

# MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

capstone & thesis presentations  
class of 2017



may 3, 2017  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

joukowsky forum, watson institute

# PROGRAM

9:15 - 9:20 a.m.

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

BESHARA DOUMANI  
DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

9:20 - 9:40 a.m.

## SABIYA AHAMED

*Thesis:* Demanding Dignity: Syrian Refugees & the Resettlement Process in Providence, RI

9:40 - 10:00 a.m.

## NIKHITA MENDIS

*Thesis:* Breaking and Making Sri Lankans: Serlankiyye Subjectivities and Practicing Lajja

10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

Q & A

10:20 - 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 - 10:50 p.m.

## KUTAY ONAYLI

*Thesis:* Other Things That May Have Happened During A Long Day

10:50 - 11:00 a.m.

## SOPHIE KASAKOVE

*Thesis:* From Counter-insurgency to Statehood: Israeli Spatial Securitization and the Arab Revolt

11:00 - 11:20 a.m.

Q & A

11:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## LUNCH

BIRKELUND BOARDROOM  
WATSON INSTITUTE

12:30 - 12:40 p.m.

## RUBY MOORE-BLOOM

*Capstone:* A GIS Spatial Analysis of Iraqi and Syrian Refugees Resettled in New England

12:40 - 12:50 p.m.

## NAISHAD KAI-REN

*Capstone:* Under what conditions do oil exports lead to exporter interventions in third world countries?

12:50 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.

Q & A

1:05 - 1:15 p.m.

## RAPHAELA CHAKRAVARTI

*Capstone:* Reassessing Contentious Politics: The Algerian War of Independence

1:15 - 1:25 p.m.

## ASYA IGMEN

*Capstone:* The Syrian Diaspora's Potential to Fill the Gaps in Traditional Humanitarian Response

1:25 - 1:40 p.m.

Q & A

1:40 - 1:55 p.m.

## MAX SCHINDLER

*Capstone:* Toward a historicized hermeneutics of the Shoah and its consequences for human rights

1:55 - 2:10 p.m.

## MELISSA DEMBSKI-SULLIVAN

*Capstone:* The use of supplemental resources in Arabic foreign language high school curriculums

2:10 - 2:30 p.m.

FINAL WORDS



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