidarity: The Association of Arab American University Graduates’ Educational Filmstrips of the 1970s

Claire Begbie, Concordia University Representing the Palestinian Struggle in Post-Camp David Egypt: Neoliberalism and Transnational Solidarity Cinema

Dina Matar, SOAS, University of London Poster Art: Spaces of Appearance

Meryem Kamil, University of California Irvine Cardboard Drones and Balloon Ballistics: Tactical Media in the 2018 Great March of Return

III-9: “Wake Work” and Revolution: Dilemmas of Mourning, Memory, and Contested Futures
Organized by Alice Wilson

Chair: Eray Çaylı, University of Hamburg
Discussant: Sophie Chamas, SOAS, University of London

Alice Wilson, University of Sussex Unofficial Commemoration among Dhufar’s Former Revolutionaries

Charis Boutieri, King’s College London Diluted Afterlives of Revolution: Tunisia Militants and the Trappings of Liberal Translation

Huseyin Rasit, Ritsumeikan University Revolution, Imperialism, Geopolitics: Managing Precarity and Sustainability in Rojava’s Revolution

Marlene Schäfers, Utrecht University Digital Wake Work: On Forging Martyrial Immortality Online

III-10: Epics and Narratives in Medieval Turco-Persianate Culture
Organized by Colin Mitchell

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Colin Mitchell, Dalhousie University Davidic Distancing?: Old Exemplars and New Priorities in Early Safavid History

Kaveh Hemmat, Benedictine University Labor and Power in the Persian Epic Tradition and Its Intertexts

Nasrin Askari, University of Birmingham The Timeless Tales of the Mūnis-nāma as Mirrors for Princesses

Abolfazl Moshiri, University of Toronto The Mythical Sun: The Legacy of Shams-i Tabrīzī in the Mevlevi Hagiographies

III-11: The Caucasus within the Ottoman World
Organized by Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky

Chair/Discussant: Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences

Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, University of California, Santa Barbara North Caucasian Refugee Resettlement in the Late Ottoman Empire

Tuna Basibek, University of Washington, Seattle The Slave Trade on the Russian-Ottoman Border in the Caucasus, 1800-1860

Murat Yasar, SUNY Oswego 16th-century Ottoman Territory- and Subject-Making Strategies in the Northwestern Caucasus
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III-12: Commodified Ruins & Broken Promises: Development, Violence and Contestation in the Age of Tourism
Organized by Idun Hauge & Laith Shakir
Chair/Discussant: Waleed Hazbun, University of Alabama

Idun Hauge, Georgetown University Promising Baalbek: Tourism, Development & Anxieties in the Town of Baalbek, 1943-1975
Juan Ramirez, Georgetown University Tourism in Tunisia after Fifty Years of French Occupation: French Colonial Capitalism in Interwar Tunisia
Laith Shakir, New York University Iraqi Antiquities and Tourism Development, 1921-1932
Elisa Wynne-Hughes, Cardiff University Neoliberal Tourism: Difference, Desire and Dispossession in Revolutionary Cairo

III-13: Negotiating Iranian Identity: Between Prescriptions & Subscriptions of Belonging
Organized by Mohammad R. Kalantari and Olivia Glombitza
Chair: Luciano Zaccara, Qatar University

Olivia Glombitza, Autonomous University of Barcelona Salam Farmandeh: Identity Prescription & Youth Mobilization in the Islamic Republic of Iran
Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown University Qatar State, Communal, and Individual Identities in Iran
Mohammad R. Kalantari, Royal Holloway, University of London Whither Iranian Religiousity: Being an Iranian in the Modern Era
Kristin Soraya Batmangelichi, University of Oslo Gilded Backdoors?: Purchasable Belonging for Iranians in Istanbul Post-2009

III-14: At the Edges of Lebanon: Communities and the Spatial Politics of Infrastructural Development
Organized by Diala Lteif and Zeead Yaghi
Chair/Discussant: Jens-Peter Hanssen, University of Toronto

Diala Lteif, University of Cambridge My Way or the Highway: On Infrastructure and Urban Policies in 1960s Beirut, Lebanon
Molly Oringer, University of California, Los Angeles Whose Jewish Saida?: On Absence, Memory, and the Legacy of the Jewish Community in Southern Lebanon
Zeead Yaghi, University of California, San Diego Rural Lebanon: On Land Dispossession, Development, and Infrastructure 1958-1970
Cynthia Kreichati, McGill University A Gift of the Litani: The Politics of Electricity in Lebanon

III-15: Slavery and Its Legacies in the Modern Arabic Novel
Organized by Ahmed Idrissi Alami

Caroline Seymour-Jorn, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Slavery, Identity and Memory in the Novels of Radwa Ashour and Samiha Khrais
Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue University Undoing the Burden of Blackness
Heather Porter Abu Deiab, McGill University History, Racism and Futurism in Laila Lalami’s The Moor’s Account

III-16: Over, Under, and Around the State: Accessing Social Services in Turkey
Organized by Nihal Kayali

Nihal Kayali, University of California, Los Angeles Temporary Rights and the Privatization of Refugee Healthcare Providers
Merve Erdilmen, McGill University Multi-Scale Approach to Queer Refugee Organizing: LGBTQI+ Refugee-Led Organizations in Turkey and Beyond
Author’s Name Withheld by Request Sibyan Mektebi in Istanbul, Turkey: Why Did the Islamic Preschools Emerge and Expand?

III-17: After the Armageddon: Ottoman Military, Intellectuals, and Press, 1918-1923
Organized by Yigit Akin and Veysel Simsek
Chair: Laila Parsons, McGill University

Vey sel Simsek, McGill University Demobilization of the Ottoman Army, 1918-1919
Yigit Akin, Ohio State University Post-War Peace, Popular Politics, and the “Ethnicization” of the Ottoman Public Sphere, 1918-1920

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Ari Sekeryan, Independent Scholar  
Imagining the End: Political Engagement of Armenian Intellectuals in Occupied Istanbul (1918-1922)

III-18: Scales of Migration: Knowledge Production in the Middle East and Its Global Linkages

Organized by Marjan Wardaki

Chair/Discussant: Stacy Fahrenthold, University of California, Davis

Marjan Wardaki, Yale University  
Medical Knowledge-Migrants in Islamicate Germany and the Birth of New Medical Centers

F. Walter Lorenz, University of North Georgia  
Mobilizing Agricultural Science: Migrants, Locals, and Olive Branches in Civilizing Late Ottoman Libya

Joshua Donovan, Boston College  
Migrant Memories: Orthodox Christian Accounts of Violence and Displacement During the 1860 “Events” in Damascus

III-19: In Honor of Franklin Lewis I: Ghazal Poetics

Organized by Samuel Hodgkin, Yale University

Chair: Jane Mikkelson, Yale University

Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh, University of Erfurt  
Transformation of the Soul in Mystical Islam: The Case of Jalal al-Din Rumi

Shaahin Pishbin, University of Chicago  
Divan: On the Importance of Ghazal #1

Paul E. Losensky, Indiana University Bloomington  
Can the Ghazal Ever be Read as Autobiography?: Toponyms in the Poetry of Sa’eb Tabrizi

Hajnalka Kovacs, Harvard University  
The Theme of the Mi’rāj in Bēdil’s Ghazals

III-20: Mobility, Movement, and Belonging Across Borders

Organized by Omer Shah

Omer Shah, Pomona College  
Optimizing Mecca: Islam, Infrastructure, and Logistics

A. George Bajalia, Wesleyan University  
Barzakh as Method: Waiting for the Right to Belong in Tangier, Morocco

Sumayya Kassamali, University of Toronto City of Exiles: Reframing “Migrant Labour” in Beirut, Lebanon

Hala Habib, Columbia University  
Reimaging Mourning in Afghanistan

III-21: Images in Islam: Past and Present

Organized by Ali Asgar Alibhai and Laura Thompson

Discussant: Christiane J. Gruber, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ali Asgar Alibhai, The University of Texas at Dallas  
Image-Making in Fatimid Society: An Interdisciplinary Discourse in Jurisprudence, Material Culture, and Social History

Laura Thompson, Harvard University  
Blasphemy Prosecutions in Tunisia: The Case of Al Abdellia and Nessma TV

Han Hsien Liew, Arizona State University  
Al-Māwardī’s Commentaries on the Anthropomorphic Qur’ānic Verses

Fayrouz Ibrahim, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design  
Reimagining Islamic Images: A Historical and Contemporary Analysis of Images in Islamic Politics and Art

III-22: Varieties of Slavery and Unfreedom in Medieval Islamic History

Organized by Philip Grant

Chair/Discussant: Rachel Schine, University of Maryland, College Park

Philip Grant, University of California, Irvine  
“What Is a “Slave Revolt”?: Comparative Perspectives on the Zanj Rebellion (255-269/869-883)

Brian J. Ulrich, Shippensburg University  
Portrayals of the Slave Trade in the Book of the Wonders of India

Elizabeth Urban, West Chester University  
Freedwomen in Early Islamic History

III-23: Colonization and Decolonization in Israel/Palestine

Organized by Ghassan E. El-Eid

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

Yara Nassar, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies  
Who Supports Hamas in Palestine? Public Political Perceptions of Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
Sebaah Hamad, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sumud: Palestinian Resistance and Place-Making
Aisha Mershani, Gettysburg College
Decolonizing Resistance: Stone Throwing and Palestine Solidarity Activism
Clayton Goodgame, Princeton University
The Return of Ideology: Religion and Social Theory in the Middle East

III-24: State, Citizenship, and Identities
Chair: Ohannes Geukjian, American University of Beirut
Ali Karimi, University of Calgary
Passport and Persecution: A History of Travel Permit in Afghanistan
Lara Christmann, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
“Whatever We Are Doing Here in Oman Goes Back to the Family”: Spatial Practices and Situational Identity of Young Urban Omanis in Muscat
Khachig Tololyan, Wesleyan University
Westphalia and af er Foucault: Stateless Power in the Armenian Diaspora
Mehdi Faraji, New York University
Making a Pious-Revolutionary Public: The Rise and Fall of the Friday Prayer in Postrevolutionary Iran
Esha Momeni, University of California, Los Angeles
Hijab Propaganda and the Reinforcement of Hostile Masculinity in Post-revolutionary Iran
Youssef Yacoubi, Seton Hall University
The “Retardation” of Unitarian Postcoloniality in North Africa: Psycho-colonialism, Psycho-nationalism, and the Dismemberment of the Arab Maghreb Union.

III-25: Queer Politics and Subjectivities
Chair: Jonathan Norris, Boston University
Ali Yildirim, University of Minnesota
Twin Cities Deviant Attachments: An Argument on Minoritization, Political Dissent, Aleviness, and Queerness in Turkey
Saf o Papatponentopoulou, University of Arizona
Excavating (Post-)Ottoman Queer Subject Formation in Greece and Turkey: The Relationship between Lubunca and Kaliarnta
Jamie Pelling, Princeton University
Sex and the City: Sexual Fantasy in 1920s Istanbul
Paraska Tolan-Szkilnik, Cornell University
Mithlya: Histories of Queer People in the 2011 Tunisian Revolution
Hatim Rachdi, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
“Iilaa Mataa”: Cis-heteronormativity and The Everyday Production of “The Carceral Continuum”

III-26: Democratic Backsliding in Tunisia
Chair: Volunteer needed
Mahmoud Tharwat El Hewaig, Georgetown University
The Roots of the Predetermined Trajectory of the Tunisian Revolution
Youssef Chouhoud, Christopher Newport University
Political Tolerance and Democratic Backsliding in Tunisia
Fabrizio Leonardo Cuccu, Dublin City University and Alessandra Bonci, Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut
Religion and Security in Democratizing Tunisia: Re-enacting Surveillance through Religious Narratives and Gendered Dynamics
Ahmed Elbasyouny, Indiana University Bloomington
Tunisia’s Presidential Coup: Lessons for Constitutional Design
Moutaa Amine El Waer, University of Montreal
Everyday Statecraft in Context of Political Crisis: Insights from the Tunisian University

III-27: Geopolitics and the Struggle for the Middle East: The U.S., Russia and China
Chair: Volunteer needed
Rasha Altameemi, University of North Texas
Mustafa Caner, Sakarya University
How China Has Challenged the Us’ Hegemonic Position in the Middle East
Matt Buehler, University of Tennessee
The Lost Colony: American Power in Morocco
Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bypassing Islam: War in Ukraine and a New Discourse of Civilizational Clash

III-28: Theorizing Islamism(s): New Methods and Perspectives
Chair: Volunteer needed
Humeyra Biricik, University of Oxford
Re-evaluating the Inclusion-Moderation Hypothesis: Evidence from Erdogan’s Evolving Rhetoric
Sarah Fischer, Marymount University
Attracting Women Voters to Islamist Parties: What Policies Produce Party Support?
Martin Kear, University of Sydney
Battling to Remain in Politics - Understanding Hamas’s Hybrid Resistance
Suhyla Behiry, Georgetown University
The Muslim Brotherhood in Exile: Party Cleavages and Political Adaptation
III-29: Climate Change, The Environment, and Natural Disasters

Chair: Reza Sohrabi, Carleton University

Nimah Mazaheri, Tufts University Environmental Quality and Public Perceptions in the Middle East: Survey Evidence about Water, Air, and Pollution
Lauren Baker, Northwestern University Performing and Contesting Green Leadership: The Politics of Trash at COP27
Andreas Rechkemmer, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Crises, Climate Change, and Social Justice - Policy Implications for the Middle East
Stephen P. Gasteyer, Michigan State University Desalting Hydro-Modernity: Climate Change, Water Scarcity, and the (Neo)Colonial Imaginaries of Water Development
Martin Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark Analyzing a Paradox: How High Oil Prices Have Become a Driver for the Green Transition in the Gulf Countries
Ahmet Öztürk, Independent Reassessing Dams and Transboundary River Development Projects in the Context of Natural Disasters: The Challenges and Setbacks After the Recent Earthquakes in the Southern Türkiye

III-30: Women’s Work in the Middle East and Beyond: Critical Juncures

Organized by Rasmieyh Abdelnabi

Chair/Discussant: Najwa Adra, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Rasmieyh Abdelnabi, George Mason University Palestinian Women Embroiders: Embodying Palestinian Indigenous Sovereignty
Sarah Sabban, American University of Beirut Crafting National Heritage: Women’s Associations and the Promotion of Arts and Crafts in French Mandate Lebanon
Wafaa Hasan, University of Toronto Anti-Palestinian Gendered and Racial Childism/Motherhoods in the Toronto Public School System
Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore College Between the Visible and Invisible: Ethics of Care, Gender, and Class in Urban Egypt
SPECIAL SESSION
IV-1: Rewriting Histories and Narratives from the Arab Region: Alternative Archives, Marginalized Voices

While formal research and knowledge production institutions in the Arab region continue to suffer from a dismal array of constraints and shortcomings, there is an explosion of initiatives interrogating, critiquing and providing alternatives to longstanding narratives of nationalism, identity, political structures and lifeworlds. Mostly organized through para-institutional and interstitial modalities, often ephemeral and short-lived, these initiatives create new archives, highlight marginalized voices and construct alternative narratives and visions of the future. This roundtable will examine issues such as methodological nationalism, revolutionary knowledge, digital activism and domestic archives. The importance of these efforts from the Arab region is in the production of new insights and interpretations of pasts, presents and futures but also as a critique of existing formal institutions of knowledge production in the region.

Organized by Seteney Shami
on behalf of the Arab Council for the Social Sciences and MESA

Chairs: Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences and Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington University
Mohammed A. Bamyeh, University of Pittsburgh
Sami Hermez, Northwestern University in Qatar
Hana Sleiman, University of Edinburgh
Reem Joudi, Arab Council for the Social Sciences

ROUNDTABLE
IV-2: Lebanese Studies: Current Stakes, Future Possibilities, and Ethical Commitments

Organized by Andrew Arsan
Organized under the auspices of the Centre for Lebanese Studies

Chair: Andrew Arsan
Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge
Owain Lawson, University of Toronto
Diala Lteif, University of Cambridge

Nadya J. Sbaiti, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
Munira Khayyat, American University in Cairo
Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Bard College

ROUNDTABLE
IV-3: Queer/Trans Critique of Middle East Studies

Organized by Asli Zengin

Chair: Asli Zengin, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey
Elif Sari, University of British Columbia
Sima Shakhsari, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Razan Ghazzawi, Oregon State University
Sophie Chamas, SOAS, University of London

ROUNDTABLE
IV-4: Histories of Capitalism and Race in the Middle East and Indian Ocean

Organized by Mattin Biglari, Hengameh Ziai, and Sarah El-Kazaz

Chairs: Mattin Biglari, SOAS, University of London, Hengameh Ziai, SOAS, University of London, and Sarah El-Kazaz, SOAS, University of London
Timothy Mitchell, Columbia University
Johan Mathew, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey
Nada Moustaz, University of Toronto
Fadzilah Yahaya, Yale University

ROUNDTABLE
IV-5: Collaborative Field Building in Amazigh/Berber Studies: Academia and Community in North Africa

Organized by Ellen Amster

Chair/Discussant: Ellen Amster
Ellen Amster, McMaster University
Manaal Alsabagh, McMaster University
Paul Silverstein, Reed College
Brahim El Guabli, Williams College
Katherine E. Hofman, Northwestern University
Nabil Boudraa, Oregon State University
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IV-6: Early Republican History
One Hundred Years after 1923
Organized by Hale Yılmaz

Chair: Hale Yılmaz

Hale Yılmaz, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Kyle Evered, Michigan State University
Roger A. Deal, University of South Carolina Aiken
G. Carole Woodall, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Ozge Calafato, University of Amsterdam
Senem Aslan, Bates College
Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State University

IV-7: The Decline of Rise: Re-examining the Ottoman Rise Paradigm
Organized by Amy Singer and Samet Budak

Chair: Gottfried Hagen, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Discussant: Cemal Kafadar, Harvard University

Amy Singer, Brandeis University The Case of Edirne: Behind the Scenes of the Rise Narrative
Patricia Blessing, Princeton University Architecture and Ottoman Rise: Away from the Sinan Paradigm
Samet Budak, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor An Alternative History of the Beginnings of the Ottoman Enterprise: Thinking Outside the Box of Official History
Dimitris Kastritsis, University of St. Andrews Imagining Ottoman World History in the Middle of the 15th Century CE
Linda T. Darling, University of Arizona What Was the Rise of the Ottoman Empire?

IV-8: Finding Meaning in 2 Billion Words of Arabic Books
Organized by Sarah Bowen Savant on behalf of The Centre for Digital Humanities at Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

Chair: Leif Stenberg, Aga Khan University

Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan University Did Ibn al-ʿAsākir (d. 571/1176) Use a Library to Create the Largest Pre-modern Book in Arabic?

Aslisho Qurboniev, Aga Khan University The Application of Stylometry to Premodern Arabic Texts: The Elusive Case of the Rasāʾīl Ikhwān al-Ṣafāʾ
Mathew Barber, Aga Khan University Chronicling Crisis in Pre-modern Arabic Texts: Formula Versus Description
Ryan Muther, Northeastern University Source Attribution Using Generative Language Models: A Case Study on Maqrizi
Robert Kevin Jacques, Indiana University Bloomington Reconstructing and Presenting the “Lost” Witnesses of Ibn Ishāq’s Sirah
Lorenz Nigst, Aga Khan University-ISMC, Centre for Digital Humanities Un-scatter the Field, Simplify the Search: Text Reuse and Pre-Modern Scholarly Tool-Building

IV-9: Middle Eastern Diaspora: US Multiethnic and Multiracial Collaborations
Organized by Kimberly W. Segall

Chair: Stan Thangaraj

Kimberly W. Segall, Seattle Pacific University/University of Washington Digital Solidarities of U.S. Muslim Women
Stan Thangaraj, Stonehill College Constantinople Cafe and Copper Binds: Kurds, Lebanese, and the Emergence of Butte, Montana
Candace Lukasik, Mississippi State University Geopolitical Reverberations: Sectarian Memory and the (Im)Possibilities of Arab American Studies
Joseph Hermiz, University of Chicago The United States v. Shmuil David: Racializing Assyrians in post-World War I America

IV-10: Popularizing Folklore, Folklorizing the Popular: Memory, Co-optation, and Commodification in Moroccan Music
Organized by Benjamin Jones

Benjamin Jones, Georgetown University Singing the Sahara: Claiming the Western Sahara in Popular Music
Cynthia Becker, Boston University Moroccan Cover Art: Marketing Popular Music in the 1970s and ’80s
Kendra Salois, American University Between Renewal and Extraction: Ghiwani Methodologies in Moroccan Heritage Pop
Said Graiouid, SIT Study Abroad Nass El-Ghiwane, Decoloniality, and “Resistant Imagination”
**IV-11: Materiality & Documentary Culture in the Early Islamic World**

Organized by **Kyle Longworth** and **Tobias Scheunchen**

Chair: **Fred M. Donner**, University of Chicago  
Discussant: **Cecilia Palombo**, University of Chicago  

**Kyle Longworth**, University of Chicago  
Monetary Liquidity & Political Propaganda: The Mint in Marv during the Second Islamic Civil War (62/681-73/692)  

**Tobias Scheunchen**, University of Chicago  
To Sue, or Not to Sue - Muslims and Christians Going to Court in Late Antique Egypt: The Documentary Evidence  

**Theresa Grabmaier**, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich  
The Life of the People in the Fayûm: A Network Analysis Approach to the Berlin Arabic Papyri Collection  

**Raashid Goyal**, Cornell University  
Turning Documents into History, and History into Documents: The Dhimma of God and His Messenger in the First Islamic Century

**IV-12: Energy, Rivalry, and Insecurity in the Middle East**

Organized by **Bruce Rutherford**

Chair: **Bruce Rutherford**  
Discussant: **Natalie Koch**, Syracuse University  

**Tobias Zumbraegel**, Heidelberg University  
The Technopolitics of Hydrogen: The Oil- and Gas-Exporting Gulf States’ Quest for Relevance in a Climate-Constrained World  

**Jeannie Sowers**, University of New Hampshire  
Territorial Fragmentation and the Targeting of Oil and Water Infrastructures in Libya  

**Bruce Rutherford**, Colgate University  
Managing the Rise of China in the Middle East: The Case of Egypt  

**Drew Kinney**, Syracuse University  
Calm amongst the Chaos: Jordanian Foreign Relations within a Region in Crisis

**IV-13: Demystifying the Middle East in the Undergraduate Classroom through Virtual Exchanges**

Organized by **Marcus Smith** on behalf of MESA's Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair/Discussant: **Melinda McClimans**

**Marcus Smith**, Lindenwood University  
Teaching Cultural Competency through Virtual Exchange Partnership with the University of Mosul  

**Danielle Schoon**, Ohio State University  
**Melinda McClimans**, Ohio State University, and **Suncem Kocer**, Koc University  
Virtual Education Abroad in Istanbul, Turkey: Utilizing the Principles and Practices of Collaborative Online International Learning  

**Maia Carter Hallward**, Kennesaw State University  
Engaging with the Other Online  

**Lamees Fadl**, The City University of New York  
Approach to Integrating Virtual Exchange Pedagogy in Arabic Language Classes: The Cases of COIL and GSACS Programs at CUNY  

**Gwyneth Talley**, American University in Cairo  
Meets Cairo – Exploring Cross-Cultural Diversities with Arab Society

**IV-14: Ecocritical Terrains: Rethinking Tamazghan and Middle Eastern Landscapes**

Organized by **Edwige Tamalet Talbayev**

Chair: **Edwige Tamalet Talbayev**

**Edwige Tamalet Talbayev**, Tulane University  
Elemental Borders: Reframing the Geophysical Maghreb  

**Ramyar Rossoukh**, Brandeis University  
Colonizing Mars in the Arabian Desert  

**Tracy Valcourt**, Independent Scholar  
“Pure Landscape” and Atmospheric Ambiguation: Picturing Deserts  

**Anna Levett**, Oberlin College  
Tunisia’s Post-Revolutionary Cinematic Landscapes  

**Matthew Brauer**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Earthquakes in Maghribi Literature: Land, Body, and Language in al-Ṭāhir Waṭṭār’s al-Zilzāl (The Earthquake)
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**IV-15: At the Intersection of Health and Gender in the Middle East in the Midst of Military, Economic and Natural Disasters**

Organized by **Livia Wick**

Chair: **Livia Wick**, American University of Beirut

**Aysecan Terzioglu**, Sabanci University Understanding the Syrian Refugees’ Particular Experiences in Turkey through Gender and Health Issues  

**Weeam Hammoudeh**, Birzeit University Navigating Adolescence under Occupation and Prolonged Displacement: The Health and Mental Wellbeing of Palestinian Refugee Adolescent Girls in the West Bank and Jordan  

**Basak Can**, Koc University Gendering Biomedical Care in Chronic Kidney Disease in Turkey  

**Doaa Hammoudeh**, University of Oxford Slow and Gendered Violence: Experiences of Young Palestinians Living on the Margins of Jerusalem

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**IV-16: The Predicament of Islamic Decoloniality: Hegemony and Critique in Contemporary Islamic Thought in Turkey**

Organized by **Alev Cinar**

Discussant: **Nora Fisher-Onar**, University of San Francisco

**Alev Cinar**, Bilkent University The Predicament of Islamic Decoloniality: Sufi Political Thought and the “Great East” Project of Necip Fazıl Kısakürek  

**Enes Ateş**, Mardin Artuklu University “Muslim Society” as Resistance: İsmet Özeli’s Islamism as a Form of Islamic Decolonial Thought in Turkey  

**Seda Baykal**, University of Pittsburgh The Dilemmas of Decoloniality in the Turkish Academia: The Case Ibn Khaldun University  

**Ayşe Ayten Bakacak**, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University Between Assimilation and Defiance: “Obedient Resistance” in Academia, The Example of İstanbul Şehir University

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**IV-17: Authority in and of Islam: Manifestations and Contestations**

Organized by **Zunayed Ahmed Ehsan** on behalf of the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

**Zunayed Ahmed Ehsan**, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Theology as Political Theory: Maulana Bhashani’s Method of Doing Theology for Social Transformation  

**Mohammed Asaf Pazheri**, Independent Scholar “Swareng to God”: A Study on Dispute Settlement and Islamic Legal Authority in Kodinhi Juma Masjid in Kerala in India  

**Osman Qazi**, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Celebrating the Birth of the Prophet in British India: Aḥmad Rażā Khān Barelwī’s Fatwas on the Mawlid  

**Uvaise Karattiyattil**, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Islamic Law in Postcolonial India: A Study of the Qadis of Calicut (1947-2020)  

**Annas Rolli Muchlisin**, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Yūsuf Al-Qaraḍāwī’s Attitudes toward Taqrīb Al-Madhāhib: From Ecumenicism to Sectarianism?

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**IV-18: Iran and the Struggle for “Normalcy”: Woman, Life, Freedom**

Organized by **Pouya Alimagham**

Chair/Discussant: **Pouya Alimagham**

**Pouya Alimagham**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cascading Dissent: Situating “The Hijab Protests” in Iran’s Post-1979 History  

**Yalda Hamidi**, Minnesota State University, Mankato Woman, Life, Freedom and the Question of Normalcy: A Note Toward an Anti-racist Transnational Feminist Lens  

**Mahrou Zhaf**, St. Lawrence University The Islamic Republic’s Perverse State of Mind and the Female Resistance

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**IV-19: Digital Divides and Censored Stories: Contemporary Challenges to Arab Media Access**

Organized by **Andrew Leber**

**Andrew Leber**, Tulane University Murder as a Signal of Censorship: Jamal Khashoggi and Repression of Saudi Op-Ed Columnists
Ildiko Kaposi, Independent Scholar Shades of Literary Censorship in Kuwait
Fahed Al-Sumait, American University of Kuwait Identifying Communities of Exclusion in Kuwait’s Digital Media Landscape

**IV-20: In Honor of Franklin Lewis II: Persian and Other Literatures: Multilingualism and Translation**
Organized by Ferenc P. Csirkes

Chair: Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi, University of Chicago

Ferenc P. Csirkes, Sabanci University Turkic Poetry and the “Fresh Style” in Safavid Iran
Theodore Beers, Freie Universitat Berlin The “Ali ibn al-Shah” Preface to “Kalila and Dimna” between Persian and Arabic
Nargis Ali Virani, Emory University J alaluddin Rumi’s Multilingual Poems
Francesca Chubb-Confer, Whitman College The Ghazal Complex: Iqbal and the Problem of Certitude
Cameron Cross, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Translating the Divan-e Shams: Poetics, Politics, and Pedagogy

**IV-22: Forms of Refusal and Reshaping the Urban in Middle Eastern Cities**
Organized by Dina Makram-Ebeid and Momen El-Husseiny

Chair: Dina Makram-Ebeid and Momen El-Husseiny

Momen El-Husseiny, American University in Cairo Mega-Peripheries and Cairo's New Administrative Capital: Contradictions of Squatting and Unsettled Livelihoods around the New Urban Future
Dina Makram-Ebeid, The American University in Cairo Post-coloniality, An Unfinished Project: Labor, Class and the Reshaping of the Urban in a Steel Town in Cairo
Alaa Attiah M, University of Toronto Marginality and Sovereignty in Postcolonial Context

**IV-23: Anti-Colonial Resistance Across the Arab Gulf**
Organized by Erica Augenstein

Discussant: Samah Selim, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

Erica Augenstein, University of Houston Publishing the Revolution: Palestinians and Anti-Colonial Literature in the Arab Gulf, 1950s-1970s
Ibrahim Badshah, University of Houston Necessary Impossibilities: Activist Translations of Anti-Colonial Arabic Literature into Malayalam
Iqra Raza, University of Houston Spectres of Revolution: The Spectral Politics of Resistance in Sonallah Ibrahim’s “Warda”
Said Al Hashmi, University of Houston Revolution in Omani Memory: Rethinking Anti-Colonial Resistance in the Work of the “Green Mountain Angels” and “A Woman from Dhofar”

**IV-24: Queer Artistic and Cultural Practices of Southwest Asia North Africa**
Organized by Anne Marie Butler and Deena Naime

Chair: Natalie El-Eid, Syracuse University

Anne Marie Butler, Kalamazoo College Sexual Deviance as Decolonial Praxis: Tunisian Artist Aicha Snoussi’s Anti-Knowledge Archives
Raed El Rafei, University of California, Santa Cruz Queer (In)Visibility and the Production of Queer Space in Post-War Lebanese Film
Deena Naime, University of Southern California Sobhiyat w Zyarat: Queer Intimacies in Druze Women's Spaces

**IV-25: Islamic Thought, Texts, and Modernity in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries**
Chair: Mohammad Salama, George Mason University

Samuel Scurry, University of Arkansas Qasim Amin’s Detractor: Muhammad al-Bulaqi and the Challenge to the Late Sunni Legal Tradition at al-Azhar
Scott Bursey, Florida State University On the Modalities of Ignorance: Muhammad and Sayyid Qutb on Contrasting Conceptions of Jāhiliya
Wael Abu-Uksa, Hebrew University of Jerusalem Three Concepts of Tolerance in 19th Century Arabic
Michael Battalia, Princeton University Muhammad Naṣif (1885-1971) and the Revival of Philology as an Intellectual Craft in Early Twentieth Century Hijaz
Mariam Elashmawy, Freie Universitat Berlin The Commendatory Republic in 1930s Egypt: Al-Taṣawwuf al-Islāmī, Bookish Ties, and the Network of Book Commendations in al-Ma‘rifā
**IV-26: Governance and Citizenship in the Late Ottoman Empire**

Chair: **Virginia Aksan**, McMaster University

- **Sadreddin Berk Metin**, Simon Fraser University
  Reconquering Istanbul: Islam and Legitimacy Crisis in the Ottoman Empire (1808-1839)

- **M. Safa Saracoglu**, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
  Codifying Corruption in 19th Century Ottoman Governance

- **Ismail Noyan**, Simon Fraser University
  Towards a More Entangled Ottoman Intellectual History: The Case of Mecelle (1868-1889)

- **Mahade Hasan**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  The Evolution of the Concept “Citizenship” in Ottoman Empire: A Historical Perspective

- **Stefan Winter**, Université du Québec à Montréal/Koç University
  The Ottoman Province of Kilis and the Origins of the “Kurd Dagh”, 18th-19th Century

- **A. Hilal Ugurlu**, MEF University, Istanbul
  Invisible Supporters of the New Order: Life and Networks of Royal Women in Istanbul under Selim III

**IV-27: Doing Fieldwork in the MENA Region**

Chair: Volunteer needed

- **Noha Fikry**, University of Toronto
  Inhospitable Homes & Hospitable Families: On Humans, Animals, and Food in Rural Egypt

- **Gokhan Mulayim**, Boston University
  Field Precarity: Ethnographic Work in a Field in Flux in Contemporary Turkey

- **Tiina Hyyppä**, University of Helsinki
  Vulnerability, Positionality and Objectivity in Conflict Research

- **Eric Schoon**, Ohio State University
  Power Asymmetries Inverted: Suspicion, Insecurity, and Ethnographic Positionality in Turkey

**IV-28: Courts and Constitutional Law in MENA**

Chair: Volunteer needed

- **Monique C. Cardinal**, Université Laval
  One Hundred Years of History of Islamic Law and Jurists in Syria (1919-2019): The Struggle to Preserve a Legal System

- **Ahmet Barış Ekiz**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
  Making the Case for Ottoman Legal Humanism: A Reappraisal of the Ottoman Juristic Writing in the Reign of Bayezid II

- **Carly Krakow**, New York University/London School of Economics and Political Science
  A Totalitarianism of Our Time: International Law and Structures of Transnational Environmental Injustice in Palestine, Iraq, and the United States

- **Sila Ulucay**, University of Oxford
  Political Trials in Istanbul: Spectacles of Power, Obedience, and Resistance

**IV-29: Ritual and Faith**

Chair: **Asma Afsaruddin**, Indiana University Bloomington

- **Satoru Nakamura**, Kobe University
  The Perceptions of Muhammad bin ʿAbd al-Wahhāb on Takfīr and Jihād

- **Reem Shaikh**, University of Texas at Austin
  Rebellion and Legitimacy in the Hanbali School of Law

- **Azadeh Aghighi**, Indiana University Bloomington
  Incorporating Contemporary Science in Qurʾānic Exegesis

- **Nadia Duvall**, SOAS, University of London
  Sayyid Quṭb and the Decline of the Islamic Humanistic Tafsīr Traditions
SPECIAL SESSION

V-1: Yassin al-Haj Saleh: Reflections on Revolution and the Struggle for Democracy in Syria

Yassin al-Haj Saleh is the most important progressive Syrian intellectual and activist working today. Described as “the intellectual voice of the Syrian revolution,” his writing has included incisive and critical commentary on modern Syrian history, contemporary Syrian politics, the war in Syria and the crisis of state-society in the broader Arab world. The focus of this roundtable will be on the 2011 Syrian revolution against the Assad regime and the lessons learned from this brutal experience. Saleh will look back on the revolution and look forward. He will also engage with Syria experts on the question of the Syrian uprising, what went wrong, what went right, and what the future prospects of reconstituting a new movement for democracy in the coming years might look like.

Organized by Steven Heydemann on behalf of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Denver and the Middle East Program at Smith College

Chair/Discussant: Steven Heydemann, Smith College

Yassin Al-Haj Saleh, Independent Scholar
Marwa Daoudy, Georgetown University
Wendy Pearlman, Northwestern University

ROUNDTABLE

V-2: Finding Palestine in Israeli Archives

Organized by Basma Fahoum and Shay Hazkani

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Basma Fahoum, Stanford University
Nimrod Ben Zeev, Tel Aviv University
Shay Hazkani, University of Maryland, College Park
Mezna Qato, University of Cambridge

ROUNDTABLE

V-3: Armenians, Kurds, and the Politics of Ottoman Historiography

Organized by David E. Gutman and Richard Antaramian

Chair: David E. Gutman

Richard Antaramian, University of Southern California
David E. Gutman, Manhattanville College
Fatma Müge Göçek, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Dzovinar Derderian, University of California, Berkeley

ROUNDTABLE

V-4: Demystifying the Middle East in the Classroom through Literature and Film

Organized by Gwyneth Talley and Marcus Smith, Lindenwood University

Chair: Gwyneth Talley

Hande Ozkan, Transylvania University
Kara A. Peruccio, University of Maine
Lamees Fadl, The City University of New York
Gwyneth Talley, American University in Cairo
Susan Tyrrell, University of North Texas

ROUNDTABLE

V-5: Ethnographic Research in Middle Eastern Cities: Challenges, Possibilities, and Pathways

Organized by Kristin V. Monroe

Sponsored by Association of Middle East Anthropology (AMEA)

Chair: Kristin V. Monroe

Alize Arican, Boston University
Kareem Rabie, University of Illinois at Chicago
Susanne Dahlgren, Finnish Institute in the Middle East
Kristin V. Monroe, University of Kentucky
Sophia Goodfriend, Duke University
Pascal Menoret, Center for Economic, Judicial, and Social Study and Documentation
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ROUNDTABLE
V-6: New Afghanistan Studies in/and Middle Eastern Studies: Archives, Themes, and Approaches

Organized by Jawan Shir Rasikh

Sponsored by American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)

Chair: Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, James Madison University
Discussant: Jawan Shir Rasikh, University of Pennsylvania

Marya Hannun, University of Exeter
Khalilullah Afzali, University of California, Los Angeles
Zubairullah Hashimi, University of Pennsylvania
Nabi Saqee, University of Oxford

V-7: From the Womb to the Tomb: Birth, Disease, Sex, and Death in the Modern Middle East

Organized by A. Tylor Brand

Chair/Discussant: Elizabeth Thompson, American University

A. Tylor Brand, Trinity College Dublin Death and Praxis: The Lebanese Famine of World War I and the Problem of Mortality in Crisis Historiography
Isacar Bolaños, California State University, Long Beach Pandemic Influenza in Ottoman Iraq
Seçil Yılmaz, University of Pennsylvania IUD Alliances: Transnational Politics of Family Planning in Turkey in 1960s

V-8: US-Gulf Cultures of Empire

Organized by Natalie Koch and Neha Vora

Chair: Neha Vora

Natalie Koch, Syracuse University Cultures of Arid Empire: US-Gulf Imperial Entanglements and Their Desert Imaginaries
Karine Walther, Georgetown University Qatar Americans’ Technological Empire in Arabia
Andrea Wright, College of William and Mary Security through Social Change: American Management Practices at Oil Projects in the Arabian Peninsula, 1940s to 1960s
Danya Al-Saleh, University of Washington, Seattle and Neha Vora, Lafayette College Gulf Petro-Education, Climate Action, and US Empire

Michael Christopher Low, University of Utah Copying California: The Water Prince and the Cold War Roots of Saudi Mega-Projects

V-9: Tunisian Democracy in Crisis

Organized by Salih Yasun

Chair: Salih Yasun
Discussant: Aytuğ Şaşmaz, Bryn Mawr College

Haifa Soulimi, University of Oregon A Tale of Two “Exceptions”: Everyday Politics of Democratic Backsliding and Elites’ Conflicting Views on Democracy in Tunisia
Matthew Gordner, University of Toronto What Went Wrong? NGOization in Tunisia, 2011-2023
Bedirhan Mutlu, George Washington University and Salih Yasun, Virginia Military Institute Explaining Enduring Party System Weakness in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia
Ihsan Mejdi, University of Exeter The Nexus Between Kinship and Politics During Times of Democratic Crisis in Tunisia
Hannah Kazis-Taylor, Princeton University Authoritarian Economic Legacies and Democratic Backsliding in Tunisia

V-10: The Ottoman Empire as Sea Power: Maritime Activities and Technologies (15th–18th Centuries) Seen from the Transottoman Perspective

Organized by Gul Sen and Christine Isom-Verhaaren

Organized under the auspices of the Priority Program “Transottomanica” of the German Research Foundation

Chair: Linda T. Darling, University of Arizona

Gul Sen, University of Bonn Criminals and Forced Labor: Mobility Dynamics in the Ottoman Naval Arsenal (16th-18th Centuries)
Albrecht Fues, Philipps University Marburg Conquerors by the Sea: The Ottoman Naval Advance in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Last Decades of the Mamluk Sultanate (1480-1517)
Suraiya Faroqhi, Ibn Haldun University Supplying the Naval Arsenal of Istanbul with Cotton and Hemp (Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries)
Samuel Stevens, Koc University Ottoman Amphibious Warfare in the Early Sixteenth Century: The 1522 Siege of Rhodes in the Chronicle Tevarih-i Feth-i Rodos
Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Brigham Young University
Selecting an Admiral in the Ottoman Empire: When Favoritism Trumped Expertise

Andreas Helmedach, Ruhr-University Bochum
Technological Change in Venetian Warfare against the Ottomans in the Cretan and Morea Wars 1645-1718

V-11: Refugee Migration and the Middle East: Revisiting Theoretical Frameworks
Organized by Emma Empociello and Sevin Gulfer Sagnic
Chair: Dawn Chatty, University of Oxford
Discussant: Emma Empociello

Sevin Gulfer Sagnic, University of California, San Diego
Laissez Passe Anatomy of a Border Push: Locating State in Migration Policies

Gerasimos Tsourapas, University of Glasgow
Migration Rentiers -- The Political Economy of Mobility in the Middle East

Emma Empociello, Sciences Po Bordeaux
Beyond Rent and Externalization: Jordan’s Changing Border Policy

Ethan Pack, University of California, Los Angeles
African Asylum Seekers in Israel/Palestine: Refugees, Return, and “Infiltration”

V-12: Cultural Hubs in the Arab Region
Organized by Nadia von Maltzahn on behalf of Lebanon’s Art World at Home and Abroad (LAWHA)
Chair: Nadia von Maltzahn
Discussant: Idriss Jebari, Trinity College Dublin

Nadia von Maltzahn, LAWHA/Orient-Institut Beirut Beirut as a Regional Hub for Art Education?

Monique Bellan, Orient-Institut Beirut
The Transnational Moment: Looking at Beirut through its Art Galleries

Amin Alsaden, Independent Scholar
Pan-Arabism in Baghdad: Revisiting the Genesis of Regional Artistic Solidarity

Samar Ben Romdhane, Ajman University Building a Cultural Hub in the Arab Region: The Role of Public Relations in Shaping Sharjah’s Image

V-13: Rethinking Turkey: Politics of Method and Analysis of the Republic’s First Century
Organized by Asli Z. Igsiz
Chair/Discussant: Nilay Ozok Gundogan, Florida State University

Asli Z. Igsiz, New York University
Rethinking “Civilization” and National Cultural Politics in Turkey

Banu Bargu, University of California, Santa Cruz
and Gunes Murat Tezcur, Arizona State University
Monumentalizing the Founding: Republican Fidelity and Secular Devotion

Evren Savcı, Yale University
Sex and the Republic

Serra Hakyemez, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
The Centennial Paranoia: What Has Happened to the Nation’s Fathers?

V-14: Imagining New Worlds in the 21st Century: Lessons from the Two Waves of Arab Uprisings
Organized by Rusha Latif and Rima Majed

Atef Said, University of Illinois at Chicago
Whose Political Imaginary? Insights from Decolonial Epistemologies to Explicate the Arab Spring Uprisings

Rusha Latif, Independent Researcher
Challenging Reductive Tropes: Beyond Spontaneity and Leaderlessness in the Egyptian Revolution

Zahra Ali, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey
Theorizing Uprisings in the Arab Worlds: Iraq’s Thawra Teshreen

Rima Majed, American University of Beirut
Through Contradiction: Lebanon’s Thawra Against Sectarian Neoliberalism

V-15: Race in the Maghrib and the Arabian Peninsula - Comparisons, Connections, Contestations
Organized by Catey Boyle

Catey Boyle, Harvard University Sites of Servitude: Transregional Slave Trades, Diff’rence, and Belonging in Tunis (1736-1895)

Omar Sayfo, Utrecht University/Migration Research Institute “The Khawaga Complex” - Representations of the European Other on Egyptian Screens
Faisal Abdullah Abualhassan, Johns Hopkins University
Bonds and Bondage between the Sahara and the Arabian Peninsula, 1920-1960

Idil Akinci, University of Edinburgh
Deserving Citizens and Migrants: Shifting Parameters of Race and Nation in the UAE

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V-16: Perso-Mongol Experimentation and the History of (Occult) Science
Organized by Matthew Melvin-Koushki and Jonathan Brack

Chair: Mahdi Tourage, King’s University College
Discussant: Matthew Melvin-Koushki, University of South Carolina

Jonathan Brack, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Chinese Medical Experience and Islamic Reason: Eurasian Knowledge Transmissions and the Ilkhanid Sino-Persian Translation

Lisa Alexandrin, University of Manitoba
The “Wisdom of Siniyyah” and Messianic Taxonomies in Sa’d al-Dīn Hamūyeh’s (d.ca. 1252 CE) Kitāb al-Mahbūb

Hadi Jorati, University of Massachusetts Amherst
The Maragha Observatory Complexes as a Locus of Tajriba

Lillian McCabe, Yale University
The Tried and the True: Experimentation and Inspiration in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s Kitāb al-Sirr al-Maktūm

Mohammad Amin Mansouri, University of Toronto
Scientific Cosmopolitanism, Mongol Imperialism, and ‘Azīz Nasafi’s Works

V-17: Muslim-Jewish Convergence in North Africa: 1934-1962
Organized by Joshua Schreier

Joshua Schreier, Vassar College
Algerian Salafism, Colonialism, and the Jews

Alma Heckman, University of California, Santa Cruz
Moroccan Jewish and Muslim Anti-Fascism in the Interwar Period

Malick Ghachem, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
A Teacher and His Student on the Path from WWII to Tunisian Independence

Susan Gilson Miller, University of California, Davis
Oujda and Jerada: A Revisionist View

V-18: Unwinding Empires: Crisis Management and Fantasies of Power in the Late Colonial Middle East
Organized by Charles Anderson

Charles Anderson, Western Washington University
Britain’s “Discovery” of Settler-Colonialism in Palestine and the Origins of the 1939 White Paper

Elizabeth Williams, University of Massachusetts
Lowell The Limits of Extraction: Ecology and Colonial Administration in Mandate Syria, 1920-1940

Aaron G. Jakes, University of Chicago
Currency Blockade: The Suez Crisis, Imperial Money, and Economic Sovereignty

Michael Provence, University of California, San Diego
Mandatory Murder: The First Arab Coup d’État and the Quick Demise of Independent Iraq

V-19: Unearthing Capitalism: Social-Environmental Histories of Resource Extraction and Resistance
Organized by Deren Ertas and Rebecca Gruskin

Chair: Deren Ertas
Discussant: Kristen Alff, North Carolina State University

Rebecca Gruskin, Hamilton College
The Nature of Illness: Manufacturing Germs, Space, Gender, and Race in Tunisia’s Gafsa Phosphate Mines (1920s-1980s)

Brahim El Guabli, Williams College
Saharanism as an Extractive Practice

Mark Drury, Georgetown University
Sahara as Revolutionary Subject: Industrialized Resource Extraction, Drought and Anti-Imperialism in Northwest Africa during the Late 1960s and Early 1970s

Deren Ertas, Harvard University
The Ergani Copper Road: The Infrastructures of Extractivism in Early Republican Turkey (1922-1938)

V-20: From Gaza to Ottawa: Transnational Palestine in the Cold War Era
Chair: Terri Ginsberg, City University of New York

Martin Bunton, University of Victoria
Canada and Palestine, from 1939 to 1947

Omar Zahzah, Independent Scholar
Re-Aggregating the “Radical,” the “Terrorist,” and the “Extremist:” Centering Political and Racial Convergences in American Terrorcraft

Noa Shaindlinger, Worcester State University
Experimental Occupation: Israel’s 125 Days in Gaza, 1956-7
Chelsi Mueller, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
The 1969 al-Aqsa Fire: A Transnational and Transcultural Perspective

Julia Gettle, Brown University Political Life in the Shadow Years: Palestinian Popular Mobilization in the 1950s

V-21: Law, Finance, and Knowledge Production in the Early Ottoman Era

Chair: Volunteer needed

Morgan Tufan, Stanford University “Otu Sulu Yol Var Mi?”
The Role of Cartographic Intelligence in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Expansion

Günay Kayarlar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
An Ottoman Scholar’s Exile Memoirs: Karaçelebizade Abdülaziz’s Gölşen-i Niyaz

Şeyma Nur Temel, Sabanci University Between Government and Sacred: The Ottoman Sultanic Waqfs in Ebussuud’s Fatwas

Vefa Erginbas, Providence College A Preliminary Inquiry: Were Ottoman Darülhadis Madrasas Agents of Ottoman Sunnitization?

V-22: Orthodoxy and Literary Innovation: Science, Religion, and Poetry

Chair: Arafat Razzaque, University of Toronto

Anna Galietti, Stanford University Temporalities and Sociopolitical Functions of the Naqā’ıḍ in a Poetic Exchange between al-Farazdaq (d. 110/728) and J arīr (d. 111/729)

Anthony Baldwin, Southern Baptist Theology Seminary
A Perfumer and a Patriarch: Caliph al-Mahdī through Christian Eyes

I-Wen Su, National Chengchi University Ibrāhīm b. Yaqūb al-Sa’dī al-J üzjānī (d. 259/873?): His Approach and Contribution to Hadith Criticism


Iman Darwish, Harvard University A Question of Power: Scientific Methodology in Medieval Arabic Botany

Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University Al-Maturidi on the Qur’an’s Mosaic “Kill Yourselves” Command (2:54)

V-23: Lebanon: Violence, Sectarianism, and Resistance

Chair: Mirna Lattouf, Arizona State University

Sara Dima Abisaab, Georgetown University On Specters of Violence and the Afterlives of War: The Production of Space in Post-War Lebanon

Susann Kassem, University of Oxford “Whose Map Are You Implementing?”: The Experience of South Lebanese Border Communities and Their Turn to Resistance

Estella Carpi, University College London A Crowd Psychology of Healthcare in Northern Lebanon

V-24: Gender and Power Relations in MENA

Chair: Serra Kocak, Binghamton University, SUNY

William C. Young, Independent Researcher
When the Groom is a Stranger in the House, or: Why Do Some Arab Weddings Have No Bridal Procession (zifāf)?

Banafsheh Pourzangi, University of California, Los Angeles A Review of Professional Female Athletes in Iran

Ahmed Abdelazim, University of Wisconsin-Madison Men’s Game: Religiosity and Sexuality in Egyptian Football

Isabel Käser, University of Bern Policing Gender and Sexuality: The Role of Gossip in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Tara Deubel, University of South Florida Autonomy and Income Generation through Amazigh Women’s Argan Oil Production in Southwestern Morocco

V-25: Protests and Their Discontents: Managing Protests through Repression and Reform

Chair: Volunteer needed

Hossein Hafezian, Montclair State University Protesting Iran: The Roots and Results of 2022 Protest Movement

Zep Kalb, University of California, Los Angeles Concessions and Broken Promises: New Evidence on Protest Bargaining in Iran

Parvaneh Hosseini Fahraji, Worcester State University Contesting Patriarchal Structure by Negotiating Gender and Sexuality Borders in Sports Fields in Iran

Sahar Razavi, California State University, Sacramento and Hanieh Molana, California State University, Sacramento “Discredited”: Diaspora Iranians and the Paradox of Public Shaming
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V-26: Technology, Media and Autocratic Resilience
Chair: Volunteer needed

Martin Pimentel, Georgetown University and Albert Vidal Ribe, Georgetown University The Effects of Foreign State Media on Political Preferences in the Maghreb
Bruno Schmidt-Feuerheerd, University of Cambridge The Nationalist Twitter Warriors of Saudi Arabia – A Bottom-Up Movement to the Rescue of the Nation
Ehsan Kashfi, University of Alberta Digital Nationalism: Twitter and the Rise of “New” Iranian Nationalism
Samer S. Shehata, University of Oklahoma Arab First Ladies and the Legitimation of Authoritarian Regimes
Roman Pomeschikov, University of Washington, Seattle The Politics of Digital Transformation and Bureaucratic Change in Türkiye
Lisel Hintz, Johns Hopkins University Recipe for (New) Turkey: Politics of Cooking Shows as Gender Edutainment

V-27: Authoritarian Survival Strategies
Chair: Danae Panissié, University of Tuebingen

Sean Yom, Temple University Corruption, Authoritarianism, and Regime Strategies in the Arab World
Khalil Al-Anani, Independent Scholar at Any Cost: State Violence in Egypt After 2013
Nadine Sika, American University in Cairo Regime Breakdown, Autocratization and Repression Evidence from the MENA
Kamran Karimullah, University of Manchester Canonization and Exclusion in the Arabic Poetic Tradition
Ilkim Buke Okyar, Yeditepe University Postcolonialism, Popular Culture and World Politics: Studying Colonial Hierarchies through Political Cartoons
Mohammad Fakhreddine, Georgetown University Fact and Value in Islam

V-28: Public Opinion and Participation in MENA Countries
Chair: Michael Hofman, University of Notre Dame

Kota Suechika, Ritsumeikan University Reconsidering “State-Difusion” in Jordan: Evidence from a List Experiment Survey
Quinn Mecham, Brigham Young University Why Do Voters in Monarchies Support Political Parties? Evidence from Morocco and Jordan
Hannah Ridge, University of Chicago Ethnodoxy in the Arab World: Measurement and Validation
Mark A. Tessler, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Political Culture, Elections, and the implications for Governance in Six Arab Countries

V-29: The Making of Modern Arabic Literature
Chair: Volunteer needed

Maroun El Houkayem, Duke University Reassembling the Orient: Louis Cheikho and the Bibliothèque Orientale
Adam Spanos, University of Southern California Anachronic Nahda: Belatedness and Desynchronization in the Early Arabic Novel
Raja Lahiani, United Arab Emirates University Translating Poetic Overtones: Optimality Theory as a Quality Assessment Framework
Philip Balboni, University of California, Berkeley Consolation, Critique, and the “Phenomenon” of Sabahattin Ali’s Madonna in a Fur Coat

V-30: Disciplinary Epistemologies
Chair: Volunteer needed

Ilkim Buke Okyar, Yeditepe University Postcolonialism, Popular Culture and World Politics: Studying Colonial Hierarchies through Political Cartoons
Mohammad Fakhreddine, Georgetown University Canonization and Exclusion in the Arabic Poetic Tradition
Kamran Karimullah, University of Manchester Fact and Value in Islam
Omar Almagharebi, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies Beyond «Arabic Thought»: The Problem of Categorizing Knowledge
Hina Azam, University of Texas at Austin, Fictional Islam: Moral Imagination in Contemporary Muslim American Literature
V-31: Comparative Insights on Uprisings and Protests

Chair: Volunteer needed

Majd Abuamer, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies Post Uprisings Melancholia: An Emerging Dilemma of Arab (A)political Nihilism


Payam Yousefi, Harvard University Sineh-zani Chants for Women, Life, Freedom: Case Studies on the Role of Iranian Mourning Rituals within Contemporary Protest

Nahid Siamdoust, University of Texas at Austin Women Reclaim their Voices in the Music of Iran›s Woman, Life, Freedom Uprising

John Miller, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Prophecy and Political Theory in the Philosophy of Abdolkarim Soroush

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Join us for a Complimentary COFFEE BREAK held in the Book Exhibit sponsored by MESA
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ROUNDTABLE
VI-1: Revisiting the Arab Sixties
Organized by Tamara Maatouk and Ifdal Elsaket
Chair/Discussant: Joel Gordon, University of Arkansas
Tamara Maatouk, Graduate Center, CUNY
Ifdal Elsaket, Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo
Andrew Simon, Dartmouth College
Ghenwa Hayek, University of Chicago
Amy Kallander, Syracuse University
Jeremy Randall, Graduate Center, CUNY

ROUNDTABLE
VI-2: Late Ottoman Migration
Organized by Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky
Chair: Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State University
Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, University of California, Santa Barbara
Stacy Fahrenthold, University of California, Davis
Ella Fratantuono, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Lucia Carminati, University of Oslo
F. Walter Lorenz, University of North Georgia
Chris Gratien, University of Virginia

ROUNDTABLE
VI-3: Roundtable on Gender, Nation, Emigration and the State: A Tribute to Laurie Brand
Organized by Miriam R. Lowi
Chair: Miriam R. Lowi, College of New Jersey
Nadejda Marinova, Wayne State University
Zachary Lockman, New York University
Mark A. Tessler, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Youssef Chouhoud, Christopher Newport University
Beth Baron, City College and Graduate Center, CUNY
Asli Z. Igsiz, New York University
Hania Abou Al-Shamat, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

ROUNDTABLE
VI-4: Conducting Fieldwork on Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Lisa L. Wynn and Angel M. Foster
Discussant: Lisa L. Wynn and Angel M. Foster, University of Ottawa
Mina Ibrahim, University of Marburg/ Shubra’s Archive/ MENA Prison Forum
Lisa L. Wynn, Macquarie University
Mariam Omar, University of Ottawa
Sabrine Chengane, University of Ottawa

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VI-5: Teaching Turkish in North America on the Centennial of the Republic
Organized by Gozde Mercan
Sponsored by American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages (AATT)
Chair: Veysel Simsek, McGill University
Gozde Mercan, University of Toronto
Roberta Micallef, Boston University
Jeannette E. Okur, University of Texas at Austin

ROUNDTABLE
VI-6: Rethinking Critical Security Studies
Organized by Sami Hermez
Discussant: Sami Hermez, Northwestern University in Qatar
Zahra Babar, Georgetown University Qatar
Haya Al-Noaimi, Northwestern University in Qatar
Noha Aboueldahab, Georgetown University Qatar
Omar Dahi, Hampshire College
**VI-7: Individualizing a Mass Medium: Key Figures in Arab-World Radio Broadcasting, 1930s-1950s**

Organized by **Andrea L. Stanton**

Discussant: **Chris Silver**, McGill University

**Andrea L. Stanton**, University of Denver Broadcasting Women's Religious and Cultural Modernism in 1940s Palestine  
**Margaret Peacock**, University of Alabama “Imagine, O Arabs!”: Ahmed Sa’id and the Rise of Egyptian Radio  
**Emily Mellen**, University of Virginia The Invisible Voices of Radio Bari

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**VI-8: Revoicing Resistance in Yemen**

Organized by **Marieke Brandt**

Sponsored by  
American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: **W. Flagg Miller**

**Sam Liebhaber**, Middlebury College The Roots of Yemen’s Poetic Revolution: ‘Alī Nāṣir al-Qardā’î  
**Marijke Brandt**, Austrian Academy of Sciences Biography and Resistance in 20th Century Yemen: A Case Study from the Northern Highlands  
**Anne-Linda Amira Augustin**, University of Leipzig Chanting for Southern Independence: The Role of Slogans in the Dissemination of the Southern Movement’s Counternarrative  
**W. Flagg Miller**, University of California, Davis Heritage Activism through the Literary Arts: Publishing as Resistance Practice in Contemporary Yemen  
**Emily Sumner**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities “Qūwat al-Qūwah”: Performing the Zāmil’s Power

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**VI-9: Blurring Disciplinary Boundaries: Intellectual History in the Middle East, 1200-1500**

Organized by **Elias G. Saba**

Chair: **Elias G. Saba**

**Elias G. Saba**, Grinnell College Law and Language in the Writings of Jamal al-Din al-Asnawi

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**Christian Mauder**, University of Bergen Legal Riddling as a Strategy to Change the Balance of Power among the Schools of Law: ‘Abd al-Barr Ibn al-Shiḥna’s (d. 1505) al-Dhakhā’ir al-Ashrafīyya fi Alghāz al-Hanafīyya in Context  
**Alexis Wick**, Koc University The Navigator’s Craft : Ahmad Ibn Mājid on Discipline, Theory and Method  
**Matthew Keegan**, Barnard College Riddles of Inheritance Law in Adab and Fiqh

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**VI-10: Land Tenure, Land Use and Agriculture in the Mamluk Era and Beyond**

Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco**

Discussant: **Albrecht Fuess**, Philipps University Marburg

**Daniel Martin Varisco**, Austrian Academy of Sciences The Microeconomics of Highland Yemeni Agriculture in the Late 13th Century  
**Sajjad Nejatie**, University of British Columbia Towards an Agrarian Empire: Agricultural Development in the Durrānī Polity (1747–1818)  
**Takao Ito**, Kobe University Land Tenure in 15th-Century Egypt according to al-Tuhfa al-Saniyya of Ibn al-Jī‘ān  
**Anthony Quickel**, Philipps-Universität Marburg Weather and Farming in Mamluk Egypt

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**VI-11: Politics, Decoloniality, and Resistance in the Islamic Intellectual Field in Turkey**

Organized by **Gizem Zencirci**, Providence College

Chair: **Alev Cinar**, Bilkent University

**Ismail Yazici**, Bilkent University Challenging the Islamic Intellectual Field in Turkey Through Translation: The Case of Hamza Türkmen  
**Zeynep Önal Aytac**, Bilkent University A Muslim Feminist NGO: The Case of Hayv Women’s Association in Turkey  
**Kadir Can Celik**, Bilkent University From Unorthodox Sufism to Muslim Anarchism: Contesting Decolonial Movements in the Islamic Intellectual Field in Turkey  
**Fatma Murat Elmacioglu**, Bilkent University A Muslim Agora: Challenging Modern Urbanity in Two Fronts in Cihan Aktaş’s Work
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VI-12: Architectures of Conflict: Repression and Resistance in Securitized Middle Eastern Cities
Organized by Ronay Bakan and Motasem Abuzaid

Chair/Discussant: Najib B. Hourani, Michigan State University

Motasem Abuzaid, University of Oxford and Obayda Amer Ghadban, Marmara University Spearheading Local Mobilization: Social Structures and Insurgency in the Syrian Countryside
Nour Munawar, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies Politics of Heritage in Syria: From Destruction to Reconstruction
Maya Breau, Birmingham University The Impact of Military Checkpoints on the Civilian Population’s Perception of Security in Lebanon
Ronay Bakan, Johns Hopkins University Counterinsurgent Urbanism: Mastering Heritage in Post-Conflict Diyarbakır
Farah Aridi, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies Narratives of Violence: Spatial Implications of Discursive Practices

VI-13: Navigating the Complexities of Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Arab Spring Countries Syria and Yemen
Organized by Mohammed Alshuwaiter

Mohammed Alshuwaiter, Qanun, The Arabic Human Rights Platform Transitional Justice Efforts in Yemen: Challenges and Opportunities
Ghuna Bdiwi, University of Ottawa Should We Call for Criminal Accountability During Ongoing Conflicts?
John Packer, University of Ottawa The Concept of Transitional Justice and International Practices

VI-14: Between the Living and the Dead: The Afterlives of War East of the Mediterranean
Organized by Mac Skelton and Omar Dewachi

Chair: Omar Dewachi, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

Annika Schmeding, Harvard University Burial Interrupted – Caring for the Nomadic Dead in Afghanistan
Mac Skelton, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani Tracing Geographies of Illness & Toxicity During War

Foroogh Farhang, Brown University Syrian Traveling Dead: Informal Cross-Border Mobility between Lebanon and Syria
Alexander Shams, University of Chicago Walking Pilgrimages in Iraq as Spaces of Solidarity and Defiance

VI-15: Mutations of the Archive in Times of Rupture
Organized by Secil Dagtas and Veronica Ferreri

Chair: Secil Dagtas and Firat Bozcalı

Veronica Ferreri, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice Scattered and Remade: Archives of Legal Documents Between Wartime Syria and Europe
Secil Dagtas, University of Waterloo The Matters of History: The Material Forms and Archives of Interfaith History in Southern Turkey
Emrah Yildiz, Northwestern University Mutating Maps: Territory, Population Density, and Economies of Sovereignty in Post-Revolutionary Syria
Firat Bozcalı, University of Toronto Mississauga Archives of Injustice: Court Files, Evidence (Non)Collection, and Legal Materialities in Turkey
Maysam Taher, New York University Creation, Trafic, Ruination, Destruction: Archiving between Two Mediterranean Shores

VI-16: The Role of Cultural Exchanges and Connections in the Making of Iran and the Persianate World, from Delhi to Samarqand and the Persian Gulf (16th c.-present)
Organized by Werner Gaboreau

Werner Gaboreau, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle From the Outer Edge of the Empire to Europe: Perceptions of Europeans Scholars Shaped by Persian Sources of the Margins
Victor Baptiste, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes The Identity of Go-Betweens: Persian Poets and Indian Tales
Sacha Alsancakli, National Institute of Oriental Languages and Cultures A Study in Abu’l-Khayrid Cultural History: Two Eastern Turkish Translations of Persian Historiographical Classics Produced at the Court of Kūchkūnji Khān (r. 1512-30)
Romain Mascagni, National Institute of Oriental Languages and Cultures Emancipation or Replication from the Musical Elite? The Case of Contemporary Omani Baloch Musicians
VI-17: Frontier Effects in North Africa: Centering Margins and Borderlands
Organized by Jacob A. Mundy and Matthew Hal Ellis

Chair/Discussant: Jacob A. Mundy, Colgate University

Matthew Hal Ellis, Sarah Lawrence College Libyan Cross-Border Mobility and Italian Colonial Citizenship, 1911-1942
Mariam Taher, Northwestern University Checkpoints: Negotiating Gender in the Shadow of the Border
Karen Eugenie Rignall, University of Kentucky Extraction and the Creation of Resource Frontiers in the Colonial Moroccan Periphery
Jose Ciro Martinez, University of York Pursuing Opacity: Geographies of Visibility in the Western Mediterranean

VI-18: Muslim Maritime Violence in the Pre-Modern Mediterranean (650-1650)
Organized by Travis Bruce on behalf of The Mediterranean Seminar

Discussant: Joshua White, University of Virginia

Travis Bruce, McGill University Questioning Normative Views of Early Medieval Muslim Maritime Raids: Crete and Sicily
Eda Ozel, Harvard University Moral Economy of Maritime Violence in Ottoman Tunisia
Sarah C. Davis-Secord, University of New Mexico Peace and Violence on the Tyrrenhian Sea

Organized by Mehmet Kuru

Mehmet Kuru, Sabanci University The Trans-Mediterranean Family of Hasan Agha and Anton Çelebi
Christopher Whitehead, Ohio State University The Career of Customs Officer Hasan Agha as a Financier for the Ottoman State (1646-56)
Özden Mercan, Hacettepe University A Man of Two Worlds: Anton Çelebi’s Extraordinary Life in Livorno

VI-20: Teaching Palestine: Resistance Memories, Living Archives & Pedagogical Praxis
Organized by Rabab Abdulhadi

Rabab Abdulhadi, San Francisco State University Whose Narratives & Why Commemorate? From Kanafani to Said, (Do We have) Permission to Narrate?
Jamilah Ghaddar, Dalhousie University Memory for Return: Nakba Histories, Resistant Archives and the Dr. Constantine Zurayk Collection
Jaime Veve, Transit Workers Union, Local 100 Memories and Implications of 1960s Movements: Challenging Dominant Structures of Power & Solidarity in Academia and Social Movements
Adnan Husain, Queen’s University Resistance History and Liberatory Pedagogy: Crusader States and Crusade Historiography in Occupied Palestine

VI-21: Children, Women, and Sexuality in the Late Ottoman Empire

Chair: Kara A. Peruccio, University of Chicago

Zeynep Gul Erel Çalan, Amasya University Ballroom Before the Republic: How Did the Ottomans Welcome the Ballroom Dance Genres?
Atacan Atakan, University of Arizona Children’s Sexuality in Late Ottoman Empire and Its Legacies in Contemporary Turkey
Milena Methodieva, University of Toronto Charity, Morality, and Patriotism: Women Migrants in the Late Ottoman Empire
Malissa Taylor, University of Massachusetts Amherst “When He Is Grown... “ The Rights of Orphans and the Legal Character of Miri Land in the Later Ottoman Centuries

VI-22: Seeding the Turkish Republic: From Sunflowers to Stray Cats

Chair: Hasan Bulent Kahraman, Isik University

Mary Tezak, Georgetown University Defining Republican Women: Nostalgia, Smuggling, and Itinerant Women Traders in the Republic of Turkey
Dogan Gurpinar, Istanbul Technical University The Meanings of Names: Promise of Modernity, Upper Mobility and Nation in the Republican Turkey
Kaleb Herman Adney, University of California, Los Angeles Soviet Flowers and American Anxieties – Vasfi Hakman and Turkey’s Seed Oil Industry in the Cold-War Era
Zeynep Yesim Gokce, University of Bonn A Brief History of Mutual Dependence: Stray Cats and Streets of Istanbul in the 1930s

Abigail Schoenfeld, Princeton University Spelling a Nation: Linguistics, Language, and Alphabet Reform between Turkey & Soviet Azerbaijan, 1918-1940

VI-23: Policing Labour and Migration

Chair: Volunteer needed

Maureen Abi-Ghanem, Columbia University On the Temporality and Isolation of Refugee Spaces in Beirut (Lebanon)

Yasmine Zarhloule, University of Oxford “Holding the Wall”: Centring Idleness in the Moroccan Eastern Region

Mustafa Bokesmati, Concordia University Foreign Labour in Kuwait: Situating Migrant Identities and Legal Policing

Crystal Ennis, Leiden University Lineages of Differentiation and Resistance in Governing Gulf Labour

VI-24: Ambiguities of Sovereignty: The Crises of Humanitarianism, Climate Change, and Refugees

Chair: Umit Seven, Middle East Technical University

Ayda Pomeshikov, University of Washington, Seattle Belonging Beyond Citizenship: Refugee Women’s Practices of Home-making and Community Building

Houman Oliaei, Babson College The Politics of Return: Iraq Yezidis and the Ongoing Displacement in Post-ISIS Iraq

Danae Panissié, University of Tuebingen Deprivation of Lives - Root Causes of Forced Migration in the MENA Region

Nils Lukacs, University of Hamburg The Idea of Iraq - Twenty Years of Iraqi History since the Fall of Saddam Hussein through the Lens of the Iraq Chamber of the Hamburg Administrative Court

VI-25: Women’s Movements and Activism

Chair: Sarah Fischer, Marymount University

Hayal Hanoglu, Cracow University of Economics Gender Negotiations within Kurdish Families and Activism in Turkey and Diaspora

Vickie Langohr, College of the Holy Cross Conditions for Government Action Against Public Sexual Harassment: The Case of Egypt

Azadeh Momeni, Carleton University Art and Politics: A Comparative Study of the American Women’s Suffrage Movement and Iranian Woman, Life, Freedom Movement

Saly El Wazze, American University of Beirut “Listen to the Advertising People”: Representations of Gender-Based Violence in Lebanese NGO Campaigns

Yeter Tan, Binghamton University Justice in the Hands of Women: An Alternative Justice Mechanism of the Kurdish Women’s Movement

Serra Kocak, Binghamton University, SUNY Islamic Feminisms: Particularities, Limitations, and Contributions

VI-26: Gulf Studies: Advances and Shortcomings

Chair: Kristin Smith Diwan, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington

Gwenn Okruhlik, Independent Researcher A Brutal Opening: Embrace, Ambivalence and Betrayal in Saudi Arabia

Lauren Clingan, Princeton University Masculinity Challenged: Emotional Responses to State Support for Women’s Employment in the United Arab Emirates

Khushboo Shah, University of Cambridge The State, Business, and Social Relations: A Case Study of Non-Citizen Entrepreneurs in Qatar

Md Mizanur Rahman, Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University and Mirdef Alqashouti, Durham University Why Gulf Studies?

VI-27: Mongolia and Central Asia

Chair: Volunteer needed

Fatima Al-Muntafik, Pennsylvania Western University The Mongolian Empire

Joseph Leonardo Vignone, Gonzaga University “How Great a Teacher is the Night!” Sleeplessness in Medieval Islamic Scholarly Culture

Rebecca Hill, Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Navigating Human-Animal Relations through Fixed Stars

Minsoo Jeon, Columbia University A New Reading of Ṭevārīḵ-i Ṭalḥ: An Ottoman Echo of Timurid Historiography

Parisa Zahiremami, University of King's College, Halifax The Patronage of Sanā‘ī’s Ḥadīqat al-Ḥaqīqah: The Glorification of Sultan Mahmūd of Ghazna and the Legitimization of Bahrāmshāh

Amanda Leong, University of California, Merced Re-thinking the Iranian Diaspora from a Premodern, Sino-Iranian Perspective: A Study of Three Poems by Li Shunxian, A Medieval Chinese-Persian Poetess
VI-28: Digital Spheres

Chair: Volunteer needed

Hamdi Echkaou, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and J aouad El Bakili, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane
The Role of Media in Representing Hassani Culture: A Study of Online Newspapers in the Southern Provinces of Morocco (ONSPM)

Yasemin Celikkol, Northwestern University in Qatar
Japanese Digital Citizen Diplomacy in Turkey

Corina Lozovan, Universidade Católica Portugeusa
The Young and the Restless in the Virtual Sphere: Everyday Life in Contemporary Omani Society

Faegheh Hajhosseini, SUNY Buffalo State
The Nature of the Secret in Iranian Shi’i Philosophy—A Vista to a More Democratic World

Anas Alahmed, Eureka College
The Electronic Flies’ Machine in the Arab World and the Struggle for People’s Power

Sashreek Garg, Northwestern University in Qatar
Gender Stereotyping and Harassment on Social Media: Attacks Against Rana Ayyub and Muslim Minorities in India

VI-29: Visual Archives: Memory, Play, and War

Chair: Volunteer needed

Lacy Murphy, Washington University in St. Louis
Weaponizing Photography during the Algerian War

Manar Moursi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Alexandra Schultz, New York University Abu Dhabi
At the Water’s Edge: Play and Leisure at the Beach in the Nasser Era

VI-30: Experimental Pedagogies

Chair: Volunteer needed

J albar Al-Obaidi, Bridgewater State University
Middle Eastern Student Mobility and Global Engagement: Internationalize Curriculum through COIL and Travel Courses

Shereen El Ezabi, American University in Cairo
Rendering Religious References; Towards the Superior AFL Level through Short Stories of Mahfouz

Maryah Converse, University of Arizona
Toward Gender-Just L2 Arabic Education: Attitudes and Practices of Arabic Instructors in Comparison to Spanish and Italian

Adil Elkhiyari, Qalam wa Lawh Center
Student-Led Projects: Engaging Students in Arabic Immersion Programs

Hany Fazza, Georgetown University Qatar
Integration of Interactive E-Books into Digital Pedagogy for Teaching Arabic Alphabet Online
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VII-1: Writing Beyond the Academy: Securing an Agent and a Commercial Book Deal
Organized and presented by John Ghazvinian, University of Pennsylvania

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VII-2: Interdisciplinary Transgressions: Liberratory Palestinian Scholarship and Praxis
Organized by Amanda Batarseh
Chair: Amanda Batarseh
Amanda Batarseh, University of California, San Diego
Nayrouz Abu Hatoum, Concordia University
Jennifer Mogannam, University of California, Davis
Rana Sharif, University of California, Riverside
Loubna Qutami, University of California, Los Angeles

ROUNDTABLE
VII-3: Beyond Case Study and Exception: the Middle East and North Africa
Organized by Sherene Seikaly
Sherene Seikaly, University of California, Santa Barbara
Julia Elyachar, Princeton University
Tareq Radi, New York University
Muriam Haleh Davis, University of California, Santa Cruz

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VII-4: Exploring Revolution and Its Others—Counterrevolution, Cooptation, and Counterinsurgency—As Projects of Social Change
Organized by Alice Wilson
Alice Wilson, University of Sussex
Killian Clarke, Georgetown University
Laura Ruiz De Elvira, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
Abdel Razzaq Takriti, University of Houston
Mark Drury, Georgetown University

ROUNDTABLE
VII-5: The Treaty of Lausanne at 100: New Research from the Lausanne Project
Organized by Andrew Patrick on behalf of the Gingko Library
Chair: Andrew Patrick
Andrew Patrick, Tennessee State University
Cemil Aydin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Leonard Smith, Oberlin College
Yigit Akin, Ohio State University
Aimee Genell, Boston University

VII-6: Sovereign Bodies From the Balkans to Bengal
Organized by Arlen Wiesenthal and Rao Mohsin Ali Noor
Arlen Wiesenthal, University of Chicago “Circles of Life”: Imperial Pregnancies and Deaths as Biological Impacts of Courtly Residence Patterns in Early Modern Ottoman Municipalities
Rao Mohsin Ali Noor, Johns Hopkins University The Pyropolitics of Sacred Kingship: Spectacle, Performance, and Messianism at the Ottoman Circumcision Festival of 1582
Ünver Rüstem, Johns Hopkins University Sovereignty Materialized: Sartorial Presence and Perpetuity in Ottoman Kingship
Andrew Halliday, University of Chicago The Caliph Unqualified: Representation and Disembodiment in the Khilafat Movement

VII-7: Late Ottoman History of Palestine
Organized by Mohannad Abusarah
Mohannad Abusarah, University of Toronto The Transformation of 19th Century Intellectual History in Palestine: An Insight from Al-Khalidi Family
Carter Barnett, Johns Hopkins University Patients, Healers and the Medical Economy of 19th-Century Palestine
Zachary Foster, Princeton University The Idea of “Palestine”, 1600-1850
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VII-8: The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Historical Antecedents, Literary Production, and Religious Humanitarianism

Organized by Daanish Faruqi

Sponsored by Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Discussant: Steven Heydemann, Smith College

Daanish Faruqi, Rutgers University-Newark Religious Humanitarianism and the Syrian Refugee Crisis: On Sufi International Aid Networks

Dawn Chatty, University of Oxford Refuge in the Levant and Eastern Mediterranean: Post-Colonial Transnational Migration or Arena of Containment?

Sena Taha, Ibn Haldun University Writing Refugee Lives

Luigi Achilli, European University Institute Fleeing the War: Syrian Minors’ Irregular Migration to Europe

VII-9: Crime in the City: Urbanization and Criminalization in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries

Organized by Kelsey Rice

Chair: Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, Northeastern University

Kelsey Rice, Berry College Crime and Politics in Baku: The Development of the Qochu Criminal Class

Ilkay Yilmaz, Freie Universitat Berlin Political Crime and the Mobility of Ideas in the Eastern Anatolian Cities During the Late Ottoman Empire (1878-1908)

Farzin Vejdani, Toronto Metropolitan University Policing Criminal Soundscapes in Nineteenth-Century Iranian Cities

VII-10: Authoritarian Control and Public Attitudes

Organized by Salam Alsaadi

Discussant: Ann Wainscott, University of Miami

Salam Alsaadi, University of Toronto Ambiguous Identities: Ineffective Ethnic Stacking in Sudanese Bashir Regime

Ameni Mehrez, Central European University How Populist are the People? Measuring Populist Attitudes in Tunisia

Sharan Grewal, College of William and Mary A Paradox of Professionalism: Why Tunisia’s Military Closed the Parliament

Jean Lachapelle, University of Montreal Repression and Support for Authoritarian Rule

VII-11: The Law Is the Law, Sometimes: Interdisciplinary and Transnational Approaches to Legal Studies in and on the Middle East

Organized by Maya Mikdashi and Asli Bali

Chair: Asli Bali, Yale Law School

Maya Mikdashi, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Ethnographic and Transnational Approaches to Legal History: A Woman Stands Before the Court in Lebanon

Lisa Hajjar, University of California, Santa Barbara The Guantanamo Phenomenon: Exposing the Fragility of the Rule of Law

Noura Erakat, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey What Palestine Teaches Us about Law in the Middle East

VII-12: Waiting for Water: Negotiating Water, Land, and Life in Morocco

Organized by Brittany Landorf

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: Zakaria Rhani, Mohammed V University

Discussant: James A. Miller, American Institute for Maghrib Studies

Brittany Landorf, Emory University “And Then the Rains Came”: Water and Saintly Authority in Morocco

Emily Hayes-Rich, University of New Mexico The Fight for Hidden Waters: Water Management at the Edge of the Sahara

Andie Madsen, Montana State University Water in the Desert: Merging Sensory Ethnography and Historical Research

Jamie Fico, Fulbright Morocco Living on Luck: Water, Land, and Watermelon Production in Southeast Morocco

Ethan Meford, University of California, Los Angeles The River Has Run Dry: Water, Agriculture, and Social Organization in 19th Century Fez, Morocco
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Organized by Zachary Cuyler
Chair/Discussant: Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Bard College

Zachary Cuyler, New York University Oil Workers and the Lebanese “Brotherhood of Labor”
China Sajadian, Vassar College The Value of “Girls’ Hands”: Crises of Agrarian Reproduction in Lebanon’s Biqa’ Valley
Anna Reumert, The New School Migrants Afer Labor in Lebanon
Samuel Dinger, New York University Embracing illegality? Status regularization and the production of precarity among Syrians in Lebanon
Elizabeth Saleh, American University of Beirut Salvaging Labor at a Beirut Scrapyard

VII-14: The Removal of Doubts: Producing Natural Knowledge in the Ottoman Empire
Organized by Yasemin Akcaguner
Chair: A. Tunç Sen, Columbia University
Discussant: Nir Shafir, University of California, San Diego

Yasemin Akcaguner, Columbia University The Mirror of Bodies: Anatomical Science (İlm-i Teşrīḥ) in the Ottoman Empire
Cem Turkoz, Harvard University Physics or Natural Philosophy in the Ottoman Empire: A Preliminary Study
Maryam Patton, Harvard University “The Benefit of this Science is Clear”: Astrology, Nature, and History Among Early Modern Ottomans
Dimitrios Giagtzoglou, University of Crete The Hidden Power of the Letters: The Knowledge of Cifr in the Ottoman Empire

VII-15: At the Edges of the Communal in the Eastern Mediterranean
Organized by Joseph Leidy, Weston Bland, Amy Fallas, and Alaa Murad
Discussant: Arbella Bet-Shlimon, University of Washington, Seattle

Joseph Leidy, University of Oxford Jubran Massuh and Mahjar Experiences of Interwar Sectarianism

Amy Fallas, University of California, Santa Barbara “The First Duty of Charity”: The Coptic Hospital and the Making of a Sectarian Corridor in Twentieth Century Cairo
Weston Bland, University of Pennsylvania Legislating Community in Early Liberal Era Egypt
Alaa Murad, Brandeis University “To Risk Stirring the Hearts”: Negotiating Ottomanism through the Popularization of Islamic History

VII-16: On the Edge: Post-Conflict Political Generations of Women and Youth Activists in the ‘Second Wave’ of the Arab Spring
Organized by Rola El-Husseini and Sarah Anne Rennick
Chair/Discussant: Michaelle L. Browers, Wake Forest University

Rola El-Husseini, Lund University The Revolution Is Female but Is it Feminist? Female Participation in the 2019 Lebanese Revolution
Liv Tonnessen, Chr. Michelsen Institute Women, Protest and Backlash: Igniting Feminist Mobilization in Sudan
Sarah Anne Rennick, Arab Reform Initiative Disrupted Youthhood, Ruptured Youth: Post-Conflict Social Imaginaries and Diverging Mobilization Dynamics among Iraqi Youth
Seréna Nilsson Rabia, University of Bergen The Role, Experiences and Challenges of Female Politicians during and afer the Algerian Hirak

VII-17: Children’s Incarceration in Modern Egypt
Organized by Hanan H. Hammad

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

Hanan H. Hammad, Texas Christian University From a Potential Threat to Free Labor: The Incarceration of Children in Cairo during WWII
Samar Nour, University of Toronto Juvenile Delinquency and Childhood Governmentality in Egypt 1883-1950
Maryam Fouad, The American University in Cairo Egyptian State’s Construction of a Moral Female Minor Body in Confinement

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Organized by Michael Gasper

Chair: Arang Keshavarzian, New York University

Michael Gasper, Occidental College The Sectarian Present: The Post-Iraq Invasion Middle East
Waleed Hazbun, University of Alabama American Illusions of Regional Order and Their Violent Consequences
Samer Esmeir, University of California, Berkeley Internationalized Domestication
Karim Makdisi, American University of Beirut The Global Battle over Lebanon in the Aftermath of the US Invasion of Iraq

VII-19: Tracing Transnational Indigenous Expression in Amazigh Cinema
Organized by Lucy McNair

Yahya Laayouni, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania The Role of Amazigh Cinema in Indigenous Film Practice: Imagining New Possibilities
Habiba Boumlik, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY Filmmakers Multilocality
Soubeika Bahri, University of Colorado at Denver A Sociolinguistic Approach to the Cinematic Discourse in Amazigh Film
Lucy McNair, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY Reading Indigenous Female Narratives in Amazigh Films

VII-20: Revisiting the Gulf’s Anti-Imperialist Currents in the Twentieth Century
Organized by Talal Al-Rashoud

Chair/Discussant: Crystal Ennis, Leiden University

Hsinyen Lai, University of St. Andrews Approaching ‘the International’ of Arab Nationalism: Origins, Vectors and the Case of Bahrain under British Colonialism
Kanwal Hameed, German Orient Institute of Beirut The Many Faces of Jamila – Women and Lineages of Revolt in Bahrain
Omar AlShehabi, University of Leeds The ‘Political Commodity’: Oil and US-Middle East Relations in the Historiography of ‘Abdulrahman Munif
Fadi Kafeety, University of Houston The Kuwaiti Press and Third World Liberation Struggles during the 1960s

Talal Al-Rashoud, Kuwait University and Wafa Alsayed, Gulf University for Science and Technology Arabia’s Anti-Colonial Hub: Kuwait and the Bahraini Nationalist Movement (1956-1966)

VII-21: Politics of Gender and Desire in the Persian Qasida
Organized by Domenico Ingenito

Chair: Dominic Brookshaw

Domenico Ingenito, University of California, Los Angeles Seducing a Prince: Eroticism and Politics in Early Persian Poetry
Jane Mikkelson, Yale University Ambition as Expansion of the Self in Odes by Fayzi (d.1595) and Makhfi (d.1702)
Justine Landau, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Unsex Me Here: Anvari and the Feminine Panegyric in the Saljuq Era
Dominic Brookshaw, University of Oxford In Praise of Khutus: Gender-Fluid Panegyric in Ilkhanid and Post-Mongol Iran and Iraq

VII-22: Re-linking Arabic Instruction with Its Socio-cultural Environment: New Challenges and Opportunities
Organized by Jamila Chahboun on behalf of Dartmouth College

Chair: Mokhtar Bouba

Jamila Chahboun, Dartmouth College Teaching Arabic to Heritage Learners: Reflections on Pedagogy for Students of Arabic Heritage at Dartmouth College
J aouad El Bakili, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane Strategies of Developing Intercultural and Transcultural Competence for Heritage Students and Non-native Speakers: A Case Study- Al Akhawayn University
Mokhtar Bouba, Dartmouth College Teaching the Medina: An indigenous approach to Arabic instruction
Housni Benni, Washington University in St. Louis Enhancing Intercultural Competence through Folktales for Heritage Students
Rayed Khedher, Wake Forest University Using Migrants’ Stories and Narratives in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language
VII-23: Power, Discipline and Fragility: Tracing the Historical and Intellectual Roots of Masculinities in Turkey
Organized by Aylin Özman and Selin Akyuz

Selin Akyuz, TED University A Historical and Methodological Perspective on Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities in Turkey: Towards Competing Conceptualizations?
Aylin Özman, TED University The Construction of Ideal Forms of Masculinities in the Early Republican Political Thought in Turkey - Soldiers, Citizens, and Fathers
Cimen Gunay-Erkol, Ozyegin University Peyami Safa’s Conservative Nationalism and Phantom Masculinity
Asli Cirakman, Middle East Technical University “World is a Domain of Collision”: Political Mobilization of a Destructive Masculinity in the Works of Nihal Atsız
Feyda Sayan Cengiz, Manisa Celal Bayar University “A Pawn on the Chess Board”: Political Masculinities in Yüksel Kadri Karaosmanoğlu’s Memoirs

VII-24: Gender, Law and Non-normativity in Egypt, Turkey and the Caucasus
Chair: Elizabeth Brownson, University of Wisconsin, Riverside
Beshouy Botros, Yale University Portraits of Transfemininity in Asyut: Supernatural Ways Beyond the Binary in Mid-Century Upper Egypt
Serpil Atamaz, California State University, Sacramento Women’s Murders in the Early Turkish Republic
Sara Seweid-DeAngelis, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Eunuchs, the Ef endiyya, and the Making of Modern Egyptian Masculinity
Sean Tomlinson, University of Arizona Siblinghood, Marriage, Fictive Kinship, and Male Relationships between Ottoman Army Oficer “Brothers” from the Mashriq in Memoirs of the Late Ottoman and Early Mandate Periods

VII-25: Colonialism and Its Discontents in Modern Iran
Chair: Volunteer needed
Mina Khanlarzadeh, Northwestern University Alienation, Translation, and Their Postcolonial Critics
Iqan Shahidi, University of Cambridge “Decline” in the Writings of Fardid & Al-e Ahmad
Nader Sohrabi, Free University of Berlin Democracy by Petition: The Constitutional Movement of Iran

J. M. Gustafson, Indiana State University Engineering a Modern Society: A British Commercial Mission to Southeastern Iran and a Covert Persian Counter-Narrative, 1904-5

VII-26: Environmental Degradation and Activism
Chair: Volunteer needed
Cagdas Dedeoglu, Yorkville University Beyond Dichotomies: Understanding Proenvironmental Behaviour in Turkey
Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul University Toxic Environments: Legacies of Warfare and Authoritarian Modernization in Iran & Iraq
Lama Tawakkol, University of Manchester Neither Top-down, nor Bottom-up: The World Bank’s Bisri Dam in Lebanon as Inter-scalar Development

VII-27: Legacies of Revolution and Counterrevolution
Chair: Hania Abou Al-Shamat, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Norma Claire Moruzzi, University of Illinois at Chicago Gender and the Revolutions: Tunisia 2010-2011 / Iran 2022-2023
Ian Wallace, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Rural Rebellion in the Post-colonial Rif: Peripheralization and Political Tension
Isaac Friesen, University of Cambridge Democracy Historicized: Rethinking Revolution, Repression and Representation in Contemporary Egypt
Amer Bitar, Independent Scholar Authority Representation as a Visual Cultural Discourse in the Middle East

VII-28: Resisting Occupation in Palestine
Chair: J. M. Goode, Grand Valley State University
Moara Assis Crivelente, University of Coimbra Emancipatory Diplomacy for Self-Determination and the National Liberation of Palestine and Western Sahara
Corey Sherman, University of California Hastings College of the Law Palestine on Appeal
Christina Kiel, Tulane University and Zulal Fazlioglu Akin, Ohio State University Culture in Conflict: Contextualizing Palestinian Cultural Diplomacy
Session VII
8:30 - 10:30 AM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

**VII-29: The Human, Non-Human and Dystopian Representation**
Chair: Volunteer needed

**Manal A. Jamal**, James Madison University
Analogical Reasoning, History, and Political Organizing

**Oren Kroll-Zeldin**, University of San Francisco
Embodied Actions: Co-Resistance Towards a Different Future in Palestine/Israel

**Jasmin Habib**, University of Waterloo
Resilience, and the Palestinian Experience or, Minding the Gaps of Settler Colonial Studies

**VII-30: Staging Performance and Music**
Chair: Volunteer needed

**Solmaz Shakerifard**, University of Washington, Seattle
A Red Tongue Imperils the Green Head: Artistic Lineage Informing Iranian Musicians' Involvement in Woman, Life, Freedom Movement

**Nicholas Mangialardi**, Williams College
Egyptian Music Fandom and the Af erlife of Abd al-Halim Hafiz

**Rustem Ertug Altinay**, Kadir Has University
Staging the National Utopia: Militarism and the Politics of Turkification in Late Ottoman Children's Performances

**Hicham Chami**, Columbia University
"Harsh (Rough) but Haluw (Sweet)": Voicing a Jebli Identity in a Stratified Moroccan Music Culture

**Payam Pilvar**, University of Ottawa and **Siavash Rokni**, Université du Québec à Montréal
Blurring the Red Line: How Women in Iran Have Pushed Back at the Ban on Solo Singing in Public

10:30-11:00 AM
Join us for a Complimentary COFFEE BREAK
held in the Book Exhibit
sponsored by MESA
SPECIAL SESSION
VIII-1: Academic Freedom and the Israel/Palestine Conflict: Lessons from the Kenneth Roth Scandal at Harvard

On January 5, 2023, news broke that Kenneth Roth, the longtime Executive Director of Human Right Watch (HRW), was denied a fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School. In truth, he was first of ered a fellowship and it was subsequently revoked by the Dean in deference to private donors/special interest groups who were upset by HRW’s criticism of Israel’s human rights record. After a faculty revolt, buttressed by global media coverage, Roth’s fellowship was reinstated, but the broader lessons from this controversy have not been systematically examined. This special session, with Kenneth Roth’s participation, seeks to examine this topic. Threats to academic freedom in the context of the Israel-Palestine conflict have a long and sordid history in North America. The focus of this special session will not be a historical examination of this topic but rather on the more recent cases at Harvard, University of Denver, University of Toronto and the University of Washington, where academic freedom has been egregiously violated. Strategies for combating this expanding problem will guide the panel discussion based on the various case studies.

Organized by Nader Hashemi on behalf of the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian University at Georgetown and DAWN (Democracy in the Arab World)

Discussant: Juan Cole, University of Michigan

Nader Hashemi, Georgetown University
Liora R. Halperin, University of Washington, Seattle
Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto
Kenneth Roth, Princeton University

WORKSHOP
VIII-2: Professional Development Workshop—Proposal Writing and Research Design: How to Fund Your Ideas

Organized by Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis

Sponsored by the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies (AMEWS), Association for Middle East Anthropology (AMEA), Arab American Studies Association (AASA), and Association for Middle East Children and Youth Studies (AMECYS)

ROUND TABLE
VIII-3: Bridging the Gap: A Decade of Human Rights in MENA, Navigating Pathways and Hurdles to Collaborations within Academia

Organized by Amr ElAfifi on behalf of The Freedom Initiative and MENA Prison Forum

Chair: Amr ElAfifi, Syracuse University
Insiya Raja, University of Oxford
Mohammed Alshuwaiter, Qanun, The Arabic Human Rights Platform
Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott College
Mark LeVine, University of California, Irvine

ROUND TABLE
VIII-4: SWANA Contributions to Feminist Theory

Organized by Nova Robinson

Discussant: Sara Rahnama, Morgan State University

Nova Robinson, Seattle University
Kara A. Peruccio, University of Maine
Nadya J. Sbaiti, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
Alborz Ghandehari, University of Utah
Susanna Ferguson, Smith College
Lila Sharif, Arizona State University

ROUND TABLE
VIII-5: Writing Syrian History in Times of Disaster

Organized by Max Weiss

Sponsored by Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair: Michael Provence, University of California, San Diego
Max Weiss, Princeton University
Stefan Winter, Université du Québec à Montréal/Koç University
Matthieu Rey, French National Center for Scientific Research
Ammar Alsamar, Independent
Seda Altug, Bogazici University
ROUNDTABLE

VIII-6: Reflections on the Global Refugee System

Chair: Sevin Gulfer Sagnic, University of California, San Diego
Sophia Balakian, George Mason University
Nadia El-Shaarawi, Colby College
Arzoo Osanloo, University of Washington, Seattle
Nergis Canefe, York University, Canada

VIII-7: Adaptation of European, Canadian, and American Proficiency Guidelines in the Middle Eastern Language Classes

Organized by Pouneh Shabani-J adidi
Chair: Noha Aboulmagd-Forster
Discussant: Pouneh Shabani-J adidi
Pouneh Shabani-J adidi, University of Chicago
Adaptation of the ACTFL Guidelines and the “Backward Design Model” in Persian Language Classes
Emine Cakir, University of Oxford Applying CEFR to Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language in the Higher Education Context
Azita Taleghani, University of Toronto The Alignment of Persian Language Classes to the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB): Challenges & Advantages
Noha Aboulmagd-Forster, University of Chicago ACTFL, Arabic, Adaptations

VIII-8: Acoustic Ecologies of the Middle East: Current Conditions and Prospects

Organized by Can Bilir
Chair: Can Bilir
Can Bilir, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Sonic Coagulations: Speakers and Public Broadcasts’ Roles in Recent Turkish Acoustic Ecologies
Ghida Anouti, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sonic Beirut, Displaced: Stitching Transboundary Soundscapes
Najat Rahman, University of Montreal Home and the Carceral: The Ethics and Politics of Sound in Global Palestine
Ali Musleh, Columbia University A Musicology of Settler Colonialism
Ege Altan, Pennsylvania State University Etel Adnan’s Sea and Fog: Hydro-Poetics and the Aesthetics of Memory

VIII-9: World Cup Qatar 2022: Transnational Solidarity, Palestine, and Anti-Muslim Bias

Organized by Nina Shoman-Dajani and Danielle Haque
Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association (AASA)
Chair: Nina Shoman-Dajani
Discussant: Danielle Haque
Danielle Haque, Minnesota State University, Mankato Labor and Solidarity: Qatar’s Campaign for the Arts at the 2022 World Cup
Hatem Bazian, University of California, Berkeley The 2022, Qatar World Cup, Islamophobia Social Imaginary, and Western Press
Nina Shoman-Dajani, Moraine Valley Community College Witnessing Solidarity and Rejecting Normalization: From World Cup in Qatar to Palestine, and the Diaspora

VIII-10: The Politics of Literary Disputations and Debates in Classical and Medieval Arabic Literature

Organized by Nizar F. Hermes and Gretchen A. Head, Yale-NUS College on behalf of the Journal of Arabic Literature
Nizar F. Hermes, University of Virginia “You Killed Him O’ Bakr!”: Bakr Ibn Hammād al-Tāharti’s Poetic Jousting and Disputations in al-Mu’taşim’ Court
Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia University Thievery Disputation in Literary Theory
Chiara Fontana, University of Bologna Farewell Beauty: Ibn al-Mu’tazz’s (d. 908) Political Manifesto in Fuṣūl al-Tamāthīl fī Tabāshīr al-Surūr
Wen-Chin Ouyang, SOAS, University of London Quarrels among Tea, Coffee and Wine: Literary Life of Things and World Literature
VIII-11: “Now is the Turn of the East”: Pan-Easternism in the Middle East and Asia
Organized by Mikiya Koyagi and Or Pitusi
Chair: Roy Bar Sadeh, Yale Law School
Discussant: Cemil Aydin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Or Pitusi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem From Pan-Ottomanism to Pan-Sharqism: The Eastern Scene in Berlin, 1919-1924
Usman Ahmedani, University of Amsterdam “A Novel Based on Historical Realities”: Easternist Expressions of Ottoman Turcology
Mikiya Koyagi, University of Texas at Austin Iranian Easternism: Geography, Civilization, and Decolonization
Mattias Gori Olesen, Aarhus University Eastern Lions, Western Tigers: The Second Italo-Ethiopian War and Liberal Easternism in Interwar Egypt
Peiyu Yang, George Mason University Travels through the Other: Ghassan Kanafani’s The Sun Rise in Asia as Solidarity-Building Translation

VIII-12: Entering and Exiting Transregional Medico-Legal Borders across the Twentieth Century
Organized by Lauren Banko
Chair: David E. Gutman, Manhattanville College
Lauren Banko, University of Manchester Laboring across the Medico-Legal Border: Working-Class Migrants, Illness, and Immigration Control between Palestine and Egypt, 1930-1948
Chris Sandal-Wilson, University of Exeter Border-Crossing Patients and the History of Psychiatry in British Mandate Palestine
Randa Tawil, Texas Christian University Time Change: Reproduction, Mobility, and Temporality in the Early Mahjar
Tamar Novick, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science Frontiers of Bodily Residues: Seeking and Moving Urine Across Borders, 1954-1974

VIII-13: Religion and Politics in the Pre-modern Maghrib
Organized by Stephen C. Cory
Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)
Discussant: Jocelyn Hendrickson, University of Alberta
Stephen C. Cory, Cleveland State University The Price of Peace: How Muhammad III Ended the ‘Alawi fitna in Eighteenth Century Morocco
Natalie Kraneiss, Münster University Between State Control, Piety Practice, and Scholarly Discourse: Sulaymān al-Hawwāt and the Clarification of the Hidden Secrets about the Descendants of ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī in Fez
Gonçalo M. Ramos, Centre for History of the University of Lisbon Building Legitimacies: Contrasting Notions of Kingship in the Marinid Sultanate and in the Portuguese Kingdom (AH 818/CE 1415 – AH 876/CE 1471)
Jens G. Fischer, University of Münster, “Among Princes He is a Prince, among Scholars a Scholar”: Learned Rulers in 18th Century Tunisia

VIII-14: War and Revolution in the Middle East
Organized by James Whidden
Discussant: Mona L. Russell, East Carolina University
James Whidden, Acadia University Saad Zaghloul’s Struggle with the Revolutionaries
Kyle Anderson, SUNY College at Old Westbury The Politics of Exile and the Narrowing Horizons of Egyptian Anti-British Activism, 1905-1924
Elizabeth Thompson, American University The Paris Peace Conference as Counterrevolution in the Middle East
Christiane Abu Sarah, Erskine College Affective Politics and the Egyptian Revolution(s) of 1951‒1952: Rethinking Emotions in Arab Protest Movements
VIII-15: “What’s In a Name?”: Lexicons of Exclusion and (Post-)Ottoman Communities
Organized by Kutay Onayli
Chair/Discussant: Erdag Göknar, Duke University

Kutay Onayli, Princeton University A Rum By Any Other Name: Identity, Denigration, and Greek Ottoman Satire, 1908-1909
Hazal Ozdemir, Northwestern University Mobility as Fesad: Ottoman Armenian Community Moving Between Suspicion and Threat
Cevat Dargin, Princeton University “You are Real and Pure Turks!”: Racialization and Colonial Violence in the Kurdish Province of Dersim
Ipek Sahinler, The University of Texas at Austin Trans(lating) Lexicons of Queerness in Ottoman-Turkish

VIII-16: Ottoman Immigration to the Americas - New Approaches, New Sources
Organized by Michael Ferguson
Chair: Michael Ferguson, Concordia University

Reem Bailony, Agnes Scott College An Exploration of Sect and Race in the Syrian Mahjar in North America
Andrew Sandock, University of Toronto Documenting Selves: Identity-Formation in Ottoman Migrants’ Personal Archives
Diogo Bercito, Georgetown University A Brazilian Thawra: Arab Migrants In the 1932 São Paulo Revolution

VIII-17: A Gender Perspective on Secularization and Modernization
Organized by Rita Stephan

Sponsored by Association for Middle Eastern Women’s Studies (AMEWS)

Chair/Discussant: Rita Stephan

Rita Stephan, North Carolina State University Resisting Tokenism: Arab American Political Activism

Namie Tsujigami, Sophia University How Haram Becomes Halal: Gendered Impact of Social Change in Saudi Arabia
Woohyang Sim, Waseda University Higher Education and Women in the State of Qatar
Eva Ohbaya, Keio University, Secularization in the Arab World

VIII-18: The Story of Resilience and Resistance Among Azerbaijani in Iran
Organized by Sevil Suleymani

Discussant: Sevil Suleymani

Lale J avanshir Qocabeyli, University of Toronto The Question of Conflict and Memory in the Birds are not Sacred Anymore and the Tears of Savalan: The Two Novels on the Events of 1945-1946 in Azerbaijan
Monire Akbarpouran, Université du Québec à Montréal The Notion of Cultural Heritage and the Imagery of Ashiqiq, as a Turkic Bardic Tradition, in the Urban Space of Contemporary Iran
Sevil Suleymani, George Mason University The Struggle of Recognition and Dilemma of Minority Politics: The Case Study of Azerbaijani Turks in Iran
Turkan Bozkurt, University of Toronto Comparative Methods of Assimilation and Oppression

VIII-19: Arab Revolutionaries’ Paths through Defeat
Organized by Chaymaa Hassabo

Chair: Ophélie Mercier, Ghent University

Chaymaa Hassabo, French National Institute for Sustainable Development Admitting Defeat, Living Through Defeat: Life Trajectories of (Ex-) Egyptian Activists
Laura Ruiz De Elvirá, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement Syrian Activism through and beyond Defeat
Sarah ElMasry, Scuola Normale Superiore The Echoes of Defeat: How Participants Reckon with the Defeat of Egypt’s 2011 Revolution in Their Private Lives
Léo Fourn, Aix-Marseille Université The Ambivalence of Syrian Revolutionaries’ Activism Facing Exile and Defeat
SESSION VIII  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

VIII-20: New Perspectives on Slavery, Abolition, and Race in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman World and Beyond

Organized by Özgül Özdemir

Chair: Sarah Gualtieri, University of Southern California  
Discussant: Taylor M. Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara

Özgül Özdemir, Stanford University Glimpses into Lives of Black Eunuchs in the 19th Century-Ottoman Harem: Histories of Race, Violence, Emotions

Zavier Wingham, New York University The Ambivalent Legacy of Manumission: Ottoman Guesthouses for Africans in the 1880s

Salma Hargal, Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies) How Slaves Claimed Their Manumission in Ottoman Libya Af er Slave Trade Protection (1857–1911)

Giacomo Ghedini, Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies) From Sudan and Senegal to Italy and France, Black Afro-European Abolitionism in the 19th Century: A Story Yet to Be Told

VIII-21: Back to the Future? Reinventions of Security States and Resistance Across the Tumultuous Contemporary Maghreb and Sahel

Organized by William Lawrence, American University

Chair: Yahia Zoubir, KEDGE Business School

Houda Mzioudet, University of Toronto Scarborough The Libyan Quagmire and the Security Challenge in the Sahel: Cases of Mali and Chad

Esra Bengizi, University of Toronto Maghrebi Women's Resistance & Feminist Nation Building; Algerian Women and the Black Decade

Azzedine Layachi, St. John’s University Social Movement Theory in Algeria and the Outcome of the 2019 Hirak

VIII-22: Microhistories of Arab Internationalism: The Lebanese National Movement

Organized by Nour MJ Hodeib

Chair: Malek Abisaab, McGill University

Nour MJ Hodeib, Graduate Center, CUNY Marcel Khalife: Singing for the Bullet in a Fascist’s Heart

Nathaniel George, SOAS, University of London Abu J ubran and J abal ‘Amil in the Age of the Palestinian Revolution

Dylan Baun, University of Alabama in Huntsville Imad Nuwayhid: Searching for a New Home in the Arab Left

Naye Idriss, New York University The Lebanese National Resistance Front and Af erlives of the Lebanese Left


Organized by Daniel Ahadi

Chair/Discussant: Daniel Ahadi

Daniel Ahadi, Simon Fraser University Confessions of a Diasporic Mind: Long-Distance “Nationalists” and Transnational Political Activism among Iranians Abroad

Bahareh Badiei, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Insurgent Grammars and Feminist Digital Activism: Iranian Feminist Networks’ Rise against Multifaceted Modes of Power in Light of J ina Uprising

Parsa Alirezaei, Simon Fraser University and Mozghan Fazli, Simon Fraser University Not So Green: Paradigm Shif in the Iranian Political Resistance Discourse and the Political Economy of Protest in Iran from 2009 to 2022

Hoornaz Keshavarzian, Simon Fraser University Datafication of Politics in the Time of Dissensus: Reflections on Iran’s Media Climate in the “Woman, Life, Freedom” Movement

VIII-24: Textual Innovation and Transgression from Iberia to Iran

Organized by Volunteer needed

Mustafa Kaya, University of Chicago Segregation of Mystical Life in Timurid Herat

Saleem Abu J aber, Achva Academic College A Rare Sufi Exegesis of Sūrat al-Fatḥ from 16th Century Ottoman Egypt

Sam Winikow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Of Cooks and Copyists: Culinary Manuscripts and the Circulation of Knowledge in Safavid Iran

Seyed Saleh Pezhman, McGill University Was Muḥammad Taqī Majlīṣī a Sufi?
SESSION VIII 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

VIII-25: 18th Century Scholarship and Historiographical Debates

Chair: Volunteer needed

Ian VanderMeulen, Kalamazoo College
Resounding Islamic Reform: Performance, Text, and Scholastic Consolidation in Premodern Moroccan Qira’at

Nabil Matar, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Filastin and Filastiniyyin in Early Modern Arabic Historiography

Jianyuan Sun, Princeton University
Turco-Mongolic Monarchic Tradition in the Khoqand Khanate: Tanistry in the Early Reign of Irdana Biy (r. 1751-52 & 1753-69)

Betul Argit, Marmara University
Book Ownership of the Male Members of the Imperial Court (17th-18th Centuries)

VIII-26: Geographies of Domination and Dispossession in Palestine

Chair: Jasmin Habib, University of Waterloo

Kimberly Katz, Towson University
Between Jordanian and International Law: UNRWA’s Involvement in Jordanian Court Cases

Chloé Chbat, University of Manchester
Bordering and Immobility: A Study of the Palestinian Body within the Settler Colonial Context in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT)

Yair Agmon, University of California, Los Angeles
Waste, Revival, and Dispossession: Territorial Ecology in East Jerusalem

Atwa Jaber, Graduate Institute, Geneva

Mekarem Eljamal, Columbia University
Authority over Spatial Identity: Municipal Documentation Narrating Lydd’s Identity

VIII-27: Ethnic and Religious Minorities in the Middle East

Chair: Molly Oringer, University of California, Los Angeles

Mehra K. Sarvestani, Ohio State University
Iranian Baha’is and the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)

Neslihan Akpinar, University of Alberta
Transformation of Religious Identities: The Case of Some Kurdish Alevis Converting to Sunni Islam in Modern Turkey

Thomas Schmidinger, University of Kurdistan-Hawler
Relics of Kurdishani Jews

Mayada Madbouly, University of Groningen and Menna Agha, Carleton University
Narrating Emotions, or, Why Decolonize Nubian Studies?

Edith Szanto, University of Alabama
Conversion as Class Mobility in Iraqi Kurdistan

J anet Kestenberg Amighi, West Chester University
Cultural Transformations among the Zoroastrians of Iran

VIII-28: State Building: Law, Surveying, and Boundary Making

Chair: Volunteer needed

Yosra Hussein, Columbia University
Maẓālim Courts: Between Despotic Sultans and Secular Justice

Omar Gebril, Columbia University
Modernizing Shari’a in Egypt: Madrasat al-Qaḍā’ al-Sharī’ (1907-1930) and the Compatibility of Shari’a with Western Laws and Modern-State Values

Gul Kale, Carleton University
Interaction of Local Surveying Practices and European Colonial Surveyors in the Middle East, 17th-18th Centuries

Carl Shook, University of Chicago
The Law and the Bordering of Iraq: An Inquiry into the Relationship Between the Tribal Criminal & Civil Disputes Regulations and State Building in the Mandate Era

VIII-29: The Politics of Trade and Investment in the New Gulf

Chair: Volunteer needed

Suzanne Morrison, Zayed University Abu Dhabi
The Political Economy of Hosting Major Sports Events in the GCC: The Case of Qatar and the 2022 FIFA World Cup

Robert Mogielnicki, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington
Chinese-Saudi Economic Relations: Uneven Growth and Aspirational Collaboration

Narayani Sritharan, College of William and Mary
What Drives Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Aid? Comparative Evidence on the Role of Geostrategy, Economics, and Values

Mate Szalai, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
The Tail Wagging the Dogs? Comparing the Influence-Building of the Gulf States in the US and China
CURRENT EVENTS SESSION

IX-1: Centering Sudan: the Revolution, the War, the Future

In this interdisciplinary roundtable, discussion will focus on Sudan's history, upheavals, and future. We anticipate a robust conversation along with a re-centering of Sudan within Middle East studies.

Organized by Beeta Baghoolizadeh, Princeton University on behalf of MESA’s Committee on Blackness, Indigeneity, and Social Justice (CBIRJ)

ROUNDTABLE

IX-2: Gender Studies and Feminism at MESA: Taking Stock of the Field

Organized by Nadje Al-Ali, Brown University

Asli Zengin, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey
Hanan H. Hammad, Texas Christian University
Zahra Ali, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey
Sondra Hale, University of California, Los Angeles
Maya Mikdashi, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

ROUNDTABLE

IX-3: Threats to Academic Freedom in the Middle East

Organized by Mimi Kirk on behalf of the MESA Global Academy

Selin Gumrukcu, Rutgers University
Evren Altinkas, University of Guelph
Katty Alhayek, Toronto Metropolitan University
Nihat Celik, San Diego State University
Basileus Zeno, York University

ROUNDTABLE

IX-4: Environmental Anthropology and the Middle East

Organized by Sa’ed Atshan

Sponsored by Association of Middle East Anthropology (AMEA)

Chair: Sa’ed Atshan, Swarthmore College
Munira Khayyat, American University in Cairo
Tessa Farmer, University of Virginia

Anne Meneley, Trent University
Peter Habib, Emory University
Caterina Scaramelli, Boston University
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Bard College

ROUNDTABLE

IX-5: Imagining the East: Researching and Writing Transnational Affinity, Solidarity, and Belonging during the Interwar Years

Organized by Erin O’Halloran

Discussant: Marya Hannun, University of Exeter

Erin O’Halloran, University of Cambridge
Reem Bailony, Agnes Scott College
Sara Rahnama, Morgan State University

ROUNDTABLE

IX-6: Settler Colonial Violence, Palestine, and White Supremacy

Organized by Stephen Sheehi

Chair/Discussant: Loubna Qutami, University of California, Berkeley

Stephen Sheehi, College of William & Mary
Saree Makdisi, University of California, Los Angeles
Sherene Razack, University of California, Los Angeles
Lara Sheehi, George Washington University

ROUNDTABLE

IX-7: Practical Pedagogies of Engagement: Building Intercultural Understanding Through Concrete Activities

Organized by G. Carole Woodall and Victoria Hightower, University of North Georgia on behalf of MESA’s Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: G. Carole Woodall

Roger A. Deal, University of South Carolina Aiken
Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State University
Virginia Cady, Independent Scholar
G. Carole Woodall, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
SESSION IX 3:00 - 5:00 PM

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**IX-8: Arab Faces, American Places**

Organized by Salah D. Hassan

**Sponsored by**

Arab American Studies Association (AASA)

Chair/Discussant: Michelle Hartman, McGill University

Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State University Self-Possessed: Photos of Arabs in the Early 20th Century United States  

Natalie El-Eid, Syracuse University Drawing Selves and Stories: 21st Century Arab American Graphic Memoirs  

Leila Tarakji, Michigan State University “El Moro, El Negro, El Arabe”: An American Origin Narrative between Fiction and the Margins of History

**IX-9: Beyond Paradoxes and Contradictions: Forms of Anti-Colonial Resistance during WWI in North Africa and the Middle East**

Organized by Odile Moreau

Odile Moreau, University of Montpellier Beyond Paradoxes and Contradictions: The Trajectory of Amir ʿAbd al-Mālik during WWI  

Richard Fogarty, University at Albany, SUNY Resistance in Captivity and Captivity in Resistance: North African POWs in German and the Middle East during the Great War  

Jonathan McCollum, Brigham Young University An Anticolonial Empire? The Ottoman Struggle for North Africa in the Long First World History

**IX-10: Imagining New Authorial Configurations in Persianate Sufism**

Organized by Hunter Bandy and Seema Golestaneh

Hunter Bandy, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes The Subtle Points of Sovereignty in Shiʿi Sufism of the 17th century Deccan  

Seema Golestaneh, Cornell University Navigations on the Path: Understanding the Positionality of the Shariat and Tariqat in 20th and 21st Century Iranian Sufism

Ahoo Najafian, Macalester College Mystical Politics in Pre-revolutionary Iran  

SeyedAmir Asghari, Baylor University Post Sadra Dhahabiyya Ṣūfī Order and Shiʿi-Ṣūfī Convergence  

Aziza Shanazarova, Columbia University Female Religious Authority in Sufism

**IX-11: Formulating Modernism through Museums and Exhibitions in the MENA Region**

Organized by Caroline Angle Maguire

Sponsored by Association for Modern and Contemporary Art of the Arab World, Iran and Turkey (AMCA)

Caroline Angle Maguire, University of Maryland, College Park Democratizing and Modernizing the Musée National du Bardo (1956–1980)  

Ashley Miller, Independent Scholar Revolutionizing the Institution? Remaking Art Histories at the First Pan-African Cultural Festival (PANAF), Algiers 1969  

Elizabeth Rauh, American University in Cairo A Museum of One’s Own: Ali J abri and Curatorial Practice as Worldmaking in the Jordan Museum of Popular Traditions

**IX-12: Contested Archives: The Reopening of the Kanan Makiya Papers**

Organized by Michael Brill and Wisam Alshaibi

Chair/Discussant: Arbella Bet-Shlimon, University of Washington, Seattle

Michael Brill, Princeton University The Origins and History of the Ba’th Party Archive  

Joseph Kotinsky, University of Texas at Austin The Politics of Shiʿi Sufism: The Iraqi Opposition and the Rise of Sect-Centrism  

Amir Taha, University of Amsterdam Contesting the Archives with the 1991 Iraqi Uprising  

Wisam Alshaibi, University of California, Los Angeles The Kanan Makiya Papers Then and Now
Organized by Rachel Schine and Sheera Talpaz

Chair: Karla Mallette, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Rachel Schine, University of Maryland, College Park
Black Language: Racio-Linguistics and Representing Afro-Asian Languages in Abbasid Writings

Alexander J Abbasi, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Urdu in Palestine, Hebrew in India: Muslim Philology before 1947

Hilah Kohen, University of Pennsylvania
The Age of Language Revolutions: Turkish, Hebrew, and Soviet Language Policy between the World Wars

Michael Payne, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Translating Race in the Medieval Middle East: Graeco-Arabic Conceptions of Human Difference and Their Disun

Sheera Talpaz, Oberlin College
Arab Jewish Literature and the Fallacy of Language Choice

IX-14: Property Disputes, Dispossession and Processes of Marginalization in North Africa
Organized by Soraya El Kahloufi and Koenraad Bogaert

Chair: Koenraad Bogaert, Ghent University

Soraya El Kahloufi, Ghent University
Possession against Property: Mapping Land Struggle in North Africa

Cristiana Strava, Leiden University Institute for Area Studies
Speculative Sustainability: Dispossession, Financialization, and Contested Green Urbanism in Contemporary Morocco

Lana Salman, Ghent University
Nomadism: Property and the Governing of City’s Edge in Colonial Tunisia

Yasmine Berriane, National Center for Scientific Research

Souad Eddouada, Iben Tofail University
Rights, Reform, and Negotiation: Land Dispossession, Gender, and Alternative Models for Justice

IX-15: Exploring the Margin(s)
Organized by Jasmine Benhaida and Julia Wartmann

Chair: Aline Schlaepfer, University of Basel

Julia Wartmann, University of Basel
Reassessing Claims of Kurdish Marginality in the Case of the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria

Fares Damien, University of Basel
Abel'Amel to South Lebanon: The Birth of a New Mediterranean Space

Jasmine Benhaida, University of Basel
Where Art You? Unthinking Women at the Margins through Sharia Court Records

IX-16: Frontiers in the Studies of Middle East Contentious Politics
Organized by Ali Kadivar and Rima Majed, American University of Beirut

Chair/Discussant: Charles Kurzman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ali Kadivar, Boston College
Oil and Contention: Fuel Subsidy Cuts and Protests in Iran 2019

Elizabeth Parker-Magyar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Striking from the Schoolyard: State Worker Networks, Organization, and Contentious Action in Jordan

Killian Clarke, Northwestern University
Revolution in Democracies: The 2019 Uprisings in Lebanon and Iraq

Jeremie Langlois, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Do Ballots Break Barricades? Parliamentary Responsiveness and Protest Trends during Algeria’s Hirak Uprising

Kevin Mazur, Northwestern University
Between the Square and the Quarter: The Urban Logic of Violence in the Syrian Revolution

IX-17: Trade, Diplomacy and Finance in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire
Organized by Hasan Ilban

Sebastien Flynn, Independent Scholar
Diplomacy between the Treaty of Belgrade and the Death of Sultan Mahmud I, 1739-1754

Hasan Ilban, University of Birmingham
British Credit and the Provincial Economy of Aleppo in the Eighteenth Century

Zeynep Arslan Calik, Ruhr-University Bochum
The Ottomans in the Habsburg Lands: Re-identifying the Builders of Ottoman-European Contacts (1772-1826)

Elif Bozgan, University of Chicago
The Scholarly Families and the Life-long Tax Regime in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Empire
IX-18: The Meaning of China’s Increased Engagement in the Middle East
Organized by Lars Erslev Andersen
Chair: William Lawrence, American University

Lars Erslev Andersen, Danish Institute for International Studies China and Iran Relations in Context of the Changing World Order
Chuchu Zhang, Fudan University A Rising Asian Transactionalist Player in the Middle East: Deciphering China’s Infrastructure Diplomacy in the Region
Yahia Zoubir, Middle East Council on Global Affairs, Doha China’s Integration of the Greater Maghreb into the Belt & Road
Emilie Tran, Hong Kong Metropolitan University From Health Diplomacy to Leadership in Global Public Health? China’s Social Power in the Middle East

IX-19: How Islamists Cope with Football: Qatar as a Transformative Event?
Organized by Dag Tuastad

Dag Tuastad, University of Oslo How Ritual and Politics Intersects in Hizbollah’s Relation to Football
Bjorn Olav Utvik, University of Oslo Soccer, Islamism and the Good Muslim
Hans K Hognestad, University of South-Eastern Norway Football, Religion and Politics – Contested Narratives from the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar

IX-20: Border(land)s of the Ottoman Empire
Organized by Elmira Louie and Hüseyin Göcen
Chair/Discussant: Ali Yaycioglu, Stanford University

Elmira Louie, University of California, Davis Reading the Borderland: Linguistic and Religious Border Crossings in 17th through 19th Century Ottoman Literature
Merve Tekgürler, Stanford University Crucible of Empire: Ottoman-Polish Borderlands in the Long Eighteenth Century
Hüseyin Göcen, University of California, Davis Provincial Fatwas, Festivals, and Celebrations as Borderlands in Ottoman Early Modernity

IX-21: Anticommunism in Cold War Turkey
Organized by Semih Gökatalay
Sponsored by Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA)
Chair: James H. Meyer, Montana State University Discussant: James Ryan, Foreign Policy Research Institute

Semih Gökatalay, University of California, San Diego The Changing Iconography of Nâzım Hikmet: From a Communist Traitor to a Patriotic Poet
Gozde Emen Gokatalay, Independent Scholar Balkan Immigrants and Anticommunism in Cold War Turkey 1950-1953
Reuben Silverman, Stockholm University Red Scares and the Formation of a Frontline Cold War State in Turkey

IX-22: Haunted Futurities: Cases from the Arab Gulf States
Organized by Esraa Al-Muftah

Esraa Al-Muftah, University of British Columbia Institutional Erasures: The Case of Internationalization at Qatar University
Reuben Silverman, Stockholm University Red Scares and the Formation of a Frontline Cold War State in Turkey
Tareq Alrabei, Gulf University for Science and Technology Contested Cultural Representations of the Maritime History of the Gulf
Maryam AlHajri, University of Edinburgh Silencing Processes as a Form of Historical Erasure: Histories of Qatar’s Social Movements

Zehra Ilhan, University of California, Davis Pre-16th Century Discourse on Muslim Women and Female Youth in the Epic Stories of Anatolian Borderland
**IX-23: The Determinants of Compliance: COVID-19 in the MENA**
Organized by **Amanda Rizkallah**

Chair/Discussant: **Marwa Shalaby**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Amanda Rizkallah**, Pepperdine University The Country Source Origins of Vaccine Hesitancy

**Yuree Noh**, Rhode Island College Public Health Mandates and Trust during the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl**, Leiden University Violence, Trust, and Pro-Social Behavior: The Long-Term Effects of Civil Conflict on COVID Compliance in Iraq

**IX-24: Diplomacy, Diplomats, and Forgotten Records**

Chair: **Constantine Theodoridis**, Princeton University

**Anthony Edwards**, Washington and Lee University A Privileged Intellectual: Buṭrus al-Bustānī and His Dragomanship at the US Consulate in Ottoman Beirut

**Rosalind Buckton-Tucker**, Independent Scholar Captain Shakespear: An Unsung Hero of Arabia?

**Deniz Çıtak**, University of California, Los Angeles The Case of Pahlavi-Era Iranian Diplomacy in Amanullah’s Afghanistan

**Asuman Tezcan**, Stanford University The Tan Raid as the Herald of the Reorganization of Turkey’s Domestic and Foreign Policy after the Second World War, 1945

**Murat Kasapsaracoglu**, Istanbul Aydin University Uncovering the Opium Crisis: The Poison of Turkish-American Relations in the 1960s and 1970s

**IX-25: The Strategies and Dynamics of Israeli Occupation in Palestine**

Chair: **Lawrence Davidson**, West Chester University

**Nathaniel Shils**, Wellesley College Annexation and the “One State Reality” in Israel/Palestine: History and Implications of Israel’s Mechanisms of Territorial Incorporation

**J udith Hoppermann**, University of Glasgow Control, Dispossession, Exploitation: Understanding the Political Economy of the Colonialism-Neoliberalism Nexus in West Bank Agriculture

**Cora Enterline**, Trinity College Dublin Drinkers with a Religion Problem: Religious Terroir in Israeli Settlement Wineries

**IX-26: Language and Libraries**

Chair: Volunteer needed

**Mahmoud Roshdy**, University of Southern California The Strangeness of Language as a Wound out of Displacement: On Translating Salim Barakat’s Childhood Autobiography

**Hicham Assaoul**, Virginia Military Institute The Arabic Pronominal Distribution: A Representational Account

**Tianrui Ma**, Indiana University Bloomington A Mix of Voices: Exploring Life Writing and Poetry in Nizar Qabbani’s The J ournal of an Ind if erent Woman

**Nefise Kahraman**, University of Toronto Translator’s Notes as an Archival Medium: Preserving and Documenting the Exilic Memory in Refik Halid Karay’s Gurbet Hikayeleri (Stories of Exile)

**Ömer F. Es**, McGill University Listening to Qur’anic Speech: The Musicality of Sound and Meaning in Sūrat al-‘Alaq

**Connor Phoennik**, University of Texas at Austin Laysa Ka-mithlihi Shay-ün: The Part-of-Speech Status of Ka- in the Arabic Grammatical Tradition

**IX-27: Feminist and Queer Literature**

Chair: Volunteer needed

**Nuha Askar**, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University “Tell Me a Story”: Queer Narratives and Countercultural Memories in Ahmad Danny Ramadan’s The Clothesline Swing

**Linda Istanbulli**, Pennsylvania State University Between Fiction, History, and Ethnography: Bedouin Women in Sultanāt Al-Raml

**Nusaiba Imady**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities I’m Going Mad Again; Narratives of Female Suicide in Modern Arabic Literature

**Michael Ernst**, New York University Bitter Weeping & Dreaming: Salwa Bakr’s “Thirty-One Beautiful Green Trees” as an Allegory of Neoliberal Egypt

**Douja Mamelouk**, Le Moyne College Translation as Resistance: Arwah Salih’s The Stillborn (2017) and the Memory of the Egyptian Left
IX-28: TV, Film, and Theater

Chair: Volunteer needed

**Zeynep Sertbulut**, Haverford College The Turkish Dizi Industry and Its Audience Imaginaries

**Megan Ekstrom**, The University of Texas at Austin Defending and Negotiating Modernity in Baghdad’s Cinema Spaces, 1950-1958

**Sherena Razek**, Brown University Unruly Atmospheres: Speculating Palestinian Filmic Interventions in the Air

**Nina Youkhanna**, Georgetown University Between Laughter and Tears: Political Performance in Syria
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**ROUNDTABLE**

**X-1: Middle East Migration Studies: Roads Travelled and Future Paths**

Organized by Andrew Arsan and Akram F. Khater

Chair: Andrew Arsan

Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge  
Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State University  
Anna Reumert, The New School  
Ghenwa Hayek, University of Chicago

**ROUNDTABLE**

**X-2: Queering the Question: Rethinking Middle East Studies through Queer Methodologies**

Organized by Umayyah Cable

Chair: Umayyah Cable

Umayyah Cable, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Natalie Kouri-Towe, Concordia University  
Taheerah Aghdasifar, California State University, Dominguez Hills  
Mejdulene Shomali, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Charlotte Karem Albrecht, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**ROUNDTABLE**

**X-3: MESA's BDS Vote and the Question of Palestine**

Organized by Maya Wind

Chair: Noura Erakat, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey  
Discussants: Abdel Razzaq Takriti, University of Houston and Samia Al-Botmeh, Birzeit University

Maya Wind, University of British Columbia  
Nadia Abu El-Haj, Columbia University  
Rafeef Ziadah, King’s College London

**ROUNDTABLE**

**X-4: It’s Complicated: Cultural Memory and Hope in Impermanent Landscapes**

Organized by Gisele Chagas and Nefissa Naguib

Gisele Chagas, Universidade Federal Fluminense  
Nefissa Naguib, University of Oslo  
Karin Ahlberg, Stockholm University  
Gustavo Barbosa, Universidade Federal Fluminense  
Liza Dumovich, KU Leuven

**ROUNDTABLE**

**X-5: Archiving Iran in/of the Diaspora**

Organized by Leila Pourtavaf

Chair: Leila Pourtavaf, York University

Nazli Akhtari, University of Waterloo  
Farzaneh Hemmasi, University of Toronto  
Persis Karim, San Francisco State University  
Amy Malek, Oklahoma State University

**X-6: Ecocritical Perspectives in Arabic Literary Studies**

Organized by Sarah R. Bin Tyeer

Chair: Sarah R. Bin Tyeer, Columbia University

Anna Ziajka Stanton, Pennsylvania State University  
The Geophenomenology of Extinction in Nūrah al-Nūmān’s Ajwān  
Bouthaina Khaldi, American University of Sharjah  
An Ecocentric Reading of ‘Abd al-Raḥmᾱn Shukrῑ’s Poetry and Criticism  
Teresa Pepe, University of Oslo  
The Climate Crisis in Contemporary Arabic Speculative Fiction  
Levi Thompson, University of Texas at Austin  
Ecocriticism Between Rusafah and the Bridge  
Dahlia E.M. Gubara, Koc University  
“We’ve Put These Themes into the Mouths of Animals, to Make the Case Clearer and More Compelling...”: Ethical Ecologies in Ikhwān al-Ṣafāʾ’s Animal Fable

**X-7: Vegetal Vectors: Plants and Plant-Knowledge in Middle East History**

Organized by Taylor M. Moore and Susanna Ferguson

Chair: Samuel Dolbee, Vanderbilt University  
Discussant: Can Dalyan, College of Charleston  
Susanna Ferguson, Smith College  
The Mystery of the Travelling Plant: George Post’s Herbarium and the Problem of the “Native” Weed
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**X-8: Mobility and Agency in Contemporary Yemeni Diaspora**

Organized by **Waleed Mahdi**

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair/Discussant: **Stacey Philbrick Yadav**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**Anny Gaul**, University of Maryland, College Park
Red Sauce, Green Sauce: Cooking Okra and Tomatoes in the Nile Valley

**Taylor M. Moore**, University of California, Santa Barbara
In the Weeds: Studying Disruptive Plants in Twentieth-Century Egypt

**Cagdas Acar**, University of Chicago
The Pilgrim's Progress in Armenian and Armeno-Turkish: Publishers, Translators, and Readership

**Lydia Harrington**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Art? Craft? Industry? Education and Emerging Discourses of Creation in the Late Ottoman Empire

**Betty Rosen**, University of California, Berkeley
Teaching al-Lugha from Valletta to Istanbul: Al-Shidyāq’s Language Pedagogy, 1839-1872

**Bogumila Hall**, Polish Academy of Sciences
Recipes for Refuge: Food and the Yemeni Diaspora

**Nathalie Peutz**, New York University Abu Dhabi
If Strife Increases, Go to Yemen: Yemeni Refugees and the Problem of Return

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**Gokh (Gukha) Amin Alshaif**, University of California, Santa Barbara
Songs of Yearning: Narrating Yemen's Global Histories through Rural Women's Songs

**Sara Swetzoff**, Eastern Connecticut State University
Migrants, Refugees, Residents and Returnees: Ethio-Yemeni Community in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Waleed Mahdi**, University of Oklahoma
Yemeni American Artivism between Urgency and Emergence

**Myrsini Manney-Kalogera**, University of Arizona
“The Pouring Down Northern Wealth, Brings Holy Wisdom to the Homeland”: Christian Merchants and Education in Ottoman Yanya, 1797-1830

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May a Müftü be Funny? Humor’s Social Function in 17th Century Ottoman Legal Practice

**Sultan Toprak Oker**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Muslim Drinkers: Actors of Social and Political Life in 17th Century Ottoman Istanbul

**Tugce Kayaal**, Furman University
Sisterhood Trouble: Friendship, Intimacy, and Queering Wartime Solidarity

**Naz Vardar**, Simon Fraser University
Carnival and National Identity Formation: Play and Disguise in Ottoman Macedonia at the Turn of 20th Century

**X-10: Marginalized Spaces of Action: Leisure, Humor, and Deviance as Social Protest in the Ottoman World**

Organized by **Sultan Toprak Oker** and **Zeynep Tezer**

Chair: **Melanie Tanielian**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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**X-11: New Perspectives on Violence and Resistance in Turkey**

Organized by **Ayca Alemdaroglu** on behalf of the Program on Turkey at Stanford University

Chair: **Ayca Alemdaroglu**, Stanford University

**Nisa Goksel**, Arizona State University
Narratives of Exile and Migration: Kurdish Women’s Political Struggles in Europe

**Sefika Kumral**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Anti-Kurdish Communal Violence in the 21st Century: Origins, Patterns, Directions

**Janet Klein**, University of Akron
Minoritizing and Securitizing Armenians and Kurds

**Deniz Duruiz**, Concordia University
“I Would Have Recognized You from Your Smell”: Racialization of Kurdish Migrant Farmworkers in Western Turkey
Baris Unlu, University of Virginia The Turkishness Contract and the Formation of Turkishness

X-12: On Madhhabs, Salafis, and Dalil: Rethinking Reform and Law in the Contemporary Islamic World

Organized by Matthew Steele

Discussant: Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt University

Matthew Steele, Harvard University Ijtihad in the Service of Taqlid: Repurposing Critique in the Contemporary Maliki School

Aaron Rock-Singer, University of Wisconsin-Madison The Madhhab of the Quran and Sunna? Salafism, Textual Reasoning, and the Islamic Tradition

Etty Terem, Rhodes College Rational Religion for a Modern Age: Defining a Path to Social Progress in Interwar Morocco

Alexander Thurston, University of Cincinnati The Mālikī Madhhab, the Istidlāl Genre, and Contemporary Religious Authority: Tunisian and Libyan Examples

Nathan Spannaus, University of California, Berkeley New Teaching for a New Generation: Exploring the Link between Educational and Legal Reform in the 19th Century

X-13: Debating Public Knowledge in Modern Egypt

Organized by Chloe Bordewich

Chloe Bordewich, University of Toronto Secrecy on Trial: The Case of the Leaked Telegram and the Egyptian Public’s Right to Know

Andrew Simon, Dartmouth College Egypt as a Mixtape: Shaykh Imam, Oficial Stories, and Recomposing the Recent Past

Khaled Fahmy, Tufs University Egyptian Public Misinformation during the 5 June 1967 War

Farida Makar, University of Oxford Myths and Illusions about Free Public Education in Egypt

X-14: AATT Panel in Memory of Walter G. Andrews

Organized by Didem Havlioglu

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

Chair: Virginia Aksan, McMaster University

Discussant: Didem Havlioglu, Duke University

Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, University of Pennsylvania The Bazar of Separation: Culture, Emotions, and Philosophy in Ottoman Poetry and Lexicon

Sergen Avci, University of Washington, Seattle Womanhood in Kitāb-i Hikāyāt

Efe Balikcioglu, Wellesley College Referencing Scholarship: Philosophical Reflections in 15th Century Ottoman Poetry

Haci Gündüz, Harvard University Macaronic (Mulamma’) Poetry in Ottoman Damascus

X-15: Jews at Sea

Organized by Annie Greene

Chair/Discussant: Alma Heckman, University of California, Santa Cruz

Annie Greene, University of Chicago By the Rivers of Babylon: Imagined Riparian Geographies of Baghdadi Jews

Menashe Anzi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev The Return of the Indian “Martin Guerre”: Movement and Impersonation in the Indian Ocean

Nancy Berg, Washington University in St. Louis Israeli Jewish Writers Confronting the Sea

Mark Wagner, Louisiana State University Shaping Bourgeois Jewish Habitus in the Suez Canal Zone: The Menachem Messa Company of Aden and Its Long Shadow

X-16: Byzantine Legacies of the Ottoman Long Nineteenth Century

Organized by Ceren Abi and Artemis Papatheodorou

Ceren Abi, Kadir Has University Byzantine Studies in the Aftermath of the First World War

Firuzan Melike Sumertas, University of California, Berkeley From Antiquarianism to (Urban) Archaeology: Byzantine Heritage of Istanbul in the Nineteenth Century

Artemis Papatheodorou, Harvard University Late Ottoman Muslim Intellectuals and the Byzantine Heritage of Istanbul - Mehmet Ziya and His Treatise on the Chora Monastery (“Ka’riye Cami-i Şerifi”)

Konstantinos Paschalidis, National Archaeological Museum Archaeology and Nationalism: The Greek Archaeological Service in the Smyrna Zone (1919-1922) and Its Special Interest in the Byzantine Heritage
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X-17: Between Democratization and Authoritarian Resurgence: The Future of Political Islam in the Maghreb

Organized by Julius Dihstelhoff and Guy Eyre on behalf of the Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM)

Chair/Discussant: Francesco Cavatorta, Universite Laval


Guy Eyre, University of Edinburgh Standing and Yielding (Un)Common Grounds: Anti-Politics, Purity, and Cross-Ideological Islamist, Salafi, and Leftist Solidarity in Morocco

Vish Sakthivel, College of Charleston The Algerian Muslim Scouts: From “Soldiers of the Future” to Islamist Youth

Clara-Auguste Süß, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt Competing Of ers for Religion and Politics? Islamist and Salafist Communication in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia

X-18: Spotlights on Shi‘ī Esotericism from Umayyad Iraq to Fatimid Cairo

Organized by James Weaver

Chair: Najam Haider, Barnard College

James Weaver, University of Zurich Where Does Our Information on the Early Ghulāt Come From? Historians, Heresiographers, and Biographers

Pamela Klasova, Macalester College Beliefs in the Greatest Name of God in Early Islamic and Late Antique Iraq: The Ghulat, al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf, and Others

Dariouche Kechavarzi, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes The Formation of Islamic Polemics: The Khawārij, the Shi‘a, and the Accusation of “Exaggeration” (“Ghuluww”)

Mushegh Asatryan, University of Calgary The Nusayris at the Turn of the 11th Century: A Spotlight

X-19: The Dynamics and Consequences of Power-Sharing in the Middle East

Organized by Christiana Parreira and Melani C. Cammett

Chair/Discussant: David Siddhartha Patel, Harvard Kennedy School

Christiana Parreira, Graduate Institute, Geneva Varieties of Power-Sharing and the Quality of Public Goods Provision

Aytuğ Şaşmaz, Bryn Mawr College and Melani C. Cammett, Harvard University Microfoundations of Support for Power-Sharing: Who Supports and Protests the Sectarian Power-Sharing Regime in Lebanon?

Bassel Salloukh, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies Does Power Sharing Promote the Rule of Law? Granular Evidence from Lebanon

John Nagle, Queens University, Belfast Protesting Power-Sharing: Citizenship Acts and Eventful Protest in ‘Divided Societies’

Tamirace Fakhoury, Aalborg University The Nexus between Power-Sharing and Time: Politics and Timekeeping in Lebanon

Toby Dodge, London School of Economics and Political Science Examining the Longevity of Informal Consociationalism in Iraq

X-20: Palestine and Constellations of Indigeneity

Organized by Omar Alsayyed

Omar Alsayyed, New York University Anti/Coloniality and the Metaphors of Capital

Tamar Ghabin, New York University Crises and Counterinsurgency: How the U.S. and Israel Reconstructed the Category of the Terrorist

Wael Omar, SOAS, University of London Beyond the “Tragedy”: Exploring the Politics of Transnational Recognition

Ruba Akkad, Texas Christian University From Homeplace to Community: Reconfiguring Sumud through Residential Graffiti in Palestine

X-21: In/Visible Accumulations: Spatial Production and the Erosion of National(ist) Mythologies

Organized by Aida Bardissi and Tess Waggoner

Chair/Discussant: Maysam Taher, New York University

Tess Waggoner, New York University Renovated Façades: Layers of Production, Effacement and Branding

Lidia Helou, New York University Transient States: A Sensorial Study of State Failure in Beirut’s Karantina

Brian Plungis, New York University Petro-Museumization: Industrial Heritage and National Memory of the Iranian Oil Industry

Aida Bardissi, New York University Embodying Antiquity: Unearthing the Politics of Re-enactment at the Pharaonic Village
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X-22: From Empire to Republic: Open Wounds, Survival, and Revolt

Chair: Volunteer needed

Kent F. Schull, Binghamton University, SUNY Providing for the Saints: Mormon Missionary Efforts to Provide for Their Armenian Converts in the Late Ottoman Empire (1898-1928)

Oya Aktaş, University of Washington, Seattle Liberal Ottoman Citizenship: Brotherhood, Suf ering, and the 1915 Genocide

Ahmet Serdar Akturk, Georgia Southern University Historiographical Encounters: Kurdish and Kemalist Turkish Nationalists Rethink the Past in the Post-Ottoman Era

Evren Altinkas, University of Guelph From Special Organization (Teşkilat-ı Mahsusa) to Karakol: Activities of the Committee of Union and Progress after the Mudros Armistice

X-23: Cold War Legacies in the Middle East

Chair: Volunteer needed

Joseph Yackley, United States Department of State Condemned to Repeat the Past?: Applied History and America’s Future in the Middle East

Kyle Evered, Michigan State University Narrating the Nation, Panel-by-Panel: A Popular Geopolitics of Identity Construction in Turkey’s Cold War Comic Books

Sami Risk, University of St. Andrews From Corporate Feud to Global Conflict: How an Anglo-American Oil Rivalry Became the Pivot of History in the First Half of the 20th Century

Bilal Kotil, Marmara University “Aided Self-Help”: Administering Economies and Caring for Populations in Cold War Turkey

Guldeniz Kibris Atabay, Leiden University The Representations of Turkish National Space

X-24: Islamic Sciences, Medicine, and Health

Chair: Saleem Abu Jaber, Achva Academic College

Ebru Erginbas, Brown University In between the Old and the New: The Birth of the First Maternity Hospital in the Ottoman Empire

Soraya Safari, Tehran Art University The Positionality of the Five Traditional Senses in Avicenna’s Book: The Canon of Medicine

Shaikhah Ali Alsahli, University of Pennsylvania Westernization = Modernization? Another Perspective on the Relationship between Architecture and Mathematics in the Arabic Context


Chair: Volunteer needed

Tyler Parker, University of Idaho Securing Status: Why Qatar and the UAE Support U.S. Policies in the Middle East

Pietro Marzo, Teluq University The Impact of Qatar-United Arab Emirates Rivalry on Libyan and Tunisian Politics Since 2011

Yacouba Gnegne, National Defense College of the United Arab Emirates The United Arab Emirates and the Security Crisis in the Sahel

Esra Dilek, Sabanci University Liberal Norm Contestation in the Periphery: Assessing Turkey’s Peacemaking Discourse in the Mediterranean

X-26: Palestine and Literature

Chair: Volunteer needed

Alexei Perry Cox, Concordia University Solidarity Poetics: “Why This Impulse” to “Familiar the Wind”: Poetry as a Production of Dynamical Attunement in George Abraham’s “Apology|Ploy” and Layli Long Soldier’s “Whereas Statements”

Terri Ginsberg, City University of New York How “Palestinian” Is It?: The Precession of Hasbara

Loaay Wattad, Tel Aviv University Colonial Subversive Mimicry: Translating Zionist Children’s Literature into Arabic

Aya Labanieh, Columbia University Treachery and Translation: The Allegiances of Hebrew in Emile Habibi’s Palestine and al-Tahir Wattar’s Algeria

Rania Said, University of Massachusetts Boston Solidarity with Palestine in Post-Revolution Tunisian Literature

Laila Riazi, University of California, Berkeley The Night of the Non-Event: Apocalyptic Visions, Speculative Poetics, Irrecoverable Histories
**X-27: Best Practices in Pedagogy**

Chair: Volunteer needed

**Dalal Aboel Seoud**, American University in Cairo
Enriching Intercultural Communicative Competence through Alternative Assessment Methods

**Fatemeh Mirsharifi**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Learning a Foreign Language as “Strategy”: Learners’ Motivation and Attitudes toward the “Strategic” Language Persian/Farsi

**Azza Hassanien**, American University in Cairo
How to Conduct a Productive Debate for Teaching Heritage Learners in the Foreign Language Classroom?

**Madhusudana Rao**, Bridgewater State University
Perspectives and Strategies of the Middle East and North Africa Studies Program at Bridgewater State University, MA, USA: A Case Study

**X-28: Drama and Story**

Chair: Volunteer needed

**Marwan M. Kraidy**, Northwestern University in Qatar
Turkish Drama in Latin America: Insights from Fieldwork in Argentina and Mexico

**Marie Huber**, Stanford University
Haunted Cinema: History, Modernity, and the Internal Other in Pre-revolutionary Iran

**Maysan Haydar**, American Academy of Arts & Sciences
In Words and Deeds: Agatha Christie, Artifacts, and the 20th Century Middle East

**Egor Korneev**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Egyptian Religious TV Series: The Historicized Space and Nostalgia

**Lubna Safi**, University of California, Berkeley
What the Poem Knows: Poetic Knowledge in the Works of Muḥammad Bennīs, Abdelkabīr Khaṭībī, and Aimé Césaire

**Natalie Khazaal**, Georgia Institute of Technology
Diversity and Conflict in the Arab Public Sphere: The Case of Atheist Writer Mohamed Choukri

**X-29: Logic and Literature in Early Times**

Chair: Jens Schmitt, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

**John Walbridge**, Indiana University Bloomington
Ibn Kammuna on Suhrawardi’s Logic

**Pei-Chen Tsung**, National Chengchi University
Eloquence, Witticisms, and Sexuality in the Ijāzah Poetry between ‘Inān and Abū Nuwās

**Roxanne D. Marcotte**, University of Quebec at Montreal
Suhrwardi’s Ishraqi Philosophy: What Happened to Noetics?

**Hasan Alsulami**, Umm al-Qura University
Mashriqi and Maghrebi Poetics in Pre-Modern Biographical Anthologies
**ROUNDTABLE**

**XI-1: The Armenian Diaspora and Stateless Power: Collective Identity in the Transnational 20th Century**

Organized by Tsolin Nalbantian

Chair: Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden University

Talar Chahinian, University of California, Irvine
Hrag Papazian, American University of Armenia
Sossie Kasbarian, University of Stirling
Sylvia Alajaji, Franklin & Marshall College
Khachig Tololyan Tololyan, Wesleyan University
Lilit Keshishyan, University of Southern California

**ROUNDTABLE**

**XI-2: Reorienting the Middle East: The Gulf as Method between Area and Film/Media Studies**

Organized by Dale Hudson

Chair: Dale Hudson, New York University Abu Dhabi

Elizabeth Derderian, College of Wooster
Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State University
Parisa Vaziri, Cornell University
Bindu Menon, Azim Premji University

**ROUNDTABLE**

**XI-3: Memory Studies Beyond Nationalism in the Arab World(s)**

Organized by Layla Zbinden

Chair: Sarah Gualtieri, University of Southern California

Layla Zbinden, University of Southern California
Sarah Dweik, Pennsylvania State University
Laura Albast, Institute for Palestine Studies

**ROUNDTABLE**

**XI-4: Indigenous Theories and Contemporary SWANA Studies**

Organized by Mark LeVine and Lucia Sorbera

Chair: Setrag Manoukian, McGill University

Lucia Sorbera, University of Sydney
Mark LeVine, University of California, Irvine

Sarah Eltantawi, Fordham University
Eray Çaylı, University of Hamburg
Matthieu Rey, French National Center for Scientific Research
Megan Awwad, University of Southern California
Hany Rashwan, United Arab Emirates University
Khaoula Bengezi, York University
Laila Mourad, York University

**ROUNDTABLE**

**XI-5: Alt-Ac and Graduate School: A Conversation about Bringing Alt-Ac into the Graduate School Experience**

Organized by Janina Santer and Kylie Broderick

Mekarem Eljamal, Columbia University
Kylie Broderick, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Janina Santer, Columbia University
John Kallas, New York University

**XI-6: Mediated Revolutions: Gender and Protest in Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq**

Organized by Sima Shakhsari

Chair: Minoo Moallem

Sima Shakhsari, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Ruba Ali Al-Hassani, Lancaster University Of Tishreen and Its Symbols: Women in Protest
Tahmina Sobat, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Minoo Moallem, University of California, Berkeley

**XI-7: Power, Place, and Space: Ethnographies in and of Jordan**

Organized by Kyle Craig and Timothy Y. Loh

Kyle Craig, Northwestern University Ajanib (Foreigner) Fatigue in Amman’s Institutionalized Graf iti/Street Art Scene
Allison Mickel, Lehigh University We are the World Heritage: Labor Organization in Jordanian Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
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**XI-8: How Poetry Revolts: Islamicate Traditions of Poetic Revolution**

Organized by **Rawad Wehbe**

Chair/Discussant: **Suzanne Stetkevych**, Georgetown University

- **Timothy Y. Loh**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  An Expanded Istifada: Cochlear Implants and the Regulation of Communication for Deaf Jordanians

- **Kendra Kintzi**, Cornell University
  Unruly Roof ops: The Urban Political Ecology of Solar Thermal Energy Production in Jordan

- **Matthew DeMaio**, George Washington University
  Accumulating Amman: Belongings and Attachments over Iterations of Palestinian Displacement

- **Rawad Wehbe**, University of Pennsylvania
  Little Revolutions: Formal Innovation and Anxiety in the Mukhaḍram Poetry of Ibn Muqbil

- **Fatemeh Shams**, University of Pennsylvania
  The Silent Revolution of Capacious Poetic Form: Yadhollah Royai and his Espacementalist Poetry (She‘r-e Hājmgerā)

- **Huda J. Fakhreddine**, University of Pennsylvania
  Revolutionizing the Tradition: Umm Kulthūm curates and performs the Arabic Qasīdah

- **Abdul Manan Bhat**, University of Pennsylvania
  The Restless Heart: Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Khalilullah Khalili, and Heartistic Revolution

**XI-9: Past and Present Leadership in the Arabian Peninsula: Historical and Conceptual Approaches**

Organized by **Javier Guirado**

Chair: **Javier Guirado**

Discussant: **Michael Herb**, Georgia State University

- **Luciano Zaccara**, Qatar University Qatar 2021 Shura Council Elections: Implications for Citizen Inclusion and the New Leaderships Political Agenda

- **Javier Guirado**, Georgia State University
  Rulers and Ruled in Qatar. The Role of Society in the 1950s

- **Leticia Rodriguez**, University of Granada
  The Power Resources of the Qatari Elite: Leadership and Foreign Policy in the Past Two Decades

- **Courtney Freer**, Emory University
  Examining the Mobilizational Capacity of Tribes in Kuwait

**XI-10: The “Crisis of Man” in Modern Arabic Thought**

Organized by **Simon Conrad**

Chair: **Olga Verlato**, New York University

Discussant: **Max Weiss**, Princeton University

- **Simon Conrad**, Princeton University
  “The Total Man” (al-Insan al-Kamil) in Mid-Century Egyptian Thought

- **Murad Idris**, University of Michigan
  Sayyid Qutb, al-Da‘wa, and the Crisis of Humanity

- **Spenser Rapone**, University of Texas at Austin
  On the New and the Eternal in the Intellectual Tapestry of Michel ʿAflaq: Religion, the Sacred, and the Secular

**XI-11: Palestinian Revolutionary Becoming: Building Movement, Relations, and Praxis**

Organized by **Mjriam Abu Samra** and **Jennifer Mogannam**

Chair/Discussant: **Jennifer Mogannam**, University of California, Santa Cruz

- **Mjriam Abu Samra**, University of California, Davis
  Crossing the Bank: How Palestinian and Jordanian Students Waded Together in Times of Political Turmoil

- **Basem Kharma**, University of Milan
  From Amman to Washington D.C.: How the Palestinian Revolution Mobilized University Campuses

- **Samar Saeed**, Georgetown University
  Palestinian Action in Italy through the 1970s: Adapting the Palestinian Cause to the Local Political Tradition

- **Abdalla Bayyari**, Khaled Shoman Foundation Darat Al Funun - Sovereignty Politics in Palestinian Archives: A Decolonial Approach

**XI-12: Memories and Archives of Revolution: Kurdistan and Palestine**

Organized by **Chandni Desai**

Chair: **Chandni Desai**

Discussant: **Chowra Makaremi**, French National Center for Scientific Research "Kak Satar": a militant visual archive of Kurdish resistance

- **Chandni Desai**, University of Toronto
  Fugitive Liberation Archives: From Tunis to Gaza, tracing the moves of the PLOs visual archive

- **Chowra Makaremi**, French National Center for Scientific Research
  "Kak Satar": a militant visual archive of Kurdish resistance
Shahrzad Mojab, University of Toronto  
The past and the absences are present in Kurdish women’s memoirs

**XI-13: Citizenship and Denizenship in Monarchies and Republics in MENA 2000-2020**

Organized by Rania Maktabi

Chair: Monique C. Cardinal, Laval University

Rania Maktabi, Østfold University College  
Norway State Formation, Female Citizenship, and the Demos in Morocco and Kuwait 1995 - 2020

Susanne Dahlgren, Finnish Institute in the Middle East  
State and Citizenship in Yemen: New Perspectives

Monika Lindbekk, University of Southern Denmark  
100 Years of Contestation: Continuity and Change in Egyptian Personal Status Reform

**XI-14: Carceral Geographies and Histories: Detention, Displacement, Deportation**

Organized by Amy Kallander

Chair: Elif Sari  
Discussant: Nasser Abourahme, Bowdoin College

Amy Kallander, Syracuse University  
Race, Empire, and French Carceral Practices in Tunisia

Sarah Ghabrial, Concordia University  
Border Criminality in Algeria since 1848

Helena Zeweri, University of British Columbia  
The Political Afterlife of Offshore Detention in the Afghan Diaspora in Australia

Douaa Sheet, American University Carceral Temporalities: “Administrative Control” and the Af erlives of Former Tunisian Political Prisoners

Elif Sari, University of British Columbia  
Carceral Politics of LGBTQ Asylum

**XI-15: The Arab World on Display: The 1930s Arab Exhibitions in Jerusalem and Beyond**

Organized by Nadi Abusaada

Chair: Nadi Abusaada

Nadi Abusaada, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich  
Self-Portrait of a Nation: The Arab Exhibitions in 1930s Jerusalem

Kirsten Scheid, American University of Beirut  
From The Arab Exhibition to National Art Exhibitions

Sary Zananiri, Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens  
Exporting the «Holy Land» as Nationalist Legitimation? Yousef Zoughbi and His Diplomatic Commissions

Nisa Ari, Montserrat College of Art  
Patron Saints of Palestinian Art: Zulfa al-Sa’dî’s Pan-Arab Portraits and the Value of Decommodification

**XI-16: Entangled Histories of Family in the Late Ottoman Empire**

Organized by Kate Dannies and Umit Kurt

Umit Kurt, University of Newcastle  
Fate of Armenian Family Wealth: Confiscation of Property in Ottoman Aintab during the First World War

Mostafa Minawi, Cornell University  
Shifting Grounds: Identitarian Categories and the Experience of Loss in the Imperial Center

Kate Dannies, Miami University  
Global Futures: The Political Economy of Greek Orthodox Business Families

**XI-17: In the Name of God: Debating Divine Attributes in the Post-Classical Islamic East**

Organized by Zain Alattar

Chair: Zain Alattar, University of California, Berkeley

Evan Grennon, University of California, Berkeley  
Existence: J alâl ad-Dîn Dawânî’s (d. 1501/2) Argument for a New Conception of God

Madeline Wyse, University of California, Berkeley  
A Causality Crisis at the Boundary of the Eternal and Temporal: An Unsuccessful Solution in the Works of al-Abhari and Ibn Kammûna

S. Shiraz Ali, University of California, Berkeley  
Divine Predilection: Mapping God’s Intention in the Early-Postclassical Muslim Thought
XI-18: Time Frames: Art as an Embodied Practice of Time from an Anthropological Perspective
Organized by Ophélie Mercier and Aymon Kreil

Ophélie Mercier, Ghent University “Behind Your Eyeballs” - The Body - An Artistic Tool to Process Experiences of Time
Aymon Kreil, Ghent University The Tongue of the Hand: Aesthetics, Embodied Practices and Transmission Among Egyptian Calligraphers

Farouk El Maarouf, Justus Liebig University Giessen
Al-‘Atara as a Marginal Community: Negotiating Art and Its Practices from Below

Andrew Gayed, Ontario College of Art and Design
Queer Gestures in Arab Visual Art

Victoire Jaquet, Université Paris Nanterre
The Passing of a Dance - Between Transnational Genealogy and Local References, The Values of a Dance Practice in Marrakech

Organized by Tarek El-Ariss

Chair: Tarek El-Ariss

Tarek El-Ariss, Dartmouth College Writing War
Ahmed Naji, Independent Scholar Rotten Evidence: On Writing a Prison Memoir
Iman Mersal, University of Alberta Traces of Enayat

XI-20: Pathways toward Increased Sociolinguistic Competence in Arabic
Organized by Katrien Vanpee

Katrien Vanpee, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
How Do Multialectal Approaches Contribute to Curricular Diversification? Two Project-Based Examples

Nesrine Basheer, University of British Columbia
Multialectal Use of L2 Arabic: A Study of Advanced Learners’ Profiles

Elizabeth Huntley, Michigan State University Do Learners Really Get “Confused”? An Empirical Assessment of Mono- and Multi-diglossic Arabic Instruction

XI-21: Egypt at Turn of the 20th Century: Community and Identity, Subject Formation
Chair: Alexandra Schultz, New York University Abu Dhabi

Sam Pulliam, George Washington University Suppressing Imperial Madness in Colonial Egypt, 1900-1936
Erin Kelleher, University of Texas at Austin Imaginaries of Eastern Civilization: The Boxer Rebellion in the Egyptian Periodical Press
Rana Baker, King’s College Toward an Agrarian Theory of Money: Rethinking Money, Markets and Commodities in Egypt

Johannes Makar, Harvard University History as a Preface: Coptic Reformers and the Quest for Nationhood in late Ottoman Egypt (1856-1910)

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word “The Mother of All Communal Issues”: Overseeing the Coptic Waqfs and the Laity-Clergy Standoff at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

Salma Shash, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Mother of All Communal Issues: Overseeing the Coptic Waqfs and the Laity-Clergy Standoff at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

XI-22: Racial Exclusion and Assimilation Across Boundaries
Chair: Volunteer needed

Shyla Gonzalez-Dogan, Arizona State University When Nowhere Is Safe: Experiences of Anti-blackness in Islamic Institutions
Yiorgo Topalidis, University of Florida A Different Kind of Whiteness: Lessons Learned from the Whitening Process of Ottoman Greek Immigrants

Oula Hajjar, McGill University Exploring the Pre-migratory Socio-economic Determinants of the Integration of Syrian Refugees in Canada in the Labor Market

Mojtaba Ebrahimian, Harvard University Progress as a Historical Phenomenon: What Has Happened in Europe over the Last Centuries according to the Early 19th Century Iranian Travelers to Europe

Gregory Aftandilian, American University Recreating Kharpert in Massachusetts
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XI-23: Spatiality and Urban Development

Chair: Volunteer needed

Reza Asadian, Keio University
Iranian Nationalism and Invented Traditions: A Comparative Study of Pahlavi's Shiraz and Islamic Republic's Karbala

Tina Guirguis, University of California, Santa Barbara
Potty Politics: Toilets for the People?

Chantal El Hayek, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
French Colonial Planning and the Ville Nouvelle

Faïq Mari, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich
Alternative Spaces of Revolt: The Commons of Palestinian Liberation Struggle

XI-24: Specters of Economic Growth: Trade, Banking, and National Development

Chair: Bashar Malkawi

Bashar Malkawi, University of Arizona
The Evolution of Free Trade in the Ottoman Empire and Egypt

Dimitrios Stergiopoulos, University of California, San Diego
Moneylending and Banking between Athens and Istanbul; The Cases of Konstantinos Vouros and Andreas Syngros

Sertac Sen, Brown University
Marshaling Development: Turkish Thrace in the Interwar Years

Cihan Tekay Liu, The Graduate Center, CUNY
The Nationality of the Company: Sequestration and Economic Nationalism between Europe and the Ottoman Empire Post-World War I

XI-25: Authoritarianization and Responses in Turkey

Chair: Volunteer needed

Asli Peker Dogra, New York University State at the Epicenter: A Comparative Analysis of 1999 and 2023 Earthquakes in Turkey

Gizem Zencirci, Providence College
The Muslim Social: Islamic Neoliberalism and Governing Poverty in Turkey

Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University
NGO Mobilization, Familialist Networks and Neoconservatism in Contemporary Turkey

Selin Gumrukcu, Rutgers University
Labor Autonomy and Resilience in Bahrain

XI-26: Neoliberalism and the Dynamics of Resistance in Post-Welfare Autocracies

Chair: Volunteer needed

Line Khatib, American University of Sharjah
Democratic Culture and Activism in the Modern Arab World

Golrokh Niazi, Independent Scholar
Steering a "Leaderless" Uprising: Reflection on the 2010-11 Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutions, and the 2022-23 Iranian Protests

Matthew Lacouture, University of Massachusetts Boston
From Hegemony to Mobilization in Jordan

Adam Almqvist, University of Chicago
"The Government Cannot Be Solved, We're Improving the Country in Other Ways": The Moral Economy of Self-Reliance and Ambivalent Attachments in Jordan's Youthscape

Keenan Wilder, Brown University
"The Government Cannot Be Solved, We're Improving the Country in Other Ways": The Moral Economy of Self-Reliance and Ambivalent Attachments in Jordan's Youthscape

XI-27: Precarity and Mutual Aid in Lebanon and Iraq

Chair: Volunteer needed

Lara Khattab, Mount Allison University
Reflections on “Precarity” and “Precarious Work:” Theoretical and Empirical Insights from Lebanon

Sima Ghaddar, University of California, Los Angeles
Shifting Landscapes of Service and Welfare Provision in Northern Lebanon: The Politics of Survival in Times of Crisis

Peter Habib, Emory University
Stagnant Waters: Humanitarianism and Water Provision in Lebanon’s Bekaa Valley

Diana El Richani, University of Toronto
'I Am the Wheat': Theorizing Hope and Future through Land in Lebanon

Arran Walshe, New York University
The Politics of Generosity: Karam, Gheira, and Everyday Giving in Iraq

XI-28: Disappearances and Visual Politics

Chair: Volunteer needed

Lara Balaa, Rutgers University
The Visual Representation of the Disappeared in Post-War Lebanon: Between Transitional Justice and Historicity
Hasan Kujjah, Independent Scholar  
Lamenting an Arab City in Contemporary Elegiac Poetry: The City of Aleppo ‘2011-2020’ as an Example

Lila Sharif, Arizona State University and Nova Robinson, Seattle University  
How We Talk about Absences: Reflections on Feminist Writing for Palestine

Farah Atoui, Concordia University  
“Chaos”: Making Visible Syrian Women’s Experiences of War

Amir Moosavi, Rutgers University-Newark  
Mourning in the Marshes: Humans, Animals, and Environment in Contemporary Arabic and Persian War Fiction

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Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University  
Transmitters as Storytellers: Authorship in an Eighth Century Hadith Collection

Aysenur Cam, Princeton University  
The Concept of “Israf” in the Qur’an as Epistemic Waste

Doha Tazi Hemida, Columbia University  
An Ash’ari Theology of Property

Murtaza Shakir, Aljamea-tus-Saifiyah, Mumbai  
Conversing with the Inverse: Contextualizing the Inverse Calligraphy on the Ẓirāz of the Fatimid Era

XI-29: Visions from Archaeology and Antiquity

Chair: Artemis Papatheodorou, Harvard University

Sean Silvia, Princeton University  
Excavating the Excavation Reports from Halicarnassus: The Dislocation, Rupture and Resistance Against Artifact Extraction of the Ottoman Community in Bodrum

Clarissa C. Burt, United States Naval Academy  
The Transformation of Zarqā’ al-Yamāmah in the Poetry of Muḥammad ʿAbd al-Bārī

Lara Fresko Madra, Bard College  
Reorienting Discussion of an 8th c. CE Inlaid Panel

Pansee Abou ElAtta, Carleton University  
The Role of Anti-imperial Organizing in Popular Conceptualizations of Tutankhamun’s Tomb

Lyla Halsted, Davidson College  
Li’l-ʿAyn wa-l-Naẓar: Diagnosis and Treatment of the Evil Eye in Medieval Islamic Material Culture

XI-30: Faith and Fine Art in Early Periods

Chair: Volunteer needed

Ali Rida Rizek, University of Göttingen  
Dialogues of the Hereafter in the Quran: Insights on the Social Dynamics of a Meccan Discourse

Irene Kirchner, Georgetown University  
What is a Forgery? Ibn al-J awzi’s Kitab al-Mawḍūʿāt and the Evolution of a Genre

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XI-31: Human Rights, Gender, & Citizenship in the Middle East

Chair: Mimi Kirk, MESA Global Academy

Discussant: Laurie Brand, University of Southern California

Mohammed Almahfali, Malmo University  
The Map of Arabic Human Rights Discourse

Mansour Almaswari, Columbia Global Centers, Amman  
Beyond the Margins: Rethinking the Temporality of Kuwait’s Stateless Bedoon Community

Naima Mohammadi, University of Pittsburgh  
The Iranian Female Student Diaspora in European Academia

Semiha Topal, John Carroll University  
You Will Not Walk Alone: The AKP Generation’s Breaking Away from (Conservative) Islam
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ROUNDTABLE
XII-1: Recovering the Politics of Kuwait: From Regional Margins to the Theoretical Mainstream
Organized by Sean Yom

Chair: Sean Yom
Sean Yom, Temple University
Yuree Noh, Rhode Island College
Michael Herb, Georgia State University
Farah Al-Nakib, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

ROUNDTABLE
XII-2: Russian-Arab Worlds: New Sources and Angles
Organized by Margaret Litvin

Margaret Litvin, Boston University
Masha Kirasirova, New York University Abu Dhabi
Eileen Kane, Connecticut College

ROUNDTABLE
XII-3: New Approaches to the Political Economy and Environmental History of Ottoman Greater Syria
Organized by Samuel Dolbee

Samuel Dolbee, Vanderbilt University
Huricihan Islamoglu, Bogazici University
Sherene Seikaly, University of California, Santa Barbara
Elizabeth Williams, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Resat Kasaba, University of Washington, Seattle
Nora Barakat, Stanford University

ROUNDTABLE
XII-4: Sports, Resistance, and Inter-National Solidarity: The Case of Palestine
Organized by Kathryn Kalemkerian

Abdullah Al-Arian, Georgetown University in Qatar
Kathryn Kalemkerian, Champlain College
Hillary Kipnis, Independent Consultant
Ha Dong, McGill University

XII-5: MENA Cities in Literature and Film
Organized by Nisrine Slitine El Mghari

Chair: Nizar F. Hermes, University of Virginia
Nisrine Slitine El Mghari, University of Kentucky The Maghrebi Flâneur, or The Wanderer of The Medina, in Ahmed al-Madini’s Fās... Law ‘Ādat Ilayh
Mohammed Hirchi, Colorado State University
Representation of Tangiers in Literature and Film
Hanan Elsayed, Occidental College Cairo Then and Now in Alifa Rifaat’s Short Stories
Mbarek Sryfi, Al Akhawayn University The City as Memory: Migration, Space, and the Changing Perceptions in Muḥammad Zafzāf’s Novel Al-Mar’ah wa Al-Wardah (The Woman and The Rose)

XII-6: Politics and Cultures of Midwifery: Epistemologies, Expertise, and Praxes
Organized by Frances S. Hasso and Camila Pastor De Maria Y Campos

Chair: Philippe Bourmaud, University of Lyon III
Rebecca Saab Saade, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences “Our Women Don't Know How to Raise Children” - Exploring the Representation of Scientific Knowledge on Childbirth and Childcare in al-Muktataf
Camila Pastor De Maria Y Campos, Center for Research and Teaching in Economics Hye mish Mabsuta: Diagnosing Affect in a Vulva, Resolving Birth and Postpartum Afflictions through New Theologies of Birthing
Frances S. Hasso, Duke University The Politics of Contemporary Maternity and Childbirth: Lines of Conflict among Palestinian Healthcare Professionals
Livia Wick, American University of Beirut Narrating Oral Histories of Struggle: Ascension through Class, Oral Histories, and Disjunctive Stories
Angel M. Foster, University of Ottawa Exploring the Role of Midwives in Contraception and Abortion Care in the Middle East and North Africa: Lessons Learned from Tunisia
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**XII-7: Subcultures and Underworlds of the Early 20th Century**
Organized by **Alaa El-Shafei**

Chair: **Golnar Nikpour**, Dartmouth College

**Alaa El-Shafei**, Columbia University  
A Captive Underworld: Inmate Subculture and Resistance in the Anglo-Egyptian Prison, 1890-1930

**Mitchell Bacci**, Harvard University  
Pernicious Proteges and Foreign Foils: Subalterns foreigners and the informal Economy in Egypt, 1922-1937

**Jamil Sbitan**, Columbia University  
Intimate Crises: Sex Panics, Anti-Colonialism, and Queer History in Interwar Egypt

**XII-8: Writing Medieval Middle Eastern History through Geniza Documents I: Islamic Legal Institutions and Arabic Material Instruments**
Organized by **Yusuf Umrethwala**, Columbia University

Chair/Discussant: **Marina Rustow**, Princeton University

**Athina Pfeiffer**, Princeton University  
Holes and Threads: Sewing Legal Documents in Medieval Egypt

**Amel Bensalim**, Princeton University  
A Notaries’ Notebook?: Assessing the Legal, Notarial, and Archival Practices of Medieval Egyptian Notaries

**Matthew Dudley**, Yale University  
Legal History from the Ground Up: A Survey of Islamicate Paper Instruments in the Ottoman-Era Cairo Geniza

**XII-9: Ethics from the Margins: Ethical Decision-Making, Performance, and Identity Practices Amongst Marginalized Groups in the Middle East**
Organized by **Johnathan Norris**

Chair/Discussant: **Noa Shaindlinger**, Worcester State University

**Johnathan Norris**, Boston University  
Doing Safety/Feeling Safe in Jordan: Theorizing the Connection between Ethics and Emotion Using Discourses on Āmān amongst Gay Jordanians

**Alyssa Paylor**, University of Notre Dame  
“Ānā Mawḡūdū!” Presence, Performance, and Ethical Subjectivity in Palestinian Cross-Border Anti-Occupation Activism

**Karol Kaczorowski**, Cracow University of Economics  
and **Kaziwa Dylan**, Jagiellonian University  
Immobilization of Kurdish Families from Iran - Ethical, Legal, and Multi-Layered Identity Questions

**Samee Sulaiman**, Brown University  
Disability, Doubt, and Crisis in Lebanon

**XII-10: Finding Child and Youth Migrants in Ottoman and Egyptian History**
Organized by **Lucia Carminati** and **Ella Fratantuono**

Discussant: **Lucia Carminati**, University of Oslo

**Olga Verlato**, New York University  
Recess Politics: Children and the State in Modern Egypt

**Mario M. Ruiz**, Hofstra University  
Fleeing from the Pasha’s Household: Mobility and Domestic Servitude in 1864 Cairo

**Ella Fratantuono**, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Invoking the Immigrant Child: Displacement and Belonging in the Hamidian and Young Turk Eras

**Zeynep Gursel**, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey  
Caring States, Migration and the Question of Minor Children

**XII-11: Iran in the Middle East - “An Accident of Geography”? Iranian Interactions with a Contested Term of Regional Ascription during the 20th Century**
Organized by **Oliver Bast**

Chair: **Oliver Bast**  
Discussant: **Robert Steele**, Austrian Academy of Sciences

**Oliver Bast**, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle  
Competing Visions for Iran’s Regional Affiliation in the Context of the Cold War: The Debate about the Iranian Government’s Decision to Join the Middle East Treaty Organization in 1955

**Salomé Michel**, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle  
Neither Westerners nor Middle Easterners: The Question of Iran’s Regional Integration as a Cornerstone of the Ideologization of the Pahlavi Monarchy during the “Long 1970s”

**Roxane Bertran De Balanda**, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle  
The Question of Iran’s Regional Integration into the Middle East in the Early 1960s: A Point of Contention between Prime Minister Ali Amini and Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi

**Thomas Bédèrède**, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle  
Which “East” for Iran? The 1937 Sa’dābād Pact and the Question of Iran’s Regional (Self-)Positioning
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XII-12: Arabic Petrofictions
Organized by Rachel Green

Rachel Green, University of Massachusetts Amherst
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Nour Eldin Hussein, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
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Berin Golonu, University at Buffalo
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Seda Kula, Gebze Technical University
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Rachel Colwell, West Chester University
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Anna Tyshkov, Columbia University
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Alexander Marcus, Western Kentucky University
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Morad Roohi, Queen’s University at Kingston Colonial, National and Democratic Spacing: Power and Resistance in 20th Century Iran and Kurdistan
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Koby Yosef, Bar-Ilan University Language in Mamluk Historiography
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Matthew Sharp, Independent Scholar Who Are These Muslims?: Late 19th-Century Travelogues That Assessed Converts in Liverpool and New York
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Evan Alterman, Stanford University The Image and Fixity of Empire: The Case of Late Ottoman-Russian and Early Turkish-Soviet Travelogues
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Abdoul Aziz Ahmadou, Sakarya University/Université du Québec à Montréal Turkey and the Defence of Islam on the International Scene: State and Private Actors at the Service of Religious Diplomacy in Africa and Beyond
Ahmet Koroglu, Istanbul University Hajj and the Transnational Experience from the Turkish Perspective
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Abed Kanaan, Tel Aviv University Between Islam and Socialism: The Intellectual Journey of Hussein Muruwwa
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Amal Cavender, George Washington University Blood Borders: Expanding the Empire
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Yesim Bayar, St. Lawrence University From “Crypto” to “Islamized” to “Muslim” Armenians of Turkey: Analytical Shortcomings and Ethico-political Pitfalls of Classificatory Labels
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Mustapha Outbakat, University of California, Los Angeles Cities, Urban Management, and Political Economy in Southern Morocco: Agadir as Case Studies

Amr Adly, American University in Cairo Habitus Markets: The Making of Egypt’s Informal Middle-Class Housing Market

Abdulla Al-Etaibi, Qatar University/Australian National University Contestation over Traditional Spaces: Camel Races, Festivals & Markets in the Gulf

Ezgi Karaoglu, Michigan State University The Role of Local Urban Dynamics on the Experiences of High-Capital Syrian Refugees in Istanbul: A Comparative Case of Kadıköy and Beyoğlu Districts

Alison B. Snyder, Pratt Institute Drawn to Istanbul’s Distinctive Istiklal Caddesi, Will the Diversity Continue?

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Chair: Omar Cheta, Syracuse University

Ibrahim Elhoudaiby, Bard College Sovereign(ty through) Debt: Universal Capital and Local Subjects in the Suez Canal

Michael Samuel, Emory University and Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania Israel, Annexation, and Sovereignty: Within the Green Line and Across It

Yasemin Babbek, Brown University A Tale of Two Ships: Naval Accidents and Contested Sovereignty in the Early 20th Century

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Maleeha Iqbal, University of Toronto The Deserving Diaspora: Citizenship and Voting Rights in the Homeland

Ahmed Khattab, Georgetown University Migration and Citizenship Laws - The Arab Uprisings in Comparative Perspective

Joshua Snider, UAE National Defense College Demographic Imbalance and the National Identity in the UAE: Balancing Globalism, Tribalism and Nationalism

Musaab Alkhatib, University of Western Sydney Permeant Residency Law in Qatar Case Study: Second-Generation Arab Migrant Communities in Qatar (SGAM)

Zahra Babar, Georgetown University Qatar Narratives of Migrants’ Exclusion and Inclusion in Qatar

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Abdullah Alsarhan, Kuwait University From Praising Prophet Muḥammad to Praising the Christ, A Christian Version of The Sufi Muslim Poem al-Burdah

Shafique N. Virani, University of Toronto Born Again Muslims: Shared Symbolism in Esoteric Interpretations of Christianity and Islam

Fatemeh Douroudian, University of Toronto The Concept of Walāyah in the Teachings of J a’far al-Ṣādiq

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Nina Naghibi, Toronto Metropolitan University and Amin Moghadam, Toronto Metropolitan University Mapping Tehranto: Emotional Geography of Activism and Conceptions of Home

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Mazyar Mahan, University of Texas at Dallas Repression or Empowerment? Unpacking the Symbolism of the Chador in “A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night”

Zeina Tarraf, American University of Beirut Public Feeling and Perpetual Crisis in Lebanon

Salma Amer, Simon Fraser University Transnational Subscription Platforms: Representation & Shifting Industry Models in Egypt

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Christian Pye, University of Texas at Austin
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Aline Schlaepfer, University of Basel The Historian’s Craft in Iraq: Memory and History-Writing about the Ottomans after the Ottomans

Barbara Henning, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz Legible Pasts: Genealogical Records and Genealogical Capital in Post-Ottoman Contexts

Philippe Bourmaud, Institut Français d’Etudes Anatoliennes Weaving Ottoman History and Giving It a Missionary Spin: Historical Narratives of Istanbul’s Protestant Colleges in Republican Turkey (1923-1960s)

Ellinor Morack, Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg The Last Ottoman Guerrillas: Veterans of the Kuvayi Milliye and their Struggle for Remembrance and Recognition in Modern Turkey, 1950s–60s

Falestin Naiili, University of Basel The Ottoman Period as a Part of Local History: Jordanian Historiographic and Oral Narratives beyond the Arab Revolt Trope

Cicék Ilengiz, Forum Transregionale Studien Making the Immovable Movable: The Pergamon Altar’s Journey to Berlin

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Yusuf Umrethwala, Columbia University “Tell the Illustrious Amir about the timber shipment that just arrived”: Fatimid State Of icials and their Trade Entanglements in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries CE

Craig Perry, Emory University Towards a Collective Biography of Nubians in Medieval Cairo (1000-1250 CE)

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Organized by Matan Kaminer and Kerem Ussakli

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Discussant: Natasha Iskander, New York University

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Matan Kaminer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Liron Mor, University of California, Irvine “Ideological” or “Natural” Workers? Racializing Discourses of Proletarianization in Zionism

Hebatalla Taha, Binghamton University, SUNY Atoms for Peace in the Middle East: Technology, Race, and Labor in US Policy

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Rohan Advani, University of California, Los Angeles Absolutely Small, Relatively Autonomous: The Political Economy of Small State Formation in the Persian Gulf
Abrar Alshammari, Princeton University Citizenship, Family Formation and State Building
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Noor Zaidi, University of Maryland, Baltimore County “To Make a New Ziyarat” - Pilgrimage and Development at the Shrine of Sayeda Zaynab, 1950s-1980s

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Samantha Pellegrino, University of Chicago Translating Takwīn: Theories of Artificiality in the Jābirian Corpus between Texts and Translations

Yasmine Moataz, American University in Cairo Just “Helping”: Rethinking the Relation between the Society of the Muslim Brothers and the State in the Afirmath of 2011 Uprisings
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**Khodadad Rezakhani,** Leiden University Between the Shahanshah and the Caliph: Mercenary Fighters in the Sasanian and Muslim Armies

**Rana Mikati,** College of Charleston Gender and the Early Islamic Conquests in al-Azdī’s Futūḥ al-Shām

**Ryan J. Lynch,** Columbus State University The Early Islamic Conquest of al-Sind and al-Balādhūrī’s Kitāb Futūḥ al-Buldān

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**Camille Cole,** University of Cambridge What is a Concession? Mapping, Language, and Sovereignty in the Late Ottoman Empire

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**Youssef Ben Ismail,** Columbia University A Theory of Provincial Autonomy in the Late Ottoman Empire

**Aimee Genell,** Boston University Domesticating Autonomy in Ottoman Administrative Law

**Lale Can,** City College of New York, CUNY On Creating an Ottoman Siberia: Penal Reform and the Connected Histories of Exile, Hard Labor, and Colonialism in the Late Ottoman Empire

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Organized by **Jonas M. Elbouasty**

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**Jonas M. Elbouasty,** Yale University Syrian Refugee Poets in Sweden and the United States: Fractured Subjectivities and Belonging

**Touria Khannous,** Louisiana State University Aesthetics of Violence and Political Potential for Democratic Change in Hassan Blasim’s Writing

**Doaa Omran,** University of New Mexico Syrian Women and Polyphonic Testimonies in Exile

**Rima Sadek,** Kenyon College Fragmentation and Narration in Muhsin Al-Ramli’s Short Fiction

**Wael Salam,** Kenyon College Trauma as an Adversarial Strategy in Abulhawa’s the Blue Between Sky and Water

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Organized by **Hakem Al-Rustom** and **Helen Makhdoumian**

**Chair/Discussant:** **David Kazanjian,** University of Pennsylvania

**Tamar M Boyadjian,** Stanford University Re-framing Armenian Literary Genealogy: Armenian-Futurism & the Western Armenian Women Authors’ Imaginary

**Talar Chahinian,** University of California, Irvine Between Statelessness and the Printed Word: Reimagining the Western Armenian Language in Dispersion

**Helen Makhdoumian,** Vanderbilt University On Nested Memories of Removal: From the Literary Af erlives of the 1915 Aghed to the Literary Af erlives of the 1948 Nakba

**Hakem Al-Rustom,** University of Michigan On Denativization, or, On How We Study the Afterlives of the Armenian Genocide in Turkey

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**Muhammad Ali Hashmi,** Massachusetts Institute of Technology Navigating the Epistemic Shift: Unveiling ChatGPT’s Impact on Traditional and Subjugated Knowledge Forms
Omar Lahlou, McGill University Preserving Linguistic Diversity and Cultural Authenticity in NLP-Based Systems Like ChatGPT

Hassan Arif, McGill University Translatability of Language and Form: Middle Eastern Studies and ChatGPT

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Sara Hussein, University of California, Los Angeles Red Sea and Its Discontents: «Afrabia» in Middle East Studies

Richard Harrod, Washington University in St. Louis Securing the Sultanate: Imperial Legacies and the Expansion of the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s

Peter Valenti, New York University Arabian-Indian Trade and Using Commodities to Expand Indian Ocean Historiography: Interdependent Political and Sociocultural Interests in Indian Empires and Gulf States over the Longue Durée

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Daniel Williford, University of Wisconsin-Madison Decolonization on the Construction Site: Labor, Debt, and Violence in the Final Years of the French Protectorate in Morocco


John Keck, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville A European Maghrebi Nation: The “Imagined Community” of the Pieds Noirs

Andrew Bellisari, Fulbright University Vietnam Fighting for a Different Heart and Mind: Muslim Soldiers in the First Indochina War

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Rachel T. Howes, California State University, Northridge Teaching Islamicate History to Undergraduates Using Role-Playing

Paul E. Chevedden, University of Texas at Austin Grasping the Systematicity of the Crusades: A Shared Christian and Islamic Perspective

Sabrina Amrane, University of Chicago Raid or Reign: Historical Narratives of the Algerian Bedouin

Arezou Azad, University of Oxford Internal Oficialdom and Institutional Memory in the Medieval Islamic World: Correspondence amongst State Oficials in the Bamiyan Papers (12th-13th Century CE)

Sara Ann Knutson, University of British Columbia, Laila Shaheen, University of British Columbia, and Jason Izadi, University of British Columbia Transforming Classroom Experiences of the Islamic Past with Multicultural, Multidisciplinary Perspectives

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Kirstine Sinclair, University of Southern Denmark The Arctic Muslim: Religious Practice and Mosque Controversies in Northern Norway

Bouchra Emilia Mossmann, University of Southern Denmark Making the Arctic a Muslim Home: Strategies of Place-Making in Northern Canada

Matija Milicic, Radboud University Nijmegen Creating a “Dual Bond” among the Migrant Coptic Orthodox Youth: Religious Belonging between Egypt and Europe

Susan J. Rasmussen, University of Houston Moral Discourses and Concepts of Personal Agency in Coping with Suf ering among Kabyle Immigrant Converts in France

Shiva Mazrouei, McMaster University Living in Between: A Narrative Inquiry of 1.5 Generation Iranians’ Experiences of Belonging and Mental Well-Being in a Transnational Context

Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary’s University Islamophobia, Amnesia and Muslim Adoptions: The Case of Canada
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Attia Omara, University of Texas at Austin Educational Reforms in Al-Azhar Institutes
Hulya Delihuseyinoglu Acar, Bogazici University Armenian Schools as a Space of Familial Culture
Shifaa Alsairafi, Georgetown University The Reverse Gender Gap in Bahraini Education and Its Sectarian and Demographic Complications
Ammar Alsamar, Independent Scholar The Writing of History Textbooks in Syria during the War

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Taraneh Sanei, McGill University An Online “Iranian Diaspora”: Connectivity, Solidarity, and Identification Practices through Memes
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Emrah Karakus, The Crown Center for Middle East Studies Beyond Queer Times: Racial Justice, Sexual Politics, Activism in Kurdish Turkey
Nermin Allam, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Emotions and Democratic Backsliding: The Case of Anti-sexual Violence Groups in Egypt
Oyman Basaran, Bowdoin College Male Circumcision and the Male Body in Turkey
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Ewan Stein, University of Edinburgh It’s the Economy, Stupid: Arab Political Discourse in the New Middle East
Ibrahim Oker, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities How Do Commercial Banks Sustain Autocratic Regimes?
Asya R. El-Meehy, University of California, Berkeley Revisiting Targeted Social Programs in Egypt: A Comparative Analysis
Jan Claudius Völkel, University of Ottawa Lessons Learned from COVID-19? Risk Governance in the Middle East and North Africa
Markus Loewe, German Institute of Development and Sustainability Drivers of Change in Social Contracts in the MENA Region

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Sajedeht Hosseini, University of Arizona The Alchemy of Turning Dust to Gold
Muhammad K. Ridwan, McGill University Re-reading the Mathnawi in Light of Rumi’s Sociopolitical Context
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Registration Category

- Student/retired MESA member: $85
- Full/associate MESA member: $175
- Student, non-MESA member: $150
- All other non-MESA members: $300

Payment Information

- Visa /MasterCard /Discover/AMEX
- Check (payable to MESA, in US$ and drawn on US bank)
  Send to MESA, 3542 N. Geronimo Ave., Tucson AZ 85705

Card Number _______________________________________

Exp Date ___________________________ CVV* (3 or 4 digit code) ________________________

Cardholder Name _______________________________________

Billing Address _______________________________________

Signature _______________________________________

Email receipt to _______________________________________

Refund Policy
Participants: Requests for refunds must be received by August 1, 2023.
All others: Requests for refunds must be received by September 29, 2023.
Complete the form located at the bottom of this page [https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/registration](https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/registration)