

# LECTURES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

## “FAMILY LIFE IN THE OTTOMAN MEDITERRANEAN: A SOCIAL HISTORY”

book talk with **Beshara Doumani**,  
Joukowsky Family Professor of Modern Middle East History,  
Brown University

5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

## “CONFLICT URBANISM”

book talk with **Laura Kurgan**,  
Associate Professor of Architecture, Director, Center  
for Spatial Research, GSAPP, Columbia University

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

## “DIGITAL APPROACHES TO ANCIENT LITERACY: THE CASE OF SAFAITIC”

lecture with **Ahmad Al-Jallad**,  
Director of the Leiden Center for the Study of  
Ancient Arabia, University Lecturer, Leiden University

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

## “NEW MODELS OF PATRONAGE WITHIN ARTS AND CULTURE: FOCUS ON THE GCC”

lecture with **Alia Al-Senussi '03 AM '04**

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

# FILMS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

## “ARAF”

2012, 124 minutes // dir. **Yeşim Ustaoglu**  
organized by **Pelin Kadercan**, Visiting Scholar at MES

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

CONFINED SPACES, POLITICAL CHOICES  
IN NEW FILMS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

## “TAXI”

2015, 82 minutes // dir. **Jafar Panahi**

organized by **Vangelis Calotychos**,  
Visiting Associated Professor of Comparative Literature

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

## “SOUFRA AND THE REFUGEE FOOD TRUCK”

2017, 68 minutes // dir. **Thomas Morgan**

feature documentary from  
Rebelhouse Group Production House  
panel discussion to follow

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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## “CLASH”

2016, 97 minutes // dir. **Mohamed Diab**

organized by **Vangelis Calotychos**,  
Visiting Associated Professor of Comparative Literature

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

# MAJOR EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

## MES FALL 2017 RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Maddock Alumni Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

## 9TH CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS PANEL

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Watson Joukowsky Forum

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3-4

## SYMPOSIUM

## “AFTER WITNESSING: MOVING IMAGES FROM THE LEVANT AND THE POLITICAL IMAGINATION”

film screenings friday pm and full-day workshop saturday  
organized by **Hanan Toukan**,

Visiting Assistant Professor of Middle East Studies,  
and **Kareem Estefan**,

Graduate Student, Modern Culture and Media

full-day event Watson Joukowsky Forum



## BROWN UNIVERSITY MIDDLE EAST STUDIES FALL 2017 EVENTS

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

## ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE “MIDDLE EAST TOXIC WARS”

full-day conference

organized by **Narges Bajoghli**,

Postdoctoral Research Associate in International and Public Affairs,  
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

full-day event Watson Joukowsky Forum

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

## PETER GREEN LECTURE ON THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST “QUARTERMASTERS OF CAPITAL: US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE MAKING OF INFRASTRUCTURES IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA”

lecture with **Laleh Khalili**,

Professor of Middle East Politics, SOAS, University of London

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Faculty Club (invitation only)

# LUNCHEON SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

## “ISRAEL/PALESTINE— THE EXCEPTION, THE EXAMPLE, AND THE RULE”

with **Adi Ophir**, Mellon Visiting Professor  
of Humanities and Middle East Studies

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Watson McKinney Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

## “WRITING AFTER THE MIDDLE EAST’S ‘1979 MOMENT’: THE GROUNDS FOR COMPARISON?”

with **Amir Moosavi**,  
Visiting Assistant Professor in Modern Iranian Studies

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Watson McKinney Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

## “TIME INTERRUPTED: ISLAMIC LIVES OF A HISTORIOGRAPHICAL SEDUCTION”

with **Shahzad Bashir**,  
Aga Khan Professor of Islamic Humanities

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Watson McKinney Conference Room

# STUDENT EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

## ARABIC LANGUAGE CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

## UNDERGRADUATE PAPER SERIES PRESENTATIONS

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Watson McKinney Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

## HOT CHOCOLATE AND MES FORUM