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The annual meeting of the membership is open to all members. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. Members will be voting for the 2017 Nominating Committee and on the resolution below.

Resolution to Amend MESA’s Bylaws

Whereas, the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) has previously issued statements expressing concern over or opposition to specific policies or developments concerning the Middle East and North Africa region; and

Whereas, MESA members have publicly and privately debated the meanings, utility, and practices of the word “non-political” in Article 1, Section 2 of the organization’s bylaws; and

Whereas, A number of members of MESA seek to clarify the organization’s self-definition, maintaining consistency with the organization’s 501(c)(3) legal status, nature and objectives, and lived experience; and

Whereas the removal of the term “non-political” better protects the organization from potential litigious actions (irrespective of merit or chances of success)

Resolved, That the MESA membership

Affirms to eliminate the term “non-political” from Bylaws Article I, Section 2 on MESA’s Nature and Objectives; and

Affirms to add the clause, “in accordance with its status as a 501(c)(3) scientific, educational, literary, and charitable organization,” to the end of Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to more precisely correspond to MESA’s organizational legal nature and objectives as a non-profit association; and

Adopts the following new language for Article I, Section 2 of MESA’s Bylaws:

“MESA is a non-profit association that fosters the study of the Middle East, promotes high standards of scholarship and teaching, and encourages public understanding of the region and its peoples through programs, publications and services that enhance education, further intellectual exchange, recognize professional distinction, and defend academic freedom, in accordance with its status as a 501(c)(3) scientific, educational, literary, and charitable organization.”

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There is a MESA tradition of a president writing about her or his path into the field. Although I was very tempted to break with this tradition (writing about one’s own intellectual trajectory at a time when the MENA region faces such unprecedented challenges seemed a bit too self-indulgent), I have been persuaded otherwise. It is precisely at such precarious times that we may need to be reminded of why we do what we do—produce scholarship, teach courses, and give public lectures—and how we got here.

Before I had ever heard of Title VI, the federal monies that support Middle East studies across the country, I had become familiar with Title IX, the legislation that prohibits sexual discrimination in education. As a high school athlete who grew up close to New York City, I fought for equal access to playing fields, courts, coaching, and equipment, having learned rather early on that female athletes were considered inferior to male athletes. This battle continued into college, where at Dartmouth, a traditionally all male institution that had recently gone co-ed, I played Division I soccer, fighting once more for fair treatment on and off the field.

Having gone to college with the intention of studying medicine—biology had been a favorite subject—I quickly found that history courses appealed much more than the required ones in chemistry. The smell of the stacks proved intoxicating, the lectures spellbinding, and I got hooked on historical research. For it was through history, particularly social history, that I began to make sense of the gender and other inequities I had experienced or witnessed growing up. Racial conflict had marked my junior high and high school years, and religious discrimination had been a theme in family conversations. Explorations of the past gave these issues historical context and pointed the way to overcoming inequality through social movements.

At college, an early interest in Jewish and Israeli history metamorphosed into an interest in Middle Eastern history writ large. Until then I had not visited the region and only later learned of family ties: a great grandfather had been born in Istanbul in the 1860s. This great grandfather, who arrived in the U.S. in the 1890s, is described in an oral history as “a very dark skinned Turkish looking man with a big black moustache.” He only gave up his Ottoman citizenship when the empire allied with Germany in World War I, and it was probably then that my family created the myth that he was Russian to hide his Ottoman past.

In a world of binaries, I always assumed that I was white, that is until I travelled to London to study for my MA at the School of Oriental and African Studies. There, in the United Kingdom, many people thought of me as something else, not black but not white either. Among other things, I apprehended how fluid and constructed identity could be and saw how a contracting empire that had drawn many of its former colonized people to its shores treated them. Learning to navigate the city and archives at the center of the British Empire, an empire that played such a dominant role in the Middle East, would prove as invaluable as the analytical skills that Malcolm Yapp imparted to his students.

At UCLA, I settled on Egypt as the focus of my studies, in part because of the intriguing questions on gender that presented themselves in modern Egyptian history, in part because it was one of the few places I could conduct research. When I finally got out into the field to study Arabic and collect sources, I often got mistaken for being Egyptian, a mistake that left me in a liminal space, forced to learn and
sometimes to follow the codes and expectations for proper gendered behavior. I had gone into the field with a comparative project and the intention of spending two weeks at Dar al-Kutub reading periodicals produced or authored by women. The weeks turned into months, as I changed my research topic—the Arabic women’s press became both the subject and main source of my dissertation.

Following in the footsteps of my teachers Gene Garthwaite and Nikki Keddie, my work has focused on social history. This thread has wound its way through my writing on literary culture and society, gender and representations of the nation, and religion and social welfare. In my research, I have looked for the marginalized or forgotten, arguing that their stories are key to understanding the past. Whether writing about activists and intellectuals, enslaved Africans and Circassians, orphaned and abandoned children, or missionaries and Islamists, I have strived to give voice to those less often heard.

Having moved from London to LA to Cairo in the course of graduate studies, I ended up back in New York with a teaching position at City College, City University of New York. Teaching there, on the frontlines in a public university with limited resources has not been easy. But it has been rewarding: City College prides itself on having the most diverse student body in the country, and its location in the heart of Harlem positions it at the crossroads of fascinating cultural, political, and economic currents. It has been a tremendous privilege to serve students who take nothing for granted, who value an education that they have fought hard to get, and who bring to class discussions incredible experiences and insights. My students and colleagues, as well as the graduate students who have taught alongside me, have inspired me and affirmed the importance of teaching. At the same time, it has pained me to see the ever widening gap in resources between public universities starved of funds and private institutions awash in them.

Working in New York City has also offered a unique perspective on events that have come to define our times: the seeds of the “war on terror” were sown here with the attacks of 9/11 and the drumbeats for the subsequent war in Iraq played out at the UN. In early September 2001, right before the toppling of the towers, the trustees of CUNY approved the launching of a Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center at the CUNY Graduate Center. Building MEMEAC with Anny Bakalian, and having the opportunity to foster a close community of scholars and nurture a generation of talented MA and PhD students, has been enormously gratifying.

The presence of a vibrant Middle East center made it possible to host IJMES at the Graduate Center. Editing the journal from 2009 to 2014 with Sara Pursley and Jeffrey Culang, the best partners imaginable, was an exhilarating endeavor. It was also exhausting, and life after IJMES was supposed to be more relaxed. I planned to take time off, learn to meditate, and return to my own scholarship, pursuing a new project that brings me full circle (a social history of medicine in Egypt). I’d also hoped for more time on the hiking trail. But that is not quite how it turned out.

The MESA presidency, I thought, was mostly an honorary position. I was wrong. Our international community of scholars and students is under siege, with some in real peril. This is a time of action: of speaking out on behalf of academic freedom and unfettered debate; of striving to create opportunities at universities for those Middle Eastern scholars and students whose work and lives are at risk in Turkey, Syria, and elsewhere; of condemning sexual harassment and violence in the academy and working to end it; and of standing by our commitment to produce the best scholarship that we can and recognize it in new ways.
The Story of Us

MESA, with funding from the Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies, is creating a video diary of lived experiences on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years of Middle East studies. We have interviewed some founding members along with MESA stalwarts. We wanted to know about the experiences of those who came to the field in its infancy, to hear about how the study of the region has morphed over the years, and to understand the challenges that have confronted scholars over the decades. Where have we been, where are we now, and where are we going?

We invite meeting attendees to have a look at the video presentation that is set up in the foyer of the MIT room on the 3rd floor (en route to the Book Bazaar). The presentation will be on a continual loop, and there are chairs for those who would like to watch. MESA is also keen to conduct interviews during the meeting of those who want to share their experiences (see below for information).

Tell Your Story

We want to hear your story. Was it a “giant” in the field of Middle East studies that sparked your interest? Did a relative’s tales inspire you? Maybe you traveled to a wondrous place as a child and it left an indelible impression? Perhaps you were studying to be the next great something-or-other and a required core class caught your attention and changed your life?

On the occasion of MESA’s 50th anniversary, we invite MESA members to tell the story of how they got into Middle East studies, what their influences have been, and the trajectory of their career path. Which piece of scholarship (other than your own) resonates to this day? What is your favorite Middle East-themed piece of fiction whether high brow or low? What have been your greatest challenges? What do you see as the greatest challenge to the next generation of scholars?

Make your story a part of MESA’s 50th celebration. Drop by the Hyannis room on the 4th floor to sign-up for a time for a video interview.

A Intellectual Genealogy of Middle East Studies

Tracing the intellectual genealogy of Middle East studies is a daunting task. At the dawn of the 20th century most scholars were imported from Europe or the Middle East although a few home grown who learned about the region on their own popped up here and there. That group played a role training the next generation—the 51 founding MESA members—who sought camaraderie among similarly focused individuals. They in turn trained the next generation, and so on.

With many missing pieces and much to add to it, a “family tree” of this early intellectual genealogy can be found on the back wall of the Book Bazaar. Our starting point was the 51 founding members, and to that we added honorary fellows and former MESA presidents. Data was not available for many.

We encourage those in the field to stop by the wall and have a look. Then, share your intellectual genealogy with us. Send us the name of your dissertation advisor and the awarding institution. Tell us the names and current affiliations of the PhD students you have trained (or are currently training). Maybe you can help fill in the blanks on the founding members, honorary fellows, and former MESA presidents.

We hope to expand the intellectual genealogy through the generations, but much work must be done to fill in the gaps.
Thursday

Iraqi Odyssey (3:15pm)

In the Image: Palestinian Women Capture the Occupation (2:15pm)

Friday

Salam Neighbor (9:40am)

Saturday

The Tentmakers of Cairo (1:45pm)

Sonita (8:20pm)

Sunday

My Home (9:20am)
Thursday, November 17

9:00am The Mad, Mad, P#WORLD (3)
9:05am A Young Nation: The Future of Oman Through the Eyes of Its Youth (22)
9:30am Sufi Soul: The Mystical Music of Islam (48)
10:05am Voice of the Valley (52)
11:45am The Price of Kings: Shimon Peres (62)
12:50pm 50 Feet From Syria (39)
1:30pm Omnia (9)/Nouran (7)/Caravan (7)
1:55pm Afghanistan 1979: The War That Changed the World (58)
2:55pm Murad (5)/Bachelors of War (6)/A Broken Home (8)
3:15pm Iraqi Odyssey (93)
4:50pm Shushala (13)
5:05pm THE MAN FROM ORAN (128)
5:55pm The Crossing (55)
6:30pm ***closed for the MESA Presidential Address***
9:00pm Arabic Movie (60)

Friday, November 18

9:00am Semiotics of Islam (7)
9:10am Bahrain's Stateless People (27)
9:40am Salam Neighbor (75)
11:00am Sana'a: Symphony of an Old City (52)
12:00pm ***closed for the MESA Members Meeting***
1:30pm Pakistan: No Place Like Home (25)/FAREWELL EXILE (16)
2:15pm In the Image: Palestinian Women Capture the Occupation (61)
3:20pm Nefertiti's Daughters (40)
4:05pm Letters From Baghdad (95) Sneak Preview
4:55pm The Crossing (55)
5:55pm The Crossing (55)
6:55pm Starving Yemen (23)
7:20pm Guesthouse (5)/The Ripple Effect (6)
7:35pm Viva Granî (82)
9:00pm From Iran, A Separation (52)

Saturday, November 19

9:00am For a Loaf of Bread (5)/Yemen-Taxi (6)
9:15am A SEATBELT’S MISSION (8) & The Absentees (10)
9:35am Mystic Mass (69)
10:45am Razor’s Edge: The Legacy of Iranian Actresses (80)
12:20pm The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel’s Public Relations War in the United States (82)
1:45pm The Tentmakers of Cairo (100)
3:30pm After Spring (101)
5:25pm Almost Friends (60)
6:30pm ***closed for the Plenary Address***
8:00pm The Neighbour (19)
8:20pm Sonita (91)

Sunday, November 20

8:00am Starless Dreams (76)
9:20am My Home (52)
10:15am Berber Wedding Festival (48)
11:05am The Last Words (34)
11:40am Jews and Muslims: Intimate Strangers Part 3 (55)
12:40pm The Tainted Veil (78)

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone before entering the FilmFest screening room. Please note that no photography is permitted during film screenings.

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**KEY**

**BOLD CAPS** = Feature Films
**CAPS** = Short Dramas

Badge Required to watch films (Register on the 4th Floor)

Screening in the Sufolk Room (3rd Floor)

AFTER SPRING (Syria/Jordan) 2016 101 min. In English, Korean and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors/Producers: Steph Ching and Ellen Martinez. Print Source: Tugg EDU. Close to 80,000 Syrian exiles live in the UN’s Za’atari Refugee Camp. More than half of the camp’s inhabitants are children. This documentary gives an intimate portrait of the rhythms of the camp, the role of the aid workers, and the daily lives of two families contemplating an uncertain future. All aspects of refugee camp life are explored, including medical assistance, the self-sustaining economy, martial arts classes and even pizza making. However, it all arcs on bringing purpose and education to the children, often termed the ‘lost generation.’

50 FEET FROM SYRIA (Syria/Turkey) 39 min. In English. Director/Producer: Skye Fitzgerald. Print Source: The Cinema Guild. In a hospital on the Turkey-Syria border, Syrian-American doctor Hisham Bismar provides medical help to those Syrians who reach the hospital alive. Victims of barrel bombs and snipers are smuggled across the border by “M”. Amid chaos and calamity, the film presents the heroic efforts of a doctor working in the midst of a brutal, dehumanizing conflict.

A BROKEN HOME (WAṬAN MUḤAṬ TAM) (Yemen) 2015 8 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Abdurahman Hussain. Producer: Support Yemen. Print Source: Yemen Peace Project. Six months of an ongoing war have left the Yemeni people with a loss that goes beyond the destroyed property and infrastructure. Each day, cracks in the Yemeni social fabric expand; decreasing chances for peace and make Yemen a broken home.

A SEATBELT’S MISSION (MIHMAH ḤIZĀM ALAMĀN) (Qatar) 2016 8 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Rouda Al Meghaiseeb. Producers: Ibrahim Al Hashmi, Mohammed Buhmaid and Syed Owais Ali. Print Source: Syed Owais Ali. This short film is part of the Qatari government’s effort to increase seatbelt usage by young men. The fictional tale presents the “seatbelt” as alien to cultural norms. Seatbelt fails to convince them to protect their friends until something mysterious changes their attitude.

A YOUNG NATION: THE FUTURE OF OMAN THROUGH THE EYES OF ITS YOUTH (Oman) 2016 22 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Hannah Gaber. Print Source: Hannah Gaber. Oman has experienced profound growth and development since Sultan Qaboos assumed power in 1970. Oman’s economy is dependent on oil. Half the population is under 30. The plans of Omani youth will determine the course of this young nation.

THE ABSENTEES (Myanmar/UAE) 2015 10 min. In Hindi w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Tanya Daud. Print Source: Image Nation. The Royingas are a Muslim Indo-Aryan group native to Myanmar. Considered the world’s most persecuted minority, many Royingas have migrated. This film looks at the Royinga sense of identity, discrimination, and yearning for their homeland through the eyes of Raess, a refugee living in Dubai.

ALMOST FRIENDS (Israel) 2014 60 min. In Hebrew and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Nitzan Ofir. Producer: Barak Heymann. Print Source: Heymann Brothers Films. Samar has an Arab Israeli mother and a Palestinian father from the West Bank. She lives in Lod, a mixed Israeli city. Linor was born in an Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip and now lives in a religious settlement. The girls’ homes are only 67 kilometers apart but they live in worlds separated by national, cultural and ideological differences. Both participate in a school education and technology program and first meet through email. Later, they meet face-to-face, an event that reveals the huge differences that exist in their country.

ARABIC MOVIE (SERET ARAVI) (Israel) 2015 60 min. In Hebrew and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Eyal Sagui Bizawe and Sara Tsifroni. Producer: Osnat Trabelsi. Print Source: Go2Films. It was a 70s Israeli ritual: sitting at home on Friday afternoon, watching the only Israeli TV channel screen an Arabic film. Viewers never wondered how the official television obtained these films when there weren’t relations with Arab states. No one asked how Israelis became addicted fans of Egyptian comedies and melodramas, sharing the same cultural heroes and admiring the same movie stars as their archenemy Egyptians. The Arabic Movie provided a glimpse of a world that was out of reach.
BACHELORS OF WAR (‘AZŪBIYAT ḤARB) (Yemen) 2015 6 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Mohammed Al-Aghbri. Producer: Support Yemen. Print Source: Yemen Peace Project. This is a day in the life of two friends forced to send their wives and children abroad because of the war in Yemen. Although lighthearted, this documentary illustrates the underlying frustrations and worries of many young men in the face of unemployment, empty homes, and broken dreams.

BAHRAIN'S STATELESS PEOPLE (Bahrain) 2015 27 min. In English. Directors/Producers: Natasha Bowler and Filippo Brachetti. Print Source: Journeyman Pictures. For Bahrain’s Shia majority arrests, beatings, harassment and torture are part of daily life. Since 2011, when the population protested for greater political rights from the Sunni regime, life for most Bahrainis had been difficult. Beyond violent repression of dissent, the regime also revokes opponents’ citizenships. Without a passport, dissidents can’t work and lose access to education, medical care and legal support. Moreover, they can’t leave Bahrain.

BERBER WEDDING FESTIVAL (Morocco) 2014 49 min. In Arabic and Tamazight w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Deborah Perkin. Print Source: Films Media Group. Imilchil is an Amazigh (Berber) village located high in the Middle Atlas Mountains. The annual marriage festival draws thousands of locals and tourists. The festival provides opportunities for prospective grooms and brides to see potential mates and provides a music-filled atmosphere for the marrying couples. The festival is also a huge harvest market.

BESHKARA (UAE) 2015 14 min. In English, Filipino and Arabic w/appropriate subtitles. Director/Producer: Abdulrahman Al Madani. Producers: Azalia Ganji and Abdulrahman Al Madani. Print Source: Abdulrahman Al Madani. A Filipino woman is the caretaker for a cantankerous, dependent Emirati grandmother. When the caretaker learns her daughter is terminally ill she wants to go home but her employer refuses to return her passport.


FROM IRAN, A SEPARATION (Iran) 2013 52 min. In Farsi w/appropriate subtitles. Directors: Kourosh Ataee and Azadeh Maoussavi. Producers: Katayoon Shahabi, Kourosh Ataee and Azadeh Moussavi. Print Source: The Cinema Guild. In 2012, “A Separation” won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar. For the Iranian people this was more than a cinematic award. When threats of war with Iran covered the world headlines, the director talked about Iran’s love for peace and the country’s rich culture when receiving his award. Someone other than government officials expressed Iranians’ voice.
GUESTHOUSE (Turkey) 2016 5 min. In English, Turkish, Arabic and Farsi w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Sinan Kadife. Print Source: Sinan Kadife. As the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Turkey grew, a local NGO established a guesthouse for single male refugees and asylum seekers. The residents come from different countries, speak different languages and believe in different religions. This short film poignantly describes their lives.

IN THE IMAGE: PALESTINIAN WOMEN CAPTURE THE OCCUPATION (Palestine) 2014 61 min. In English, Arabic, and Hebrew w/English subtitles. Directors/Producers: Judith Montell and Emmy Scharlatt. Print Source: Kino Lorber EDU. This is a documentary about West Bankers who collaborate with the Israeli human rights organization, B’Tselem. Their project provides video cameras and training to young women who use them to capture violations of Palestinian’s civil rights by settlers and the military as well as the nuances of their own lives. This video introduces these non-violent activists, humanizes them and sheds light on the complicated situations that have become daily life for Palestinian citizens living in the occupied territories.

IRAQI ODYSSEY (Iraq/Russia/New Zealand/Switzerland/United States) 2014 93 min. In English, Arabic, German and Russian w/English subtitles. Director: Samir. Producers: Werner Schweizer and Samir. Print Source: AFD/Typecast Films. In this film director Samir recounts the story of his globalized middle-class Iraqi family. Although dispersed, the family’s travails provide a short history of Iraq. Often at odds with the Iraqi government, family members emigrated for safer homes but they remained forever Iraqis. Samir’s film pays homage to the frustrated democratic dreams of a people successively plagued by dictatorship, war, and foreign occupation. The FilmFest is screening the shorter classroom version.

JEWS AND MUSLIMS: INTIMATE STRANGERS, PART 3, THE SEPARATION: 1789-1945 (France/Turkey/Palestine) 2014 55 min. In English and French w/English subtitles. Director: Karim Miské. Producers: Jean Labib and Anne Labro. Print Source: AFD/Typecast Films. Jews and Muslims are considered archetypal enemies in endless conflict, a perception made of misunderstandings and omissions. Covering the Muslim era, the goal of this balanced and well-researched 4 part-series is to present facts and deconstruct historical misbeliefs. In this episode, European Jews become the protectors of their brethren in Palestine.

THE LAST WORDS (SON SÖZCÜKLE) (Turkey) 2015 34 min. In Turkish and Ladino w/English subtitles. Director: Rita Ender. Producer: NewiDeas Production. Print Source: Rita Ender. Sephardic Jews in Turkey have been speaking the Judeo-Spanish language Ladino for centuries, but today it faces extinction. The disappearance of Ladino is a product of discrimination and the younger generation’s lack of cultural connection.

LETTERS FROM BAGHDAD (Iraq) 2016 95 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Zeva Oelbaum and Sabine Krayenbühl. Producer: Zeva Oelbaum. Print Source: Sabine Krayenbühl. Gertrude Bell is sometimes called the “female” Lawrence of Arabia. Bell traveled widely in Arabia before being recruited by British military intelligence during WWI to help draw the borders of Iraq. Told entirely in the words of Bell and her contemporaries, this documentary chronicles her extraordinary journey into both the uncharted Arabian Desert and the inner sanctum of British colonial power.

THE MAD, MAD, OIVW WORLD (Iran) 1975 3 min. No dialogue. Designer/Director: Nureddin Zarrin-Kelk. Producer: Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults, Tehran. Print Source: Media Resources Center, University of North Carolina. This black-and-white animated cartoon features a very active symbolic map. It is a tale of “global relations.” Tuffy Bodman, the FilmFest founder, selected the cartoon which has become the MESA FilmFest signature film. It was shown first in 1991.

THE MAN FROM ORAN (L’ORANAIS) (Algeria) 2014 128 min. In French and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Lyès Salem. Producer: Isabelle Madelaine. Print Source: Dharamsala. L’Oranais was a nom-de-guerre for a leader of the FLN during Algeria’s war for independence. This drama examines the aftermath of that struggle. Two comrades emerge from the struggle and assume important posts in the new government. Over the next 30 years, their idealism wanes. The government they fought for dissipates and they and others fall victim to arrogance and corruption.

MY HOME (Israel) 2016 52 min. In Hebrew and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Igal Hecht. Producers: Igal Hecht and Chutzpa Productions. Print Source: Ruth Diskin Films. Minorities make up one-fifth of Israel’s population. Collectively they are labeled “Arabs”. Many consider them hostile to Israel. However, there are “Arabs” who consider Israel a good place. This documentary gives glimpses into Christian, Bedouin, Muslim and Druze communities allowing members to articulate their place in Israel.

MURAD (Yemen) 2015 5 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Abdurahman Hussain. Producer: Afro1 Films. Print Source: Yemen Peace Project. Yemeni street artist Murad Subay talks about how he has been using his art to inspire collective action to build peace since the 2011 uprising and since the outbreak of war in 2015.
Mystic Mass

MYSTIC MASS (Lebanon) 2014 70 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Karim B. Haroun. Producers: Karim B. Haroun and Marina Klimoff. Print Source: Documentary Educational Resources. Annually, thousands of Shia Muslims gather in Nabatiyyeh, Lebanon, to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussein. It is Shia Islam’s most important religious event. The faithful participate in long processions, flagellation and self-mutilation, and strive to reenact Imam Hussein’s death with their own blood and flesh. This film presents how the mass begins, achieves the height of mysticism and dissolves – all within 24 hours.

NEFERTITI’S DAUGHTERS (Egypt) 2015 40 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Mark Nickolas and Rasha Najdi. Producers: Mark Nickolas, Rasha Najdi, Ramy Francis and Jean Ferreri. Print Source: Icarus Films. This documentary demonstrates the critical role of street art during the Egyptian uprisings. Focusing on the role of women artists in the struggle for sociopolitical change, it spotlights how the iconic graffiti of Queen Nefertiti placed her on the front lines in the ongoing fight for women’s rights and freedom in Egypt.

THE NEIGHBOUR (UAE) 2014 19 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Nayla Al Khaja. Producer: Claudia Corbelli. Print Source: Emirates Distrib. Sara has just moved to Dubai. The transition to her new life is not easy. She is lonely until one night her neighbor knocks on the door. An elderly Emirati woman annoyed at her piano playing during prayer time, confronts her.


THE OCCUPATION OF THE AMERICAN MIND: ISRAEL’S PUBLIC RELATIONS WAR IN THE UNITED STATES (Israel/USA) 2016 85 min. In English. Directors/Producers: Loretta Alper and Jeremy Earp. Print Source: Media Education Foundation. The military occupation of Palestinian territory and repeated invasions of the Gaza Strip have triggered a fierce backlash against Israeli policies virtually everywhere in the world – except the United States. This documentary addresses this critical exception by focusing on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S.

OMNIA (UAE/Egypt) 2015 9 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Amena Al Nowais. Producer: Fayssal Bin Sahli. Print Source: Image Nation. Omnia is a young Egyptian woman living in the Emirates. She suffers from post-traumatic stress from an incident in her childhood. In this film, she recounts the events that left her confused and troubled about the meaning of love, physical and mental senses of self, and sexuality.

PAKISTAN: NO PLACE LIKE HOME (UAE/Pakistan) 2015 25 min. In Urdu, Panjabi and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Syed Owais Ali. Producer: Urooj Kamran Azmi. Print Source: Syed Owais Ali. Sharif, a young farmer from a Pakistani village, journeys to the UAE in search of greener pastures. This documentary shows how Sharif, man of influence in his village, deals with his loss of authority and struggles with his new identity. Sharif’s story is full of humor, heart and hope.

THE PRICE OF KINGS: SHIMON PERES (Israel) 2012 62 min. In English. Directors/Producers: Joanna Natasegara and Richard Symons. Print Source: Amazon. The late Shimon Peres spent a lifetime at the seat of power. As a nation builder it’s hard to overestimate Peres’s achievements, but in the words of the President, “What we call experience the younger generation calls a chain of mistakes.” Despite winning the Nobel Peace Prize, the state of Israel he so passionately helped to build remains at war.

RAZOR’S EDGE: THE LEGACY OF IRANIAN ACTRESSES (Iran) 2016 128 min. In Farsi w/ English subtitles. Director/Producer: Bahman Magsoudlou. Print Source: International Film and Video Center. This comprehensive film examines the often-controversial role of women in Iranian cinema during the secular period - the 1930s to the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Through unprecedented access to the actresses and rare clips from the movies in which they appeared, this film examines the impact when women gain expression in a stridently patriarchal society.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT (Pakistan) 2015 6 min. In English and Urdu w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Sarah Jahann Khan. Print Source: Women’s Voices Now. The Ripple Effect shows how access to safe water has transformed the lives of rural Pakistani women. Adopting methods of conserving rainwater frees women from fetching water and gives them freedom to pursue new opportunities and invest in their children’s futures.
SALAM NEIGHBOR (Jordan) 2015 75 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Zach Ingrasci and Chris Temple. Producers: Zach Ingrasic, Chris Temple, Salam Darwaza and Mohab Khattab. **Print Source: Tugg EDU.** Two Americans move into Jordan’s Za’atari refugee camp to live among 80,000 Syrian refugees. Filmmakers Zach and Chris plunge into the world’s most pressing humanitarian crisis. They uncover inspiring stories of individuals rallying against all odds, to rebuild their lives and those of their neighbors.

**SANA’A: SYMPHONY OF AN OLD CITY** (Yemen) 2016 52 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Fuad Abdulaziz Mohamed. **Print Source: Fuad Abdulaziz Mohamed.** This film tries to feel the pulse of Sana’a, one of the oldest cities in the world, through six prominent artists who live there. Their reverential revelations about their daily lives are in contrast to the video diaries they made, as the city they love has become a victim of a civil war.

**SEMIOTICS OF ISLAM: A PRIMER FOR KUFFAR** (USA) 2014 7 min. In English. Director/Producer: Fouzia Najar. **Print Source: Women’s Voices Now.** This film challenges Islamophobia by redefining quotidian items found in a Muslim home. In the process, it reveals that the mainstream media’s prevailing narrative of Islam is uninformed and alarmist.

**SHUSHALA** (Palestine) 2016 13 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Hanan Awad. **Print Source: Hanan Awad.** Muhaned Salah was arrested and detained by Israeli authorities because he filed a complaint against settlers who burned his house. The settlers believe they have the divine right to Muhaned’s land. Muhaned’s story shows that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not a religious conflict but is about the struggle for equality and human rights.

**SONITA** (Iran) 2015 90 min. In English, Farsi and Dari w/English subtitles. Director: Rokhsareh Ghaem Maghami. **Print Source: Rokhsareh Ghaem Maghami.** This documentary presents two young women from Jordan’s impoverished, religious and tribal homes. This documentary reveals the craft’s techniques at a time when it is gaining international popularity. Filmed between the departure of Hosni Mubarak through the brief reign of Muhammad Morsi, viewers gain insights into local opinions about the uncertain political and economic situation.

**STARVING YEMEN** (Yemen) 2016 24 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Nawal Al-Maghafi. **Print Source: Journeyman Pictures.** In early 2015, conflict between rebels and the government erupted in civil war. The Saudi’s sided with the government against the Iranian supported rebels. Saudi bombing runs have decimated the infrastructure and plunged the state into a food crisis. Two million Yemeni are malnourished. About 350,000 children are starving to death.

**SUFI SOUL: THE MYSTICAL MUSIC OF ISLAM** (Syria/Turkey/Pakistan/India/Morocco) 2015 49 min. In English. Director: Simon Broughton. Producer: Carl Simons. **Print Source: Films Media Group.** This rereleased film documents the musical subcultures of Sufism. In Sufism, music unites consciousness and physical being into a unified presence. This concept is examined in five cultural settings.

**THE TAINTED VEIL** (Denmark/Egypt/UK/Turkey/Syria/Morocco/France) 2015 78 min. In English, Arabic, French, Danish, Turkish and Dutch w/English subtitles. Directors: Nahla Al Fahad, Mazen al Khayrat and Ovidio Salazar. Producer: Alyazia Bint Nahyan. **Print Source: Anasy Media.** To wear the hijab calls attention to the wearers’ Muslim religion. This documentary challenges perceptions of the veil. Whether a veil of the soul, the mind or the body; the veil in history and the many meanings behind it are discussed.

**THE TENTMAKERS OF CAIRO** (Egypt/USA/France) 2015 100 min. In English, French and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Kim Beamish. **Print Source: Documentary Educational Resources.** In Islamic Cairo, four tentmakers hand-stitch Khayamiya or appliqué. Khayamiya used to decorate tent interiors but today are most common in tourists’ homes. This documentary reveals the craft’s techniques at a time when it is gaining international popularity. Filmed between the departure of Hosni Mubarak through the brief reign of Muhammad Morsi, viewers gain insights into local opinions about the uncertain political and economic situation.

**VIVA GRANI (HER BIJÎ GRANI)** (Turkey) 2016 94 min. In Turkish, Kurmanji and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: George Mürer. **Print Source: George Mürer.** This film presents young Kurdish wedding musicians in Turkey. Because of state repression, Kurds make their weddings sites of defiance as well as festivity. The role of wedding musicians—predominantly men in their twenties—is to encourage community cohesion, the participation of all age groups and support how hosts and guests want to situate themselves politically.

**VOICE OF THE VALLEY** (Jordan) 2013 52 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Leila Jarman. **Print Source: Women’s Voices Now.** This documentary presents two young women from Jordan’s impoverished, religious and tribal agricultural hub, the Jordan Valley. Without formal training and unable to get a government license, Asma and Munira broadcast a groundbreaking radio program. Despite threats and backlash from their community, the women expose regional sociopolitical and environmental issues.

**YEMEN – TAXI (AL-YAMAN – UJRAH)** (Yemen) 2015 6 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Mohammed Al-Ashwal. **Print Source: Yemen Peace Project.** This short film reveals the hopes of a student-turned-taxi-driver. Despite the trials and tribulations of driving in a war-zone, he remains upbeat.
Call for Entries

The MESA FilmFest Committee seeks submissions for FilmFest 2017 to be screened during the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, November 18-21. All entries will be reviewed by the committee or selected regional/topical experts. DVD submissions (2 copies) in region free NTSC format should be sent with the entry form to the address below. Links to digital submissions of H.264 files (with .mp4 or .mov extensions) should be provided with the entry form and sent to the email address below. If a digital entry is accepted, the film maker may be asked to send a higher resolution file (not larger than 4-5 GB). Entry forms will be available online. Contact information: Thomas B. Stevenson, FilmFest Director, MESA Secretariat, 3542 N. Geronimo Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705 (520.333.2577; 740.605.0115; tbstevenson@email.arizona.edu).

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Meetings in Conjunction

• AATA–American Association of Teachers of Arabic
  Thursday, 11/17
  Executive Board Meeting, 9am-12nn, MIT (3)
  Panel, 1-3pm, Regis (3)
  Business Meeting, 3:30-4:30pm, Regis (3)

• AATP–American Association of Teachers of Persian
  Thursday, 11/17
  Executive Meeting, 3-5pm, Salon I (4)
  Annual Awards Ceremony, 5-7, Salon I (4)

• AATT–American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages
  Thursday, 11/17
  Business Meeting, 7-8pm,Arlington (3)

• AllIrS–American Institute of Iranian Studies
  Thursday, 11/17
  Board Meeting, 3-5pm,Tufts (3)

• AIMS–American Institute for Maghrib Studies
  Thursday, 11/17
  Board Meeting, 9am-1pm,Tufts (3)
  Business Meeting, 3-4:30, Wellesley (3)

• AIYS–American Institute for Yemeni Studies
  Thursday, 11/17
  Board Meeting, 4-6pm, Orleans (4)
  Friday, 11/18
  Business Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Brandeis (3)

• AGAPS
  Association for Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies
  Thursday, 11/17
  Board Meeting, 11am-2pm, Hyannis (4)
  Business Meeting, 3-5pm, Nantucket (4)
  Happy Hour Reception, 5:30-8:30pm, Legal Sea Foods, Copley Square, 100 Huntington Avenue

• AIS–Association for Israel Studies
  Thursday, 11/17
  Reception, 8:30-10pm, Wellesley (3)

• AMEA–Association for Middle East Anthropology
  Thursday, 11/17
  Board Meeting, 1-2pm, Salon A (4)
  Business Meeting, 2-3pm, Salon A (4)

• AMIDEAST–America-Mideast Educational & Training Services
  Thursday, 11/17
  Education Abroad Academic Consortium Meeting, 4-6pm, Hyannis (4)

• AUC–American University in Cairo
  Friday, 11/18
  Reception, 8:30-11pm, Simmons (3)

• AUB–American University of Beirut
  Friday, 11/18
  Reception, 7-9pm, Atrium (3)

• ASPS–Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
  Saturday, 11/19
  Board Meeting, 2-3pm, Northeastern (3)
  JPS Editorial Board Meeting, 3-4pm, Northeastern (3)

• Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies, Northeastern University, Boston University
  Friday, 11/18
  Reception, 8:30-10pm, Salon C (4)

• CASA–Center for Arabic Study Abroad
  Thursday, 11/17
  Governing Board Meeting, 4-7pm, Haru (55 Huntington Ave.)
  Friday, 11/18
  Annual Consortium Luncheon, 12-1:30pm, Post 390 (406 Staurt St.)
  Saturday, 11/19
  Alumni Reception, 5-7pm, City Table (65 Exeter St.)

• CAORC–Council of American Overseas Research Centers
  Friday, 11/18
  Reception, 7:30-9pm, Yarmouth (4)

• EWIC–Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures
  Thursday, 11/17
  Business Meeting, 7:30am-1pm, Orleans (4)

• Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies
  Saturday, 11/19
  MENA Business History Project, 11am-1pm, Brandeis (3)
  Reception, 4-6pm, Vineyard (4)

• Foundation for Iranian Studies and Women's Learning Partnership
  Thursday, 11/17
  Meeting, 2-6pm, Salon J (4)

• Fulbright
  Saturday, 11/19
  70th Anniversary Reception, 8-10pm, Wellesley (3)

• Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Middle East Initiative
  Friday, 11/18
  Reception, 8:30-10pm, Wellesley (3)

• HIAA–Historians of Islamic Art Association
  Thursday, 11/17
  Majlis, 3-5pm, Salon H (4)
• JMEWS-Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Publications Committee Meeting, 4-5pm, MIT (3)  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Editorial Board Meeting, 3-4pm, Northeastern (3)  

• JPS-Journal of Persianate Studies  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Editorial Board Meeting, 3-4pm, Northeastern (3)  

• KSA-Kurdish Studies Association  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Business Meeting, 11am-1pm, Massachusetts (5)  

• MECPD–Middle East Center & Program Directors  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Annual Meeting, 10-11:45am, Vineyard (4)  

• MELA–Middle East Librarians Association  
  Tuesday, 11/15  
  Annual Meeting, 8am-5pm, MIT Media Lab (E14-674), 75 Amherst St., Cambridge  
  Wednesday, 11/16  
  Annual Meeting, 8am-5pm, MIT Barlos Theater (E15-00LA), 20 Ames St., Cambridge  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Vendor Showcase, 9am-12nn, Simmons (3)  

• MEM–Middle East Medievalists  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Board Meeting, 11am-1pm, Yarmouth (4)  
  Business Meeting, 3-5pm, Vineyard (4)  
  Reception, 5-7pm, Provincetown (4)  

• MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Workshop for Outreach Professionals, 1-3pm, MIT (3)  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Public Business Meeting, 5-7pm, Boston University (3)  
  Sunday, 11/20  
  Board Meeting, 9-11am, MIT (3)  

• MESA–Middle East Studies Association  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting, 5:45-7:45pm, Northeastern (3)  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Middle East Center & Program Directors Annual Meeting, 10-11:45am, Vineyard (4)  

  • New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies and Dept. of Middle East and Islamic Studies  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Celebrating 50 Years of Middle East Studies at NYU Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Regis (3)  

  • Oneworld  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Book Launch for Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism: Illiberal Intelligentsia and the Future of Egyptian Democracy, 8-9pm, MIT (3)  

• OTSA–Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Board Meeting, 2-4pm, Yarmouth (4)  
  Reception and Members’ Meeting, 4-5:30pm, Brandeis (3)  

• PARC–Palestinian American Research Center  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Board Meeting, 12nn-4pm, Brandeis (3)  

• SAR-Scholars at Risk  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Responding to Academic Freedom Concerns in Turkey: Advocacy and Direct Assistance, 4-5:30pm, Brandeis (3)  

• SSRC–Social Science Research Council  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Book Launch Reception: Middle East Studies for the New Millennium: Infrastructures of Knowledge, 5-6:30pm, Atrium (3)  

• SAS–Society for Armenians in America  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Executive Council Meeting, 9:30-11:30am, Salon A (4)  
  Workshop, “Armenians in America”, 1-4pm, Salon B (4)  
  Membership Meeting, 4-6pm, Salon B (4)  

• SSA–Syrian Studies Association  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Board Meeting, 3:30-4:30pm, Connecticut (5)  
  Business Meeting, 5-6pm, New Hampshire (5)  
  Panel, 6-7:30pm, New Hampshire (5)  

• TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq  
  Thursday, 11/17  
  Board Meeting, 2-4pm, Massachusetts (5)  
  Reception, 7-8:30pm, Vermont (5)  

• UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Alumni Reception, 8:30-10pm, Salon A (4)  

• University of Michigan, Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Reception, 7-9pm, Simmons (3)  

• University of Washington  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Reception for Students, Faculty & Alumni, 7-8:30pm, Salon H (4)  

• Western Consortium of Middle East Centers  
  Saturday, 11/19  
  Meeting, 11:45am-1:45pm, Orleans (4)  

• WOCMES–World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies  
  Friday, 11/18  
  International Advisory Council Meeting, 3:45-5:45pm, Yarmouth (4)  

• Yale Council on Middle East Studies  
  Friday, 11/18  
  Reception, 8:30-10pm, Salon B (4)
IRAN: WOMEN ONLY
THEIR REVOLUTION, THEN AND NOW
AN EXHIBIT BY Randy H. Goodman

Photojournalist Randy H. Goodman captured life in the Islamic Republic of Iran during the hostage crisis and the Iran–Iraq war. She recently returned to Iran after thirty-three years to photograph at yet another pivotal time in US–Iran relations: the signing of the Iran nuclear agreement. Her portraits and street scenes of WOMEN ONLY, from both periods, present a unique perspective on that country’s past and its future.

Randy will be at the exhibit to discuss the work. Please inquire about showing Iran: Women Only on your campus. She can also be contacted at: Randy@RandyGoodmanPhotography.com
In addition to featuring some of the publications available from MESA, the MESA booth includes MESA’s Cooperative Book Display, with various exciting titles on view. The MESA booth also features trinkets and souvenirs, many sourced from the Middle East.
## Exhibitors

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Workshop for Boston-Area Teachers

Most every MESA annual meeting is accompanied by a K-12 educators workshop sponsored by the Middle East Outreach Council and a local university. This year’s workshop for Boston-area teachers will be held on Saturday, November 19. The day-long event on “Religious Identity and Expression in the Middle East” will be held at Primary Source in Watertown, MA. Participants will also be able to attend the MESA meeting, where we suspect the Book Bazaar and FilmFest will be of keen interest.
## Calendar of Events

The following is a chronological listing of all events being held during the MESA 2016 anniversary meeting. The number preceding the room name indicates the floor on which the room is located.

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### Undergraduate Research Poster Session

**MESA’s Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies**

presents an

**Undergraduate Research Poster Session**

Prior to the poster session, the undergraduate students will participate in a workshop meant to hone their research skills by focusing on placing their work in the academic literature, developing research methods, and exposing students to data, archives, and other primary sources in Middle East studies. MESA 2016 attendees are invited to the poster session to engage these young scholars in a discussion of their research.

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- **4-5pm Thursday November 17**
- **4-Salon D**
2016 Presidential Address

“From Regional Crisis to Mid-Life Crisis”

Beth Baron
City College and Graduate Center, CUNY

2016 MESA Awards Ceremony

Please join MESA in recognizing the very best in the field in 2016

Albert Hourani Book Award
Recognizing outstanding publishing in Middle East studies.

Houshang Pourshariati
Iranian Studies Book Award
Recognizing outstanding publishing in Iranian studies.

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards
Recognizing exceptional achievement in research and writing of dissertations in Middle East studies.

MESA Mentoring Award
Recognizing exceptional contributions retired faculty have made to the education and training of others.

Jere L. Bacharach Service Award
Recognizing extraordinary service to MESA, other societies, and the field of Middle East studies.

Academic Freedom Award
Given in recognition of sustained contributions in support of academic freedom in the MENA and/or North America.

MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize
Recognizing achievements in research and writing of a graduate-level paper.
Text and Technology: Exploring the Materiality of Early Arabic Periodicals
Organizers: Hala Auji, Adam Mestyan

Sustainability and Environmentality in the Modern Middle East
Organizer: Chris Gratien

Chair: Laura Goffman, Georgetown Discussant: Rosie Bsheer, Yale

Nancy Y. Reynolds, Washington U St. Louis-The stone sustains: disaster anxiety and the Aswan High Dam, 1956-1980
Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State-The petro-state and the “saltwater kingdom”: expertise, environmentality, and the origins of desalination technology in Saudi Arabia
Zozan Pehlivan, McGill-20 para per kuye: state efforts to contain locust infestations in nineteenth century Ottoman Kurdistan
Chris Gratien, Harvard-Seeds of resistance: the endurance of Çukurova’s local cotton

Anthony (Antoine) Edwards, Washington and Lee-Majmu’ Fawayid: miscellany or useful knowledge from nineteenth-century Beirut?
Adam Mestyan, Harvard-Technology and Euro-Egyptian imperialism: the first Arabic military journal, 1873-1877
Hala Auji, American U Beirut-Al-Tabib and representations of identity in early Arabic medical journals from Beirut
Rana Issa, U Oslo-Lughat al-Jarāʾ id
8-9:45AM Friday November 18

005 8-9:45am  5-Vermont

Roundtable

Doing Research in Iran: Strategies and Experiences
Organizer: Beatrice F. Manz

Sponsored by American Institute of Iranian Studies (AlIRs)

Chair: Beatrice F. Manz, Tufts

Judith A. Lerner, NYU
Candace Mixon, UNC Chapel Hill
Eric Lob, Florida International
Justine Landau, Harvard
Linda Komaroff, LACMA

006 8-9:45am  4-Salon B

Intellectual and Legal Culture in the Ottoman Empire
Organizer: Jane Hathaway

Chair/Discussant: Jane Hathaway, Ohio State

Bogac Ergene, U Vermont; M. Safa Saracoglu, Bloomsburg U-Corruption, Ottoman style
Yepez Cavus, Ohio State-Ottoman historians at work: historiographical debates in academic journals of the late Ottoman period
Patrick Scharfe, Texas Tech-The origins and Ottoman identity of Mehmed Ali Pasha's Turcophone elite

007 8-9:45am  4-Salon F

Intelligence and Transnationalism in Peace and War
Organizers: Steven Wagner, Hilary Falb Kalisman

Chair/Discussant: Roger Owen, Harvard

James Casey, Princeton-Sacred surveillance: Indian Muslims, Syrian waaf, and the evolution of state surveillance in Syria 1918-1930
Steven Wagner, McGill-British intelligence, the caliphate, and the Arab movements 1914-16
Roberto Mazza, U Limerick-Fabricating a massacre: the evacuation of Jaffa in 1917
Hilary Falb Kalisman, Furuin U-"Ruhi the Ingenious": a transnational agent during the First World War

008 8-9:45am  4-Vineyard

Saints and Sultans: Sufi Literature Between Religion and Politics in the Ottoman Empire
Organizer: Kamelya Atanasova

Chair: Jamal J. Elias, U Penn
Discussant: John Curry, UNLV

Jonathan Allen, Maryland College Park-Traversing geographies of power and sanctity: Taha Al-Kurdi's encounters with 18th century Ottoman political power and identity
Zeynep Elbisan, Indiana U-From Trabzon to Constantinople: Molla Sheikhzade Yahya Efendi’s convoluted route to the top as an Ottoman Sufi master in the 16th century
Kamelya Atanasova, U Penn-Metaphysics as political commentary: representations of political power in Ismail Hakki Bursevi’s tulhfe works
Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U Washington-Poets, statesmen, and mystics: poetry and political networks at the fifteenth-century Ottoman court

009 8-9:45am  4-Provincetown

Policing and Punishment in the Making of the Modern Middle East
Organizer: Michael Farquhar

Chair: Kent F. Schull, Binghamton
Discussant: Lisa Hajjar, UC Santa Barbara

Will Hanley, Florida State-The police and the people in turn-of-the-century Egypt Michael Farquhar, King’s Col London-Historicising the politics of law and order in neoliberal times: Egyptian police discourse on crime, security and economic transformation
Golnar Nikpour, Wisconsin Madison-The humanist prison: scholar and state discourses on crime and punishment in Pahlavi Iran
Jeff Eamon, NYU-Policing the Bahrain Islands: labor, race, and the historical origins of foreign recruitment

010 8-9:45am  3-Regis

Roundtable

Towards an Egyptian History of the 1970s and 1980s: Research Questions and Sources
Organizers: Hanan Hammam, Relli I. Shechter

Chair: Hanan Hammam, TCU; Relli I. Shechter, Ben-Gurion U
Lucie Ryzova, U Birmingham, UK
Zeinab A. Abul-Magd, Oberlin
Vivian Ibrahim, U Mississippi

011 8-9:45am  4-Salon G

Literary Encounters Across the Mediterranean
Organizers: Cameron Cross, N. Ipek Huner-Cora

Chair/Discussant: Franklin D. Lewis, U Chicago

N. Ipek Huner-Cora, U Chicago-Deceit and dishonor: the Widow of Ephesus in the Ottoman context
Karla Mallette, Michigan Ann Arbor-The travels of Kalila and Dimna: Dīn goes west
Cameron Cross, Michigan Ann Arbor-Love, death, and conversion in Damascus and Córdoba: The case of Varqa & Golshāh and Flora & Blancheflor
Alexandra Hoffmann, U Chicago-The Sindbād-nāma and The Seven Sages: A comparative look at “the moral of the story”

012 8-9:45am  4-Salon D

Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Situation of Moriscos in the Iberian Peninsula (16th and 17th Centuries)
Organizer: Lisette Balabarca

Chair: Lisette Balabarca, Siena Col
Discussant: Chad Leahy, U Denver

Jillian Williams, U Bristol-Eating like Muslims: Moriscos and the Valencian Inquisition
David Freidenreich, Colby Col-Moriscos as Jews in Spanish Christian rhetoric
Elizabeth Ashcroft Terry, Austin Col-A Morisco’s application for knighthood: the opinions of twenty-four theologians on behalf of Don Pedro de Granada Venegas (1607)
### Youth, Education and Democracy in the Middle East
Organizers: Ayca Alemdaroglu, Daniele Cantini

Mohamed Sallam, U Minnesota-The last great hope for transforming the lives of girls: the rhetorics of girls’ education in upper Egypt

Amanda Tho Seeth, U Marburg-Democratizing academia: new concepts of socialization at Tunisia’s universities

Daniele Cantini, Orient-Institut Beirut-Youth in (higher) educational spaces – researching university students in Jordan, ethnographically

Roozbeh Shirazi, U Minnesota-Examining the education of uncertain citizens: youth negotiations of higher education in Jordan

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### Alternative Preservation Practices of ‘Cultural Heritage’ in the Middle East
Organizer: Mirjam Brusius

Chair: Mirjam Brusius, Oxford

Trinidad Rico, Texas A&M Qatar-Islam, vernacularization and cultural heritage

Ian Straughn, Brown-Spirits of heritage, spectres of ruins: treasure hunting, archaeology and the influence of the jinn

Stephennie Mulder, Texas Austin-Local or universal?: imagining antiquity and its localities in Islamicate societies

Katharina Galor, Brown-Jerusalem: archaeologists versus residents?

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### Being a Syrian Refugee: Representation and Agency in the Syrian Refugee Crisis
Organizer: Cecilia Baeza

Discussion: Paulo G. Hilu Pinto, U Federal Fluminense

Ching-An Chang, U Edinburgh-The economic elites of Syrian refugees: a neglected group of crisis alleviator

Thomas Vladimir Brond, Roskilde-Contentious labels through time and space: refugees and revolutionaries in Lebanon and Europe

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### Historical Comprehension and Moral Judgement of World War II and the Holocaust: The View From North Africa
Organizer: Samir Ben-Layashi

Chair: Daniel J. Schroeter, U Minnesota

Samir Ben-Layashi, Hebrew U Jerusalem-Towards a multidirectional history and memory of WWII in North Africa

David Stenner, Christopher Newport-U-Looking towards the future: Morocco’s Arab-language press, the Holocaust, and post-European memory after 1945

Abdelilah Bouasria, U Montana-Between gratitude and exactitude: the Moroccan monarchy and its Jews during the Holocaust

Joshua Schreier, Vassar-Col-The polemics of Muslim-Jewish relations in the wake of Vichy

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### Walls, Borders and Boundaries: Displacement and Confinement in the MENA Region
Organizer: Randa R. Farah

Discussion: Randa R. Farah, Western U Canada

Zeinab McHeimech, Western U Canada-Between the readable and unreadable: crossing borders through graffiti scrawls

Abdulla Majeed, Western U Canada-Belonging and the imperial reconfiguration of Baghdadi memory through space

Berke Torunoglu, Wisconsin Madison-Displacement and citizenship: Ottoman plans for deportation of Greeks 1868-69

Susann Kassem, Graduate Inst Geneva-UNIFIL’s “Blue Line,” sovereignty, and spatial contestation in southern Lebanon

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### The Gulf Beyond the Arab Spring
Chair: Marianne Laanatza, Lund U

Jessie Moritz, Australian National U-A transnational opposition: Bahraini human rights networks in the international sphere

Patricia Ward, Boston U-Beyond dollar signs?: Gulf states, UNHCR and shifting refugee relief practices

Susanne Dahlgren, National U Singapore-The state crisis in Yemen: the quest for the Republic of South Arabia, other statutory solutions and the fight for power

Hae Won Jeong, SOAS London-Nation branding and soft power strategies in post-Arab Spring Bahrain

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### Symbolic Politics & Cultural Contestation in Turkey
Chair: John M. VanderLippe, SUNY Delhi

Torsten Janson, Lund-Inventing sacred spaces: Islamic symbolism in Turkish visual politics

Sezín Öney, Bilkent-Autonomy and symbolic power of the ‘intellectual’ and the political power in Turkey: from the desired ‘wise people’ to undesired ‘academic signatories for peace’

Didem Ünal-Abaday, CUNY-Exploring pious women fashion designers’ positionalities in the contemporary gender regime in Turkey

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### Urban Traditions & Transformations
Chair: Pinar Batur, Vassar

Eliana Abu-Hamdi, UC Berkeley-Public housing as an agent of social transformation in Amman, Jordan

Azat Gundogan, Cornell-The end (or beginning?) of Istanbul as we knew it: peripheral urbanization and experiences from the margins

Alison B. Snyder, U Oregon-The imported passage, now an authentic expression of Istanbul’s urban tradition, must not disappear

021 8-9:45am 3-Simmons

Women and the Economy

Chair: Madeline C. Zilfi, Maryland College Park

Crystal A. Ennis, Leiden U-The gendered complexities of promoting female entrepreneurship in the Gulf
Leyla Keough, Massachusetts Amherst—A desirable domestic in Istanbul: Moldovan maids and their employers
Gail Buttorff, U Kansas; Bozena Welborne, U Nevada Reno; Nawra Al Lawati, Sultan Qaboos U-Oil and its impact on female labor force participation in the GCC

022 8-9:45am 4-Nantucket

Performing Identities & Authenticities

Chair: Hilary Kalmbach, U Sussex

Cal Margulis, UCLA—Playing race: representations of blackness in the comedies of Yaʿqūb Ṣannūʿa
Michael O’Toole, U Cincinnati—From Zeybek to Zeybreak: reimagining Anatolian dance in diaspora
Andrea Shaheen Espinosa, Texas El Paso—Negotiating tradition: Syrian performers and the right to play in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Ali Almajnooni, Binghamton—Riddled performances: history and memory in the tribal poetry of Saudi Arabia
Carolyn Ramzy, Carleton U—“The revolution did not happen”: the hidden transcripts of Cairokee’s post-revolution rock music

023 8-9:45am 4-Salon C

Religious Texts, Scholarship, and Interpretation

Chair: Dale J. Correa, Texas Austin
Carl Sharif El-Tobgui, Brandeis—Revelation and sound inference (husn al-nazar) in Ibn Taymiyya’s Darʾ Al-Taʿarud
Holly Robins, UCLA—Al-Awzaʾi’s letters to ʿAbbasid authorities: a new source for understanding the role of an eighth-century religious scholar
Russell Hopley, Bowdoin Col—Conversion, false conversion, and deportation: the Christian community of Seville under Almoravid rule
Hussein Abdulsater, American U Beirut—The essence of the human being in classical theology

024 8-9:45am 5-New Hampshire

Reframing the Debate About Secularism in the MENA Region: Religious Violence, Secular Violence, and the Question of “Real” Politics

Organizer: Suzanne Schneider
Chair: Gregory Starrett, UNC Charlotte
Liora R. Halperin, Colorado Boulder
Suzanne Schneider, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research
Ajay Chaudhary, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research
K. Soraya Batmanghelichi, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research

025 8-9:45am 6-Massachusetts

Thematic Conversation

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BDS, MESA, and the Politics of Academic Associations
Organizers: Samera Esmeir, Joshua Stacher, Kent State, Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara
Chair: Samera Esmeir, UC Berkeley
Michelle Hartman, McGill
Charles Hirschkind, UC Berkeley
Mary N. Layoun, Wisconsin Madison
Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown

The Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement began over a decade ago as a Palestinian initiative that made three demands: ending the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, the full and equal rights of Palestinian citizens in Israel, and the implementation of the Palestinian right of return. Since then, BDS has been widely discussed in academic circles in North America and Western Europe. Across universities throughout North America and Europe, undergraduate and graduate students, alongside faculty, have critically engaged this strategy. Numerous student unions, scholars, and academic associations adopted BDS. In turn, there was significant political pressure on academic institutions to disavow the strategy. The engagement with BDS has given rise to various questions of who has “academic freedom”; what is “free speech”; and what is “objectivity.” These questions unfolded just as the erosion of higher education, the corporatization of the university, the adjunctification of academic labor, and the general precarity of academic work took hold in new ways. At this critical juncture and as several hundred MESA members have signed calls for academic boycott, this panel explores BDS as a political and intellectual strategy as it relates to academic associations in general, and to MESA in particular. The panel reflects on the relationship between producing knowledge and practicing politics in Middle East studies. The panelists, representing different areas of expertise in Middle East studies, offer insights on the practice of BDS, its significance and interventions in the contemporary higher education system, the relationship between politics and scholarship, and question of responsibility. They also reflect on the role of and the pressures on MESA in particular and academic associations more broadly. This panel contributes to an important and unfinished conversation that has been taking place among MESA members, affording them access to a wide range of opinions within their organization.

Nationalism and Its Alternatives: Minorities and Their Material Culture in the Middle East
Organizer: Fadi Dawood

Organized under the auspices of Modern Assyrian Research Archive (MARA)
Chair/Discussant: Irene Markoff, York U

Fadi Dawood, NATO Association of Canada—Minorities by any other name: Asiri and the status of Christians in the Middle East
Alda Benjamen, Maryland College Park—Between negotiation and resistance: Assyrian press and popular culture in the 1970s
Nadia Younan, U Toronto-Assyrian traditional dance, stateless nationalism, and the body as material object

Tala Jarjour, Yale—Music, materiality, intangibility, and survival in religious minority traditions of the Middle East

Teaching Turkish in the 21st Century: How to Develop a New Curriculum
Organizer: Funda Derin

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

Chair: Funda Derin, Wisconsin Madison
Sylvia W. Önder, Georgetown
Deniz Tat, Leiden U
Guliz Kuruoglu, UCLA
Nilay Sevinc, Michigan Ann Arbor
Burcu Karahan, Stanford
South by East: Decentering and Reorienting Intellectual and Literary Exchanges in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia
Organizer: Levi Thompson
Organized under the auspices of the University of California Humanities Research Institute

Chair: Stephen Sheehi, William and Mary
Discussant: Kamran Rastegar, Tufts

Alexander Jabbari, UC Irvine-Flipping the Persianate script: Urdu in 20th century Iran
Levi Thompson, UCLA-Badr Shākir Al-Sayyāb’s transnational turn
Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine-Mohamed Lefṭah’s unruly masculinity and modernity
Suleiman Hodali, UCLA-Aḥmad Fāris Shidyāq in Malta and modern Arabic philology

Is Saudi Foreign Policy ‘Islamic’?
Organizer: Anna Viden
Discussant: Robert Vitalis, U Penn

Anna Viden, U Penn-Theorizing the Salman Doctrine Within the context of the increased Saudi-Iran/‘Sunni-Shia’ hegemonic rivalry
Brandon Friedman, Tel Aviv U-The origins of Saudi nuclear energy research and facilities

Israel’s Global Arms Economy: Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Post-9/11 Security State
Organizer: Shimrit Lee
Discussant: Noura Erakat, George Mason

Mtanes Shihadeh, Mada al-Carmel-The political/diplomatic role of the Israeli military and high-tech industry
Shimrit Lee, NYU-Making violence consumable: professionalism and technofetishism at the Israeli arms expo
Jimmy Johnson, Independent Researcher-The Kibush HaShmira and the violence of settler sovereignty

Honoring Fatema Mernissi: Personal and Professional Impact
Organizer: Nawar Al-Hassan Golley
Chair: Nawar Al-Hassan Golley, American U Sharjah
Discussant: miriam cooke, Duke

Mary Ann Fay, Morgan State-Where will the troubled women go?: Fatema Mernissi’s memoir of growing up in the harem of her childhood
Nayereh Tohidi, CSU Northridge-Reading Fatema Mernissi in Iran: Mernissi’s impact on Iranian feminist debates
Doris H. Gray, Al Akhawayn-Fatema Mernissi: A Sufi wanderer and women’s rights pioneer
Nimat Hafez Barazangi, Cornell-Fatema Mernissi and the Hadith: agent of social change

Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms: Form, Strategies and Purpose
Organizer: Nicola Carpentieri

Organized under the auspices of the University of Manchester

Kamran Karimullah, U Manchester-Pain, embodiment, ensoulment: a post-classical (ca. 1100-1900 CE) medical debate on pain between Abū Al-Faraj Ibn Al-Qaff (d. 1286 CE) and Fakhr Al-Dīn Al-Rāzī (d. 1209 CE)
Nicola Carpentieri, U Manchester-Classification and concepts of phrenitis in Arabic commentaries: on the meaning of bīrsām and sīrāsām
Peter E. Pormann, U Manchester-Rhazes the commentator?: fragments of Muḥammad ibn Zakariyā Al-Rāzī’s lost commentary on the hippocratic aphorisms
Elaine van Dalen, U Manchester-Rhetorical strategies in the medieval commentaries on the hippocratic aphorisms: Arabic metadiscourse in Ḥunayn Ibn Ishāq and Ibn Abī Sādiq

Experimental Methods in the Middle East
Organizer: Dana El Kurd
Discussant: Luai Allarakia, U Houston

Ekrem KaraKoc, Binghamton-How foreign policies of other nations affect domestic policy attitudes: the case of Lebanon
Kimberly Guiler, Texas Austin-Coups, conspiracies, and credibility: experimental evidence from Turkey
Elizabeth R. Nugent, Princeton-The politics of repression: experimental evidence from Cairo University
Dana El Kurd, Texas Austin-The effect of international involvement on state-society relations: the case of the Palestinian Territories

The Meaning of Imperial Rule: Evidence From Colonial Morocco
Organizer: Etty Terem

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair/Discussant: Adria Lawrence, Yale

Eric Calderwood, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-What is Spanish colonialism in Morocco, and why does it matter?
Itzea Goicoeia-Amiano, European U Inst-Performing and constraining colonization in the Spanish occupation of Tetuan (1860-62)
Etty Terem, Rhodes Col-Constructing the modern Muslim woman in colonial Morocco
Adam Guerin, Eckerd Col-“Civilizing” the countryside: environmental myth, agricultural development and the reinvention of rural Morocco, 1924-1940
10-11:45AM Friday November 18

037 10-11:45am 4-Salon H
The Art Salon in the Middle East: Migration of Institutional Patronage and Its Challenges
Organizers: Nadine von Maltzahn, Monique Bellan

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

Discussant: Kirsten Scheid, American U Beirut

Dina A. Ramadan, Bard Col-Society of the lovers of the fine arts and the formation of an Egyptian artistic “awareness”
Monique Bellan, Orient-Inst Beirut-The Egyptian avant-garde defying the salon
Nada M. Shabout, U North Texas-The Baghdad avant-garde’s unofficial salons

Nadia von Maltzahn, Orient-Inst Beirut-Guiding the artist and the public?: Salon d’Automne at Beirut’s Sursock Museum

038 10-11:45am 3-Regis
Roundtable

The Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Yemen and Current Preservation Efforts
Organizer: Daniel Mahoney

Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: Daniel Mahoney, Austrian Academy of Sciences

McGuire Gibson, U Chicago
Krista Lewis, Arkansas Little Rock
Lamya Khalidi, CNRS
David B. Hollenberg, U Oregon

040 10-11:45am 4-Salon C
New Perspectives on Late Antique Iran and Iraq
Organizer: Michael Pregill

Organized under the auspices of ILEX Foundation

Chair: Michael Pregill, Boston U
Discussant: Richard W. Bulliet, Columbia

Rahim Shayegan, UCLA-On diacrony in Sasanian studies
Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana U
Bloomingston-Religious polemics in Sasanian writings

Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State-The long shadow of Sasanian Christianity: the limits of Islamicization to 950
Mimi Hanaoka, U Richmond-Authority and identity in early Medieval Persiane Islamic historiography: methodologies for reading hybrid identities and imagined histories

041 10-11:45am 5-Maine
 Atatürk and the American Missionaries: Resistance and Accommodation in the New Turkish Republic
Organizer: Carolyn Goffman

Michael Limberg, U Connecticut-Trustign the terrible Turks: the YMCA in Turkey, 1923-1939
Carolyn Goffman, DePaul U-Toppling the walls and lifting the veil: the American College for Girls, Atatürk, and the new Turkish Republic

Kent F. Schull, Binghamton-From Aintab to Aleppo: Joseph Booth and the exodus of the Mormon-Armenian community post-WWI
Faith J. Childress, Rockhurst U-From “upstart” to “savior”: changing views of Atatürk at American missionary schools

042 10-11:45am 4-Salon A
Jazz Combos, Reading Circles, Military Bands: Integrating the Auditory into Late and Post-Ottoman Social Histories (1880s-1920s)
Organizer: Maureen Jackson

Chair: G. Carole Woodall, U Colorado
Colorado Springs
Discussant: Senem Aslan, Bates Col

Maureen Jackson, U Washington-Ottoman brass bands: the militarization of a global amateur phenomenon
Nicholas Tochka, U Maryland-From subject to citizen?: national agency and auditory culture in the Albanian diaspora, c. 1880-1910
G. Carole Woodall, U Colorado Colorado Springs-Jazz combos: defining a district, defining a sound to a post-Ottoman era
Pelin Kadercan, Brown- Re-imaging a marginalized identity: music and Alevi youth in Istanbul (1930s to the present)

043 10-11:45am 3-Wellesley
Mass Displacement and Struggles over Identity in the Contemporary Middle East
Organizers: Shamiran Mako, Noora Lori, Emily Cury

Chairs: Augustus Richard Norton, Boston U; Denis J. Sullivan, Northeastern
Discussant: Kevan Harris, UCLA

Shamiran Mako, Northeastern-External intervention, state weakness, and forced displacement in post-2003 Iraq
Emily Cury, Northeastern-Violence, memory and the construction of sectarianism in the Syrian civil war
Noora Lori, Boston U-Statelessness through state-building: the impact of identity management upgrades on displaced populations in the UAE
Sarah Tobin, Brown-Sectarianism and identity among Syrian refugees in Jordan
### Political Economy of the Arab Spring

Chair: **Clement Moore Henry**, Texas Austin

**Gerasimos Tsourapas**, U Birmingham—Labor migrants as political leverage?: population mobility and coercion in the Arab world

**Hayat Alvi**, US Naval War Col—The jasmine economy: Tunisia’s post-revolution economic status

**Isabel Schäfer**, Humboldt U Berlin—(Youth)Unemployment in Tunisia: coping with the (skill) mismatch between job offer and job demand on the labour market

### Socio-Political Developments in Lebanon

Chair: **Elise Salem**, Lebanese American U

**Hicham Safieddine**, Rice U—Beirut’s developmental institutionalists: towards a history of post-WWII Arab economic thought

**Magnus Dolerud**, U Bergen—The nonviolence movement in the Lebanese peace movement

**Jennifer Philippa Eggert**, U Warwick, UK—Women and war in Lebanon: non-state political violence, female combatants and organisational decision-making

### MESA Members Meeting

All MESA members are invited to participate in the 2016 members meeting. Provided there is a quorum (35 voting-eligible members) votes will be taken on a resolution to amend MESA’s Bylaws and on the composition of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Reports will be given by MESA’s Executive Director, the Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom, and the editors of the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* and the *Review of Middle East Studies*.

Please attend, provide your input, and cast your vote.

**Your input and vote is needed on**

- a proposed Bylaws Amendment
- 2017 Nominating Committee
Roundtable 1:45-3:30pm 5-Vermont

Ethics of Researching Middle East Politics
Organizer: Jillian M. Schwedler
Chair: Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter Col, CUNY

Marc Lynch, George Washington
Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton
Laurie Brand, U Southern California
Lisa Wedeen, U Chicago
Sarah Parkinon, Johns Hopkins
Jason Brownlee, Texas Austin

Roundtable 1:45-3:30pm 4-Salon B

Ottoman Seas 2
Organizer: Murat Cem Mengiç
Chair: Palmira Brummett, Brown
Discussant: Nabil Al-Tikriti, Mary Washington

Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Brigham Young-Establishing an Ottoman naval vision: reforming admirals Hayreddin Pasha and Mezemorta Pasha
Murat Cem Mengiç, Seton Hall-Memories of the war in the sea, Safar's history of the Ottoman conquest of Naupaktos and Methoni
Sona Tajiryan, UCLA-From Surat to Izmir and Venice: Armenian diamond and gem merchants in early modern global trade
Joshua White, U Virginia-The Kadi of Malta: piracy, captivity, and law in the Ottoman Mediterranean

Political and Legal Contestations over Gender-Based Violence in Post-Revolutionary Egypt
Organizer: Hind Ahmed Zaki
Chair: Mariz Tadros, Inst of Development Studies
Discussant: Helen M. Rizzo, American U Cairo

Hind Ahmed Zaki, U Washington-Survivors and not victims: the movement against public sexual violence beyond the politics of recognition
Marta Agosti, SOAS London-Five hundred mob-sexual assaults and one FGM case: whose laws rule women’s rights in Egypt?
Angie Abdelmonem, Arizona State-“Social” and “political” fissures: anti-sexual harassment activism in Egypt
Susana Galan, Rutgers-Al-Shawāriʿīn? whose streets?: on public space, sexual violence, and the memory of the revolution in post-revolution Cairo

Roundtable 1:45-3:30pm 3-Regis

Ba’thism, Islamism, and ISIS
Organizer: Michael Brill
Chair: Joseph Sassoon, Georgetown

Craig Whiteside, Naval War Col Monterey
Kevin M. Woods, Inst for Defense Analyses
Cole Bunzel, Princeton
Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar
Ibrahim Al Marashi, CSU San Marcos
Michael Brill, Georgetown

Isma’ili Thought Through the Medieval and Modern Periods: Gender, Exegesis and Metaphysics
Organizer: Khalil Andani
Khalil Andani, Harvard-The monorealism of Aga Khan III: echoes of Ismāʿīlī neoplatonism and Akbarī ontology
Shahrad Shalvand, Harvard-Isma’ilism under the influence of Ibn ‘Arabī: some metaphorical views of Āqā Khān Maḥallātī (d. 1881)
Paul Anderson, Harvard-Projections: gendering the spiritual in Ismā’īlī cosmology
Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard-The true path (saptapanth): narrative hermeneutics (ta’wil) in the Ismā’īlī Gināns

Places and Spaces in Pre-Modern Arabic Writing From the Islamic West
Organizer: Sabahat Adil
Discussant: Zayde Antrim, Trinity
Nizar F. Hermes, U Virginia-“It eclipsed Cairo and outshone Baghdad”: Ibn Rashīq’s forgotten city-elegy for Qayrawān
Rosemary Admiral, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-Space, mobility, and gender in medieval Fez
Sabahat Adil, Colorado Boulder-Seeking baraka in Tlemenc: knowledge production, circulation, and saintly piety in the Islamic west
Gretchen Head, Yale NUS Col-Space, identity, and genre in 17th century Morocco
1:45-3:30PM Friday November 18

**Tunisia Five Years After: The Forgotten Structures of Revolutionary Practices?**
Organizers: Sami Zemni, Benoit Challand

Chair: Emel Akcali, Swansea U
Discussant: Sami Zemni, Ghent U

**New Issues, Perspectives and Sources in Armenian Studies**
Organizer: Umit Kurt

**Centennial of What? (Re) Acknowledging the Relationship Between the 1916 Arab Revolt and Mandate Politics**
Organizers: Carl Shook, Sami Sweis

Discussant: Yoav Alon, Tel Aviv U

**Slave Women and Free Men: Mediating Social Change in the Medieval Middle East**
Organizer: Karen Moukheiber

**Challenging 19th Century Gulf Historical Narratives**
Organizers: Kristi N. Barnwell, Victoria Hightower

Chair/Discussant: Fahad A. Bishara, NYU

**Noah Haiduc-Dale, Centenary Col, NJ Piracy in the Gulf and the exploitation of environmental knowledge**

**Kristi N. Barnwell, Illinois Springfield; Jane Bristol-Rhys, Zayed U Revisiting Shaykh Shakhbut’s legacy: a lexicon of difficult shaykhs**

**Victoria Hightower, U North Georgia Maritime violence: re-thinking claims of piracy in the lower Gulf**

**Crossing Borders: Transnational Histories of the Colonial-Era Maghrib**
Organizer: Samuel Anderson

Sponsored by American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: Samuel Anderson, UCLA
Discussant: Jonathan Wyrtzen, Yale

**Chris Silver, UCLA-Musical censorship and the politics of listening across the interwar Maghrib**

**Sara Rahnama, Johns Hopkins-The international dimensions of the interwar Algerian debates over “the woman question”**

**Graham Cornwall, Georgetown-Feeding the indigènes: diet and colonial policies in French North Africa**

**Samuel Anderson, UCLA-From Algiers to Atar: Algerian teachers, Mauritanian students, and “Franco-Muslim” education, 1910s-1950s**

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**Benoit Challand, New Schl for Social Research-The revolutionary praxis of civility in Tunisia and its legacies**

**Ester Sigillo’, Scuola Normale Superiore-The Islamic associative system in post-revolutionary Tunisia: which links between social development and social cleavages?**

**Fabio Merone, MENARG-Islamism and Salafism confronting the revolution: the cost of governing through consensus**

**Joachim Ben Yakoub, Ghent U-Art as subversive practice: the aesthetics of the Tunisian revolution**

**The revolutionary praxis of civility in Tunisia and its legacies**

**Ester Sigillo’, Scuola Normale Superiore**

**Arda Melkonian, UCLA-“Human trafficking” during the Armenian genocide**

**Varak Ketsamanian, Princeton-The Hunchakian Revolutionary Party from 1891-1895**

**Anna Aleksanyan, Clark U-Ritualized rapes and body destruction of the Armenian women during the genocide**

**Revisiting the Ottoman courts-martial of 1919-1920 under the light of new archival documents**

**Arda Melkonian, UCLA**

**"Human trafficking" during the Armenian genocide**

**Varak Ketsamanian, Princeton**

**From revolt to mandate: locating the Arab nationalist project in Transjordan 1916-1925**

**Carl Shook, U Chicago-The state-building function of border outposts along the Iraq-Najd frontier, 1918-1932**

**Yoni Furas, Hebrew U-Pedagogic impossibilities in mandate Palestine: greater Syria and the colonials syllabus**

**Joel Veldkamp, U Chicago-The 1926 elections in Aleppo: a crystallizing moment**

**Sami Sweis, U Chicago-From revolt to mandate: locating the Arab nationalist project in Transjordan 1916-1925**

**Princesses born to concubines: a first visit to the women of the Abbasid household in Mamluk Cairo**

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**Midnight Medievalists (MEM)**

**Musical censorship and the politics of listening across the interwar Maghrib**

**Pernilla Myrne, U Gothenburg-Free women and slave women in premodern Arabic erotic literature**

**Lev Weitz, Catholic U America-Concupinage and Christians in the Abbasid Caliphate**

**Maryam Kamali, Harvard-Transformations in the social status of the slave women in Iran from the Khwarazmshah to the Mongols**

**Mustafa Banister, U Bonn-Princesses born to concubines: a first visit to the women of the Abbasid household in Mamluk Cairo**

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062 1:45-3:30pm 4-Nantucket

Between Folklore, Literature, and Politics: Circulation of Narratives in the Eastern Mediterranean
Organizer: Tsolin Nalbantian

Chair: Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden U
Discussant: Nader K. Uthman, NYU

Marcela Garcia Probert, Leiden U-The mobility and use of saints and sanctuaries in Palestinian historical, folkloric and political narratives


Haneen Omari, Leiden U-Beyond spatial-temporal narratives in Palestinian literature: the case of Hussein Barghouti

064 1:45-3:30pm 4-Salon A

Creating Jordan: Artistic Production in a Divided Nation
Organizer: George Potter

Chair: Jamil Al-Thawhrih, U Utah
Discussant: Samer Al-Saber, Florida State

Rory Sykes, Northwestern-“We are all fedayeen”: Palestinian and Jordanian representations of the Battle of Karameh George Potter, Valparaiso-Imagining Amman: social space in “When Monaliza Smiled”

Rayya El Zein, Graduate Center, CUNY-Class, concerts, cosmopolitanism: Amman as emerging “cultural hotspot”

065 1:45-3:30pm 3-Simmons

Arabic Study Abroad in Comparative Contexts: Towards an Integrated Approach
Organizer: Ahmed Idrissi Alami

American Association of Teachers of Arabic

Chair: Brahim Chakrani, Michigan State
Discussant: Mohammad T. Alhawary, Michigan Ann Arbor

Brahim Chakrani, Michigan State-Increasing the sociolinguistic competency of heritage Arabic speakers in study abroad programs

Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue-Learner-generated content as/in experiential learning in Arabic summer study abroad programs

Mohammed Bouajma, Al-Akhawayn-Arabic culture and literature courses through blended learning for advanced students in study abroad programs

Dris Soulimani, NYU Abu Dhabi-Study abroad and service learning: the view from the global campus

066 1:45-3:30pm 4-Orleans

Beyond the Theater: Renegotiating Iranian Cinema Through Technological and Industrial Adaptation
Organizer: Laura Fish

Chair: Karin Wilkins, Texas Austin

Claire Cooley, Texas Austin-Hearing Layli and Majnun on screen: Persian talkies come to Iran from India

Kelly Houck, Texas Austin-Kanun films from 1965 – 1978: experimenting with revolutionary ideas in Pahlavi Iran

Blake Atwood, Texas Austin-What will the neighbors think?: Iran’s underground video clubs, 1982-1993

Laura Fish, Texas Austin-Resurrecting the Iranian film industry: diasporic distribution networks of Iranian popular film

067 1:45-3:30pm 3-Harvard

Shifting Patterns of Authoritarianism and Democratization

Chair: Azzedine Layachi, St. John’s

Nimah Mazaheri, Tufts-No Arab bourgeoisie, no democracy?: the entrepreneurial middle class and democratic attitudes since the Arab Spring

Kristen Kao, U Gothenburg-Rigging democracy: maintaining power through authoritarian electoral institutions in Jordan

Sabina Henneberg, Johns Hopkins-Governance after authoritarian breakdown in North Africa: the first provisional governments in Tunisia and Libya in 2011-2012

Kourosh Rahimkhani, Binghamton-Mapping the incumbency disadvantage in electoral authoritarian regimes: the case of Iranian parliamentary elections
068 1:45-3:30pm 4-Salon J
ISIS and the Regional Dimensions of the Syrian Civil War

Chair: Geoffrey D. Schad, U Penn

Didier Leroy, Royal Military Academy of Belgium; Elena Aoun, Catholic U Louvain
-Fighting for our own: the involvement of Lebanese non-state actors in the Syrian conflict and the sources of the power of identity politics
Curtis R. Ryan, Appalachian State-
-Crossfire: Jordanian policy between ISIS and the Syrian Civil War

069 1:45-3:30pm 5-Maine
The Contemporary State in Turkey

Chair: Hootan Shambayati, Florida Gulf Coast

Jessica Doyle, Ulster-State control of civil society organizations: the case of Turkey
Kyle T. Evered, Michigan State-
-Erasing the place of dissent: democratic authoritarianism and the inscription and elimination of Gezi Park graffiti
Yesim Arat, Boğaziçi-The decline of democracy in Turkey: authoritarian bargain and institutional decay

070 1:45-3:30pm 5-New Hampshire

Unraveling the Middle East II: The State of Flow, Fixity, & Global Futures
Organizer: Wilson Chacko Jacob

Session Leader: Wilson Chacko Jacob, Concordia

Michael Gasper, Occidental
Cyrus Schayegh, Princeton
Mohammed A. Bamyeh, U Pittsburgh
Andrew Arsan, U Cambridge

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Application period: November 15, 2016 — January 10, 2017
### 071 3:45-5:30pm 4-Salon A

**Postcolonial Shame**  
Organizer: Anna C. Cruz

**Molly Theodora Oringer,** UCLA-Othering Palestine: tourism as a discourse of conquest in the postcolonial

**Douja Mamelouk,** Tennessee Knoxville-Colonial feminism and the shaming of Tunisian women

**Mohammad Salama,** San Francisco State-Reclaiming Quranic exegesis: Amin Al-Khulili and the new methods of tafsir

**Anna C. Cruz,** Tufts-Contemporary Moroccan odalisques: employing colonialist fantasies to contest postcolonial shame

### 072 3:45-5:30pm 5-Vermont

**Electrifying Middle East and North African Studies**  
Organizers: Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Janell Rothenberg

Chair: Laleh Khalili, SOAS London

**Pauline Lewis,** UCLA  
Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U  
Omar Jaraby Salamanca, Columbia  
Nida Alahmad, Ghent  
Gokce Gunel, Columbia  
Janell Rothenberg, George Washington

### 074 3:45-5:30pm 3-Simmons

**Rethinking the “Saddle Period:” Concept History and New Temporalities for Modern Middle Eastern History**  
Organizers: Susanna Ferguson, Angela Giordani

Chair/Discussant: Samera Esmeer, UC Berkeley

**Nir Shafir,** UC San Diego-Nasihat and the politics of morality in the early modern Islamic world

**Susanna Ferguson,** Columbia-Tracing Tariya: educating children across the nineteenth century divide

**Hoda Yousef,** Denison-Recasting ignorance and illiteracy in the nineteenth century

**Angela Giordani,** Columbia-Making philosophy in interwar Egypt: towards a genealogy of falsafah in the twentieth century

### 075 3:45-5:30pm 3-Regis

**Negotiating Activism in Academia**  
Organizer: Marie Grace Brown

Chair: Eve Troutt Powell, U Penn

**Stephen Sheehi,** William and Mary  
**Marie Grace Brown,** U Kansas  
**Michelle Hartman,** McGill

### 076 3:45-5:30pm 4-Provincetown

**The Causes and Consequences of Political Participation and Social Movements in the Middle East**  
Organizer: Peter Krause

Chair/Discussant: Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton

**Yael Zeira,** U Mississippi-Civil society institutions and participation in anti-regime resistance in Palestine

**Nadya Hajj,** Wellesley-Women, information ecology, and political participation in the Middle East

**Richard Nielsen,** MIT-The circumscribed authority of female preachers in the Salafi movement

**Peter Krause,** Boston Col-Strength in weakness: how weak radical flanks drive the success of social movements

### 077 3:45-5:30pm 3-Harvard

**The Multiple Audiences of Ottoman Science: Popularization and Circulation of Medical and Alchemical Theories and Practices**  
Organizer: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn

Chair/Discussant: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, Tel Aviv U

**Sara Nur Yildiz,** Orient-Inst Istanbul-Şirvani’s Arabic and Turkish regimen of health guides: popularizing medical knowledge in the Turkish vernacular in the early Ottoman realm

**Robert G. Morrison,** Bowdoin Col-The interest in Latin medical texts at Beyazit II’s court

**Tuna Artun,** Rutgers-An anonymous notebook from seventeenth-century Istanbul and the popularization of alchemy

**Rainer Broemer,** IU Istanbul Medical Faculty and Ayman Atat, Istanbul U/BETIM-Alchemy in Ottoman medicine: Galen, Paracelsus, Ömer Şifai (d. 1742)

### 078 3:45-5:30pm 4-Salon J

**Islamic Religious Authority Between the Arab World and Europe: Multi-Tasked and Multi-Tasking Imams**  
Organizer: Mohammed Hashas

Chair: Deina Abdelkader, Massachusetts Lowell  
Discussant: Ayse Almila Akca, Free U Berlin

**Jan Jaap De Ruiter,** Tilburg U-The making of Muslim authority in the Netherlands

**Sara Borrillo,** U L’Orientale in Naples-Islamic female religious authority between agency and governmentality: from the Moroccan model to “multicultural” Europe

**Niels Valdemar Vinding,** U Copenhagen-Imams of the west: between Islamic authority and Muslim leadership

**Mohammed Hashas,** LUISS Guido Carli U of Rome-The European Imam: negotiating a religious authority in crisis
079 3:45-5:30pm 3-Wellesley

A Tribute to the Work of Mary Ann Tétreault (1942-2015)
Organizer: Farah Al-Nakib

Chair/Discussant: Gwenn Okruhlik,
National U Singapore

Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern
Qatar-Gender and the public/private sphere: insights from Mary Ann Tétreault

Geoff Martin, U Toronto-Institutional autonomy and economic change in small states: Mary Ann Tétreault’s contribution to the study of oil politics

Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait-The politics of occupation: Mary Ann Tétreault’s take on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

Claire Beaugrand, Inst Francais du Proche Orient/WAFAW-From stories of democracy to histories of the margins: enlarging the spectrum of Kuwaiti voices

080 3:45-5:30pm 4-Salon D

Egypt Is Not Algeria Is Not Iran: The Politics of Comparison in the Middle East
Organizer: Aaron G. Jakes

Chair/Discussant: Matthew Hal Ellis,
Sarah Lawrence Col

Arthur Asseraf, Oxford-Mirror colonies: comparisons between French Algeria and Italian Libya, 1911-1939

Aaron G. Jakes, New Schl for Social Research-Peaceful wars and unlikely unions: the vernacular politics of comparison in colonial Egypt

Ahmed Dailami, Oxford-So that they may never return: militancy and monarchy in Arabia after the Islamic Revolution

Hussein Omar, Oxford-Colonialism by comparison: Christians, Muslims and empire in Egypt, 1882-1911

081 3:45-5:30pm 4-Salon G

Kurdish Artistic Expression, Resistance, and the State: Literature
Organizer: Christian Sinclair

Sponsored by Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)

Chair: Christian Sinclair, Moravian Coll


Francesco Marilungo, Exeter-“I carved my name on Diyarbakir’s walls”: literary representations of Diyarbakir as a castle of Kurdish resistance

Joanna Bochenska, Jagiellonian U-Between honour and dignity: Kurdish modern literature’s attempt to rethink identity and resistance

Amir Sharifi, CSU Long Beach-Kobani, literary hermeneutics of Kurdish resistance literature

Alana Levinson-LaBrosse, Exeter/American U Iraq, Sulaimani-Comrade to critic: the rift between Kurdish poets and the Kurdish state

082 3:45-5:30pm 4-Salon E

Provincializing the Core: Impact of Provincial History on Egyptian National History 1850s to 1920s
Organizer: Stephanie Boyle

Chair: Liat Kozma, Hebrew U
Discussant: Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser

Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, New Jersey Inst of Technology/Rutgers-Watering the urban: canals, irrigation, water and the growth of Suez Canal cities

Hanan Hammad, TCU-Political INSTABILITY of interwar Egypt from a local edge: the Al-Mahalla Revolt of 1925

Stephanie Boyle, New York City Coll of Technology, CUNY-The province as anecdote: cholera, Tanta and Egyptian national history 1848-1907

Peter Gran, Temple U-Biographical dictionaries as a source for the study of the history of Asyut from the early 20th century onward

083 3:45-5:30pm 4-Nantucket

Archival Practices, Violence, and Memory
Organizer: Seth Anziska

Chair: Seth Anziska, U Col London
Discussant: Khaled Fahmy, Harvard

Katherine Maddox, Texas Austin-A place in time and space: memory at a private archive in Lebanon

Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara-Palestine as archive

Shira Robinson, George Washington-The promise and limitations of Israel’s archives

Rosie Bsheer, Yale-The archive question: politics, power, and the violence of history in Saudi Arabia

084 3:45-5:30pm 4-Salon I

Moving Tastes: Food Memories in Motion
Organizer: Anne T. Meneley

Chair: Anne T. Meneley, Trent U
Discussant: Nefissa Naguib, U Oslo

Ari Ariel, Boston U-“There the food was more tasty”: Yemeni Jewish food, movement and memory

Sara Hefny, Brown-Cibus Nostrum: refugee commensality in Italy’s “migrant crisis”

Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore-Memory and social mobility: taste, class, and gender in urban Egypt

Jennifer Dueck, U Manitoba-The foods they carried: the journey of Lebanese cuisine to North America

085 3:45-5:30pm 4-Orleans

Fractures Within Historiographies of the Urban
Organizer: Huma Gupta

Organized under the auspices of Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture (MIT)

Chair: Nasser O. Rabbat, MIT
Discussant: Sibel Bozdogan, Harvard

Chantal El Hayek, MIT-Historiography of Levantine Beirut (1830–1930): questioning modernist and postcolonial narratives
### 3:45-5:30PM Friday November 18

#### 086 3:45-5:30pm  5-Maine

**Masculinities, Conservatism and Power Relations in Contemporary Turkey**
Organizer: Asli Cirakman

- **Iheb Guermazi**, MIT - Spaces of sexuality in the Islamic city: a history of the Karti: the brothel of Tunis
- **Huma Gupta**, MIT - Picturing Sha'biyyah on the margins of Baghdad: Kamil Chadirji and Al-Ahali in the 1930s
- **Sarah Rifky**, MIT - Urban myth of Jeddah: a story of sculptures

#### 087 3:45-5:30pm  3-Arlington

**Vestigial Revolutions, Malleable Messaging, and Illiberal Democracy: Failures and Resilience in Maghribi State and Society**
Organizer: William A. Lawrence, George Washington

- **Jacob Mundy**, Colgate - Towards a political economy of state failure in Libya
- **Yahia Zoubir**, KEDGE Business Schl, France-Algeria at fifty-five: authoritarian rule by other means
- **Monica L. Marks**, Oxford - Between dragons and dinosaurs: youth participation in Tunisia’s Ennahda party
- **Azzedine Layachi**, St. John’s - Of constitutionalism, liberalism and democracy in Morocco: the limits that work

#### 088 3:45-5:30pm  4-Salon H

**Pedagogy and Language Policies**
Chair: Muhammad S. Eissa, Eissa & Associates

- **Hanan Hassanein**, American U Cairo - Assistive technology for reading to dyslexic students learning Arabic as a foreign language
- **Olivia Martina Dalla Torre**, U Lumiére Lyon 2 - Decoding multilingual language practices within a Palestinian NGO

#### 089 3:45-5:30pm  4-Salon K

**Arab-Iranian Intellectual Exchanges and Political Encounters**
Chair: James F. Goode, Grand Valley State

- **Nilay Sevinc**, Michigan Ann Arbor - Conceptualizing and designing a Turkish language course
- **Afaf Bataineh**, Zayed U - Language policy in federal institutions of higher education in the UAE
- **Hanada Al-Masri**, Denison U - Digital pedagogy and developing oral proficiency: a case of Arab students at the beginning and intermediate levels

#### 090 3:45-5:30pm  4-Salon B

**Ottoman Provinces: Commerce and Communities**
Chair: Robert Zens, Le Moyne Col

- **Jameel Haque**, Graduate Center, CUNY - Conflict and cooperation: American trade in late Ottoman Baghdad and Basra
- **Hania Abou Al-Shamat**, U Florida - Rethinking commercial practices and laws in Ottoman Syria: merchants’ interactions with the Islamic courts
- **Alex Schweig**, U Arizona - Remaking the old city: the Anatolian railroad and Eskişehir’s late nineteenth century urban transformation

#### 091 3:45-5:30pm  4-Vineyard

**Palestine: Institutions, Alliances, Resistances**
Chair: Abigail Jacobson, Van Leer Jerusalem Inst

- **Tamir Sorek**, U Florida - The Palestinian flag is back: ‘Arab soccer in a Jewish state’ revisited
- **Rebecca Granato**, Al Quds Bard Col - Model prisoners: the emergence of an alternative Palestinian leadership
- **Katherine Natanel**, Exeter - Apathy and the politics of resistance in Israel-Palestine
- **Harel Chorev**, Tel Aviv U - Between a Palestinian integration and disintegration: the case of the Hebron alliance
- **Lyndall Herman**, U Arizona - Being Gazan: identity, institutions, and internationality in the Gaza Strip

#### 092 3:45-5:30pm  5-New Hampshire

**Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents**
Organizers: Pauline Homsi Vinson, Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Chair: Pauline Homsi Vinson, Diablo Valley Col

- **Carol Fadda-Conrey**, Syracuse U
- **Sarah Gualtieri**, U Southern California
- **Bassam Haddad**, George Mason
- **Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

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093 5:45-7:30pm 5-Vermon
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Roundtable

The Middle East and Global
Environmental Historiography
Organizer: Chris Gratien

Chair: Chris Gratien, Harvard

Alan Mikhail, Yale
Nukhet Varlik, Rutgers
Jennifer L. Derr, UC Santa Cruz
Toby C. Jones, Rutgers
Graham Auman Pitts, Georgetown
Faisal Husain, Georgetown

094 5:45-7:30pm 3-Simmons

In the Neighborhood of War: Everyday
Specters of (Dis-)Order in Jordan
Organizer: Yazan Doughan

Chair: Yazan Doughan, U Chicago/GIGA
Discussant: Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter
Col, CUNY

Sara Ababneh, U Jordan—Troubling the
political: women in the Jordanian day-wage
labor movement

Andre Bank, GIGA Inst of Middle East
Studies, Hamburg; Yazan Doughan,
U Chicago/GIGA—In the neighborhood of
the Syrian war: local political economy and
meaning-making in northern Jordan

Mary Pancost, U Virginia—Rights in exile:
the vernacularization of rights discourses by
Syrians in Amman

Zachary Sheldon, U Chicago—On the uses
of disorder in Amman: young Iraqis and the
urban “garden”

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Regimes for Handling the Palestinians
Organizer: Jacob Hoigilt

Chair: Jacob Hoigilt, Peace Research
Institute Oslo

Kjersti Berg, U Bergen—A catch 22:
Palestinian refugees and the politics of
humanitarianism

Jacob Hoigilt, Peace Research Inst Oslo—
Handled without care: social breakdown in
east Jerusalem

Marte Heian-Engdal, U Oslo—Searching for
an “antithesis” to repatriation: international
efforts to (dis)solve the Palestinian refugee
problem

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The Political Theology of ISIS: Beyond
the Binary of Politics and Religion
Organizer: Amal Ghazal

Chair: Shazad Bashir, Stanford

Ahmad Salim Dallal, American U Beirut
Suleiman A. Mourad, Smith Col
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Sohaira Siddiqui, Georgetown

097 5:45-7:30pm 4-Salon E

“Orthodoxy” and “Heterodoxy” in the
Early Modern Ottoman Empire
Organizer: Jane Hathaway

Chair/Discussant: Gottfried Hagen,
Michigan Ann Arbor

Vefa Erginbas, Providence Col—
Reappraising religiosity in the reign of Murad
III: Mustafa Darir’s Siretun Nebi and its
unspoken content

Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer,
Binghamton—One word, many implications:
the term “Kızılbaş” in the early modern
Ottoman context

John Curry, UNLV—Formation of a Sunni
orthodoxy or an ongoing negotiation?: making
sense of the works of Cemal El-Halveti (d.
1499) and Karaoğlan Ali Veli (d. 1686)

Jane Hathaway, Ohio State—El-Hajj Beshir
Agha and Ottoman attitudes toward Sufism
and Shi’ism

098 5:45-7:30pm 3-Arlington

Political Parties in the Arab World:
Continuity and Change
Organizer: Lise Storm

Chair: Michael J. Willis, Oxford

Anne Wolf, Oxford—“Dégage RCDI” regime
breakdown and the rise of internal dissent
in Ben Ali’s Constitutional Democratic Rally

Lise Storm, Exeter—Parties and elections in
the Arab world: continuity and change

Francesco Cavatorta, U Laval—Clientelistic
or programmatic voting in the Arab world

Manal A. Jamal, James Madison U—Party
politics in the Palestinian Territories

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Representation and Elite Behavior in
Politically-Polarized Turkey
Organizer: Sabri Ciftci

Chair: Ekrem KaraKoç, Binghamton
Discussants: A. Kadir Yildirim, Rice U;
Ekrem KaraKoç, Binghamton

David Wiltse, South Dakota State—Ideal
point estimation and parliamentarian
behavior in the Turkish Grand National
Assembly

Marwa Shalaby, Rice U—From town
councils to the grand national assembly:
women’s electoral representation in Turkey

Michael Wuthrich, U Kansas—Campaign
priorities and polarization in elections in
Turkey

Sabri Ciftci, Kansas State; Tevfik Murat
Yildirim, U Missouri—Representation
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Widening the Net: New Sources,
Methods, and Insights in the Arabian
Peninsula
Organizers: Sean Foley, Jocelyn Sage
Mitchell

Chair: Jocelyn Sage Mitchell,
Northwestern-Qatar
Discussants: Elizabeth Derderian,
Northwestern; Raihan Ismail,
Australian National U

Matthew MacLean, NYU—Infrastructure,
spatial transformation, and the emergence of
the UAE citizen in the 1970s

Dylan Baun, U Alabama Huntsville—
Exploring “sectarianism from below” in
Bahrain

Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State—
“Brought to you by the House of Benson and
Hedges in Arabia”: how big tobacco used
modernity and Islam to conquer Saudi Arabia

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Networks of Capital: Land, Markets, and Community in the Levant and North Africa
Organizers: Kristen Alf, Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky

Chair: Joel Beinin, Stanford
Discussant: Aaron G. Jakes, New Schl for Social Research

Basma Fahoum, Stanford-Remembering subterfuge among Arab Palestinian tobacco cultivators under the British rule 1920-1948

Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, Stanford-Refugees and capitalism: land and investment in Ottoman Transjordan, 1890-1914

Rebecca Gruskin, Stanford-Phosphates: local dissidence and global agriculture in Gafsa, 1890s-1970s

Kristen Alf, Stanford-The business of land: Levantine joint-stock companies, land, law, and Greek-Orthodox networks, 1838-1925

102 5:45-7:30pm 4-Salon I
A Reassessment of Albert Hourani’s ‘Politics of Notables’ After 50 Years
Organizer: Benjamin Smuin

Chair/Discussant: Peter Sluglett, National U Singapore

M. Talha Cicek, SOAS London-Negotiating empire in Hijaz; politics of notables and Ottoman tribal governance

Benjamin Smuin, UC San Diego-Doctors, lawyers, and extremists: 'Abd Al-Rahman Al-Kayyali and a new politics of notables in interwar Syria

Harrison Guthorn, U Virginia-Notable compromise: the Legislative Council of Transjordan and elite rights during the British mandate

103 5:45-7:30pm 4-Salon G
Conflicting Fieldwork in the Middle East: Feelings, Obligations, Trauma and Theory
Organizers: Anne De Jong, Marina de Regt

Chair: Sheila Carapico, U Richmond

Marina de Regt, Vrije U Amsterdam-“Ittassilli, ya Marina”: friendship, frustration and despair in Yemen

Anne De Jong, U Amsterdam-Shaped by the field: shaping the field: on how political, ethical and personal dilemmas of doing ‘fieldwork under fire’ shape/deform scholarly knowledge

Erika Alejandra Cortes, Independent Scholar-Between nostalgia and despair: reflections on fieldwork among Syrians in Turkey

Vivienne Matthies-Boon, U Amsterdam-Narrating trauma in Egypt: on being human and human beings in political science

104 5:45-7:30pm 4-Salon D
Dynamics of Sectarianism: The Case of Lebanon
Organizer: Barea Sinno

Chair: Melani Cammett, Harvard
Discussants: Sarah Parkinson, Johns Hopkins; Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, Harvard Kennedy Schl


Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, Harvard Kennedy Schl-Patterns of fighting in the Lebanese Civil War: contrasting logics of sectarianism and political power

Amanda Rizkallah, UCLA-Wartime territorial control and local politics in post-war Beirut

Melani Cammett, Harvard-The perils of power-sharing: public goods provision in Lebanon in comparative perspective

Barea Sinno, Rutgers-Sectarian mental models

105 5:45-7:30pm 5-Massachusetts
Citizenship, Equality and Sovereignty in Post-Revolution Tunisia
Organizer: Nadia Marzouki, CNRS

Corrina Mullin, U Tunis-Neoliberalism, higher education and national security: (re) producing and contesting hierarchies of sovereignty and citizenship in post-uprising Tunisia

Habib Ayeb, Paris 8 U-France-From Sidi Bouzid to Kasserine: food sovereignty, land rights and social uprisings in Tunisia

Hamza Meddeb, European U Inst-A hijacked democracy?: extraversion and sovereignty in post Ben Ali Tunisia

Max Ajl, Cornell-Technical aid to big wheat: the Green Revolution in Tunisia

106 5:45-7:30pm 4-Salon A
“Islamic Governance”: Constraints and Opportunities
Organizer: Gianluca P. Parolin

Chair: David Taylor, AKU-ISMC

Gianluca P. Parolin, Aga Khan U-(Reluctantly) embracing legal positivism? Al-Tahtawi on the 1814 French constitution

David H. Warren, U Edinburgh-Republicanism, authoritarianism, and the Egyptian nation-state: the ambiguous legacy of Rifa’a Al-Tahtawi

Asifa Quraishi-Landes, U Wisconsin Law School-Not your father’s Islamic State: Islamic constitutionalism for today’s Shari’a-minded Muslims

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Looking Back to Look Forward: North African and Iberian Relations in the 16th and 21st Centuries
Organizer: Veronica Menaldi

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Robert Hultgren, U Minnesota-The beginnings of an “other”

Veronica Menaldi, U Minnesota-Prophesizing the future Iberian/North African relations: a case study of one set of understudied 16th century Iberian pieties

Carol Ready, U Minnesota-“Una lengua extranjera”: language policy in the Spanish city of Ceuta
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Cities & Histories at the Periphery: Borj Hammoud of Greater Beirut, 1970-2016
Organizer: Joanne Nucho

Organized under the auspices of American University of Beirut

Chair/Discussant: Suad Joseph, UC Davis
Jared McCormick, Harvard-Of cars, bridges, rivers, and borders: Syrian (Kurdish) men in Naba’a
Joanne Nucho, Pomona Col-The end(s) of informality in Borj Hammoud
Mona Fawaz, American U Beirut-Narrating Beirut from its peripheries: a view from Nab’ah/Bourj Hammoud (1950-1975)
Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden U-The 1958 (Armenian) Civil War in Beirut

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Roundtable

Where Is Culture Now?: The Place of Cultural History in Middle East Studies
Organizer: Dylan Baun

Chair: Dylan Baun, Alabama Huntsville
Kevin W. Martin, Indiana U
Hoda Yousef, Denison
Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara
Farzin Vejdani, Ryerson U

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118 8-9:45am 4-Nantucket

Traversing and Transgressing Boundaries in Armenian History
Organizers: Richard Antaramian, Dzovinar Derderian

Chair: Asbed Kotchikian, Bentley U
Hour Berberian, UC Irvine-Crossing imperial and ideological frontiers: Armenian revolutionaries and ideas in motion
Dzovinar Derderian, Michigan Ann Arbor-Transgressing legal and communal boundaries: marriage and Ottoman Armenians, 1840s-1870s
Sebouh Aslanian, UCLA-Boundary crossing, identity, and early modern mobility: letters of racommandazione and the eighteenth-century travels of an Armenian gem merchant from Istanbul

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Richard Antaramian, U Southern California-Traversing ecclesiastic boundaries, or how Mkrtich Kefsizian tried to break the Armenian millet

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119 8-9:45am 5-New Hampshire

Teaching History of Islamic Science and Technology
Organizer: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn

Chair: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, Tel Aviv U
Ahmed Ragab, Harvard
Justin Stearns, NYU Abu Dhabi
Daniel Stolz, Northwestern
Kutlughan Soyubol, Graduate Center, CUNY

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120 8-9:45am 3-Tufts

Did Economic Inequality Drive the Arab Spring?: Quantitative Approaches
Organizer: Djavad Salehi-Isfahani

Chair/Discussant: Melani Cammett, Harvard
Caroline Krafft, St. Catherine
U-Inequality of opportunity in higher education in the Middle East and North Africa
Ragui Assaad, U Minnesota-Inequality of opportunity in income and consumption in Egypt
Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, Harvard-Equality of human opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa
Ishac Diwan, Harvard Kennedy Schl-Who are the democrats?: opinion changes in the wake of the Egyptian uprisings of 2011

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Knowledge Production and Ottoman Empire: Travelogues in the Long Nineteenth Century
Organizer: Zeinab Azarbadegan

Chair: Christine M. Philliou, UC Berkeley
Discussant: Nir Shafir, UC San Diego
Zeinab Azarbadegan, Columbia-Ruler of the roads: Nasir Al-Din Shah and Iranian sovereignty in Ottoman Iraq
Mostafa Minaw, Cornell-An officer and a gentleman in East Africa

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Selim Karlitekin, Columbia—Unjamming the ummah: Ottomans traveling to India in the long 19th century

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Moving Homelands: Migrations and Memory in the Twentieth Century
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Chair: Reem Bailony, Georgetown
Discussant: Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State

Edward Falk, UC San Diego—The imaginary mountain: Lebanon in the mahjar memory
Alma Rachel Heckman, UC Santa Cruz—Divided dreams: Moroccan Jewish migrations and politicized identities in the 1960s
Lindsey Stephenson, Princeton—Preserving their place in Kuwaiti history: Iranian migrants and the history market
Beeta Baghoolizadeh, U Penn-But, where are you really from?: mapping a racial homeland in Iran, 1928–1980

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Gulf Politics Beyond Rentierism
Organizer: Sofia Fenner
Chair: Sofia Fenner, U Chicago

Tyler Schuennemann, Massachusetts Amherst—The public life of natural disasters: solidarity, expertise, and development in Oman
Andrew Leber, Harvard—Decoding the Kefala: understanding variation in Gulf migrant labor
Benjamin N. Smith, Florida International—On the dune grass frontier?: Suburbanization and the imagined geographies of urban desirability in the Gulf
Courtney Freer, London Schl of Economics (LSE) Kuwait Programme—Tribalism and hydrocarbon wealth: examining dynamics of the rentier bargain in Kuwait

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Emotion, Affect and Political Transformations in the Middle East
Organizer: Cilja Maren Harders
Discussant: Amy Austin Holmes, American U Cairo

Cilja Maren Harders, Free U Berlin—“Midan-moments”: affective solidarity and emotional liberation in mass protests in Egypt and Turkey
Bilgin Ayata, U Basel, Switzerland-Kurdish-Turkish relations after the Gezi protests: affective estrangement or affective solidarity?
Dina Wahba, Free U Berlin-Affect, emotions and the production of new gendered political subjectivities in the Egyptian Revolution
Derya Özkaya, Free U Berlin-Affective politics of the Gezi Park protests and their aftermath

125 8-9:45am 5-Maine
Leisure and Its Discontents: Contesting Public Practices and Popular Spaces
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Chair/Discussant: Ted Swedenburg, Arkansas Fayetteville

Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State—Cafe Polonia and cabaret: reinventing nightlife in Tehran in the 1940s
Alon Tam, U Penn-Cairo’s coffee-houses, 1860–1960: between leisure and friction
Avner Wishnitzer, Tel Aviv U—“Meet me by the lantern on Jaffa Street.” A nocturnal history of late Ottoman Jerusalem
Haggai Ram, Ben Gurion U of the Negev—The dawn of imperial and international control: the (under)world of hashish consumers in interwar Palestine

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Imperial State Practices and Local Perspectives in Early Ottoman Syria
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Discussant: Stefan Winter, U Quebec Montreal

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Charles L. Wilkins, Wake Forest-Ottoman elite recruitment and the case of Janbulad Bek b. Qasim (d. ca. 1575)
Abdulrahim Abu-Husayn, American U Beirut—Seeking the house of felicity: Arab encounters with the new capital-city Istanbul
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Reflections on the Reading and Writing of Biography
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Yoav Alon, Tel Aviv U
Liora R. Halperin, Colorado Boulder
Joel Parker, Tel Aviv U
Peter Wien, Maryland College Park

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Perspectives on State Formation and Nation Building in Post-Gadhafi Libya: International Influence and Domestic Challenges
Organizer: Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux

Chair/Discussant: Jacob Mundy, Colgate

Kumru Toktamt, Pratt Inst—(Re-)entrenchments in Libya
Haala Hweio, Northern Illinois U—The role of Libyan women in the state building process: opportunities and challenges
Irene Costantini, U York—When state formation meets state building: external actors and the Libyan transition
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Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux, Brandeis-Challenges and failures of the military intervention and state-building efforts in Libya

129 8-9:45am 4-Salon K
Communicating Politics in the Middle East: Objects, Spaces and Voices in Political Narratives
Organizer: Bilge Yesil

Chair/Discussant: Bilge Yesil, Coll of Staten Island, CUNY

Will Youmans, George Washington-Political mobilities and smartphones in MENA: a case study of Aj+ Araby
Ece Algan, CSU San Bernardino-The politicization of rape as a consequence of western modernity and conservative Islamism: Competing media narratives in Turkey
Pelin Kivrak, Yale-A car movie without a racing scene?: negotiating modernity in Iranian new wave films

130 8-9:45am 4-Salon I
Public Service & Syndicates in Egypt
Chair: Arthur E. Goldschmidt, Penn State

Rachel A. Sternfeld, Indiana U-Pennsylvania-Egypt’s professional syndicates: opinion aggregators or captured institutions?
Claire Perez, UC Berkeley-A medical revolution? the politics of health care in post-Mubarak Egypt
Gregory Hoadley, UC Berkeley-Knowing measures: the evolving concept of “statistical awareness” and the political economy of official data in Egypt
Soha Bayoumi, Harvard-“The dignity of doctors”: socio-professional mobilization and political activism in post-Mubarak Egypt

131 8-9:45am 3-Harvard
Early Modern Turkish Republic
Chair: Serpil Atamaz, TOBB U of Economics and Technology

Murat Metinsoy, Istanbul U-Rural crimes, violence and banditry as peasants’ everyday politics in early republican Turkey

Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State-Yeşilay and Turkey’s past and present politics of temperance, prohibition, and alcohol regulation
Roger A. Deal, U South Carolina Aiken-The everyday life of a policeman in late Ottoman Istanbul
Caner Yelbaşy, SOAS London-Civil war at the end of the empire; Circassian opposition to the nationalists of Ankara in 1920

132 8-9:45am 4-Salon F
Gender and Activism
Chair: Marianne Bøe, U Bergen

Michela Cerruti, EHESS-New visibilities of female bloggers in the Syrian virtual public space
Gizem Turkarslan, Koç U-Acts of citizenship; a comparative study of women’s movement and gender regimes in Tunisia and Turkey
Wajeeha Choudhary, Drexel-How does the Pakistani subaltern subject speak?: a visual discourse analysis of Malala Yousafzai
Emma Sundkvist, Lund-Making or breaking resistance: women’s rights activism in contemporary Egypt

133 8-9:45am 4-Salon J
Turkish-Iranian Encounters
Chair: Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse

Sevil Cakir Kilincoglu, Leiden-Women in radical left in Iran and Turkey during the 1970s
Navid Fozi, Middle East Technical-Diasporic counterpublics: Iranian asylum seekers in Turkey
Alyeh Mehin, U Arizona-The influence of Turkish soap operas on middle class working women of Mashhad

134 8-9:45am 4-Salon E
Re-imagining Literary Works and Concepts
Chair: Esra Tasdelen, North Central Col

C. Ceyhun Arslan, Harvard-Redefining the Ottoman literature: Ziya Pasha’s Harabat and comparative Middle Eastern literatures
Hannah Scott Deuchar, NYU-Writing ‘nahda’: a term and its transformations, 1850-1914

135 8-9:45am 4-Salon H
Audiences, Circuits, and Contested Identities in Film and Television From the Middle East
Chair: Pelin Basci, Portland State

Nadia G. Yaqub, UNC Chapel Hill-Shaping the future of Arab cinema: the sinima badilah movement of the early 1970s
Josh Carney, U South Florida-Cases of death: performative mourning among the publics of Turkish TV drama
Yaron Shemer, UNC Chapel Hill-The Egyptians are coming: cinematic and literary incursions from Israel’s southern neighbor
Reem M. Hilal, Allegheny Col-Othering Muslims: the depiction of Islamists in the series Ad-Dā‘iyah and Daniyya Jadidah

136 8-9:45am 4-Salon C
Texts, Acts, and Interpretations in Medieval Islam
Chair: Andrew Magnusson, U Central Oklahoma

Alison Marie Vacca, U Tennessee-Connectivity and power in Caliphal Armenia and Albania
Nassima Neggaz, Oxford-The Baghdadi neighborhoods of Bab Al-Basra and Al-Karkh: a micro history of Sunni-Shi‘i episodes of violence in medieval Baghdad (945-1258 AD)
Christian Mauder, U Gottingen-The birth and early life of the Mamluk Sultan Qansawh Al-Ghawri (r. 1501-1516): literary and historical analysis of an unpublished late Mamluk manuscript
Explaining Divergent Outcomes: The Arab Spring Five Years On
Organizer: Shamiran Mako, Northeastern
Chair: Val Moghadam, Northeastern
Joshua Landis, Oklahoma U
Bassam Haddad, George Mason
Lisa Anderson, NYU Abu Dhabi
Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton

The events that culminated in the Arab uprisings of 2011 markedly altered analyses of Arab-region politics. While countries that constitute the Middle East and North Africa have—continue to be - home to some of the world’s longest standing authoritarian regimes, the uprisings and revolutions challenged previous notions of authoritarian durability as republics, monarchies, secular, and theocratic countries across the region experienced varying degrees of instability sparked by protest movements calling for socio-economic and political change to the authoritarian status quo. Beginning in Tunisia late 2010 and quickly spreading to Egypt, and Morocco, Bahrain, Libya, Syria, and Yemen, the uprisings differed greatly in degree and scope resulting in divergent outcomes for the people and places of the region. Although the events initially created a shockwave throughout the region as governments, previously impervious to change, grappled with containing domestic threats to their stability from their citizens, responses varied drastically. While some regimes were overthrown following decades of rule, others acquiesced to citizen demands by engaging in various concession-making processes, others heavily suppressed the protest movements in order to maintain their hold on power, and in the case of Egypt, experienced re-emergent authoritarianism following regime change. A critical question remains: What explains divergent outcomes? This Special Session gathers leading experts in order to explain the processes and dynamics of change and stagnation of the Arab Spring.

Yemen: From Zaydi Revivalism to Huthi Expansionism
Organizer: Marieke Brandt
Sponsored by American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)
Chair: Daniel Martin Varisco, Qatar U
Discussant: Najam Haider, Barnard Col/ Columbia

David B. Hollenberg, U Oregon-The curriculum and channels of knowledge for contemporary Zaydi ‘ulama’ in the Yemeni highlands
Marieke Brandt, Austrian Academy of Sciences-Itineries of expansion: the Sa’dah Wars revisited

Peter Salisbury, Chatham House-Antiauthoritarianism, outreach and misdirection: unpacking the Houthis’ march to Sana’a and beyond
Adam C. Seitz, Marine Corps U-Strategic implications of Huthi expansionism, perpetual insecurity and internal war in Yemen

The Politics of Time and Material Heritage Through the Museum Framework in the Arabian Peninsula
Organizer: Amal Sachiedina
Chair/Discussant: Karen Exell, UCL Qatar

Amal Sachiedina, National U Singapore-The Nizwa Fort: refiguring the politics of Ibadi religiosity through a museum narrative in the Sultanate of Oman
Sarina Wakefield, Open U-Museum development in Abu Dhabi: hybrid processes and cross-border relations
Elizabeth Derderian, Northwestern-Representing the cosmopolitan UAE: citizenship and temporality in exhibitionary practice

Technological Zones in the Middle East: Engineering Politics Out of Flows of Energy and Infrastructure
Organizer: Katayoun Shafiee
Chair/Discussant: Gokce Gunel, Columbia

Natasha Pesaran, Columbia-Aligning interests: the Iraq Petroleum Company and the dispute over the route of the Iraq-Mediterranean oil pipeline, 1925-35
Fredrik Meiton, Northwestern-Dual and relational: Palestine as technological zone
Katayoun Shafiee, National U Singapore-Properties of petroleum: Anglo-Iranian oil and the 1901 D’Arcy Oil Concession

Exchanges and Encounters in Modern Afghanistan
Organizer: Akbar Rahel
Chair: Robert D. Crews, Stanford

Hakeem Naim, UC Davis-Afghanistan and the Ottoman Empire: trans-regional responses to modernity and state formation
Mejgan Massoumi, Stanford-The sound of Kabul: Ahmad Zahir, Radio Afghanistan and the politics of popular culture, 1960-79
Akbar Rahel, U Washington-Scholarly exchanges between the Azhar and Kabul: Islamic education in modern Afghanistan
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Palestine: Capital and Material Culture
Organizer: Toufoul Abou-Hodeib

Chair/Discussant: Beshara Doumani, Brown

Dina Matar, SOAS London-The PLO’s culture work: culture capital and activism in the making of a revolutionary movement
Toufoul Abou-Hodeib, U Oslo-Work and labor: Palestinian embroidery in exile
Hanan Toukan, Free U Berlin-Too close for comfort?: On Lebanon’s Palestine, (in) visibility, and art

143 10-11:45am 3-Tufts

Theorizing Clarity and Style: The Development of Bayān Through the Centuries
Organizer: Rachel Friedman

Chair: Pamela Klasova, Georgetown
Discussant: Lara Harb, Princeton

Rachel Friedman, Williams Col- Theorizing clarity across disciplines: Al-Bāqillānī’s explanations of bayān in his Uṣūl Al-Fiqh and I jāz Al-Qur’ān texts
Abdallah Soufan, Georgetown-Revisiting Ġurğānī’s concept of bayān
Avigail Noy, Harvard-Bayān and ʿilm al-bayān
Nora Kalbarczyk, Ruhr U Bochum- Systematizing the hermeneutical toolbox: Fakhr Al-Dīn Al-Rāzī’s conception of bayān

144 10-11:45am 5-Vermont Roundtable

Breaking the Two Stone Tablets: Experiments in Teaching Outside the Standard Textbooks, Narratives, and Assignments in Survey Courses
Organizer: Heather N. Keaney

Sponsored by MESA’s Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: Dwight F. Reynolds, UC Santa Barbara

Brian J. Ulrich, Shippensburg U
Nancy L. Stockdale, U North Texas
Jessica Hunter-Larsen, Colorado Col
Heather N. Keaney, Westmont Col
Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col

145 10-11:45am 4-Salon F

STATE OF THE FIELD SESSION

Opening the Time Capsule: Special Screening of the “Lewis-Said Debate” from MESA’s 20th Annual Meeting

Roger Owen, Harvard (Emeritus)
Nadim Shehadi, Tufts

Thirty years ago, at its twentieth anniversary meeting also held in Boston, MESA featured a debate entitled “The Scholars, the Media, and the Middle East.” The participants in the debate were, in order of presentation: Bernard Lewis, Cleveland E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Emeritus, Princeton University; Edward W. Said, Parr Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University; Leon Wieseltier, literary editor of the New Republic; and Christopher Hitchens, Washington correspondent for The Nation. The chairman was Professor William H. McNeil, University of Chicago. The session was organized by Professor Leila Fawaz and sponsored by Tufts University. Recently, a recording of the debate surfaced after being thought lost. The disc copy of the original videotape is slightly damaged; some 9 minutes are missing. However, an unofficial transcript of the proceedings can be found in the Journal of Palestine Studies, Vol. 16, no. 2 (Winter, 1987), pp. 85-104.

After the screening the session will continue with a discussion between Roger Owen and Nadim Shehadi. In the face of recent dramatic shifts in the region and the disintegration of the twentieth century order, the panelists will reflect on the state of the discipline and the research agenda of the next decades. They will consider the question: do we have the intellectual tools and institutional frameworks to be able to study the next stage?

146 10-11:45am 5-Maine

New Directions in the History and Literature of Lebanon: An Interdisciplinary Discussion of Gender and Sexuality
Organizer: Christine B. Lindner

Dima Ayoub, Middlebury-Gender, dialect, and translation in post Civil-War Lebanese literature
Christine B. Lindner, Murray State- The “very peculiar trials” of Susan Wortabet: an intersectional study of an entangled history in late Ottoman Syria
Kathryn Kalemkerian, McGill- (E)merging masculinities: the case of three Ottoman-Beiruti men and the challenge of methodology
Kifah Hanna, Trinity-Writing the body in Lebanese war literature

147 10-11:45am 4-Salon G

Fight and Exit in the Syrian Civil War
Organizer: Holger Albrecht

Chair: Holger Albrecht, American U Cairo
Discussant: Steven Heydemann, Smith Col

Nazek Jawad, U South Florida-Revolution or retaliation: contested meanings in the Syrian uprising
Amy Austin Holmes, American U Cairo-State-building, gender, and the Kurdish militias of northern Syria
Yasser Munif, Emerson Col-Nation against state: popular nationalism and the Syrian uprising
Kevin Koehler, American U Cairo-Flee or fight: how grievances drive military insubordination in violent domestic conflict

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148 10-11:45am 3-Regis
Being Social on Social Media: Academia, the Digital Humanities, and the Middle East
Organizer: Christine D. Baker

Rustin Zarkar, NYU
Amanda Rogers, Georgia State
Beeta Baghoolizadeh, U Penn
Juan Cole, Michigan Ann Arbor
Christine D. Baker, Indiana U Penn

149 10-11:45am 4-Salon C
Ghazali and His Interlocutors
Organizer: John Walbridge

Discussant: Elizabeth R. Alexandrin, U Manitoba

Seyed Asghari, Indiana U-The Maktab-i Tafkik and its opponents in the contemporary Shi’a seminary in Iran
John Walbridge, Indiana U-Bloomington-Is God really light?
Eiyad Al-Kutubi, Indiana U-Al-Fayd Al-Kāshānī and Al-Ghazālī: reclamation of the “Iḥyā’ ‘Ulūm Al-Dīn”
Yasin Basaran, Indiana U-Taking Avicenna seriously: reevaluation of Al-Ghazali’s objections on creation

150 10-11:45am 4-Salon H
Revolutionary Affects: At the Crossroads of Aesthetics and Politics in the Middle East
Organizer: Baran Germen

Chair: Ahmad Nadalizadeh, U Oregon

Daniel Carnie, UC Irvine-Flat death: necropolitics of photography in paradise now
Ahmad Nadalizadeh, U Oregon-Abbas Kiarostami, repetition, and the affective politics of event
Kenan Sharpe, UC Santa Cruz-Between modernism and realism in the Turkish 1960s: the stakes of a literary debate
Baran Germen, U Oregon-Melodramatics of Turkish modernity: Varun Kahpeye (1926) and the affective politics of narratives of victimhood

151 10-11:45am 3-Simmons
Turkish Transnationalisms and the Stakes of Comparison
Organizers: Etienne Charriere, Kristin Dickinson

Chair: Etienne Charriere, Michigan Ann Arbor
Discussant: Kristin Dickinson, Michigan Ann Arbor

Ilker Hepkaner, NYU-Following Atatürk in Israel: public spaces dedicated to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in Israel and the possibility of “Turkish-Jews”
Duygu Ula, Michigan Ann Arbor-Viewing gender: politics of comparison in Mustang, Zenne and Conscience

152 10-11:45am 4-Salon I
The Maghrib on Edge: New State and Citizen Strategies in the Face of Regional Turbulence, Turpitude and Retrenchment
Organizer: William A. Lawrence

Haizam Amarah-Fernandez, Real Inst Elcano-The Maghreb and Spain: from conflicting neighbors to pragmatic partners
Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, Tel Aviv U-Challenging the state, redefining the nation: the contemporary Amazigh movement in turbulent times
Karima Benabdallah, UCL-Jihadist competition and the quest for stability in an era of uncertainty
William A. Lawrence, George Washington-Subaltern economics in the turbulent Maghrib: state and civilian strategies in an age of retrenchment

153 10-11:45am 4-Yarmouth
Courts, Texts, & Interpretations
Chair: Sebastian Guenther, U Goettingen

Peter Kitlas, Princeton-Defining balad al-Sūdān in Mālikī fiqh

154 10-11:45am 4-Salon A
World War I and the Ottoman Empire

Chair: Carter V. Findley, Ohio State

Jeffery Dyer, Boston Col-Ottomans abroad in a world war: Ottoman consulates in the western Indian Ocean during World War One
Charalampos Minasidis, Texas Austin-Mobilizations, mass politics, and total war: the radicalization & politicization of Ottoman veterans during the “war decade” (1911-23)
Önder Akgül, Georgetown-The war upon the desert: engineering landscapes in the Sinai Desert during the Ottoman military expeditions in the First World War
Kate Dannies, Georgetown-Total war in Ottoman Beirut, 1914-1918

155 10-11:45am 4-Salon K
Kurds in Contemporary Politics

Chair: Hamid Rezai, Pitzer Col

Susan Benson-Sokmen, U Toronto-The poetic politics of political violence: women of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party and feminism’s forgotten history of armed struggle
Murat Yuksel, Nisantasi U, Turkey-Locals and peace processes: the case of the village guard system in Turkey
Peyman Asadzadehmamaghani, U Central Florida-Gunes Murat Tezcur, U Central Florida-ethnic, religious, and linguistic boundaries: the Kurdish insurgency in Iran
Kutbettin Kılıc, Indiana U Bloomington-ethic category and ethnic group: a conceptual approach to the Kurdish issue in Turkey
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**156 10-11:45am 3-Harvard**

**Economic and Social Change in 19th and 20th Century Egypt**

Chair: **Sarah Ghabrial**, Columbia

**Tamer Elshayal**, Harvard—“The Solar Empire” that never was

**Bård Kårtveit**, U Oslo—Tales from the barracks: social positioning and self-presentation among former conscripts in the Egyptian military

**Yosra Moussa Sultan**, NYU—Nineteenth century Cairo: encounters and conflicts

**Ahmed Dardir**, Columbia—Discursive crowd control and the birth of the licentious space

**Evan Murphy**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign—The second agricultural revolution in nineteenth century Egyptian thought

**Kamilia Rahmouni**, U Arizona—Between socialism and communism: an intellectual history of Tunisian Jews from 1910 to 1956

**Dario Miccoli**, Ca’ Foscari U, Venice—The ’Exit and Expulsion of Jews from Arab Lands and Iran Day’ in today’s Israel: memory, ethnicity and politics

**Zachary Smith**, U Penn—Depoliticization, repoliticization and Mizrahi politics in Israel

**157 10-11:45am 4-Salon D**

**Intellectual and Political Experiences of Middle Eastern Jews**

Chair: **Yaron Ayalon**, Ball State

**Shelly Shaul**, Tel Aviv U—From immigration to re-colonization: deconstructing competing narratives in the life-stories of Moroccan Mizrahi immigrants in 1950’s Dimona

**Caroleen Sayej**, Connecticut Col—The Ayatollahs of Iraq: the politics of the post-Saddam era

**Mohamed Daadaoui**, Oklahoma City U—Islamism and the state in Morocco: between Al-‘Adl’s rejectionism and PJD’s “refo-lution”

**Sami Emile Baroudi**, Lebanese American U—Contemporary Islamist perspectives on international relations: the discourse of Sheikh Muhammad Abu Zahra (1898-1974)

**Menderes Çinar**, Baskent U—Islamist de-moderation: the case of Turkey’s Justice and Development Party

**Vish Sakthivel**, Oxford—The Algerian MSP: Islamist relevance and rethinking the local

**158 10-11:45am 4-Salon J**

**Islamist Discourses in MENA**

Chair: **Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver

**Zeinab Mohamed Ibrahim**, Carnegie Mellon U Qatar

**Maysa Abou-Youssef Hayward**, Ocean County Col

**James A. Miller**, MACEC

**R. Kirk Belnap**, Brigham Young U

**159 10-11:45am 5-New Hampshire**

**Funding Opportunities for MENA Region Research**

Organizer: **Maggie Nassif**

Session Leader: **Maggie Nassif**, Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt

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160 12-1:45pm 4-Salon H
Success as Subjugation: Palestinian Education Under Settler Colonialism
Organizer: Mai Abu Mogli

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Discussant: Yamila Hussein, Harvard

161 12-1:45pm 3-Arlington
Challenges of Authoritarian Legitimation in the Middle East
Organizer: Noa Schonmann

Chair/Discussant: Noa Schonmann, Oxford

Jason Brownlee, Texas Austin- “Dumb wars”: explaining America’s powerlessness in the Middle East
Allison Hartnett, Oxford- Give and take: why authoritarian regimes redistribute in MENA
Ferdinand Eibl, London Schl of Economics- Why is there no Equatorial Guinea in the Gulf?: subversion, rents, and human development in the Middle East

162 12-1:45pm 4-Salon B
Shaping International Governance: The League of Nations and UN in the Middle East (1920-1985)
Organizers: Anat Mooreville, Nova Robinson

Chair/Discussant: James L. Gelvin, UCLA

Reem Bailony, Georgetown- Competing internationalisms and the Syrian revolt of 1925
Liat Kozma, Hebrew U-Egypt, the League of Nations and illegal traffic

163 12-1:45pm 4-Salon C
From Medieval to Longue Durée: South and Central Asia in the 12th-13th Centuries
Organizer: Alka Patel

Chair: Alka Patel, UC Irvine

Blain Auer, U Lausanne- Intellectual exchange, travel and the transmission of knowledge across Central and South Asia of the 12th-13th centuries
Tamara Sears, Rutgers- Building between centers: the materiality of military travel and the fortification of the central Indian landscape

Manan Ahmed Asif, Columbia-Qabacha’s legacy
Michael O’Neal, Independent Scholar- Loyalty, service and benefit: hierarchies and intermediaries in the Ghurid polity

164 12-1:45pm 4-Salon G
Purpose, Cross-Purpose, Re-Purpose: Performance and Politics in the Classical Arabic Qasida
Organizer: Suzanne P. Stetkevych

Chair/Discussant: Muhsin Al-Musawi, Columbia

Cynthia Brandenburg, Georgetown- The elegy as double-edged sword: Jarir’s rithāʾ to his wife
Ali Alnahhabi, Imam U- Restructuring the society: Sudaif Ibn Maymūn’s panegyric performance before the Caliph Abū Al-‘Abbās Al-Saffāh

Suzanne P. Stetkevych, Georgetown- Mourning and performing: Al-Maʿarrī’s elegy to Al-Sharīf Al-Tāhir Al-Mūsawi
Hamad Obaid Alajmi, Kuwait U- Repurposing the jahiliyya

165 12-1:45pm 4-Salon A
The Ottoman Roots of Modernity in Middle Eastern and Southeast European Cities
Organizer: Stefan Peycev

Mehmet Celik, Texas Austin- Building a provincial capital: Ottoman modernization in the city of Ruse, 1864-1878
Stefan Peycev, Illinois Urbana-Champaign- Whose modernity? transformation and continuity in the making of modern Sofia (1858-1912)
Nilay Ozu, Topkapı Palace/Boğaziçi- From palace to a museum: visions of modernity of the late-Ottoman and early-republican eras
Secil Dagtas, U Waterloo- Urban place making and Ottoman modernity in Antakya
Alina Schlaepfer, U Geneva/American U Beirut- The Ottoman legacy of modernity in 20th century Iraq

166 12-1:45pm 4-Salon J
Variation and Change in Modern Written Arabic
Organizer: Zeinab A. Taha

Chair: Zeinab A. Taha, American U Cairo

Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U Cairo- Pedagogical implications to language variation
Kristen Brundt, Texas Austin- What is not new about variation in written Arabic
Alexander Magidow, U Rhode Island- Periods of development in the history of the Arabic language
Zeinab A. Taha, American U Cairo- Variation in Egyptian printed media
Lucia Carminati, U Arizona-Port Sa’id, 1870-1890: nothing but scum jettisoned upon the edge of the desert; crime and empire in a provincial port-city
Kyle Anderson, Cornell-The Egyptian labor corps: migrant labor, imperial logistics, and the social history of modern Egypt

Europe and Its Others: Historical Perspectives
Organizer: Victoria M. Phaneuf
Chair: Maisa C. Taha, Montclair State

Silvia Marsans-Sakly, Fairfield U-The Orient as masked avenger: Mediterranean crossings and cosmopolitanism in “The Count of Monte Cristo” 1815-1845
Victoria M. Phaneuf, U Arizona-Terror and the “other” in France: representations of the 1995 and 2015 Islamist attacks in French newspapers
Michelle Lynn Kahn, Stanford-Kicking out the Turks?: Turkish remigrants between Ankara and Bonn in the 1980s
Ian Goldstein, UC Berkeley-Maghreb in the Algarve, Gharnati in Granada: Arabic Fado, Flamenco Andalusi, and musical memory as modes of belonging

No Going Back: The Road to Gender Transformation in the Arab World
Organizer: Rita Stephan

Maro Youssef, Texas Austin-Authoritarian states and women’s rights: the case of Algeria
Rula Quawas, U Jordan-Barefoot feminist classes: a revelation of being, doing, and becoming
Rita Stephan, U Maryland-Linking the Cedar Revolution and the Arab Spring
Nadine C. Naber, Illinois Chicago-Shaking up singular gender analyses of the Egyptian revolution

New Research on Legal Reform in North Africa and the Broader Middle East
Organizer: Matt Buehler
Chair/Discussant: John P. Entelis, Fordham U

Yüksel Sezgin, Syracuse U-Reforming “Shari’a” in non-Muslim democracies: understanding the role of civil judiciaries
Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke, U Göttingen-Christian family law in Jordan: regulating legal pluralism and the challenge of reform
Matt Buehler, U Tennessee-Bribes and judges: results from an original survey on citizen perceptions of judicial corruption in Morocco
Katja Zvan Elliott, Al Akhawayn-Innovative ways of using post-Arab Spring constitutions to promote universal human (women’s) rights: the case of Moroccan NGOs

Political, Social, and Religious Reform in the Age of Social Media
Organizer: Nadia Oweidat
Discussant: Linda Herrera, Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Chihab El Khachab, Oxford-Rethinking state control over media production in Egypt
Nadia Oweidat, Kansas State-The new generation of Islamic thought reformists and their use of social media: the cases of Bihiri, Nasr and Harqan
Soumia Bardhan, Kansas State-Cairene women, graffiti, and online social networks: Pinterest as a platform for social, political, and religious reform efforts
Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser-The alpha and the omega: divination, deliverance, and delusion in digital Egypt

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174 12-1:45pm 4-Salon E

Transformation into Multicultural Society in Turkey: Challenges From Old Minorities, Diasporas and New Migrants From Syria
Organizer: Emel Topçu

Ayşe Güç, Social Sciences U Ankara
On the eve of becoming a transnational community: the responses of Syriac Christians to Turkish nationalism
Tuba Duman, Social Sciences U Ankara
-Poverty of local Arabs in Şanlıurfa: fighters or victims?
Filiz Aydin, Social Sciences U Ankara
-Turkey as a diaspora state: the role of Crimean Tatars, Circassians, and Balkan immigrants in defining the “new” national identity in Turkey
Emel Topçu, Social Sciences U Ankara
-The challenge of Syrian migrants to mono cultural national ideology of Turkey

175 12-1:45pm 4-Salon K

Tunis Capitale: The Historic City and Its Built Environments
Organizer: Daniel E. Coslett

Chair: Iheb Guermazi, MIT

Edna Bonhomme, Princeton-The port and the city: trade and plague in late eighteenth-century Tunisia
Nancy Demerdash-Fatemi, Philipps-U Marburg-A Sephardic vernacular?: Victor Valensi’s architecture of Tunisian habitation
Daniel E. Coslett, U Washington-Antiquity’s afterlife in the built environments of postcolonial Tunis

176 12-1:45pm PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 4-Provincetown

Proposal Writing and Research Design: How To Fund Your Ideas
Organizer: Suad Joseph

Sponsored by EWIC Outreach Project, Arab American Studies Association, Association for Middle East Anthropology, and the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies

Chair: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Those embarking on academic careers must master the art of writing proposals for research funding. Whether you are conducting research for a dissertation or book or seeking support for a special project-locating and securing funding is critical. This workshop will provide expert guidelines on how to write compelling proposals from the initial phrasing of the research question, step by step, to the research outcomes, significance, dissemination, and public outreach. It will also address such issues as identifying and working with funding agencies, effectively communicating research methodology and goals, preparing budgets, and planning for the dissemination of results. The workshop will be led by Suad Joseph, Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies, University of California at Davis. She has taught proposal writing and lead workshops for students, faculty, administrators, and NGO practitioners for over 30 years. Information about proposal writing may be found on Dr. Joseph’s website at http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/arab-families-working-group-1/images/files/ComponentsofHumanitiesSocialSciencesResearchProposal.pdf.

177 12-1:45pm 4-Yarmouth

Social Protection and Welfare Policies
Chair: Sena Karasipahi, Texas A&M

Annabelle Houdret, Deutsches Inst für Entwicklungspolitik/German Development Inst (DIE)-Towards a new social contract for the MENA region?: rural concerns and perspectives
Julia Shatz, UC Berkeley-Governing the local child: infant welfare centers in mandate Palestine
Hadi Salehi Esfahani, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-Gender and social protection in Iran: who receives social assistance?
Marcus Walton, Brown-Between the lines: bread, moral economy, and the discourse of welfare in Egypt
Gamze Cavdar, Colorado State-Social protection under the AKP in Turkey

178 12-1:45pm 4-Nantucket

Construction of Scientific Knowledge
Chair: Salman Hameed, Hampshire Col

Sally P. Ragep, McGill-Science textbooks from the later period of the Khwārizm Shāhs
Mehmet Alper Yalcinkaya, Ohio Wesleyan/Carlos III de Madrid-Science and alliance: the politics of science education in Turkey in the early Cold War era
Danielle K. Adams, U Arizona-Multivalent stars, clouded expertise: a genealogy of Arab celestial complexes in Abbasid astronomical histories
Scott Trigg, Notre Dame-Reading the cosmos: astronomy and theology in the commentaries of Fāṭḥallāh Al-Shirwānī (d. 1486)
179 | 12-1:45pm | 3-Tufts

Saudi Arabia: Swords, Slavery, and Origins of ISIS

Chair: Abdullahi A. Gallab, Arizona State
Ahmed H. Ibrahim, Qatar U; Mariam I. Al-Mulla, Qatar U - Slavery in the Arabian Gulf: historical and contemporary contexts
Chris Kirkpatrick, Graduate Center, CUNY-Najd Al-ʿArdah: Saudi Arabia and dancing with swords, 1932-1952
Ondrej Beranek, Oriental Inst, Czech Academy of Sciences-The Islamic State and taswiyat al-qubur

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Thematic Conversation

GCC Higher Education: Its Many Faces and Possible Futures
Organizer: Dale F. Eickelman
Chair: Dale F. Eickelman, Dartmouth Col
Daniel Martin Varisco, Qatar U
El-Sayed el-Aswad, UAE U
Al-Johara H. Al-Thani, NYU
Rogaia Abusharaf, Georgetown Qatar
Rawda Awwad, American U of Kuwait
secularising religious resistance?

Craig Larkin, King’s Col London-An Islamic movement inside the Israeli state: secularising religious resistance?

Charlotte Discussant: Margaret Litvin, Boston U

Organizer: Margaret Litvin, King’s Col London

Nabil Matar, U Minnesota-Arab orthodox writers, Russia, and the Ottoman Empire

Suha Kudsieh, Col of Staten Island, CUNY-Shaykh Muhammad ‘Ayyad Al-Tantawi’s journey to tsarist Russia (1840-1850)

Spencer Scoville, Brigham Young-Arab perspectives on Russian revolutions

Elizabeth Bishop, Texas State San Marcos-Iraqis in the Soviet press, 1954-1959

Organizer: Chandni Desai

Beneath and Beyond Gender and Sexuality: Cultures of Friendship, Sociality, and the Erotic in the Modern Middle East

Organizer: Pelle Valentin Olsen

Murat C. Yildiz, Michigan Ann Arbor-

“My dear brother”: bonds of friendship in Ottoman sports clubs

Noga Efратי, Open U-Joining the Effendiyya?: the case of Paulina Hassun

Pelle Valentin Olsen, U Chicago-Cruising Baghdad: masculinity, sexuality, and homoerotic desire in the works of Dhu Al-Nun Ayyub

Lucie Ryzova, U Birmingham, UK-‘Abd Al-Mun’im’s camera passions: sexuality, intimacy and stardom in interwar Egypt

Organizer: Haytham Bahouora, Colorado Boulder

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Hey You, Precarious Worker: Are You Afraid of BDS? Graduate Students, Untenured Faculty, and the Politics of Political Commitments

Organizer: Omar Sirri

Omar Sirri, U Toronto—Being a graduate student in a time of BDS: experiences, lessons, and the academy

Jennifer Mogannam, UC San Diego-Palestinian organizing and the academic disconnect

Omar Zahzah, UCLA-Discourse in praxis: political struggle as the living site of interpretive delimitation

Rima Kapitan, Kapitan Law Office-Strengthening the tools of activism at academic institutions through law and collective action

Chandni Desai, U Toronto—The praxis of resistance in research on/with Palestine

Organizer: Iman Atabey

African Slavery and Its Legacies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Power Relations in the Everyday

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Solmaz Celik McDowell, Yeditepe

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Ezgi Çakmak, U Penn-African slave or African servant?: a discussion on the forms of “free labor” in domestic servitude in the late Ottoman Empire

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Professional and Career Pathways
Organizer: Rita Stephan

Chair: Rita Stephan, U Maryland
Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar
Marto Youssef, Texas Austin
Jon Danilowicz, U.S. Department of State

While most academic institutions prepare their students for academic careers, other viable options include joining the public service. Approximately 20 percent of federal employees have a master’s degree, professional degree or doctorate, and about one in four American Nobel laureates have been federal employees. This panel discusses how joining the public service at the U.S. Department of State can be an opportunity to work on high priority issues that impact diplomacy, security, and prosperity in the world, including human rights, environment, energy, food security, public health, and technology – all while experiencing a unique career. The panel will examine the various career opportunities and challenges to joining the foreign service (FSO) or the civil service, as well as the pathways programs for students.

Literature and/or History? Analyzing Literary Elements and Narrative Strategies in Arab Historical Writing
Organizer: Pamela Klasova

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: Rachel Friedman, Williams Col
Discussant: Antoine Borrut, U Maryland/Inst for Advanced Study

Peter Webb, SOAS London-Memories and myth: the reconstructions of pre-Islamic Arabian battles in Arabic literature
David Larsen, NYU-Agony in prose: the poet Ka’b b. Mālik on his ostracism at Medina
Aaron Hagler, Troy U-Peeking backstage: shattering the narrative and parabolizing the fitna in ibn Al-‘Adim’s Bughyat Al-Talab fi Ta’rikh Halab
Pamela Klasova, Georgetown-Dramatizing narrative through eloquent speech: the khutab of Al-Ḥajjāj b. Yūsuf in history and adab works

Nasir-i Khusraw and His Associations: Shifting Biographies and Affiliations in the Appropriations of the Persian Poet, Philosopher and Fatimid Da’i (Summoner)
Organizer: Shiraz Hajiani

Daniel Beben, Nazarbayev U-A tale of two masters: the uses and reuses of discipleship narratives in the legendary biographies of Nasir-i Khusraw
Shiraz Hajiani, U Chicago-Second fiddle: an examination of the constructions of master and protégé relationship between Nāṣir-i Khusraw and Ḥasan-i Ẓabbāh and its later inversions in the legitimations of authority in Nizari Ismailism
Nourmamadcho Nourmamadchoev, Inst of Ismaili Studies-The place and significance of Nasir-i Khusraw in Badakhshan

Competing Epistemologies: Modernizing and Traditionalizing Trends in the Arabian Gulf
Organizer: James F. Toth

Chair: James F. Toth, Zayed U
Discussant: Nathalie Peutz, NYU Abu Dhabi

Habibul Khondker, Zayed U-Knowledge society and foreign talents in the UAE
El-Sayed el-Aswad, UAE U-Traditional culture and vernacular architecture in the Emirates society
James Redman, Zayed U-When social ties become frayed: monetized alternatives to wasita in Kuwait
Frank Fansenow, Zayed U-The UAE Federal National Council elections 2015

Non-traditional Methods for Teaching Traditional Languages
Organizer: Maxim Romanov

Chair: Marie-Claire Beaulieu, Tufts

Kamran S. Aghaie, Texas Austin
Maryam Foradi, U Leipzig
Matthew Thomas Miller, Washington U St. Louis/ Maryland College Park
Maxim Romanov, U Leipzig

Political Dissent and Activism in Post-Arab Spring Egypt
Organizers: Mirna Wasef, Dina Mansour, Overseas Development Inst.

Chair: Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego

Mirna Wasef, UC San Diego-Changing Tahrib: street art, political dissent and changing citizenship in post-Arab Spring Egypt
Nadine Sika, American U Cairo-Youth collective agency in the aftermath of Egypt’s “coup-volution”
Steven T. Brooke, U Louisville-Mr. Morsi’s machine: Islamic infrastructure and electoral mobilization in Egypt’s 2012 presidential elections

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### Academic Freedom Under Assault: A Roundtable on Recent Developments in Egypt and Turkey

**Organizer:** Laurie Brand

**Chair:** Laurie Brand, U Southern California

**Moderators and Discussants:**
- Khaled Fahmy, Harvard-The precarious state of academic freedom in Egypt
- Vickie Langohr, Co of the Holy Cross-Expanding the borders of the forbidden in Egyptian universities
- Asli Bali, UCLA-Deny academic freedom by law in Turkey
- Asli Z. Igsiz, NYU-Academic freedom and political stability in contemporary Turkey

MESA’s Committee on Academic Freedom monitors the entire region for cases of academic freedom violations. While CAF’s work has long been overwhelmingly in defense of individuals suffering from or threatened by loss of academic job, compromised access to research or travel, or worse, in recent years, the committee has increasingly been dealing with broader assaults against academic freedom. While the worst examples have been in countries where conflict has led to massive destruction of facilities and loss of life, we have also seen country cases in which there have been increasingly widespread violations absent such dire security challenges. While the general climate relating to freedom of expression has been deteriorating across the region, Turkey and Egypt stand out as particularly notable examples of increasingly vicious state repression against academic freedom in its various manifestations. In Egypt, the continuing uncertainty of the political transition in the context of a brutal military-security regime has produced a dangerous academic and research terrain in which former red lines are shifting or have blurred. In Turkey, against the backdrop of an already clear authoritarian turn, in mid-January the government has launched a wave of administrative, judicial and security assaults in the wake of the publication of the now famous Peace Petition regarding the escalating violence in the country’s southeast. In CAF’s experience, the criminalization of all 1,128 academic signatories of this Petition, and the arrests, dismissals and threats to which the signers were subjected, represented the broadest targeted assault against academics that we had ever seen—until the even more far-reaching and staggering developments since the 15 July coup attempt. This roundtable brings together four top scholars who have or are working with CAF, and who have been monitoring closely and writing about the deterioration in these freedoms. Their interventions will seek to place the recent developments in broader socio-political and historical context, removing developments in the academy from what is often their relative isolation and analyzing them as integral parts of ongoing political transitions.
Reproduction of Meaning in the Diaspora

Chair: **Karam Dana**, U Washington

**Erin Hughes**, U Edinburgh-The national dilemma of refugee admissions: the Assyrian and Chaldean diaspora in the United States from the Iraq War through ISIS

**Fanny Christou**, U Poitiers-American U Beirut/Sciences Po Paris-The political mobilisation of the Palestinian diaspora in Sweden: contribution to the redefinition of the Swedish mainstream and of the homeland politics

**Emanuela Dalmasso**, U Amsterdam-Overseas citizens at a time of unstable authoritarian rule: Morocco and its diaspora during the 2011 political crisis

**Dov Waxman**, Northeastern-Diaspora peacemakers?: the role of American Jews in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process

The Syrian Civil War, Refugees, & Regional Responses

Chair: **Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver

**Anna Reumert**, Columbia-Intimate strangers: notes on Syrian refugees in Beirut

Matthew Goldman, Swedish Research Inst-Istanbul-Repertoires of refuge: explaining divergent responses to refugees in Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon

Alyssa Miller, Duke-Precarious itineraries: Tunisian routes to war in Syria

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200 2-3:45pm 3-Tufts

Sociology of Contemporary Turkey

Chair: **Gunes Murat Tezcur**, U Central Florida

**Meltem Odabas**, U Arizona-Tweeting from Gezi Park: social media and repression backfire

**Defne Bilir**, Florida State-The digital divide within and between Turkey and the U.S.: the promises of social media in dealing with the solutions to bridge the divide

**Ladin Bayurgil**, Boston U-Experience of urban transformation among Istanbul’s doormen: a case of urban displacement

**Ayca Alemdaroglu**, Northwestern-Politics of the past, politics of the future: governing youth in Turkey

Museums, Place, and Memory

Chair: **Melissa Figueroa**, Ohio U

**Andrea Pauw**, U Virginia-Moriscos in nineteenth-century historiography and art

**Elisabeth Friedman**, Illinois State-Qalandiya International and the new spaces of Palestinian art

**Katie J. Hickerson**, U Penn-Clothes of contention: the pageantry and politics of the Mahdist Jibba

**Ozge Sade Mete**, Bellevue Col-Cosmopolitan and feminist memories: four provincial museums in Turkey

Evaluating and Incentivizing Digital Scholarship in Middle East Studies

Organizer: **Amy Singer**

Session Leader: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U

**Sabine Schmidtke**, Inst for Advanced Study

**Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan

**Intisar Rabb**, Harvard Law Schl

**Bogac Ergene**, U Vermont

**Virginia Aksan**, McMaster
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203 4-5:45pm 3-Simmons
Exploring the Field: New Perspectives on Middle East Studies in the United States
Organizer: Zachary Lockman

Discussant: Robert Vitalis, U Penn

Osamah Khalil, Syracuse U-A time of national emergency: U.S. foreign policy and Middle East expertise
Jessica Winegar, Northwestern-The politics of Middle East studies from the viewpoint of anthropology
Nathan Citino, Rice U-Dilemmas of American exceptionalism in the Middle East
Zachary Lockman, NYU-Rethinking the history of US area studies/Middle East studies

204 4-5:45pm 4-Salon H
The Middle East in Latin America
Organizer: Ellen McIverne

Chair: Ellen McIverne, Duke

Lily Balloffet, North Carolina State-Nuestra Malvinas & the Suez: Argentine solidarity in the early non-alignment era
Ellen McIverne, Duke-Connecting the community: Islamic media and institutions in Argentina
Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, CIDE-Mexican Islam: transnational leaderships and institutionalization
Steven Hyland, Wingate U-Anti-colonial Muslim activists in Argentina, 1920-1940

205 4-5:45pm 3-Regis

Sykes-Picot at 100: Mapping, Migrants, and Myths
Organizer: Stacy Fahrendthold, UC Berkeley, Melanie Tanielian, Michigan Ann Arbor

Chair: Andrew Patrick, Tennessee State

Laura Robson, Portland State
Jonathan Wyrten, Yale
Lauren Banko, U Manchester
Nick Danforth, Bipartisan Policy Ctr
Steven Wagner, McGill

206 4-5:45pm 4-Salon B
Reform, Violence and Revolutionary Organizations in the Late Nineteenth-Century Ottoman East
Organizers: Yasar Tolga Cora, U Akron

Chair/Discussant: Janet Klein, U Akron

Edip Golbasi, Simon Fraser-The anti-Armenian riots of 1895-1896: the “climate of violence” and intercommunal strife in the Ottoman eastern provinces
Umit Kurt, Harvard-The breakdown of a previously peaceful coexistence: the Aintab Armenian massacres of 1895
Toygun Altintas, U Chicago-The making of an anti-Armenian “disorder”: Hamidian massacres in the province of Bitlis
Yasar Tolga Cora, Michigan Ann Arbor-Early Armenian “revolutionaries”: local, national(-ist), revolutionary?

207 4-5:45pm 3-Harvard
The Moriscos’ Testimonies After Their Expulsion From the Iberian Peninsula
Organizer: Lisette Balabarca

Chair: Chad Leahy, U Denver
Discussant: Catherine Infante, Amherst Col

Diana Galarreta-Aima, U Virginia-The supporter of religion against the infidel,” a Morisco’s testimony
Melissa Figueroa, Ohio U-Theater reminiscences: the politics of memory after the expulsion of the Moriscos
Teresa Soto, CSIC-More glory to the poets: Ibrahim Taybili and Morisco poetry in exile
Lisette Balabarca, Siena Col-Poetry and religious polemics: Spanish Christian influences on a Morisco author in exile

208 4-5:45pm 3-Arlington
Technology and Transnational Networks in the Middle East
Organizers: Killian Clarke, Gozde Guran

Chair/Discussant: Arang Keshavarzian, NYU

Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut-New ‘empires of the air’?: Middle East airport hubs and the shifting geopolitics of global aviation
Gozde Guran, Princeton-Technology and economic informality: cross-border money transfers in Beirut and Istanbul

209 4-5:45pm 4-Salon C
The Legacy of A.I. Sabra: New Perspectives on the History of Science in Islam
Organizer: F. Jamil Ragep

Dedicated to the Memory of A.I. Sabra

Chair: Robert J. Wisnovsky, McGill
Discussant: Robert G. Morrison, Bowdoin Col

Elaeeh Kheirandish, Harvard-“Checkered history” recolored: the changing fortunes and misfortunes of optical works in Islamic and European lands
Tzvi Langemann, Bar Ilan U-Ibn Al-Haytham’s commentary to Ptolemy’s Almagest
Alnoor Dhanani, Harvard-Vision, visual rays, and perception in kalām: A preliminary enquiry
F. Jamil Ragep, McGill-One Ibn Al-Haytham or two: the evidence from astronomy

210 4-5:45pm 5-Maine
Reconfigurations of Modern Space
Organizer: Noa Shaindlinger

Chair: Noa Shaindlinger, U Toronto

Dina Fergani, U Toronto-Staged modernity: theatre and the ethics of progress in colonial Egypt
Samar Nour, U Toronto-The Cairo mental asylum as a colonial space
Ian Costa, U Toronto-The dialectics of reform in modern Iran
Kyle Gamble, U Toronto-The poetics of the apartment in Lebanese Civil War fiction
Culture and Contention in Modern Iraq
Organizer: Elliott Colla

Chair: Elliott Colla, Georgetown
Discussant: Sara Pursley, NYU

Amir Moosavi, NYU-Speaking of violent pasts during a violent present: writing the Iran-Iraq War after 2003
Kevin Jones, U Georgia-‘Do not leave those pure virgins’: class, gender, and the cultural politics of nationalism in post-revolutionary Iraq, 1958-1963
Suneela Mubayi, NYU-The outsider then and now: the Su’ luk in modern Arabic literature
Qussay Al-Attabi, Brown-Sartre in Baghdad: commitment, communism, and Arab nationalism

Inventions and Reinventions in Modern Twelver Shi’i Islam
Organizer: Omid Ghaemmaghami

Discussant: Roy Mottahedeh, Harvard

Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky-U-Clerical cooperation and Islamic radicalism in 1940s Iran
Omid Ghaemmaghami, Binghamton-The messianic turn in modern Twelver Shi’i Islam: notes on Ali-Akbar Nahavandi’s Fine Wonders of Beauty
Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego-Internet Mahdism in the (re)shaping of Shi’i Iran
Reza Masoudi Nejad, SOAS London-The political geography of Shi’i pilgrimage in the Middle East

Women and Politics in MENA:
Representation, Participation, and Agency
Organizer: Mona Tajali

Chair: Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott Col Discussant: Marwa Shalaby, Rice U

Aili Mari Tripp, Wisconsin Madison-Women’s national and local legislative representation in the Maghreb
Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott Col-Women and party politics in Turkey and Iran

Zoe Petkanas, U Cambridge-Women in the national constituent assembly: gendering the Tunisian constitution
Rania Maktabti, Östfold U Col, Norway-Female lawyers and patriarchal state laws in Morocco, Lebanon and Kuwait after 2011

Whither Turkey? Turkish Authoritarianism in Perspective
Organizer: Koray Çalışkan
Chair: Koray Çalışkan, Boğaziçi U

Karabekir Akkoynulu, U Graz-Beyond “competitive” authoritarianism? electoral integrity and state capture in post-Kemalist Turkey
Behlül Özkan, Marmara U-The production of knowledge in the AKP’s creation of an authoritarian system
Ozan Varol, Lewis & Clark Law Schл-Stealth authoritarianism

Anthropology, Ethics, and Political Engagement on Palestine/Israel
Organizer: Amahl Bishara

Chair: Fida Adely, Georgetown

Suad Joseph, UC Davis
Amahl Bishara, Tufts
Sa’ed Atshan, Swarthmore

Beyond Nationalism: Clashing Identities Between Islamism and Authoritarianism in the Post-Arab Spring
Organizer: Dina Mansour, Overseas Development Inst.

Organized under the auspices of Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism (SEN)

Jiwon Choi, Exeter-Reconstruction of settler privilege and indigenous resistance: a new approach to societal cleavage in Bahrain since 1999
Sami A. Ofeish, U Balamand; Rima Majed, Oxford-Lebanon’s sectarianism, change, and failure of consociationalism

Stefano Fogliata, U Bergamo-Between disaffiliation and shifting identities: the case of Palestinian refugees currently fleeing to Lebanon from Syria
Hani Awad, Oxford-Understanding the clashes between the state and local communities in Cairo’s peri-urban fringe (the case of Kerdasa)

Developing and Measuring Intercultural Communicative Competence in Study Abroad and At-Home Programs: Insights From Arabic
Organizer: Sonia Shiri

Mohamed Ansary, U Arizona-Using technology for increasing students’ multiple literacies and intercultural competence
Sonia Shiri, U Arizona-Measuring the impact of short-term study abroad: ICC development and maintenance
Riyad Alhomsi, U Arizona-Technology integration to foster students’ ICC and increase motivation
Charles Joukhadar, U Arizona-Building intercultural competence through linguistic landscapes and film clips

Politics & Legitimacy in Tunisia
Chair: Daniel E. Coslett, U Washington

Michael Marcusa, Brown-Tribalism, resistance and the political imagination in contemporary Tunisia
Rory McCarthy, Oxford-Tunisia’s Ennahda in prison: rethinking strategy and reclaiming dignity
Gabriel Rubin, Montclair State-Tunisia’s post-revolutionary legacy: security, human rights & transitional justice
Tofigh Maboudi, Loyola Chicago-Constuting democrats: participation, deliberation, and constitutional legitimacy in Tunisia
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Gender and Conflict: Activism, Resilience, and Disengagement

Chair: Marya Hannun, Georgetown

Zeynep Balcıoğlu, Northeastern-Packing relations: a case study on young refugee women's capability to form social capital

Kenny Schmitt, Exeter-The Murabitiyyun and Murabitat of Al-Aqsa Mosque: transforming resistance, nationalism, and gendered activism in Jerusalem and Palestine

Touria Khannous, Louisiana State-Gender, violence and representation in contemporary Algerian women’s cinema

Liyana Kayali, Australian National U-Palestinian women’s perceptions of popular resistance actions in the Occupied West Bank

220 4-5:45pm 4-Salon J

Representations Respond to History & Trauma

Chair: Elizabeth Saylor, Bard

Zeina Maasri, U Brighton-Draw me a gun: children’s books in the trenches of the ‘Arab Hanoi’

Katty Alhayek, Massachusetts Amherst-Media realism in time of war: identification, interactivity, and symbolism in Syrian television drama

Jeannette E. Okur, Texas Austin-Turkic Muslims’ literary response to the uninvited Russian “guest”

Hend F. Alawadhi, U Rochester-Asma’a (2011): representing HIV/AIDS in Arab cinema

221 4-5:45pm 4-Salon A

Social and Religious Practices in Ottoman History

Chair: Farida Badr, UNC Chapel Hill

Emin Lelic, U Chicago-The seven ways of physiognomy: constructing an Ottoman typology

Ahmet Serdar Akturk, Georgia Southern U-Family, empire, and nation: the Bedirkhân family and the changing perception of the family origins in the late and post-Ottoman periods

222 4-5:45pm 4-Salon E

Confronting Sexual Harassment in the Academy

Organizer: Beth Baron

Chair: Beth Baron, City Col and Graduate Center, CUNY

Fatma Müge Göçek, Michigan Ann Arbor

Eve Troutt Powell, U Penn

Simona Sharoni, SUNY Plattsburgh

Sexual harassment of students and faculty is not a new problem in the academy. This problem is especially acute for graduate students and junior faculty across fields of study. Research suggests that 30% of graduate students surveyed stated that they experienced some form of sexual harassment in the course of their study. This finding has remained consistent over the past three decades. A new wave of survivor-led student activism in the United States has forced colleges and universities to review their existing policies on sexual harassment and sexual assault. However, the issue of faculty harassers has been largely ignored.

Professional associations like MESA can play a role by facilitating discussion of these issues. Participants will analyze the problem of sexual harassment in the academy, examine possible responses to the problem, explore the establishment of a code of conduct for MESA, and share resources designed to raise awareness among faculty and students.

223 4-5:45pm 5-New Hampshire

Reading Middle Eastern Literatures Comparatively

Organizer: Roberta Micallef

Session Leader: Somy Kim, Boston U

Sandra G. Carter, U Houston

Roberta Micallef, Boston U

Abigail Gillman, Boston U

Hülya Adak, Sabanci U

224 4-5:45pm 4-Provincetown

Kurdish Studies: A 50-Year Retrospective

Organizer: Michael M. Gunter

Organized under the auspices of Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: Robert W. Olson, U Kentucky

Michael Rubin, American Enterprise Inst-Problems in Kurdish studies

Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col-Kurdish studies in Europe

Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Tech;

Mohammed M.A. Ahmed, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies-Kurdish studies in the United States
6:30-8PM Saturday November 19

Lakhdar Brahimi

“Working for Peace on Behalf of the United Nations and with Big Powers”

with introduction by
Beth Baron
City Col and Graduate Center, CUNY

Lakhdar Brahimi has been Algeria’s Foreign Minister (1991-1993) and its Ambassador to Egypt, Sudan and the Arab League of States in Cairo (1963-1970) and to The United Kingdom (1971-1979). From 1984 to 1991, He served as Under-Secretary General of the League of Arab States. During that time, he negotiated the Taef Agreement, which put an end to the Civil War in Lebanon that had lasted 15 years.

During his country’s struggle for independence, Brahimi represented Algeria’s National Liberation Front in Indonesia (1956-1961).

He took part in the work of the Non-Aligned Movement, since its first Conference, in 1961, in Belgrade, and in that of the Organization of African Unity (now the African Union), since its creation, in 1963.

After retirement from national public service, in 1993, he started a new career with the United Nations. After undertaking a number of missions on behalf of the Secretary General of the United Nations, he led the United Nations Observer Mission to South Africa (UNOMSA), which observed South Africa’s historic democratic election, which ended Apartheid and brought Mandela to power. He also led UN Missions to Haiti (1994-1996) and to Afghanistan (1997-1999).

In 2000, he chaired an Independent Panel on UN Peace Operations, which produced a report on how to improve UN action in its core activity, which is the maintenance and restoration of Peace and Security in the World. (The report is commonly known as the “Brahimi Report”).

In 2001, following the 09/11 terrorist attacks, he chaired the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan and went on to lead the United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan (UNAMA). In 2004, following the invasion and occupation of Iraq, he helped form a national government with the mandate of restoring the sovereignty of that unhappy country.

In 2007, Brahimi was asked to chair another Independent Panel, which produced a report on how to protect UN staff and property around the world. He was then again called back to be the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria (2012-2014).


Ambassador Brahimi studied Law and Political Science in Algiers and Paris, but left without graduating to join his country’s struggle for independence.

He was awarded Doctorates Honoris Causa from (in the order in which they were granted):
The American University of Beirut, in Lebanon; The University of Oxford, in the UK; The University of Nice, in France; The University of Bologna in Italy; The University of the Free State, in South Africa, The Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Paris, in France

Lakhdar Brahimi is currently a member of The Elders and a number of civil society organizations and has been active in various associations with leading Universities and Institutes.

Lakhdar Brahimi is married, with three children and 6 grand children.
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**226 8-9:45am 4-Salon F**

Christian Missionaries in the Post-Colonial Middle East  
Organizer: Asher Orkaby

Chair/Discussant: Heather J. Sharkey, U Penn

Melanie Trexler, Valparaiso U-Southern Baptist missionaries and the state of Israel: a lesson from Lebanon, 1982

Fatima Alsayegh, UAE U-Missionaries in the post-colonialism era in the Arab Gulf

John Barrett, LeTourneau U-The impact of American protestant efforts to “civilize and Christianize” the Middle East (1819-1939)


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**227 8-9:45am 4-Salon A**

Gendered Critical Kurdish Studies: Rethinking Nationalism, Conflict and Identity  
Organizer: Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS London

Chair: Ayse Betul Celik, Sabanci U  
Discussant: Cilja Maren Harders, Free U Berlin

Haje Keli, SOAS London-'Cutting the flesh' to save the family: gender-based violence in Iraqi Kurdistan

Isabel Käser, SOAS London-From gendered violence to gendered resistance - a transnational study of Kurdish women’s movements in eastern Turkey (Bakur) and northeastern Syria (Rojava)

Ayse Betul Celik, Sabanci U-Gendered approach to Turkey’s peace process: is a common future possible for the women of Turkey?

Latif Tas, SOAS London-Gendering peace and conflict in transnational context

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**228 8-9:45am 4-Provincetown**

The 'Alawis and the Origins of Political Confessionalism in Syria, 1908-1963  
Organizer: Stefan Winter

Chair/Discussant: Ussama Makdisi, Rice U

Fabrice Balanche, Lyon 2 U-The Alawites of Syria: from the mountain refuge to the city

Stefan Winter, Quebec Montreal-Between confessional differentiation and radical assimilation: the 'Alawis of Syria and Southern Anatolia between Abdülhamid and the Turkish War of Liberation

Max Weiss, Princeton-Imagining the 'Alawis between history and literature

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**229 8-9:45am 3-Simmons**

The Individual as the Subject of Historical Inquiry: Four Cases From Egypt and Palestine  
Organizer: Hussam Raafat Ahmed

Chair/Discussant: Dyala Hamza, U Montréal

Hussam Raafat Ahmed, McGill-Taha Hussein between the independence of the Egyptian universities and the state

Khaled Fahmy, Harvard-Translating modern medicine into Arabic: the work of Muhammad 'Umar Al-Tunisi

Laila Parsons, McGill-The limits of social biography: a case study

Mark Sanagan, McGill-Writing ‘thick narratives’ from thin sources?: social biography’s place in the historiography of the modern Middle East

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**230 8-9:45am 3-Regis**

Middle Eastern Sports Studies: The State of the Field  
Organizers: Danyel Reiche, Andrea L. Stanton

Danyel Reiche, American U Beirut

Murat C. Yildiz, Michigan Ann Arbor

Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver

James M. Dorsey, S. Rajaratnam Sch of International Studies

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TODAY’S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

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231 8-9:45am 4-Salon D

Women as Agents and Symbols of Change in Early Twentieth Century Turkey  
Organizer: Serpil Atamaz

Chair/Discussant: Hale Yılmaz, Southern Illinois Carbondale

Elif Mahir Metinsoy, Galatasaray U-Ordinary Turkish women’s perception of and resistance to social and political change from World War I to the end of national struggle (1914-1923)

Serpil Atamaz, TOBB U of Economics and Technology-The day has finally arrived: women’s participation in the elections of 1930 and 1935

Inci Sariz-Bilge, Massachusetts Amherst-Ambiguity in the reception of Turkish modernization by women from an autobiographical viewpoint

Esma Erdogan Kilic, Indiana U-The making of Muslim women in Turkey: a comparative analysis of the Gulen Movement and the Ismailaga Sufi Brotherhood

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232 8-9:45am 4-Salon I

Arab Culture and Politics in Times of Crisis  
Organizer: Jeremy Randall

Jeremy Randall, Graduate Center, CUNY-Affective subjectivities as a counter to sectarianism: the cinema of Maroun Baghdadi

Mary Jirmanus, Independent Scholar-Where to militant cinema?: possibilities for militant documentary in the Arab world past and present

Ziad Dallal, NYU-Sovereignty, contingency and Arab tragedy

Elizabeth Benninger, NYU-Yusuf Idris and the political reconfiguration of “masrah”
233 8-9:45am 4-Salon K

War, Social Reform and Social Medicine in the Middle East (19th-21st Century)
Organizers: Philippe Bourmaud, Gulhan Balsoy

Chair: Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, CIDE

Seyma Afacan, Oxford-Intellectual efforts to medicalize, stigmatize and individualize love in the late Ottoman Empire

Gulhan Balsoy, Istanbul Bilgi U-Widow's house in late nineteenth century Istanbul

Hratch Kestanian, Graduate Center, CUNY-Doctors, disease, and death at the end of the Ottoman Empire

Philippe Bourmaud, U Jean Moulin - Lyon 3/IFEA (Istanbul)/IFPO (Beirut)- From beneficence and sectarian healthcare to social medicine?: fighting tuberculosis from the Ottoman Empire into the mandates

234 8-9:45am 5-Maine

Politics and Piety: Negotiating Subjectivity in Twentieth-Century Salafism
Organizer: Aaron Rock-Singer

Jacob Olidort, George Washington-Whiter Salafī methodology: Albānī, the Taqrīb Series, and a compass for Islamic politics

Ari Schriber, Harvard-Politics as metaphysics: transcending the Salafi label in early-twentieth-century Islamic modernism

Farah El-Sharif, Harvard-Manufacturing “tradition” and contemporary classicism: a textual analysis of Al-Buti’s anti-Salafi polemics

Aaron Rock-Singer, U Penn-Beards, barracks and barbershops: contemporary negotiations of Salafi masculinity

235 8-9:45am SPECIAL SESSION 4-Salon G

The Crisis in Turkey
Organizer: Val Moghadam

Chair: Val Moghadam, Northeastern

Yesim Arat, Boğaziçi

Fatma Müge Göçek, Michigan Ann Arbor

Asli Z. Igsiz, NYU

Huseyin Levent Köker, New Schl for Social Research

Turkey’s political history has been dotted with successful military coups, but the attempted coup in Turkey in July failed spectacularly. It was followed by the imprisonment of those accused of leading or taking part in the coup, as well as purges of thousands of Turkish citizens across various domains - the military, media, academia, the arts, and the judiciary. While the Erdogan government continues to defend its response to the attempted coup, the world has watched with concern as people lose their jobs, or are accused of having supported the coup, in a seemingly indiscriminate manner. At stake is Turkey’s democracy - which, paradoxically, was claimed by the coup-makers, the government, members of Erdogan’s ruling party, and those in civil society who opposed Turkey’s coup but also oppose Erdogan’s authoritarianism. From a feminist perspective, the coup and its aftermath revealed a type of “clash of hyper-masculinities”. The ongoing conflict between the Turkish state and its military, on the one hand, and Kurdish militants (the PKK and the YPG) on the other, adds another dimension to Turkey’s gendered crisis of democracy. These complex issues will be discussed by a distinguished group of panelists, who will approach the crisis from within varied disciplinary and conceptual frameworks.

236 8-9:45am 4-Salon B

Negotiations of Space in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Writing
Organizers: Ceyda Steele, Beyza Lorenz

Chair/Discussant: Didem Havlioglu, Duke

Ramazan Hakki Oztan, U Utah-Regulating the literary space: politics of moveable type in the late Ottoman Empire

Ali Bolcakan, Michigan Ann Arbor-Translating change: politics of language and literature in late Ottoman Empire

Beyza Lorenz, UCLA-World making in narrative: real and imaginary spaces in Ottoman literature

Ceyda Steele, UCLA-Between private and public, secrets of the intimate space: the first Ottoman woman novel

237 8-9:45am 4-Nantucket

50 Years Ago: The 1967 War’s Impact on Arab Americans and Arabs in America
Organizer: Randa Kayyali

Sponsored by ArabAmericanStudiesAssociation(AASA)

Chair: Evelyn Alsultany, Michigan Ann Arbor

Salim Yaqub, UC Santa Barbara-A Widening circle: Arab American and non-Arab-identified activist groups, 1967-1980

Randa Kayyali, George Washington-Remembering the 1967 War: transnational politics, memory and identity

Suraya Khan, Rice U-Transnational alliances: the AAUG’s advocacy for Palestine and the third world

Pamela Pennock, Michigan Dearborn-From 1967 to Operation Boulder: the erosion of Arab Americans’ civil liberties in the 1970s
238 8-9:45am 3-Arlington

New Forms of Authoritarianism and Social Mobilization in MENA
Organizer: Bruce Rutherford

Chair: Michele Penner Angrist, Union Col
Discussant: Eva Bellin, Brandeis

Bruce Rutherford, Colgate-Egypt’s new authoritarianism under Al-Sisi
Samer S. Shehata, Doha Inst for Graduate Studies/U Oklahoma-Discourses of violence and repression: Al Ikhwân Al İrhabiyyen and Egypt’s “war on terrorism”
Vickie Langohr, Col of the Holy Cross-Breaking taboos: new forms of activism against public sexual violence in Egypt
Jeannie Sowers, U New Hampshire-Comparative environmental mobilization in the Middle East and North Africa
David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis-‘Sunnis and Shiites, and Kurds, oh my!’ patterns of ethno-sectarian mobilization and non-mobilization in the MENA

239 8-9:45am 4-Salon J

Ethical Possibilities and Political Imaginaries in the Middle East, Past and Present
Organizers: Jeffrey Culang, Casey Primel

Jeffrey Culang, Graduate Center, CUNY-“The Shari’a must go”: the politics of religious freedom in Egypt’s liberal age
Aditi Saraf, Ludwig-Maximilians-U München-Ajyal and the politics of untimely death in Kashmir
Jenna Rice, Stanford-Accounting with kin: mutual obligation and historical imagination in Saida, Lebanon
Casey Primel, Columbia-On ants and bees: finance and Islamic reform in colonial Egypt

240 8-9:45am 5-Vermont

State of the Research on Non-State Voluntary Movements in the Post-2011 MENA Region
Organizer: Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux

Chair: Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux, Brandeis

Berna Turam, Northeastern
Hande Ramazanogullari, Istanbul Bilgi U
Nadwa Aldawsari
Fabio Merone, Middle East and North African Research Group

241 8-9:45am 4-Salon C

Power and Institutions in Times of Transition: Case Studies From the Medieval Middle East
Organizer: Paula Manstetten

Chair: Jonathan P. Berkey, Davidson Col
Discussant: Zayde Antrim, Trinity

Ian D. Morris, U Amsterdam-Elephants are never forgotten: exotic animals in early Umayyad diplomacy
Hugh Kennedy, SOAS London-“Sultan” in the tenth century
Paula Manstetten, SOAS London-The institutionalization of education in Syria under the Seljuqs and their successors (11th – 12th centuries)
Rasmus Bech Olsen, Birkbeck Col London-The Sultan and the city: the topography of power in Mamluk Damascus 1250-1400

242 8-9:45am 3-Harvard

Security & Confrontation

Chair: Ami Ayalon, Tel Aviv U

Emily Gade, U Washington-Violence and civilian support for militancy: evidence from the 2015 Intifada
Ali Oskouchi, Florida International-Nonconventional deterrence doctrine: does it work for a revisionist would-be nuclear weak-state?
Julie Norman, Queen’s U Belfast-Negotiating detention: prisons as sites of confrontation & compromise in Israel-Palestine
Holger Albrecht, American U Cairo-Of order: military insubordination in mobilizing societies

243 8-9:45am 4-Salon H

Literary Madness and Discipline

Chair: Alya Elhosseiny, NYU

Maxim Yosefi, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev-Ethics and religious ideology in early Arabic poetry: the problem of slander
Tara Stephan, NYU-Myth and wonder: medieval Islamic writings about ancient Egypt
Myriam Sabbaghi, U Chicago-Madness and the erotic in the ghazals of Zib Al-Nisā Makhfi
Raymond K. Farrin, American U Kuwait-Female empowerment in Arabic popular literature: heroines in 1001 Nights

244 8-9:45am 3-Wellesley

Tunisia’s Democratic Transition: Progress and Challenges

Chair: Fred H. Lawson, Mills Col

Janine A. Clark, U Guelph; Ellen Lust, U Gothenburg-Not the only game in towns: the Tunisian transition from the local perspective
Daniel Zisenwine, Georgetown-Post-revolutionary truth and reconciliation efforts: lessons from Tunisia
Daniel Tavana, Princeton-Mass partisanship after the ‘Arab Spring’: evidence from Tunisia
Andrea Kavanaugh, Virginia Tech-The use and impact of information sources during the 2014 elections in Tunisia

245 8-9:45am 4-Salon E

Iran: Past and Present

Chair: Matthew Parnell, Arkansas Fayetteville

Ashkan Rezvani-Naraghi, U Wisconsin-Milwaukee-Tehran between the two world wars: spatial codification as a means of subjectification
Andrew Magnusson, U Central Oklahoma-Rhetorical Zoroastrians: constructing the early Islamic other
Pascale Barthe, UNC Wilmington-Languages across empires: Persian in seventeenth-century French travel narratives
Thomas Benfey, Princeton-“Poverty” and the “poor” in Sasanian Zoroastrian discourse

246 8-9:45am 5-New Hampshire

International Law, Sovereignty and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire

Organizers: Lale Can, Aimee Genell, Michael Christopher Low

Session Leaders: Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State; Lale Can, City Col, CUNY

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**Organizer:** Sivan Balslev

**Chair:** Avner Wishnitzer, Tel Aviv U

**Discussant:** Wilson Chacko Jacob, Concordia U

**Speaker:** Leila Asadi, Arizona State - Necropolitics and Muslim female bodies in online war on terror

**Speaker:** Ran Levy, Tel Aviv U - Medical experts “speak” with dead bodies: forensic medicine and criminal intent in mandate Palestine

**Speaker:** Sivan Balslev, Van Leer Jerusalem Inst - Creating better (looking) Iranian men: sport, scouting and soldiering under Reza Shah

**Speaker:** Nimrod Ben Zeev, U Penn - Body building: skill, harm, risk, and race among construction and citrus laborers in early 20th century Palestine

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**Session Title:** The Shi’a of Lebanon: New Approaches to History, Politics, and Religion

**Organizer:** Mara Leichtman, Michigan State, Rola El-Husseini, Graduate Center, CUNY

**Chair:** Nadim Shehadi, Tufts

**Discussant:** Augustus Richard Norton, Boston U

**Speaker:** Nabil Hage Ali, Georgetown - Reconceptualizing Islam in 1970s Shi’i Lebanon: the “men of mosques”

**Speaker:** Moulouk Berry, American U Dubai - Divorce in Lebanese Muslim Shi’i jurisprudence: a reform law?

**Speaker:** Linda Sayed, Michigan State - Narrating history: Hizbullah’s efforts to inscribe time and place for the Shi’a of Lebanon

**Speaker:** Bashir Saade, U Edinburgh - Hizbullah’s Ashura: identity, ethics, and the problem of the past

**Speaker:** Eric Lob, Florida International - The export of Iran’s development model to Lebanon: the case of Jihād Al-Binā’

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**Session Title:** Coercive Apparatuses After the Arab Spring

**Organizer:** Sarah Weirich

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**Discussant:** Eva Bellin, Brandeis

**Speaker:** Sharan Grewal, Princeton - To coup or not to coup: the Tunisian military in 2013

**Speaker:** Sarah Weirich, U Penn - The coercive apparatus in Tunisia: paradigms lost?

**Speaker:** Hicham Bou Nassif, Carleton - Coups and nascent democracies: Egypt and Tunisia in a comparative perspective

**Speaker:** Shana Marshall, George Washington - Follow the money: how certain economic activities do (or don’t) generate political resources for the Egyptian military

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**Session Title:** Practicing Nationalism Between State and Society in Israel, Turkey, and Iran

**Organizer:** Anat Goldman, Elise Burton, Senem Aslan, Bates College

**Speaker:** Elise Burton, Harvard - Blood lines: defining national populations in Middle Eastern genetics research

**Speaker:** Anat Goldman, U Washington - Privatized commemoration and the image of the nation: November 10th in Turkey and Memorial Day in Israel after 1985

**Speaker:** Moriel Ram, Technion Israel Inst of Technology, Architecture and Town Planning - Colonial configuration and the geopolitics of identification: Israel’s rule of the Syrian Druze in the Golan Heights, 1967-1981

**Speaker:** Samer Al-Saber, Florida State - A permission to perform: artists crack the codes of the state’s censor

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**Session Title:** What Was New About the Nahda?

**Organizer:** Peter Hill, Oxford

**Chair:** Hussein Omar, Oxford

**Speaker:** Jane H. Murphy, Colorado - Normalizing the gharib sciences: Egypt 1750-1850

**Speaker:** James McDougall, Trinity Col Oxford - Knowledge in transit: Maghribi writers and their worlds, ca. 1750-1850

**Speaker:** Peter Hill, Oxford - The first Arabic translations of enlightenment writing: Damietta, 1808-1818

**Speaker:** Nicole Khayat, U Haifa - Reform through education: early biographies of Peter the Great in Arabic (1833-1850)

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**Session Title:** Minority Regimes and the Limits of Belonging in Early Republican Turkey

**Organizer:** Ipek K. Yosmaoglu, Northwestern

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**Organizer:** Nancy Khalek, Brown

**Speaker:** Reyhan Durmaz, Brown - “Relate to the people what you saw on the two sheets;” The role of hagiography in the formation of Islamic notion of sanctity

**Speaker:** Daniel Mahoney, Austrian Academy of Sciences - Medieval reports of Muslims looting pre-Islamic burials

**Speaker:** Mehmetcan Akpinar, U Tübingen - Contesting narratives advocating Abū Bakr’s primacy in belief

**Speaker:** Michael Payne, Brown - Atoning for Karbala: sacrifice, ritual, and memory in the martyrdom of Al-Husayn
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Water and Power Politics: Palestine and Lebanon
Chair: Christopher Ohan, Texas Wesleyan U

Stephen P. Gasteyer, Michigan State-The human right to water and sanitation: the case of Palestine for assessing the opportunities and potential pitfalls of a discourse
Donna Herzog, NYU-Water wars: the battle over the privatization and monopolization of Israel’s water sector
Kevin Boueri, Boston U-Reexamining the Lebanese state through water: sect, class, and politics in Mount Lebanon
Owain Lawson, Columbia-Phase “A”: redesigning the Litani River, 1948-1956
Leena Dallashah, Humboldt State-When U.S. aid didn’t come to the rescue: Nazareth, the Israeli state and water politics

263 10-11:45am 4-Salon F
Anthropology of Islam & the Family
Chair: Abdul Rahman Chamseddine, Georgetown Qatar

Hikmet Koçamaner, Harvard-Governing the family through religion: the Directorate of Religious Affairs and the politics of the family in Post-Kemalist Turkey
An Van Raemdonck, Ghent U-The politics of religious speech in an era of transnational rights discourse: campaigning against FGM/C and the interpellation of religious leaders
Sevgi Adak, Aqa Khan U-Politics of the family and the feminization of the religious sphere under the AKP government in Turkey

264 10-11:45am 4-Salon I
Labor and Labor Conflicts in Iran and Egypt
Chair: Giuseppe Acconcia, Bocconi U

Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul U-Working for oil: shifting politics of labor in the Iranian oil industry
Agnieszka Paczynska, George Mason-Labor protests in Sisi’s Egypt: the paradox of repression
Peyman Jafari, Leiden U-Fluid history: revisiting the Iranian Revolution through oil strikes

Dina Najar, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas-‘A woman here is not only a woman but both a woman and a man’: Egyptian women’s performative strategies to gain power and access resources

265 10-11:45am 4-Salon B
Sexuality: Religion, Transgression, and Rights
Chair: Lucy L. Melbourne, Saint Augustine’s U

Osiris Glacier, Bishop’s U-The impact of the construction of sexuality on women’s rights in Morocco
Amina Zarrugh, Texas Austin-The politics of forced disappearance and the policing of piety and masculinity in Libya
Anne Marie Butler, SUNY Buffalo-Tunisian sexual politics: contemporary artistic engagements by women and queens
Indira Falk Gesink, Baldwin Wallace U-The ‘complex sex’: hermaphrodites in Islamic legal discourse

266 10-11:45am 5-Maine
Changing Spaces: Fluidities, Contest and Ruptures in the Mediterranean Basin
Chair: Karam Dana, U Washington

Andrew Bellisari, Harvard-Decolonizing French Algeria in Israel: French and Algerian land claims to the waqf of Abū Madyan, 1948-1963
Mary Momjdian, UCLA-The death of David Altaraz: identity and plurality at the crossroads of the Mediterranean
Claudia Esposito, Massachusetts Boston-Voids, rifts and straits: visualizing Maghrebi-Mediterranean histories
Jonathan McCollum, UCLA-Nationalizing Mediterranean spaces: Libya and the Aegean in the Italo-Turkish War, 1911-1912

267 10-11:45am 4-Salon E
Environment, Space & Time in Literature
Chair: Carol Bardenstein, Michigan Ann Arbor

Negin Djavaherian, Independent Scholar-Nurturing ties between Arby Ovassian’s theatre and architecture; staging ‘Vis and Ramin’ at the ruins of Persepolis (1970)
Sharif S. Elmusa, American U Cairo-Bedouin, place, and environment in desert literature
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Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State-Women’s leadership in Oman: opportunities and challenges
Alessandra L. González, U Chicago-Kuwaiti college student perceptions of women’s political leadership: pre- and post-election assessments
Julia Gettle, Brown-A contradictory inheritance: the professional legitimacy of a Lebanese midwife between systems of women’s medical practice

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Mehmet Kuru, U Toronto-Labor mobility in early modern Eastern Mediterranean: reconstruction of a city - Izmir (1688-1691)
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**Johannes Stephan**, U Bern-Reconstructing the Arabic novel: toward an inclusive literary history ‘from within’
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**Nader Hashemi**, U Denver-The sectarianization of the Syrian conflict: the salience of authoritarianism over theology

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