

MESA 2016

November 17-20
Boston, Massachusetts

Boston is a great place to celebrate!...

Boston is a great American city, steeped in the history of the American Revolution. A walk along the 2.5 mile Freedom Trail leads tourists to 16 landmarks that paint a story of a fight for freedom. Today, Boston is about first-rate educational institutions and world-class museums. The Back Bay, where the Marriott Copley Place is located, is a foodie's paradise. Trendy restaurants mingle with old-time favorites. The area is remarkably walkable, though in November you may want to pack your mukluks. MESA celebrated its 20th and 40th anniversaries in Boston and we find ourselves in that fabulous city again, celebrating 50!

This year's meeting schedule was modified to accommodate a larger program. Panels will now be 1.75 hours long rather than 2, with only 15 minutes in between them, and there will be 14 panel sessions rather than 12. The program includes more than 300 sessions. Compare that to 127 in 1986, 125 in 1996, and 180 in 2006.

The book bazaar will operate on a different schedule as well. It will be open on Thursday, November 17 from 4-7pm and on Friday and Saturday from 8:30am-5:30pm. It will be closed on Sunday. That change was due to union regulations that made the cost of breaking the exhibit down on Sunday untenable.

This year, we will kick-off the meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30pm with the MESA Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony. Panel sessions will run Friday morning through Sunday afternoon.

The pages that follow provide detailed information about the meeting. We recommend booking your hotel room immediately to avoid the possibility of ending up in an overflow property. Be sure to book through the provided link, and just say no to any company that says they have anything to do with making reservations for the MESA meeting. They do not.

Preliminary Guide to the 50th Anniversary Meeting

Come celebrate in Boston!



50 Years of Scholarship
1966-2016

50 is a good start...

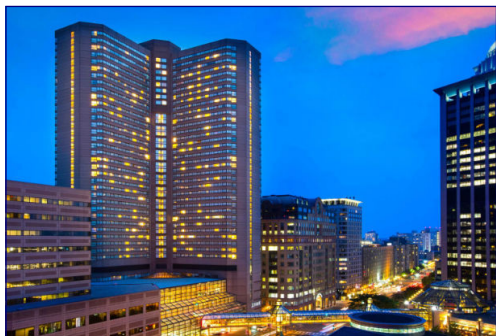
When MESA members gather in Boston in November they will do so on a momentous occasion, the 50th anniversary of the founding of their association. The 51 founders undoubtedly would be delighted at the success of the entity that they envisioned and created. They held the notion that a society that brought together people who studied a curious region would offset the immense isolation they felt within their disciplines. And that, it did.

MESA has endured over the years because of the people who cared about it. All the men and women who volunteered to serve on the board of directors and on the many MESA committees were stewards of the association, as were the longtime members who joined as young scholars and maintained their membership over the course of their careers. They were committed because they saw purpose in MESA's mission as "a non-political 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."

Even at 50, MESA's story is remarkably young. How the association will look in 50 years rests on the shoulders of a new generation of scholars who came into their own in a very different technological age, one that offers new and interesting modes of interaction, of information gathering and sharing, and one that surely poses new opportunities and challenges for an academic society.

Headquarters Hotel

Boston Marriott Copley Place



110 Huntington Avenue
Boston MA 02116

Rates/Reservations

Cutoff Date
October 24

\$189 single/double
\$209 triple
\$229 quad
(plus room tax of 14.45%)

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ALERT

Book through the above link or by phoning the above number. If you are contacted by any other housing group about making reservations, please know that they DO NOT REPRESENT MESA and are not authorized to make reservations for the annual meeting. For the safety of your personal information, and to ensure a properly verified reservation at the hotel, do not book rooms through any other housing group. Please use the above link or phone number.

Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2016 annual meeting, complete the registration form located on the back page of this program and return it along with payment to the MESA Secretariat. If paying by credit card save a stamp and register online via myMESA (log-in at <http://mesana.org/mymesa/login.php>). Pre-registration is recommended as onsite registration rates are higher. The preregistration deadline is **October 24, 2016**.

| Category | Preregistration | Onsite |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| full/associate | \$150 | \$200 |
| student member | \$90 | \$125 |
| student non-member | \$120 | \$150 |
| Other non-members | \$200 | \$250 |

Book Bazaar

The MESA Book Bazaar will be located in the Back Bay Conference and Exhibition Center on the 3rd Floor. Arguably the largest display of Middle East studies titles anywhere, MESA's annual book bazaar will include old and new friends—university presses, small publishing houses, independent book sellers, and even artisans sharing their talents. All will gather in Boston for a three-day festival of books. The book bazaar will be open 4-7 Thursday, Nov. 17 and 8:30am-5:30pm Friday and Saturday (Nov. 18-19). It will not be open on Sunday, Nov. 20. Visit MESA's website for a list of exhibitors.

You do not have to rent space to exhibit at the MESA meeting. For \$40 per title, publications can be placed on view in MESA's Cooperative Book Display. This is an ideal arrangement for individuals, independent authors, and small presses with few Middle East studies titles.

If you would like additional information about exhibiting at MESA 2016, please visit MESA's website or contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520-333-2577 ext. 102.

Roommates

If you are interested in sharing a room at the Boston Marriott Copley Place during the MESA annual meeting, please visit MESA's website at <http://mesana.org/annual-meeting/roommates.html>. MESA maintains a "roommates wanted" page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other.

Child Care

MESA can help parents find a local provider and will reimburse half of the cost of day care services up to a maximum of \$200 for the conference. Upon request, the Secretariat will be happy to post contact information of parents who want to share sitting services during the meeting. For further information, please contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520-333-2577 ext. 102.

Travel

Airport

Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). Approximately 6.8 miles from the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

Ground Transportation

SHARED VAN \$17 each way. Boston Shuttle offers discounted service to/from the Marriott: <http://ultimateshuttle.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=MARRIOTTCP&LOGON=GO>

TAXI \$40 each way

LOGAN EXPRESS (bus) \$7.50 each way. Runs every 20 minutes from 6am-10pm from all airport terminals. Drop off is a Copley square, about 1.5 blocks from the hotel. Pick up is at Copley T Station or Hynes Convention Center. <https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/to-and-from-logan/logan-express/back-bay/>

SUBWAY \$7.40 each way. For route, see the "T" at <http://www.mbta.com/index.asp>. Involves taking bus to red line, transferring to green line, and then about a 4 minute walk to hotel.

ALERT: Visa Waiver Program Changes

Changes to the Visa Waiver Program may impact travelers who have used the program in the past. You may now be required to obtain a visa to travel to the U.S. For further information, please see: <http://mesana.org/annual-meeting/travel.html>.

Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2016 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESA's website at mesana.org, click on the 2016 logo, and then on "volunteer panel chairs." Email your choices to Mark Lowder at mark@mesana.org.

Before you volunteer, please note that MESA membership and annual meeting pre-registration are required of all meeting participants.

Sponsors

MESA thanks the following for their sponsorship of the 2016 anniversary meeting

Noor Majan Training Institute

<http://noormajan-institute.com/>

For providing each attendee with a handsome tote bag.

Ocean County College

www.ocean.edu

For providing each attendee with a stylish lanyard.

Thank you!



MESA Members Meeting

Friday, November 18 ♦ 1200nn-1:30pm ♦ Boston Marriott Copley Place, Room TBA

The members meeting is an annual meeting of the membership open to all members. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. The meeting mainly consists of reports (see agenda at right). Where members play an important role is in voting for the Nominating Committee and on any resolutions that are being presented. A member in good standing can add names to the list of people who will be invited to run for the Nominating Committee, to augment those proposed by MESA's Board.

Quorum

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

Resolutions

When important issues are before the membership, resolutions are sometimes presented at the members meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA's Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2016 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by November 3, 2016. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA's Bylaws which are posted on MESA's website at mesana.org.

Sample Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Report of the Executive Director
- III. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence
- IV. 2016 Election of Officers Results
- V. Nominating Committee Vote and Call for Names
- VI. IJMES Report
- VII. RoMES Report
- VIII. Committee on Academic Freedom Report
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment

Tools for Paper Presenters

Upload Your Paper to myMESA by Oct. 15

Please upload a copy of your paper to the myMESA system so that your co-panelists, especially the chair/discussant, will have access to it. No one else will be able to view your paper except for your co-panelists. Papers need not be the final copy; drafts are fine. There is no suggested paper length. Your topic and your depth of coverage should determine its length. Plan to present a truncated version of your paper at your panel.

1. Log-in to myMESA (<http://mesana.org/mymesa/login.php>).
2. Click the "Annual Meeting" button.
3. Click the "Paper Abstract" button below that.
4. Click the "Submit/Update full paper" button.
5. Under "Upload your attachment" click the "browse" button.
6. Locate the file on your computer by navigating to the directory where the file is located.
7. Once the name of your file appears in the box next to the "browse" button, click the "Save and back to abstract" button.
8. Your file has now been uploaded.
9. Log-out.

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

Planning for Your Presentation

If you are planning a career in academia, the art of presenting a conference paper is a skill you can and will need to learn. James Gelvin, professor of history at UCLA, kindly made available to MESA tips he shared with his graduate students on preparing and delivering conference papers: <http://mesana.org/pdf/preparing-and-delivering-conference-papers-Gelvin.pdf>. As you will learn, there are many factors involved in writing a scholarly paper and presenting it at a conference. The bottom line is that preparation is key to a successful presentation and to combating nerves.

No Show Policy

We understand that things come up at the last minute that prevent a participant from attending the meeting. As a courtesy to your co-panelists, please notify MESA if you cannot attend the meeting. If you are scheduled to participate in the annual meeting in any capacity and you don't show up and haven't informed the MESA Secretariat, you will be considered a 'no-show' and will not be eligible to participate in the next year's meeting. A no-show is someone who is not physically present at his/her panel at the conference and hasn't notified the MESA Secretariat beforehand.



Beth Baron
City Col and Graduate Center, CUNY

Presidential Biography

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.

Film Fest Preview

Midway through the summer, the FilmFest is hard at work preparing for Boston. With over 140 films under consideration, we are trying to pare about 100 hours of video down to the 38 hours we will show. Some new and uncommon topics join the historical, political, and cultural subjects. We will have something for almost every taste whether you're looking for something new for the classroom or just a break from panels. Here is a sampling of some films viewers will find on the program.

In the Image: Palestinian Women Capture the Occupation

In the Image: Palestinian Women Capture the Occupation is a documentary about West Bankers who partner 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 living under occupation. Blending interviews with camera women and the footage they have filmed, 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.



Courtesy of inthefilm.com



Iraqi Odyssey



Courtesy of AFD/Typecast Films

Samir (Jamal al-Din) is an Iraqi-Swiss filmmaker whose large extended Iraqi family is today scattered around the world but historically his kin played important roles in the history of their ancestral homeland. Iraqi Odyssey recounts his family's stories as it chronicles Iraqis' dreams of building a modern society after their nation achieved independence in the 1950s. Although coups in the 1960s and 1970s dashed these aspirations, some of his relatives continued to pursue their political ambitions. During Saddam Hussein's dictatorship and Iraq's post-war transition, the family's concern for their homeland has endured. Iraqi Odyssey was Switzerland's entry for the 2014 Academy Award Best Foreign Language film. The FilmFest will show the classroom length version.

The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's Public Relations War in the United States



Israel's 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. The Occupation of the American Mind addresses this critical exception by focusing on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S. Drawing on analyses of Israel's decades-long battle for American hearts, minds and tax dollars, this video investigates how the Israeli government, the U.S. government, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives, to shape American media coverage of the conflict in Israel's favor.

Letters From Baghdad



Courtesy of LettersFromBaghdad.com

The FilmFest will have a “sneak preview” of Letters From Baghdad, the story of Gertrude Bell, the adventurer, diplomat, archaeologist and spy who traveled widely in the Middle East at the beginning of the 20th century. Drawing on archival film and letters, this documentary traces Bell’s unlikely rise within British military intelligence. In the process, she was instrumental in shaping the future of post-Ottoman Iraq, installing its first king and establishing the Iraq Museum. Beyond her colonial and political accomplishments, Letters From Baghdad reveals that Bell was an explorer caught between two cultures and always in search of her place.

The Tentmakers of Cairo



Courtesy of tentmakersofcairo.com

In a small covered market, in the heart of Old Islamic Cairo, four tentmakers expertly hand stitch Khayamiya or appliqué. Historically, Khayamiya decorated the interiors of tents but today are wall hangings and cushion covers often adorning tourists’ homes. The Tentmakers of Cairo provides a unique look at the techniques of this traditional craft at a time when this art form is gaining international popularity and recognition even as its appeal is waning in Egypt. Filmed between 2011 and 2014 – from the departure of Hosni Mubarak through the brief reign of Muhammad Morsi - viewers gain insights into local opinions about the uncertain political situation and the collapse of the tourist industry.

After Spring



Courtesy of www.afterspringfilm.com

Close to 80,000 Syrian exiles lives in the Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan, the second largest such camp in the world. More than half of the camp’s inhabitants are children. After Spring gives viewers an intimate portrait of the rhythms of the camp, the role of the aid workers and the daily lives of two families as they contemplate an uncertain future. All aspects of refugee camp life are explored, including medical assistance, the self-sustaining economy of its urban center, martial arts classes and even pizza making. However, it all arcs on bringing purpose and education to the children uprooted from their homes, often termed the ‘lost generation.’

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, 10-11pm, Arlington (3)

♦AllrS–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)



♦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)



♦AASA–Arab American Studies Association

Thursday, 11/17
Board Meeting, 3-4pm, MIT (3)
Membership Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Salon C (4)



AGAPS

♦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, 5:30-8pm, Location TBA

♦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)



AMEWS
 ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE EAST WOMEN'S STUDIES

♦AMEWS–Association for Middle East Women's Studies

Thursday, 11/17
Board Meeting, 5-6:30pm, MIT (3)
 Friday, 11/18
Graduate Student Committee Meeting, 5-6pm, Boston University (3)
Members Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Brandeis (3)
Dinner, 8:30-10:30pm, Provincetown (4)

♦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)

♦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 Stuart St.)
 Saturday, 11/19
Alumni Reception, 5-7pm, City Table (65 Exeter St.)

♦CAORC–Council of American Overseas Research Centers

Thursday, 11/17
Reception, 5:30-7pm, Vermont (5)

♦EWIC–Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures

Thursday, 11/17
Board Meeting, 7:30am-1pm, Orleans (4)

♦Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies

Saturday, 11/19
MENA Business History Project, 2-4pm, Massachusetts (5)
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

Friday, 11/18
Alumni Reception, 8:30-10pm, Wellesley (3)

♦HIAA–Historians of Islamic Art Association

Thursday, 11/17
Majlis, 3-5pm, Salon H (4)

♦IJMES–International Journal of Middle East Studies

Thursday, 11/17
Editorial Board Meeting, 4-6pm, Simmons (3)

♦ISIS–International Society for Iranian Studies

Thursday, 11/17
Council Meeting, 2-5pm, Boston University (3)
General Meeting, 6-7pm, Regis (3)

♦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

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)

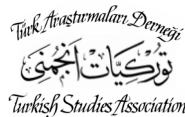
Saturday, 11/19

**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)



♦OTSA-Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Thursday, 11/17

Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Yarmouth (4)
Reception and Members' Meeting,
7-10pm, Arlington (3)

♦PARC-Palestinian American Research Center

Thursday, 11/17

Board Meeting, 12nn-4pm, Brandeis (3)

♦SAS-Society for Armenian Studies

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)

♦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)

Key to Room Locations:

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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.

Presenters

Rend Beirut, NYU Abu Dhabi-*On Dubai's Baqalas: effects of standardization policy on Baqalas and communities*

Miguel Angel Fuentes Carreño, Sciences PO-*Transnational LGBT and activism in Lebanon, Egypt and Iran*

Emily Edwards, Loyola New Orleans-*Searching for a room of one's own: rethinking the Iranian diaspora in Persepolis, Shahs of Sunset, and A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*

Mekarem Eljamal, Michigan Ann Arbor-*Coptic participation in the Egyptian Revolution and prospects for decreased marginalization*

Billy Ford, Holy Cross U-*How decentralization in southeastern Turkey could diffuse tension between the Kurds and the Turkish government*

Christina Go, Yale-*The Thousand and One Nights: not valid for travel to Iraq*

Nancy Ko, Harvard-*In the shadows of change: alliance and Jewish alliances in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, 1905-1911*

Margit Lindgren, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Influences of the "Arab Spring" on the political landscape and leftist movements in the Gulf; A case study of the Kuwaiti Progressive Movement in Kuwait post 2011*

Josephine Lippincott, Arcadia U-*Parallel authorities in Syria: comparing civil society organizations and armed opposition groups*
Meraleigh Randle, Texas Christian-*Accessing the hidden fifty percent*

Alyssa Scheiner, Boston U-*The consequences of demographic aid distribution: the case of Syrian refugees*

Casey Smith, Wesleyan-*East bank Jordanian-Palestinian relations and the securitization of humanitarian aid*

Myung-In Sohn, NYU Abu Dhabi-*The greater derivation: an exploration of divinity in Arabic philological thought*

Adam Syed, Boston U-*Understanding urban development in Amman through social media*

Guillaume Sylvain, NYU Abu Dhabi-*National social studies curriculum and historical consciousness in UAE K-12 schools*

Daniel Waqar, UNLV-*Modern conflict in the divided city: a history of power imbalances and violence in Hebron, the Israeli-Occupied West Bank*

Darren Wan, U Chicago-*Imagining the lands below the winds: Arabic and Persian sources on Southeast Asia in the early modern period*



Program

7:30pm-9pm * Room TBA

2016 Presidential Address



Beth Baron

City Col and Graduate Center, CUNY

2016 MESA Awards Ceremony

*Please join MESA in recognizing the very best in the field in 2016,
including presentations of the following awards:*

Albert Hourani Book Award

Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards

MESA Mentoring Award

Jere L. Bacharach Service Award

Academic Freedom Award

Undergraduate Education Award

MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize

8-9:45AM Friday November 18

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

1-3pm

MEOC Workshop for Outreach Professionals

MIT (3)

3:45-5:45pm

WOCMES International Advisory Council Meeting

Yarmouth (4)

5-6pm

AMEWS Graduate Student Committee Meeting

Boston University (3)

5:30-6:30pm

AIYS Business Meeting

Brandeis (3)

5:45-7:45pm

MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting

Northeastern (3)

7-8:30pm

AMEWS Members Meeting

Brandeis (3)

7-9pm

AUB Reception

Atrium (3)

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Harvard CMES Reception

Wellesley (3)

8:30-10pm

NYU Reception

Regis (3)

8:30-10pm

UCLA Reception

Salon A (4)

8:30-10pm

Yale Reception

Salon B (4)

8:30-10:30pm

AMEWS Dinner

Provincetown (4)

8:30-11pm

AUC Reception

Simmons (3)

4298 Text and Technology: Exploring the Materiality of Early Arabic Periodicals

Organizers: Hala Auji, Adam Mestyan

Sponsored by

Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair: Dana Sajdi, Boston Col

Discussant: Nadia Al-Bagdadi, Central European U

Anthony (Antoine) Edwards, Washington and Lee-*Majmu' Fawayid: miscellany in Beirut's first Arabic periodical*
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-Jarā' id*

4317 Sustainability and Environmentalism 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, environmentalism, and the origins of desalination technology in Saudi Arabia*

Zozan Pehlivan, McGill-*20 para per kiyee: state efforts to contain locust infestations in nineteenth century Ottoman Kurdistan*

Chris Gratien, Harvard-*Seeds of resistance: the endurance of Çukurova's local cotton*

4328 Language and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer: Nadine Hamdan

Francesco L. Sinatora, Georgetown-*Language, identity and participation on a group of Syrian dissidents' Facebook pages*

Gareth Smail, U Penn-*The politics of language pedagogy in provincial Morocco*
Nadine Hamdan, Georgetown-*Nasrallah - salesman of what it means to be Lebanese*

Jehan Al Mahmoud, Georgetown-*Intertextuality & framing in the Saudi Arabian Women2Drive Campaign on Twitter*

Roundtable

4354 Doing Research in Iran: Strategies and Experiences

Organizer: Beatrice F. Manz

Sponsored by

American Institute of Iranian Studies (AllrS)

Chair: Beatrice F. Manz, Tufts

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

4356 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*
Yeliz 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*

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4385 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 waqf, 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, Furman U-*"Ruhi the Ingenious:" a transnational agent during the First World War*

4406 Saints and Sultans: Sufi Literature Between Religion and Politics in the Ottoman Empire

Organizer: **Kameliya Atanasova**

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

Jonathan Allen, U Maryland-*Traversing geographies of power and sanctity: Taha Al-Kurdi's encounters with 18th century Ottoman political power and identity*

Zeynep Elbasan, 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*

Kameliya Atanasova, U Penn-*Metaphysics as political commentary: representations of political power in Ismail Hakki Bursevi's tuhfé works*

Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U Washington-*Poets, statesmen, and mystics: poetry and political networks at the fifteenth-century Ottoman court*

4419 Policing and Punishment in the Making of the Modern Middle East

Organizer: **Michael Farquhar**

Chair: **Kent F. Schull**, Binghamton
Discussant: **Lisa Hajar**, 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: scholarly 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*

Roundtable

4430 Towards an Egyptian History of the 1970s and 1980s: Research Questions and Sources

Organizers: **Hanan Hammad, Relli I. Shechter**

Chairs: **Hanan Hammad**, TCU; **Relli I. Shechter**, Ben-Gurion U

Lucie Ryzova, U Birmingham, UK
Zeinab A. Abul-Magd, Oberlin
Vivian Ibrahim, U Mississippi

4442 Literary Encounters Across the Mediterranean

Organizer: **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 Floire & Blanche-flor*

Alexandra Hoffmann, U Chicago-*The Sindbād-nāma and The Seven Sages: A comparative look at "the moral of the story"*

4446 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)

4470 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, Halle U (Germany)-*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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4501 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?

4542 Being a Syrian Refugee: Representation and Agency in the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Organizer: **Cecilia Baeza**

Discussant: **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 U-Contentious labels through time and space: refugees and revolutionaries in Lebanon and Europe

Maai Youssef, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne-Syrian refugees in Egypt, a common voice to face propaganda and uncertainty in exile

Cecilia Baeza, PUC-SP-Syrian refugees in Brazil: negotiating identity in times of economic crisis

4593 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

Discussant: **Susan Gilson Miller**, UC Davis

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

4604 Walls, Borders and Boundaries: Displacement and Confinement in the MENA Region

Organizer: **Randa R. Farah**

Discussant: **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

4627 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

4639 Symbolic Politics & Cultural Contestation in Turkey

Chair: **John M. VanderLippe**, New Schl for Social Research

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

Sezin 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'

Senem Yildirim, Ipek U-Arendtian politics in the context of Turkey: The interplay of deliberation and agonistic pluralism

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

4641 Urban Traditions & Transformations

Chair: **Pinar Batur**, Vassar Col

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

Sanket Desai, U Arkansas Fayetteville-A suburb for Christians: the Daura Project and the dissonance in Iraqi urbanization, 1950-1958

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4658 Women and the Economy

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*

Mariam Nagi, U Dublin-*"If she wants to spend her money to upgrade, she can": gender, cultural capital, and the cosmopolitan class in Cairo*

4680 Performing Identities & Authenticities

Chair: **Hilary Kalmbach**, U Sussex

Cal Margulis, UCLA-*Playing race: representations of blackness in the comedies of Ya' qūb Ṣannū' a*

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, U Arkansas-*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 Cairo's post-revolution rock music*

4685 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 Dar' Al-Ta'arud*

Holly Robins, UCLA-*Al-Awza'i's letters to 'Abbasid 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*

Thematic
Conversation

4701 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, U Colorado Boulder
Suzanne Schneider, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research

Ajay Chaudhary, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research

K. Soraya Batmanghelichi, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research

SPECIAL SESSION

4711 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

Huri Islamoglu, Bogazici

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 wider range of opinions within their organization.

4309 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

Roundtable

4311 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)

Sylvia W. Önder, Georgetown

Deniz Tat, AATT

Guliz Kuruoglu, UCLA

Nilay Sevinc, AATT

Burcu Karahan, AATT

4320 What’s Love Got To Do With It? Political Imagination and Discourses of Love

Organizer: Amy Kallander

Discussant: Irvin Cemil Schick

Vivian Solana, U Toronto-*“There is no romance in the desert”: on love and revolution in the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic*

Amy Kallander, Syracuse U-*What is love?: how romance and courtship crafted the modern Tunisian subject*

Asli Zengin, Brandeis-*Politics of love/ loving politics: notes on the LGBTQ movement in Turkey*

Secil Yilmaz, Graduate Center, CUNY-*Negotiating love in the late Ottoman period*

4329 Ottoman Seas 1

Organizer: Murat Cem Mengüç

Chair: Virginia Aksan, McMaster

Discussant: Palmira Brummett, Brown

Michael Polczynski, Georgetown-*Steppe as sea: the Black Sea and the figurative littorals of the deşt-i kıpçak*

Michael Talbot, U Greenwich-*Protecting the Mediterranean: Ottoman legal and naval responses to maritime violence in the eighteenth century*

Isacar Bolanos, Ohio State-*Beyond the Hindiyya Barrage: Ottoman hydraulic works on the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers during the nineteenth century*

Emily Neumeier, U Penn-*The “image value” of Ottoman fortifications*

4333 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, Col of 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*

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Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine-Mohamed *Leftah's unruly masculinity and modernity*
Suleiman Hodali, UCLA-Aḥmad Fāris Shidyāq in Malta and modern Arabic philology

4334 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

4338 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

4374 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 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

4396 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-Quff* (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 *birsām* and *sirsām*

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*

4407 Experimental Methods in the Middle East

Organizer: **Dana El Kurd**

Discussant: **Luai Allarakia**, U Houston

Ekrem KaraKoç, Binghamton-How foreign policies of other nations affect domestic policy attitudes: the case of Lebanon

Kimberly Guiler, Texas Austin-From prison to the parliament: evidence from a priming experiment in 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

4423 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 Goicolea-Amiano, European U Inst-Performing and constraining colonization in the Spanish occupation of Tetouan (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

4432 The Art Salon in the Middle East: Migration of Institutional Patronage and Its Challenges

Organizers: **Nadia 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 Sursok Museum

Roundtable

4434 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

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

4454 The Crisis of Masculinity in Middle Eastern Literature and Culture

Organizer: **Nicole Fares**

Chair: **Nicole Fares**, U Arkansas
Discussant: **Hanadi Al-Samman**, U Virginia

Jedidiah Anderson, Wofford Col-*Exotic and benighted, or modern yet victimized?: the predicament of the Arab queer*

Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech-*"I get to deflower at least one. It's my right!": revealing the precariousness of hegemonic masculinity in Rashid Al-Daif's writings*
Nicole Fares, U Arkansas-*Of swords and pigeons: emasculation and power play in Lebanese culture*

Kaveh Bassiri, U Arkansas-*From revolutionary to reformist: Masud Kimiai and the transformation of masculinity*

4484 New Perspectives on Late Antique Iran and Iraq

Organizer: **Michael Pregill**

Organized under the auspices of
ILEX Foundation

Chair: **Michael Pregill**, Boston U

Rahim Shayegan, UCLA-*On diachrony in Sasanian studies*

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana U Bloomington-*Religious polemics in Sasanian writings*

Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State-*The long shadow of Sasanian Christianity: the limits of Iraqi Islamization to 950*

Mimi Hanaoka, U Richmond-*Authority and identity in early Medieval Persianate Islamic historiography: methodologies for reading hybrid identities and imagined histories*

4507 Atatürk and the American Missionaries: Resistance and Accommodation in the New Turkish Republic

Organizer: **Carolyn Goffman**

Michael Limberg, U Connecticut-*Trusting 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*

4556 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-imagining a marginalized identity: music and Alevi youth in Istanbul (1930s to the present)*

4597 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*

4650 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*

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4665 Controversies in Twentieth Century Egypt

Chair: **Tarek El-Ariss**, Texas Austin

Mitch Bacci, Texas Austin-*Smugglers and state-builders: heroin trafficking and institutional development in interwar Egypt*

Heba Arafa, Georgetown-*Dreams of alternative modernities on the Nile*

Yasser Sultan, Georgetown-*The legacy of Al-Bannā: between gradualism and radicalism*

Joyce Van De Bildt, Tel Aviv U-*The battle over the establishment of a museum for the 1952 revolution in Egypt*

Weston Bland, Wisconsin Madison-*Re-envisioning the communal sphere: the contestation of Coptic institutions, 1943-1955*

4681 Socio-Political Developments in Lebanon

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*

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4704 Is There an Early Modern Muslim Mediterranean?

Organizers: **Andrew Devereux**, Loyola Marymount; **Mayte Green Mercado**

Session Leader: **Mayte Green Mercado**, Michigan Ann Arbor

Gillian Weiss, Case Western Reserve U

Nabil Matar, U Minnesota

Daniel Hershenzon, U Connecticut

Eric Dursteler, Brigham Young U

Cornell H. Fleischer, U Chicago

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4300 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 Parkinson, Johns Hopkins
Jason Brownlee, Texas Austin

4313 Arab Jewish Belonging in the Middle East After Israel's War of 1948

Organizers: Bryan Roby, Chelsie May

Discussant: Orit Bashkin, U Chicago

Aviv Ben-Or, Brandeis-Shaping Hebrew culture in Arabic: Sami Michael's Arabic fiction of the 1950s

Bryan Roby, Michigan Ann Arbor-Expressions of belonging and identity in Mizrahi social justice protests 1948-1958

Chelsie May, U Chicago-Intersectionality, belonging and the immigration of Arab Jewish women: reading Louise Cohen, Shoshana Levy and Shoshana Almoslino between Iraq and Israel

Aziza Khazzoom, Indiana U Bloomington-Identification patterns of Francophile Iraqi Jews in Israel

4314 Assessing the Legacy of Fayz Muhammad "Katib-i Hazarah"

Organizer: Robert D. McChesney

Mehdi Khorrami, NYU-The evolution of stylistics and aesthetics in Siraj Al-tawarikh: the emergence of Fayz Muhammad "Katib" as a modern storyteller

Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, James Madison U-European capital and the environment in Fayz Muhammad's Siraj Al-Tawarikh

Amin Tarzi, Marine Corps U-The relationship between Fayz Muhammad and Mahmud Tarzi

Robert D. McChesney, NYU-Fayz Muhammad Khan as historian of Afghanistan

4330 Ottoman Seas 2

Organizer: Murat Cem Mengüç

Chair: Palmira Brummett, Brown

Discussant: Nabil Al-Tikriti, U Mary Washington

Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Brigham Young U-Establishing an Ottoman naval vision: reforming admirals Hayreddin Pasha and Mezemorta Pasha

Murat Cem Mengüç, Seton Hall U-Memories of the war in the sea, Safai'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

4341 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-Shawāri' Limīn? whose streets?: on public space, sexual violence, and the memory of the revolution in post-revolution Cairo

Roundtable

4347 Ba'thism, Islamism, and ISIS

Organizer: Michael Brill

Chair: Joseph Sasso, 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

4364 Ismaili 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 Ismā'īlī neoplatonism and Akbarī ontology

Shahrad Shahvand, Harvard-Ismailism under the influence of Ibn 'Arabī: some metaphysical views of Āqā Khān Maḥallātī (d. 1881)

Paul Anderson, Harvard-Projections: gendering the spiritual in Ismā'īlī cosmology
Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard-The true path (satpanth): narrative hermeneutics (ta'wīl) in the Ismā'īlī Gināns

4398 Places and Spaces in Pre-Modern Arabic Writing from the Islamic West

Organizer: Sabahat Adil

Discussant: Zayde Antrim, Trinity Col

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, U Colorado Boulder-Seeking baraka in Tlemcen: knowledge production, circulation, and saintly piety in the Islamic west

Gretchen Head, Yale NUS Col-Space, identity, and genre in 17th century Morocco

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4414 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

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*

4417 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

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

Yoni Furas, Tel-Aviv 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*

4424 New Issues, Perspectives and Sources in Armenian Studies

Organizer: **Umit Kurt**

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Chair: **Barlow Der Mugerdechian**, CSU Fresno

Discussant: **Umit Kurt**, Harvard

Emre Can Daglioglu, Clark U-*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 Ketsamian, Princeton-*The Hunchakian Revolutionary Party from 1891-1895*

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

4441 Slave Women and Free Men: Mediating Social Change in the Medieval Middle East

Organizer: **Karen Moukheiber**

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Chair: **Leslie Peirce**, NYU

Discussant: **Karen Moukheiber**, American U Beirut

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

Lev Weitz, Catholic U America-*Concubinage 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*

4463 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*

4472 Crossing Borders: Transnational Histories of the Colonial-Era Maghrib

Organizer: **Samuel Anderson**

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Chair: **Samuel Anderson**, UCLA

Discussant: **Jonathan Wrytzen**, 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 Cornwell, 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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4515 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*

Elena Chiti, U Oslo-*No homeland in this world: Alexandrian Arab cosmopolitanism in the shadow of the Great War (1911-1922)*

Eftychia Mylona, Leiden U-*A presence without a narrative: the Greeks in Egypt, 1961-1976*

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

4532 Probing the Process: Beyond Outcomes-Based Studies of Contentious Politics

Organizer: **Yasmina Abouzzohour**

Chair: **Lisa Anderson**, NYU Abu Dhabi
Discussant: **Asef Bayat**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Lisel Hintz, Cornell-*Sticks and stones revisited: satire and insult in the escalation of Turkey's Gezi protests*

Dina Bishara, Harvard; **Elliott Colla**, Georgetown-*Downtime contention: the daily politics of sit-ins in Egypt*

Trevor Johnston, Harvard Kennedy Schl-*When cooptation fails: the spatial dynamics of protest and repression in Bahrain*

Yasmina Abouzzohour, Oxford-*Outsmarted, co-opted, and repressed: understanding the Moroccan monarchy's strategic manipulation of protesters*

4533 Creating Jordan: Artistic Production in a Divided Nation
Organizer: **George Potter**

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

Rory Sykes, Northwestern-*"We are all fedayeen": Palestinian and Jordanian representations of the Battle of Karameh*
Rayya El Zein, Graduate Center, CUNY-Class, concerts, cosmopolitanism: Amman as emerging "cultural hotspot"
Kimberly Katz, Towson-Social history of crime: Jordanian rule in Hebron, 1950s

4535 Arabic Study Abroad in Comparative Contexts: Towards an Integrated Approach

Organizer: **Ahmed Idrissi Alami**



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 Bounajma, Al-Akhawayn U-*Arabic culture and literature courses through blended learning for advanced students in study abroad programs*

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

4581 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*

4622 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*

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4628 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*

Maysam Behraves, Lund-*Hypersecuritization: or how the Islamic State manages the savagery*

Curtis R. Ryan, Appalachian State-*Crossfire: Jordanian policy between ISIS and the Syrian Civil War*

4640 The Contemporary State in Turkey

Chair: **Hootan Shambayati**, Florida Gulf Coast U

Jessica Doyle, Ulster U-*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, Bogazici-*The decline of democracy in Turkey: authoritarian bargain and institutional decay*

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4709 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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4312 Postcolonial Shame

Organizer: **Anna C. Cruz**

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

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

Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State-
Reclaiming Quranic exegesis: Amīn Al-Khūlī and the new methods of tafsīr

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

Roundtable

4319 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 Jabary Salamanca, Columbia U

Nida Alahmad, Ghent U

Gokce Gunel, Columbia U

Janell Rothenberg, George Washington

4321 Networked Texts: New Ways of Seeing the Arabic Textual Tradition (750-1500)

Organizers: **Maxim Romanov, Sarah Bowen Savant**

Chair: **Matthew S. Gordon**, Miami U

Maxim Romanov, U Leipzig-*Of a network and a node: "The History of Islam" of Al-Dhahabi (d. 1348) and its place in the premodern Arabic textual tradition*

Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan

U-Khurasan and its literary networks in the late 10th-early 11th centuries: Arabic letters at the rise of Persian literature

Najam Haider, Barnard Col/Columbia U-*The myth of margins: mapping Shi'i historiography*

Majied Robinson, U Edinburgh-*Text reuse and nasab: outlining by genre*

4323 Rethinking the "Saddle Period:" Concept History and New Temporalities for Modern Middle Eastern History

Organizers: **Susanna Ferguson, Angela Giordani**

Chair/Discussant: **Samera Esmeir**, UC Berkeley

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

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

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

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

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4336 Negotiating Activism in Academia

Organizer: **Marie Grace Brown**

Chair: **Eve Troutt Powell**, U Penn

Stephen Sheehi, Col of William and Mary

Marie Grace Brown, U Kansas

Michelle Hartman, McGill

4362 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 Col-*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*

4376 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-
Şirvānī'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-*Alchemy in Ottoman medicine: Galen, Paracelsus, Ömer Şifai (d. 1742)*

4451 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*

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4452 A Tribute to the Work of Mary Ann Tétreault (1942-2015)

Organizer: **Farah Al-Nakib**



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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, Ifpo, oPt WFAW-*From stories of democracy to histories of the margins: enlarging the spectrum of Kuwaiti voices*

4461 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*

4502 Kurdish Artistic Expression, Resistance, and the State: Literature

Organizer: **Christian Sinclair**

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Chair: **Christian Sinclair**, Moravian Col

Mahroo Rashidirostami, Exeter-*Kurdish theatre of resistance under the Baath, 1975-1991*

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*

4504 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 Col 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*

4521 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*

4544 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*

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4576 Fractures Within Historiographies of the Urban

Organizer: **Huma Gupta**

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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*

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*

4587 Masculinities, Conservatism and Power Relations in Contemporary Turkey

Organizer: **Asli Cirakman**

Asli Cirakman, Middle East Technical-*How conservative are the conservative businessmen in Turkey*

Betul Eksi, Marmara U-*Public policing and multiple police masculinities in Turkey*

Selin Akyuz, Bilkent-*Becoming a master: masculinities and entrepreneurship in Turkey*

4605 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*

4648 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 Lumière Lyon 2-*Decoding multilingual language practices within a Palestinian NGO*

Nilay Sevinc, AATT-*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 Arabic students at the beginning and intermediate levels*

4657 Arab-Iranian Intellectual Exchanges and Political Encounters

Chair: **James F. Goode**, Grand Valley State

Arash Reisinezhad, Florida International-*Pre-revolutionary Iran and Shia Lebanese 1958-1979*

Gholam R. Vatandoust, American U Kuwait-*Pan-Iranism, pan-Arabism and pan-Islamism: the dispute between the Shah of Iran and Gamel Abdul Nasser of Egypt*

Amirhossein Teimouri, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Round-the-clock revolution of 1979: divergent perceptions of the Arab revolts in Iran*

Yusuf Unal, Emory-*Sayyid Qutb in Iran: translating the Islamist ideologue in the Islamic Republic*

4674 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*

4684 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*

Thematic
Conversation

4699 Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents

Organizers: **Pauline Homsy Vinson**,
Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Chair: **Pauline Homsy Vinson**, Diablo Valley Col

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

Roundtable

4325 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

4343 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-waged 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 Pancoast, 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"

4348 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

Jorgen Jensehaugen, U Col Lillehammer-Palestinian autonomy without the Palestinians

Roundtable

4349 The Political Theology of ISIS: Beyond the Binary of Politics and Religion

Organizer: **Amal Ghazal**

Chair: **Shahzad Bashir**, Stanford

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

4358 "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 Karabaş 'Ali Veli (d. 1686)

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

4366 Political Parties in the Arab World: Continuity and Change

Organizer: **Lise Storm**

Chair: **Michael J. Willis**, Oxford

Anne Wolf, Oxford-'Dégagé RCD!' regime breakdown and the rise of internal dissent in Ben Ali's Constitutional Democratic Rally Party (1987-2011)

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

4378 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 and ethnic conflict: Kurdish insurgency and parliamentary behavior in Turkey

4448 Widening the Net: New Sources, Methods, and Insights in the Arabian Peninsula

Organizers: **Sean Foley**, **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**

Chair: **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**, Northwestern-Qatar

Discussant: **Elizabeth Derderian**, Northwestern

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

Callie Jones, Maryland College Park-Doing the right thing: gender and ethical decision-making in Kuwait

4473 Networks of Capital: Land, Markets, and Community in the Levant and North Africa
Organizers: **Kristen Alff, 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, Tunisia, 1890s-1970s

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

4505 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

4520 Conflicting Fieldwork in the Middle East: Feelings, Obligations, Trauma and Theory
Organizers: **Dr. 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

4531 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

Nils Hagerdal, Princeton-Ethnic cleansing as military strategy: lessons from Lebanon, 1975-1990

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

4540 Citizenship, Equality and Sovereignty in Post-Revolution Tunisia

Organizer: **Nadia Marzouki**, CNRS

Corinna 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

4546 "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 Sharia-minded Muslims

4550 Looking Back to Look Forward: North African and Iberian Relations in the 16th and 21st Centuries
Organizer: **Veronica Menaldi**

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American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

R. Scott Hussey, U Florida-Christian captivity in Tetouan, Morocco: A post-Reconquista nexus of Iberian Christian, Muslim, and Jewish interactions

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 pliegos
Carol Ready, U Minnesota-"Una lengua extranjera": language policy in the Spanish city of Ceuta

4555 Approaches to Historiography in the Early Islamic World
Organizer: **Richard Heffron**

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Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Fred M. Donner**, U Chicago
Discussant: **Elizabeth Urban**, West Chester U

Kyle Longworth, U Chicago-Dionysius of Telmahrē and Syriac perspectives of the early Islamic period

Ilkka Lindstedt, U Helsinki-Historiography and ḥadīths

5:45-7:30PM Friday November 18

Richard Heffron, U Chicago-*The transmission and compilation of knowledge in Abbasid Syria*

Antoine Borrut, U Maryland/Inst for Advanced Study-*The cultural memory of early Islamic Egypt*

4625 Egypt After January 25, 2011

Chair: **Yoram Meital**, Ben-Gurion U

Clarissa C. Burt, US Naval Academy-*Hassan Teleb's "Anjiil al-Thawra wa Qur'aanuhaa": from Idaa'ah to the poetry of the January 25 Revolution*

Shimaa Hatab, Cairo U-*Ruling elites, producing Islam and transition predicament in Egypt*

Somaia M. El Sayed, Cairo U-*Egyptian youth: a retreat to abstention?*

Solava Ibrahim, U Cambridge-*The revolution of rising expectations; how the uprisings affected deprived communities in Egypt*

Asya R. El-Meehy, United Nations-*Popular committees in Cairo: analyzing urban activism post-Mubarak*

4645 Kurdistan and the Ottoman Empire

Chair: **Stefan Winter**, U Quebec Montreal

Barbara Henning, Bamberg U-*Of passionate Ottomans and republican homemakers: marginalized narratives and mnemopolitical agendas in the history of the Ottoman-Kurdish Bedirhani family*

Nilay Ozok Gundogan, Binghamton-*Census-making as a social process in Ottoman Kurdistan, 1840-1850*

Emine Rezzan Karaman, UCLA-*The making of the Ottoman-Persian border and the imposition of Osmanlilik in the majority Kurdish frontier in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries*

4647 Performance, Media & Public Spaces

Vika Gardner, Hampshire Col-*A Muslim televangelist preaches science: Zakir Naik constructs authority through science*

Anas Alahmed, Indiana U Bloomington-*Internalized Orientalism in media representation following the 2011 Egyptian revolution*

Vit Sisler, Charles U in Prague-*Who is listening to your fatwas?: social network analysis of Islamic sites' audiences on Facebook*

Fatima El Issawi, London Schl of Economics/Essex U-*Towards an alternative public space?: A Moroccan case study*

Suncem Koçer, Kadir Has U-*Framing a new national framework: Turkish and Armenian media on constitutional changes*

4656 Gender and Sexuality in Iran

Chair: **Fatemeh Hosseini**, Georgetown

Samaneh Oladi, UCSB-*Women's interpretive possibilities and constraints*

Norma Claire Moruzzi, Illinois Chicago-*Commodifying ourselves: transgender and neoliberalism in contemporary Iran*

Mostafa Abedinifard, MacEwan U-*Hegemonic masculinity and the policing of heterosexuality: gender and transgender in two Iranian films—"Be Like Others" and "Facing Mirrors"*

4671 Contested Politics: Libya, Morocco, Syria

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

Brynjar Lia, U Oslo-*Rebel governance by Jihadi militant groups in the Middle East*

Matteo Capasso, Durham U-*'Narratives of a revolution' and 'fantasies of a good life': what happened and what could happen in Libya since 2011*

Fouad Gehad Marei, Free U Berlin-*Governing in the meanwhile?: understanding justice and governance in the Syrian insurgency*

Tara Deubel, U South Florida-*Urbanizing the Sahara: the politics of settlement and urban development in El-Ayoun*

4673 Scenarios of Cosmopolitanism

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, Texas Austin

Robert Landau Ames, Harvard-*Modernizing Sufism: Safi 'Alī Shāh's Mīzān Al-Ma'rifah and late Qajar epistemic culture*

Keren Zdafee, Tel Aviv U/Talpiot Col-*Cosmopolitan gaze, Egyptian caricatures: the role of foreign local artists in the making of Egypt's satirical repertoire during the 'cosmopolitan era' (1882-1936)*

Tanya Lawrence, Yale-*An age of vernacular cosmopolitanisms: the Iranian community of the late Ottoman Empire*

Saghar Sadeghian, Yale-*A socio-historical approach to Claude Anet's "La Perse en Automobile"*

Thematic Conversation

4700 BDS and Middle East Studies: Historical, Political and Legal Dimensions, Year 2

Organizer: **Abdel Razzaq Takriti**

Abdel Razzaq Takriti, U Houston
Rima Kapitan, Kapitan Law Office
Omar AlShehabi, Gulf U for Science and Technology

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

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Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting

Vineyard (4)

11am-1pm

Kurdish Studies Association Business Meeting

Massachusetts (5)

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Western Consortium of Middle East Centers Meeting

Orleans (4)

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ASPS Board Meeting

Northeastern (3)

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Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies MENA Business History Project

Massachusetts (5)

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JPS Editorial Board Meeting

Northeastern (3)

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Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies Reception

Vineyard (4)

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MEOC Public Business Meeting

Boston University (3)

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University of Michigan Reception

Simmons (3)

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Fulbright 70th Anniversary Reception

Wellesley (3)

4324 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

Roundtable

4326 Where is Culture Now?: The Place of Cultural History in Middle East Studies

Organizer: **Dylan Baun**

Chair: **Dylan Baun**, U Alabama Huntsville

Kevin W. Martin, Indiana U

Hoda Yousef, Denison

Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara

Farzin Vejdani, Ryerson U

4353 Traversing and Transgressing Boundaries in Armenian History

Organizers: **Richard Antaramian**,

Dzovinar Derderian

Chair: **Asbed Kotchikian**, Bentley U

Discussant: **Gerard Libaridian**,

Cambridge, Mass.

Houri Berberian, CSU Long Beach-

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 raccomandazione

and the eighteenth-century travels of an

Armenian gem merchant from Istanbul

Richard Antaramian, U Southern

California-*Traversing ecclesiastic*

boundaries, or how Mkrtich Kefszian tried

to break the Armenian millet

Thematic Conversation

4377 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

4444 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

4449 Knowledge Production and Ottoman Empire: Travelogues in the Long Nineteenth Century

Organizer: **Zeinab Azarbadegan**

Zeinab Azarbadegan, Columbia U-*Ruler*

of the roads: Nasir Al-Din Shah and Iranian

sovereignty in Ottoman Iraq

Mostafa Minawi, Cornell-*An officer and a*

gentleman in East Africa

Selim Karlitekin, Columbia

U-*Unjamming the ummah: Ottomans*

traveling to India in the long 19th century

Tania Bhattacharyya, Columbia U-*From*

Bombay to Basra: between empire and self-

determination in the Persian Gulf, 1916-1918

4459 Moving Homelands: Migrations and Memory in the Twentieth Century

Organizer: **Beeta Baghoolizadeh**

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

4486 Gulf Politics Beyond Rentierism
Organizer: **Sofia Fenner**

Chair: **Sofia Fenner**, U Chicago

Tyler Schuenemann, 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*

4488 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*

4491 Leisure and Its Discontents: Contesting Public Practices and Popular Spaces
Organizers: **Haggai Ram**, **Lior B. Sternfeld**

Chair/Discussant: **Ted Swedenburg**, U Arkansas

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*

4522 Imperial State Practices and Local Perspectives in Early Ottoman Syria
Organizer: **Charles L. Wilkins**

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Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair: **Abdul-Karim Rafeq**, Col of William and Mary

Discussant: **Stefan Winter**, U Quebec Montreal

Linda T. Darling, U Arizona-*Resource extraction in a conquered province: the changing role of Ottoman Syria in the mid-16th century*

Charles L. Wilkins, Wake Forest-*Ottoman elite recruitment and the case of Janbulad Bek b. Qasim (d. ca. 1575)*

Abdulahim Abu-Husayn, American U Beirut-*Seeking the house of felicity: Arab encounters with the new capital-city Istanbul*

Malissa Taylor, Massachusetts
Amherst-*Suleyman the Magnificent in the eyes of early modern Damascene writers*

Roundtable

4539 Reflections on the Reading and Writing of Biography
Organizer: **Yoav Alon**

Yoav Alon, Tel Aviv U
Liora R. Halperin, Colorado Boulder
Joel Parker, Tel Aviv U
Peter Wien, Maryland College Park

4559 Tunisia in Transition: Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy in Challenging Times
Organizer: **Dhia Ben Ali**

Chair/Discussant: **William A. Lawrence**, George Washington

Andrea Kavanaugh, Virginia Tech-*The impact of information sources on political information efficacy in Tunisia: a case study of the 2014 elections*

Fabian Stroetges, Durham U-*The international dimension of Tunisia's political transition: what role of the European Union?*

Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury-*Regional permeability and Tunisian foreign policy after the uprisings*

Dhia Ben Ali, U Arkansas-*The double edge: exploring the contradictory roles of civil society organizations in Tunisian politics*

4572 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 Toktamis, 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 statebuilding: external actors and the Libyan transition*

Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux, Brandeis-*Challenges and failures of the military intervention and state-building efforts in Libya*

4589 Communicating Politics in the Middle East: Objects, Spaces and Voices in Political Narratives
Organizer: **Bilge Yesil**

Chair/Discussant: **Bilge Yesil**, Col 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 vew wave films*

4626 Public Service & Syndicates in Egypt

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*

4646 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 Yelbaşı, SOAS London-*Civil war at the end of the empire; Circassian opposition to the nationalists of Ankara in 1920*

4659 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*

4672 Turkish-Iranian Encounters

Sevil Cakir Kilincoglu, Leiden U-*Women in radical left in Iran and Turkey during the 1970s*

Navid Fozi, Middle East Technical, Ankara-*Diasporic counterpublics: Iranian asylum seekers in Turkey*

Alyeh Mehin, U Arizona-*The influence of Turkish soap operas on middle class working women of Mashhad*

4678 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 'nahḍa': a term and its transformations, 1850-1880*

Jocelyn Wright, Texas Austin-*Spectres of l'Étranger: (re)imagining Camus in Algerian literature*

Shaikha Almubarak, UC Berkeley-*The cinematic Cairene house and its context in the "Cairo Trilogy"*

Alya ElHosseiny, NYU-*The Orient: a phenomenology of strangeness in early Arabic novels*

4679 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 Duniyaa Jadidah*

4687 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)*

J.R. Osborn, Georgetown-*Arabic script and unicode: technical legacies, challenges, and futures*

Christian Mauder, U Göttingen-*The birth and early life of the Mamluk Sultan Qānṣawh Al-Ghawri (r. 1501-1516): literary and historical analysis of an unpublished late Mamluk manuscript*

SPECIAL SESSION

4710 Explaining Divergent Outcomes: The Arab Spring Five Years On

Organizer: **Shamiran Mako**, Northeastern

Chair: **Val Moghadam**, Northeastern

Joshua Landis, Oklahoma U
Max Abrahms, Northeastern
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—and 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.

4302 Yemen: From Zaydi Revivalism to Huthi Expansionism

Organizer: **Marieke Brandt**

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for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)**

Chair: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U
Discussant: **Najam Haider**, Barnard Col/
Columbia U

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-*Itineraries 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*

4308 The Politics of Time and Material Heritage Through the Museum Framework in the Arabian Peninsula

Organizer: **Amal Sachedina**



Chair/Discussant: **Karen Exell**, UCL Qatar

Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus U-*Proper religion in the glocal Gulf museum: questions of inclusion and exclusion*

Amal Sachedina, 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*

4346 Technological Zones in the Middle East: Engineering Politics Out of Flows of Energy and Infrastructure
Organizer: **Katayoun Shafiee**

Chair/Discussant: **Gokce Gunel**, Columbia U

Natasha Pesaran, Columbia U-*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*

4390 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*

4409 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*

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Hanan Toukan, Free U Berlin-*Too close for comfort?: On Lebanon's Palestine, (in) visibility, and art*

4422 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 Ḡurḡānī's concept of bayān*

Avigail Noy, Harvard-*Bayān and 'ilm al-bayān*

Nora Kalbarczyk, Ruhr U Bochum-*Systematizing the hermeneutical toolbox: Fakhr Al-Dīn Al-Rāzī's conception of bayān*

Roundtable

4455 Breaking the Two Stone Tablets: Experiments in Teaching Outside the Standard Textbooks, Narratives, and Assignments in Survey Courses

Organizer: **Heather N. Keaney**

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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

4474 New Directions in the History and Literature of Lebanon: An Interdisciplinary Discussion of Gender and Sexuality

Organizer: **Christine B. Lindner**

Dima Ayoub, Middlebury Col-*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-Beirut men and the challenge of methodology

Kifah Hanna, Trinity Col-*Writing the body in Lebanese war literature*

4519 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*

Roundtable

4529 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

4545 Ghazali and His Interlocutors

Organizer: **John Walbridge**

Discussant: **Elizabeth R. Alexandrin**, U Manitoba

Seyed Asghari, Indiana U-*The Maktab-i Taffik 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-Fayḍ Al-Kāshānī and Al-Ghazālī: reclamation of the "Ihyā' 'Ulūm Al-Dīn"*

Yasin Basaran, Indiana U-*Taking Avicenna seriously: reevaluation of Al-Ghazali's objections on creation*

4567 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: Vurun Kahpeye (1926) and the affective politics of narratives of victimhood*

4577 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*

Jason Vivrette, UC Berkeley-*National literature defi(n)ed: writing beyond Turkish in the work of Mehmet Yaşın and Yılmaz Odabaşı*

Başak Çandar, Appalachian State-*Transnational Turkish(es) in Murat Uyurkulak's Tol*

4599 The Maghrib on Edge: New State and Citizen Strategies in the Face of Regional Turbulence, Turpitude and Retrenchment

Organizer: **William A. Lawrence**

Haizam Amirah-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*

4632 Courts, Texts, & Interpretations

Chair: **Sebastian Guenther**, U Goettingen

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

Jessica Mutter, U Chicago-*Evolving representations of religious conversion in Syrian historical writing, 640-850 CE*

Youcef Soufi, U Toronto-*Whose disputation? which rationality: the purpose of 10th century Islamic legal disputations*

Sharon Silzell, U Arkansas Monticello-*Reading an “unreadable” book: Kufic Qur’ans and the articulation of Islam*

Sohail Hanif, Oxford-*Arguing the law: unravelling the dialectic of Al-Marghīnānī’s (d. 593/1196-7) Al-Hidāyah*

4644 Courts, Texts, & Interpretations

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*

4654 Kurds in Contemporary Politics

Susan Benson-Sokmen, U Toronto-*The poetics of political violence: women of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party and feminism’s forgotten history of armed struggle*

Murat Yuksel, Nisantasi U, Turkey-*Local militias and peace processes: the case of the village guard system in Turkey*

Peyman Asadzadehmamaghani, U Central Florida; **Gunes Murat Tezcur**, U Central Florida-*Ethnic rebels, religious loyalties: the Kurdish insurgency in Iran*

Kutbettin Kilic, Indiana U Bloomington-*Ethnic category and ethnic group: a conceptual approach to the Kurdish issue in Turkey*

4664 Economic and Social Change in 19th and 20th Century Egypt

Chair: **Sarah Ghabrial**, Columbia U

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 U-*(Discursive) crowd control and the birth of the licentious space*

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

4683 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*

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*

4691 Islamist Discourses in MENA

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

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*

Thematic Conversation

4698 Funding Opportunities for MENA Region Research

Organizer: **Maggie Nassif**

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

Zeinab Mohamed Ibrahim, Carnegie Mellon U Qatar

Maysa Abou-Youssef Hayward, Ocean County Col

James A. Miller, MACECE

R. Kirk Belnap, Brigham Young U

4322 Success as Subjugation: Palestinian Education Under Settler Colonialism

Organizer: Mai Abu Moghli

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Maha Shuayb, Ctr for Lebanese Studies-
*Inclusive exclusion: education of Palestinian
refugee students in Lebanon*

Mai Abu Moghli, UCL Inst of Education-
*Violence in Palestinian Authority boys
schools in the Occupied West Bank*

Nadim Nashif, Baladna-Association for
Arab Youth-Israeli control over Palestinian
schools within the Green Line

Joshua Stacher, Kent State-Occupation's
consequence: struggles for academic freedom
in Palestinian universities

4342 Challenges of Authoritarian Legitimation in the Middle East

Organizer: Noa Schonmann

Jason Brownlee, Texas Austin-
*Democratization in an age of
authoritarianism: why the Arab world's
political travails are unexceptional*

Noa Schonmann, Oxford-*Legitimacy in
the shadow of violence: justifying Egypt's
relations with Israel*

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*

4344 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*

Nova Robinson, Seattle U-*Lebanese
women, "eastern" women's rights, and the
UN Commission on the Status of Women*

Anat Mooreville, UC Davis-*The World Health
Organization and the problem of regionalization:
Israel in the Eastern Mediterranean*

4371 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
U-*Qabacha's legacy*

Michael O'Neal, Independent Scholar-
*Loyalty, service and benefit: hierarchies and
intermediaries in the Ghūrid polity*

4379 Purpose, Cross-Purpose, Re- Purpose: Performance and Politics in the Classical Arabic Qasida

Organizer: Suzanne P. Stetkevych

Chair/Discussant: Muhsin Al-Musawi,
Columbia U

Cynthia Brandenburg, Georgetown-*The
elegy as double-edged sword: Jarīr's rithā' to
his wife*

Ali Alnahlhbi, Imam U-*Restructuring
the society: Sudayf Ibn Maymūn's panegyric
performance before the Caliph Abū Al-
'Abbās Al-Saffāh*

Suzanne P. Stetkevych, Georgetown-
*Mourning and performing: Al-Ma'arrī's
elegy to Al-Sharīf Al-Ṭāhīr Al-Mūsawī*
Hamad Obaid Alajmi, Kuwait U-*Re-
purposing the jahiliyya*

4403 The Ottoman Roots of Modernity in Middle Eastern and Southeast European Cities

Organizer: Stefan Peychev

Mehmet Celik, Texas Austin-*Building a
provincial capital: Ottoman modernization in
the city of Ruse, 1864-1878*

Stefan Peychev, Illinois Urbana-
Champaign-*Whose modernity?
transformation and continuity in the making
of modern Sofia (1858-1912)*

Nilay Ozlu, Topkapi Palace/Bogazici-
*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*
Aline Schlaepfer, U Geneva/American U
Beirut-*The Ottoman legacy of modernity in
20th century Iraq*

4468 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 Brustad, 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

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4487 Capitalism and Class in the Middle East: Reflections on the Arab Uprisings

Organizers: Angela Joya, Koenraad
Bogaert

Chair: Toby C. Jones, Rutgers

Christopher Parker, Ghent U
Koenraad Bogaert, Ghent U
Angela Joya, U Oregon
Sara Salem, Inst of Social Studies
Karim Malak, Columbia U
Ahmed Kanna, U of the Pacific
Paola Rivetti, Dublin City U

Roundtable

4494 Knowledge Production, Exclusion, Inclusion: The Repositioning of Armenians in Ottoman and Turkish Historiography
Organizer: **Lerna Ekmekcioglu**, MIT



Chair: **Vahe Sahakyan**, Michigan Ann Arbor

David E. Gutman, Manhattanville Col
Carel Bertram, San Francisco State
Rachel Goshgarian, Lafayette Col
Bedross Der Matossian, Nebraska Lincoln
Yasar Tolga Cora, Michigan Ann Arbor
Alyson Wharton, U Lincoln (UK)

4518 The Production of Space in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Egypt
Organizer: **Kyle Anderson**

Chair: **Ziad Fahmy**, Cornell
Discussant: **Shana E. Minkin**, Sewanee: U of the South

Nefertiti Takla, UCLA-Subaltern violence and the spatialization of class relations in early interwar Alexandria
Jennifer L. Derr, UC Santa Cruz-The well-watered subject: economy, disease, and the relationship between space and subjectivity in colonial Egypt
Lucia Carminati, U Arizona-Port Sa'īd, 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

4524 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

4536 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
Mounira Maya Charrad, Texas Austin-The power of words: debates about gender in post Arab Spring Tunisia
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

4547 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-The Moroccan women's judges club: to what extent has it shaped the application of the 2004 family law?
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

4578 Political, Social, and Religious Reform in the Age of Social Media
Organizer: **Nadia Oweidat**

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

4582 Transformation into Multicultural Society in Turkey: Challenges from Old Minorities, Diasporas and New Migrants from Syria
Organizer: **Emel Topçu**

Chair: **Tuba Duman**, Social Sciences U Ankara

Ayse Guc, Social Sciences U Ankara-On the eve of becoming a transnational community: the responses of Syrian 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

4600 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

4663 Social Protection and Welfare Policies

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*

4666 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, Wisconsin Madison-*Reading the cosmos: astronomy and theology in the commentaries of Faṭḥallāh Al-Shirwānī (d. 1486)*

4689 Saudi Arabia: Swords, Slavery, and Origins of ISIS

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-'Ardah: *Saudi Arabia and dancing with swords, 1932-1952*

Ondrej Beranek, Oriental Inst, Czech Academy of Sciences-*The Islamic State and taswiyat al-qubur*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

4713 Proposal Writing and Research Design: How To Fund Your Ideas

Organizer: **Suad Joseph**

Sponsored by MESA GSO, 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://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm. Please sign up for the workshop in advance by sending an email message to Mark Lowder at mark@mesana.org. Before the workshop, please browse Professor Joseph's website and read the document, "Components of a social science and humanities research proposal."



4695 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, United Arab Emirates U

Al-Johara H. Al-Thani, NYU

Rawda Awwad, American U Kuwait

Rogaia Abusharaf, Georgetown Qatar

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4359 From Arab-Russian to Arab-Soviet Cultural Encounters: Are There Continuities?

Organizer: **Margaret Litvin**

Chair/Discussant: **Margaret Litvin**, Boston U

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 U-*Arab perspectives on Russian revolutions*

4392 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*

4413 Religion and Secularism in Palestine and Israel

Organizer: **Stacey Gutkowski**

Discussant: **Joyce Dalsheim**, UNC Charlotte

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

Sophie Richter-Devroe, Doha Inst of Graduate Studies-*Tibb 'Arabi: Naqab Bedouin women's healing practices beyond the religious/secular divide*

Stacey Gutkowski, King's Col London-*Cultivating the reasonable hiloni self: a case of secular self-fashioning?*

Una McGahern, Newcastle U-*"They go to get a gun": hidden histories of violence and the politics of rumour in Israel*

4425 Beneath and Beyond Gender and Sexuality: Cultures of Friendship, Sociality, and the Erotic in the Modern Middle East

Organizer: **Pelle Valentin Olsen**

Discussant: **Haytham Bahooora**, U Colorado Boulder

Murat C. Yildiz, Michigan Ann Arbor-*"My dear brother": bonds of friendship in Ottoman sports clubs*

Noga Efrati, 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*

4427 African Slavery and Its Legacies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Power Relations in the Everyday

Organizer: **Michael Ferguson**

Solmaz Celik McDowell, Yeditepe U-*Enslaved Africans and their involvement in crime in the 19th century Ottoman Empire*

Özgül Özdemir, Boğaziçi U-*Thirst for freedom: the attempted escape of a young enslaved African woman in the 19th century*

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

Michael Ferguson, SOAS London-*African slavery in the Ottoman Empire and the violence of the archive*

4460 North Africa: A Forgotten Front During the First World War?

Organizer: **Odile Moreau**

Chair: **Odile Moreau**, Montpellier U-IMAF Paris 1

Discussant: **Julia Clancy-Smith**, U Arizona

Habiba Boumlik, LaGuardia Community Col, CUNY-*Teaching French to North African soldiers in the French colonial army*

Wilfrid J. Rollman, Boston U-*United States-Moroccan relations during the Great War: ambiguities and aspirations, 1914-1919*

Thomas Patrick Martin, Penn State-*Identities in transition: Muslims soldiers in WWI*

Odile Moreau, Montpellier U-IMAF Paris 1-*Ottoman-German aid to Moroccan local resistance to French colonisation during the Great War*

4469 The Future of Iraq: Lessons of Past Policies

Organizer: **Brooke Fisher**, Tufts

Organized under the auspices of
Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies

Discussant: **Nadim Shehadi**, Tufts

Satgin Hamrah, Tufts-*The Iran-Iraq War: evolution, framing and proxy wars*

Shahla ALKli, Tufts-*The implicit state of the Kurdistan region: path toward tacit acceptance by the inter-state system*

Avner Golov, Tufts-*Deterrence during the Gulf War of 1991*

4493 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 khuṭab of Al-Ḥajjāj b. Yūsuf in history and adab works*

2-3:45PM Saturday November 19

4523 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 Ṣabbāḥ 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

4552 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, United Arab Emirates U-Traditional culture and vernacular architecture in the Emirates society

James Redman, Zayed U-When social ties become frayed: monetized alternatives to wasta in Kuwait

Frank Fanselow, Zayed U-The UAE Federal National Council elections 2015

Roundtable

4561 Non-traditional Methods for Teaching Traditional Languages
Organizer: **Maxim Romanov**

Chair: **Marie-Claire Beaulieu**, Tufts

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

4569 Political Dissent and Activism in Post-Arab Spring Egypt

Organizers: **Mirna Wasef**, **Dina Mansour**

Chair: **Babak Rahimi**, UC San Diego

Mirna Wasef, UC San Diego-Changing Tahrir: 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

Dina Mansour, Orient-Inst Beirut-Reinventing revolutions: the moral politics of cyberactivism in the case of the Egyptian secularist movement

Roundtable

4596 Middle Eastern Cities: New Directions in Urban History

Organizers: **Fatemeh Masjedi**, **Joel Parker**

Chairs: **Fatemeh Masjedi**, Free U Berlin;
Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State

Joel Parker, MDC

4609 Publics and Counterpublics in the Late Ottoman Press

Organizer: **Harry Bastermajian**

Hakki Gurkas, Kennesaw State-From private to public: changes in commemorations of Rumi and Haji Bektash

Harry Bastermajian, Harvard-Gender, domesticity, and the ideal Ottoman citizen as represented in Armenian periodicals of Istanbul, 1898-1908

Ekin Enacar, U Chicago-Are we free yet?: limits of freedom of press in the first year of the Young Turk Revolution

Madeleine Elfenbein, U Chicago-Teodor Kasap and the making of an Ottomanist public, 1870-1877

4614 Generations, Ruination and Memory in Egypt 1952- 2011

Organizers: **Nada El-Kouny**, **Momen M. El-Husseiny**, **Mohammed Ezzeldin**, **Aya Nassar**

Aya Nassar, U Warwick-Monuments of the state: urban space, commemoration and nationalism in 1970s Cairo

Mohammed Ezzeldin, CUNY-Failed revolutions, premature temporalities: Arwa Salih and the post 1967 generation in Egypt

Nada El-Kouny, Rutgers-The materialization of generational disjunctures in rural Egypt

Momen M. El-Husseiny, Cairo U-Once upon a time, a modernist building on the Nile

4623 Reproduction of Meaning in the Diaspora

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

4637 The Syrian Civil War, Refugees, & Regional Responses

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

Anna Reumert, Columbia U-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

Matthieu Cimino, Oxford/Sciences Po-The war next door: the Syrian policy of Israel since 2011

4649 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*

4692 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 Palestiiian 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*

Thematic
Conversation

4694 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 U

Intisar Rabb, Harvard Law Schl

Bogac Ergene, U Vermont

Virginia Aksan, McMaster

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM SESSION

4712 Academic Freedom Under Assault: A Roundtable on Recent Developments in Egypt and Turkey

Organizer: **Laurie Brand**

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

Khaled Fahmy, Harvard-*The precarious state of academic freedom in Egypt*
Vickie Langohr, Col of the Holy Cross-*Expanding the borders of the forbidden in Egyptian universities*

Asli Bali, UCLA-*Denying 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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

4714 Professional and Career Pathways

Organizer: **Rita Stephan**



Chair: **Rita Stephan**, U Maryland

Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar

Maro 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.

4315 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*

4355 The Middle East in Latin America

Organizer: **Ellen McLarney**

Chair: **Ellen McLarney**, Duke

Lily Balloffet, North Carolina State-*Nuestras Malvinas & the Suez: Argentine solidarity in the early non-alignment era*

Ellen McLarney, Duke-*Connecting the community: Islamic media and institutions in Argentina*

Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, CIDE-*Mexican Islam: transnational leaderships and institutionalization*

Roundtable

4368 Sykes-Picot at 100: Mapping, Migrants, and Myths

Organizer: **Stacy Fahrenthold**, UC Berkeley, **Melanie Tanielian**, Michigan Ann Arbor

Chair: **Andrew Patrick**, Tennessee State

Laura Robson, Portland State

Jonathan Wyrzten, Yale

Lauren Banko, U Manchester

Nick Danforth, Bipartisan Policy Ctr

Steven Wagner, McGill

4381 Reform, Violence and Revolutionary Organizations in the Late Nineteenth-Century Ottoman East

Organizers: **Yasar Tolga Cora**, **Umit Kurt**

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?*

4384 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*

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4399 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

Laleh Khalili, SOAS London-Quartermasters of capital: military logistics and the making of maritime connections in the Arabian Peninsula

Killian Clarke, Princeton-New media, old networks: how protest diffused in the Egyptian uprising

4418 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

Elaheh Kheirandish, Harvard-"Checkered history" recolored: the changing fortunes and misfortunes of optical works in Islamic and European lands

Tzvi Langermann, 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

4447 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*

4456 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

4506 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*

4534 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 Maktabi, Østfold U Col, Norway-*Female lawyers and patriarchal state laws in Morocco, Lebanon and Kuwait after 2011*

4543 Whither Turkey? Turkish Authoritarianism in Perspective
Organizer: **Koray Çalışkan**

Chair: **Koray Çalışkan**, Boğaziçi U

Karabekir Akkoyunlu, 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 Schl-*Stealth authoritarianism*

Roundtable

4562 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
Fida Adely, Georgetown

4568 Beyond Nationalism: Clashing Identities Between Islamism and Authoritarianism in the Post-Arab Spring
Organizer: **Dina Mansour**, Orient-Inst Beirut

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)*

4612 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 Alhomsy, U Arizona-*Technology integration to foster students' ICC and increase motivation*

ISSUES IN THE PROFESSION WORKSHOP

4715 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.

Charles Joukhadar, U Arizona-*Building intercultural competence through linguistic landscapes and film clips*

4638 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*
Tofiq Maboudi, Loyola Chicago-*Constituting democrats: participation, deliberation, and constitutional legitimacy in Tunisia*

4660 Gender and Conflict: Activism, Resilience, and Disengagement

Chair: **Marya Hannun**, Georgetown

Zeynep Balcioglu, Northeastern-*Packing relations: a case study on young refugee women's capability to form social capital*
Kenny Schmitt, Exeter-*The Murabitiyyin 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*

4-5:45PM Saturday November 19

4677 Representations Respond to History & Trauma

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*

4682 Social and Religious Practices in Ottoman History

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

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

Thematic
Conversation

4706 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

Somy Kim, Boston U

4716 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*



Lakhdar Brahimi

“Ups and Downs and Elephants in the Room: Personal Reflections on UN Peace Operations”

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).

Lakhdar Brahimi spent 2 years (2006-2008) at the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in Princeton, two Semesters as a Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics (LSE) in 2008 and 2009, and taught a course at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), in Paris, in 2011, 2012 and 2015.

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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TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

9-11am

MEOC Board Meeting
MIT (3)

4369 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)

Annalaura Turiano, IREMAM-The Salesian missionaries in Egypt (1950-1970): converting mission into technical cooperation?

Asher Orkaby, Harvard-The Southern Baptist Medical Mission to Yemen, 1964-2002

4370 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

4373 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, U 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

4405 The Individual as the Subject of Historical Inquiry: Four Cases from Egypt and Palestine

Organizer: **Hussam Raafat Ahmed**

Chair: **Khaled Fahmy**, Harvard

Discussant: **Laila Parsons**, McGill

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

Roundtable

4428 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

4436 Women as Agents and Symbols of Change in Early Twentieth Century Turkey

Organizer: **Serpil Atamaz**

Chair/Discussant: **Hale Yilmaz**, Southern Illinois Carbondale

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

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

4467 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"

4499 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

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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

4510 Politics and Piety: Negotiating Subjectivity in Twentieth-Century Salafism

Organizer: **Aaron Rock-Singer**

Jacob Olidort, George Washington-Whither Salafi methodology: Albani, the Taqrib 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

4527 Negotiations of Space in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Writing
Organizers: **Ceyda Steele, Beyza Lorenz**

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

4563 50 Years Ago: The 1967 War's Impact on Arab Americans and Arabs in America

Organizer: **Randa Kayyali**

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Chair: **Evelyn Alsultany**, Michigan Ann Arbor

Discussant: **Sally Howell**, Michigan Dearborn

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

4565 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 Ikhwan Al Irhabiyeen 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 Shias, and Kurds, oh my!' patterns of ethno-sectarian mobilization and non-mobilization in the MENA

4575 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

Saraf Aditi, Johns Hopkins-Ajal 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 U-On ants and bees: finance and Islamic reform in colonial Egypt

Roundtable

4591 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

Discussant: **Berna Turam**, Northeastern

Berna Turam, Northeastern

Hande Ramazanogullari, Istanbul Bilgi U

Nadwa Aldawsari, Middle East and North African Research Group

4595 Power and Institutions in Times of Transition: Case Studies From the Medieval Middle East

Organizer: **Paula Manstetten**

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 U London-The Sultan and the city: the topography of power in Mamluk Damascus 1250-1400

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4634 Security & Confrontation

Chair: **Ami Ayalon**, Tel Aviv U

Emily Gade, U Washington-*Violence and civilian support for militancy: evidence from the 2015 Intifada*

Ali Oskrouchi, Florida International-*Unconventional 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-*Out of order: military insubordination in mobilizing societies*

4662 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*

4670 Tunisia's Democratic Transition: Progress and Challenges

Janine A. Clark, U Guelph; **Ellen Lust**, U Gothenburg-*Not the only game in town: 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*

Jean-Baptiste Gallopin, Yale-*What do you fear? Tunisia's transition and coordination problems during regime change*

4686 Iran: Past and Present

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*

Thematic
Conversation

4705 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

Will Smiley, Reed Col/NYU

Will Hanley, Florida State

Faiz Ahmed, Brown

Aimee Genell, U Miami

4304 In the Flesh: Middle Eastern Bodies and the Construction of Power Relations

Organizer: **Sivan Balslev**

Chair: **Avner Wishnitzer**, Tel Aviv U
Discussant: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**, Concordia U

Leila Asadi, Arizona State-*Necropolitics and Muslim female bodies in online war on terror*

Ran Levy, Tel Aviv U-*Medical experts "speak" with dead bodies: forensic medicine and criminal intent in mandate Palestine*
Sivan Balslev, Van Leer Jerusalem Inst-*Creating better (looking) Iranian men: sport, scouting and soldiering under Reza Shah*
Nimrod Ben Zeev, U Penn-*Body building: skill, harm, risk, and race among construction and citriculture laborers in early 20th century Palestine*

4316 Coercive Apparatuses After the Arab Spring

Organizer: **Sarah Weirich**

Chair: **Marc Lynch**, George Washington
Discussant: **Eva Bellin**, Brandeis

Sharan Grewal, Princeton-*To coup or not to coup: the Tunisian military in 2013*

Sarah Weirich, U Pittsburgh-*The coercive apparatus in Tunisia: paradigms lost?*

Hicham Bou Nassif, Carleton Col-*Coups and nascent democracies: Egypt and Tunisia in a comparative perspective*

Shana Marshall, George Washington-*Follow the money: how certain economic activities do (or don't) generate political resources for the Egyptian military*

4375 The Shi'a of Lebanon: New Approaches to History, Politics, and Religion

Organizers: **Mara Leichtman**, Michigan State, **Rola El-Husseini**, Graduate Center, CUNY

Chair: **Nadim Shehadi**, Tufts
Discussant: **Augustus Richard Norton**, Boston U

Nabil Hage Ali, Georgetown-*Reconceptualizing Islam in 1970s Shi'i Lebanon: the "men of mosques"*

Moulouk Berry, American U Dubai-*Divorce in Lebanese Muslim Shi'i jurisprudence: a reform law?*

Linda Sayed, Michigan State-*Narrating history: Hizbullah's efforts to inscribe time and place for the Shi'a of Lebanon*

Bashir Saade, U Edinburgh-*Hizbullah's Ashura: identity, ethics, and the problem of the past*

Eric Lob, Florida International-*The export of Iran's development model to Lebanon: the case of Jihād Al-Binā'*

4382 Practicing Nationalism Between State and Society in Israel, Turkey, and Iran

Organizers: **Anat Goldman**, **Elise Burton**

Discussant: **Senem Aslan**, Bates Col

Elise Burton, Harvard-*Blood lines: defining national populations in Middle Eastern genetics research*

Anat Goldman, U Washington-*Privatized commemoration and the image of the nation: November 10th in Turkey and Memorial Day in Israel after 1985*

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*

Samer Al-Saber, Florida State-A *permission to perform: artists crack the codes of the state's censor*

4437 What Was New About the Nahda?
Organizer: **Peter Hill**

Chair: **Hussein Omar**, Oxford

Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col-*Normalizing the gharib sciences: Egypt 1750-1850*

James McDougall, Trinity Col Oxford-*Knowledge in transit: Maghribi writers and their worlds, ca. 1750-1850*

Peter Hill, Oxford-*The first Arabic translations of enlightenment writing: Damietta, 1808-1818*

Nicole Khayat, U Haifa-*Reform through education: early biographies of Peter the Great in Arabic (1833-1850)*

Roundtable

4443 Minority Regimes and the Limits of Belonging in Early Republican Turkey

Organizer: **Ipek K. Yosmaoglu**

Chair: **Benjamin Carr Fortna**, U Arizona

Kerem Oktem, U Graz
Lerna Ekmekcioglu, MIT
Amy Mills, U South Carolina
Ipek K. Yosmaoglu, Northwestern

4450 Narrative Strategies in Early Islamic Historiography

Organizer: **Nancy Khalek**, Brown

Reyhan Durmaz, Brown-*"Relate to the people what you saw on the two sheets:" The role of hagiodiegesis in the formation of Islamic notion of sanctity*

Daniel Mahoney, Austrian Academy of Sciences-*Medieval reports of Muslims looting pre-Islamic burials*

Mehmetcan Akpınar, U Tübingen-*Contesting narratives advocating Abū Bakr's primacy in belief*

Michael Payne, Brown-*Atoning for Karbala: sacrifice, ritual, and memory in the martyrdom of Al-Husayn*

4475 Deconstructing Al-Manar and the Legacy of Rashid Rida: Transnational Islamic Reformism and Authority in the Early 20th Century
Organizer: **Aaron Glasserman**

Chair: **Susannah Heschel**, Dartmouth Col
Discussant: **On Barak**, Tel Aviv U

Aaron Glasserman, Columbia U-*Revealing Islam in Chinese: Rashid Rida and Sino-Muslim reformism in the 1930s*
Roy Bar Sadeh, Columbia U-*Debating Gandhi in Al-Manar*

Dzenita Karic, SOAS London-*Bosnian ulama's quest for authority and Al-Manar*
Oriana Gaetaniello, Berlin Graduate Schl Muslim Cultures and Societies-*Establishing new channels for intellectual exchange: Rashid Rida and his School for Islamic Mission and Guidance (1911-1914)*

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4480 Media Studies in the Arab World
Organizer: **May Farah**

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American University of Beirut

Chair: **May Farah**, American U Beirut

Hatim El-Hibri, American U Beirut
Helga Tawil Souri, NYU
Omar Al-Ghazzi, U Sheffield
Marwan M. Kraidy, U Penn

4483 Taking Control of the Ancient Greeks: Intentionality and Agency in the Transmission of Greek Knowledge
Organizers: **Uwe Vagelpohl**, **Jose Ignacio Sanchez Sanchez**

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the University of Warwick

Simon Swain, U Warwick-*If you can't beat them, make them work for you: Greek physicians in Ibn Abi Uṣaybi'ah*
Jose Ignacio Sanchez Sanchez, U Warwick-*Sharḥ and prejudice: Ibn Riḍwān's critique on the transmission of Greek medical knowledge*
Uwe Vagelpohl, U Warwick-*Just the facts, doctor: Galen epitomes and didactic summaries in medical teaching and practice*
James Weaver, U Zurich-*Arguing with the ancients: Greeks in Mu' tazilī doxography*

4584 Mapping Complexity with Digital Methods: Untangling Political Challenges in the Mediterranean Basin and Europe
Organizer: **Arnaud Kurze**

Chair: **John P. Entelis**, Fordham U
Discussant: **Gabriel Rubin**, Montclair State

Arnaud Kurze, Montclair State-*Transitions, control and resilience: securitization politics in Egypt and Tunisia*
Chris Lamont, U Groningen-*Mapping politics in post-Qaddafi Libya*
Cindy Reiff, Exeter-*Contentious politics in the digital age: youth activism in Tunisia*
Linda Piersma, U Groningen-*The securitization process of Syrian refugees in the Dutch social media discourse*

4592 Ottoman Modernization Reconsidered: Complexities of the Transformation of Ottoman Scientific Thought
Organizer: **Hasan Umüt**

Ercument Asil, Alliance of Civilizations Inst, FSMVU-*Approaching Islam as cultural tradition: the example of natural theology in nineteenth century Ottoman popular science*
Kenan Tekin, Columbia U-*Redefining scientist, philosopher, and literati in the late Ottoman Empire*
Abdullah Haris Toprak, Istanbul U/ ISAR-*The place of "ulum-i nafia" (useful knowledge) in technology transfer: Tedbirat-i Pesendide of Ebu Sehl Numan Efendi*
Hasan Umüt, McGill-*Historiographical formation of an "engineer": how is Ismail Gelenbevi's scholarship narrated in Tarih-i Cevdet?*
Omer Koçyigit, Leiden U-*The change in intellectual orientation of the Balkan Muslims from Istanbul to Cairo in the interwar period*

4608 Teaching and Learning Arabic Language and Culture: Questions and Nuances
Organizer: **Jonas Elbousty**

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Qalam Wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies

Chair: **Jonas Elbousty**, Yale

Abdullah R. Lux, San Diego State-*Imagining Iraq: CALL frontiers, game engines and pedagogical implications for TAFL*
Adil Elkhayari, Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies-*An assessment framework for successful Arabic study abroad programs*
Youssef Salhi, Georgia Southern U-*Re-inforcing stereotypes: analysis of stereotypical images in Arabic language textbooks*
Said Hannouchi, Wisconsin Madison-*American college students' and Moroccans' expectations of conformity to cultural norms*

Thematic Conversation

4620 Mediterranean Crossroads: Spanish-Maghribi Relations in Past and Present
Organizer: **David Stenner**

Chair: **David Stenner**, Christopher Newport U

Isabella Alexander, Emory
Eric Calderwood, Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Elena Arigita, U Granada

4630 Legal Contests & Disputes, Part I

Chair: **Madeline C. Zilfi**, Maryland College Park

Elizabeth Brownson, U Wisconsin Parkside-*Muslim family law in Palestine today: the draft family law, women shari'a court judges, and Palestinians' views on reform*
Salma Waheedi, Harvard Law Schl-*Constitution and constitutionalism in Bahrain: from text to context*
Sohaira Siddiqui, Georgetown-*Codifying the Hudud: law, ethics and the transformation of Islamic law in modernity*
Mohammad Afshary, U Kent, UK-*Lawyering as everyday utopia: the praxis of Egyptian activist lawyers after the 25 January Revolution*

4635 Crafting National and Ethno-Religious Identities

Riva Gewarges, McMaster-*A postcolonial perspective on Iraqi nationalism: the erasure of Assyrian people's identity*
Marta Saldana, Georgetown Qatar-*Identity crafting and citizenship policies in the GCC*

4636 Water and Power Politics: Palestine and Lebanon

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 U-Phase "A": *redesigning the Litani River, 1948-1956*

Leena Dallasheh, Humboldt State-*When U.S. aid didn't come to the rescue: Nazareth, the Israeli state and water politics*

4643 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, Aga Khan U-*Politics of the family and the feminization of the religious sphere under the AKP government in Turkey*

4651 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 Najjar, 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*

4661 Sexuality: Religion, Transgression, and Rights

Chair: **Lucy L. Melbourne**, Saint Augustine's U

Osire 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 queers*
Indira Falk Gesink, Baldwin Wallace U-*The 'complex sex': hermaphrodites in Islamic legal discourse*

4669 Changing Spaces: Fluidities, Contestations and Ruptures in the Mediterranean Basin

Andrew Bellisari, Harvard-*Decolonizing French Algeria in Israel: French and Algerian land claims to the waqf of Abū Madyan, 1948-1963*

Mary Momdjian, UCLA-*The death of David Altaras: identity and plurality at the crossroads of the Mediterranean*

Claudia Esposito, Massachusetts Boston-*Voices, rifts and straits: visualizing Maghrebi-Mediterranean histories*

Nicholas E. Roberts, Sewanee: U of the South-*The politics of the dead in mandatory Palestine*

Jonathan McCollum, UCLA-*Nationalizing Mediterranean spaces: Libya and the Aegean in the Italo-Turkish War, 1911-1912*

4676 Environment, Space & Time in Literature

Negin Djavaherian, Independent Scholar-*Nurturing ties between Arby Ovanessian'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*

Drew Paul, U Tennessee Knoxville-*Topographies of literary estrangement in Haifa*

Mojtaba Ebrahimian, U Arizona-*Transforming times in Mohammad Ali Jamalzadeh and Sa'di: a chronotopic analysis*

4693 Labor, Commerce, and Taxation in Ottoman Turkey

Sinan Dincer, Leiden U-*Taxation and identification of migrants in the Ottoman Empire*

Mehmet Kuru, U Toronto-*Labor mobility in early modern Eastern Mediterranean: reconstruction of a city - Izmir (1688-1691)*

Suraiya Faroghi, Istanbul Bilgi U-*'Fast food' in Istanbul during the 1600s and 1700s: the unexpected prominence of kebab*

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4327 Salisbury's Legacy: 175 Years of Arabic Studies in the United States

Organizer: **Roberta L. Dougherty**

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Yale Council on Middle East Studies

Chair: **Frank Griffel**, Yale
Discussant: **Brian T. Edwards**,
Northwestern

Roberta L. Dougherty, Yale-Salisbury
and Arabic in New Haven and beyond
Steven Blackburn, Hartford Seminary-125
years of Arabic instruction at Hartford
Seminary

Heather J. Sharkey, U Penn-Oriental
studies, semitics, and Arabic at the
University of Pennsylvania: local and global
politics in shaping the field

Hani Bawardi, Michigan Dearborn-
Orientalist fidelity and Arab Syrian awakening:
the paradox of modernity and American
protestantism in nineteenth century Levant

4339 Ibadī Archives: Thinking with Spaces from Manuscript Libraries to Digital Repositories

Organizer: **Paul Love**

Chair: **Amal Ghazal**, Dalhousie U

Valerie J. Hoffman, Illinois Urbana-
Champaign-Ibādī archives in Oman and
Zanzibar

Amanda Propst, Florida State-The state
of Ibadism online

Augustin Jomier, Fondation-Thiers
CNRS-Toward an Ibadī patrimony:
manuscripts, printed books and libraries in
Algeria, 19-20th centuries

Paul Love, Al Akhawayn-Building Ibadī
manuscript archives in Tunisia: the Salim b.
Ya'qub Library in Djerba

Roundtable

4345 Digitizing Women's and Gender History: A Way Forward for the Field?

Organizer: **Nova Robinson**

Chair: **Nova Robinson**, Seattle U

Hoda Elsadda, Cairo U
Afsaneh Najmabadi, Harvard U
Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State
Secil Yilmaz, Graduate Center, CUNY
Susanna Ferguson, Columbia U

4365 Borders and Boundaries in the Mashreq

Organizers: **Matthieu Cimino**, **Daniel Meier**

Chair: **Leïla Vignal**, Oxford
Discussant: **Matthieu Cimino**, Oxford

Daniel Meier, U Geneva-Theoretical
approaches for bordering the Middle East
Raffaella A. Del Sarto, SAIS Europe, Johns
Hopkins-Contentious borders and regional
order in the Middle East and North Africa
Mohamed-Ali Adraoui, National
U Singapore-The issue of borders and
sovereignty in the Islamist thought from the
early years to the present times: illustrating
the path towards democratization through
Islamist thinkers' production on geopolitics
Noam Leshem, Durham U-No man's land:
history, theory and political stakes

4383 Generations of Dissent: Cultural Production, Oppositional Aesthetics, and the State

Organizer: **R. Shareah Taleghani**

Chair/Discussant: **Eman Morsi**,
Dartmouth Col

Zeina G. Halabi, UNC Chapel Hill-Refiguring
"conscience, consciousness, and eloquence": the
revolutionary poetics of Arab rap

Alexa Firat, Temple U-Literary
representations of outlaw activists in the
Jordanian literary field

Yasmine Ramadan, U Iowa-Aesthetics of
dissent: Muhammad Al-Bisati's magical realism
R. Shareah Taleghani, Queens Col, CUNY-
Forms of dissidence: genre, narrative structure,
and authority in Syrian prison literature

4386 The State and Social Conflict in Egypt Under the Sisi Regime

Organizers: **Dina Shehata**, **Hesham Sallam**

Chair/Discussant: **Hesham Sallam**, Stanford

Zeinab A. Abul-Magd, Oberlin-The
officer has saved the nation: military
bureaucrats and businessmen in Egypt

Dina Shehata, Al Ahram Center for
Political and Strategic Studies-Patterns of
political resistance and mobilization under
the Sisi regime

Ashraf El Sherif, American U Cairo-Will
the 'taifas neo-Mamluk state' end in Egypt?

4387 Law as Social History in the Late Ottoman Era

Organizers: **Omar Cheta**, **Kathryn Schwartz**

Chair/Discussant: **On Barak**, Tel Aviv U

Junaid Quadri, Illinois Chicago-
Transregionalism in fiqh discourse at the
turn of the twentieth century
Omar Cheta, Bard Col-Forged and swindler:
evolving views of the legal profession in the
nineteenth and twentieth centuries
Ceyda Karamursel, SOAS London-Suing
for freedom: slaves, slaveholders, and the
state in the reform-era Ottoman Empire
Kathryn Schwartz, Harvard-The law in
print, late Ottoman Cairo

4397 Controversy, Scandal and Rumor in Modern Algeria and Tunisia: The Role of Public Opinion in Instigating Political and Social Changes

Organizer: **M'Hamed Oualdi**

Thomas Serres, UMR Développement et
Sociétés-Thomas Serres: from "Qui tue qui"
to "Bled Miki:" controversies and political
uncertainty in post-conflict Algeria

M'Hamed Oualdi, Princeton-
Embezzlement and bribery in late Ottoman
Tunisia (1850s-1880s): the conflicts over
policies and moral values in printed
documents, courts and public opinions

Nadia Marzouki, CNRS Paris-Blasphemy,
free speech, or political affair, the Jabeur
Mejri affair in Tunisia (2012-2014)

Muriam Haleh Davis, UC Santa Cruz-
Martyr or traitor?: economic development
and national memory in Algeria

4401 Global Reactions to ISIS/DAESH: Diversity and Antipathy

Organizer: **Judd King**

Mattias Dahlkvist, Umeå U-Rejection of
violence and state-building in Islam - the
case of India's Maulana Wahiduddin Khan

Judd King, American U-The motivated
cognition of ISIS conspiracy theories in Turkey

Ali G. Scotten, Scotten Consulting-
Iranian perceptions of ISIS: conspiracy
theories and foreign policy implications

Arthur Hatton, Georgia Southern
U-Psychological inflexibility and American
reactions to ISIS propaganda

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4402 Towards a Historiography of Self-Narrative

Organizer: **Muhsin Al-Musawi**

Discussant: **Sahar Ullah**, Columbia U

Boris Liebrecht, U Leipzig-Arab
merchants in their own words - letters from the 18th ct. Eastern Mediterranean

Muhsin al-Musawi, Columbia U-Reading
registers as autobiographic historical probes: the past in the present

Kristina Richardson, Queens Col, CUNY-
Public and private inscriptions of the self in a 16th-century Aleppan craftsman's diary

Ali H. Akhtar, Bates Col-Contextualizing
archival administrative sources using narrative evidence: Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, and classical Malay literary works on the 15th- and 16th-century silk routes

4415 Histories of Capitalism in the Middle East

Organizer: **Johan Mathew**

Chair/Discussant: **Roger Owen**, Harvard U

Johan Mathew, Massachusetts Amherst-
On principals and agency: reconsidering trust in Arabian economies

Fahad A. Bishara, NYU-"No country but the sea":
Dhows, empire, and the domestication of international law, 1890-1905

Sreemati Mitter, Brown-"No doubt the actual oranges
have already been consumed by the British public":
Palestinian citrus growers sue Barclays bank, 1956

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4435 Beyond the Square: Urbanism and the Arab Uprisings

Organizer: **Claire Panetta, Deen Sharp**

Chair: **Ahmed Kanna**, U of the Pacific

Deen Sharp, Graduate Center, CUNY
Duygu Parmaksizoglu, Graduate Center, CUNY

Azam Khatam, City Institute York U
Claire Panetta, Graduate Center, CUNY
Helga Tawil Souri, NYU

4476 Geographical Connotations of the Elections in Turkey

Organizer: **Kaya Osmanbaşoğlu Gülsen**

Chair: **Metin Heper**, Bilkent

Discussant: **Michael Wuthrich**, U Kansas

Kaya Osmanbaşoğlu Gülsen, Social Sciences U Ankara-Gerrymandering in
Turkish elections: (re)setting the rules of the game

Edip Asaf Bekaroglu, Istanbul U-Measuring party
nationalization in Turkey: 1950-2015

Esra Dilek, Bilkent-Election speeches before and after
peace negotiations: an analysis of the 2011 and 2015 general elections in Turkey

4495 (Un)Settling Arab Refugees: Regimes of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States

Organizer: **Lucia Volk**

Discussant: **Nefissa Naguib**, U Oslo

Dawn Chatty, Oxford-The duty to be generous (Karam):
contesting rights-based asylum in the Middle East

Francesco Vacchiano, U Lisbon-"Waiting for the Syrians":
hospitality, mobility and the "refugee crisis" in Portugal

Lucia Volk, San Francisco State-From "political" to
"humanitarian" asylum: Arab refugee experiences in Germany between 1985 and 2015

Marcia C. Inhorn, Yale-Arab refugees, reproductive
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Chair: **Mouannes Hojairi**, American U Cairo

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Martin Bunton, U Victoria-Where the balance lies:
British officials, the Balfour Declaration and the Permanent Mandates Commission

Charles D. Smith, U Arizona-Imperial mindsets:
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Abbey Stockstill, Harvard-Directionality in the ceremony
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Ayşe Hilal Ugurlu, İstanbul Technical U-
Changing spatial and political relations between "the city" and "the mosque" in the nineteenth century Ottoman Empire

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Organizer: **Angel M. Foster**

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Laurence O. Michalak, UC Berkeley

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Youssef Chouhoud, U Southern California-*When tolerance matters most: transforming political culture following authoritarian breakdown*

Maria Josua, German Inst of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg-*Authoritarian learning, regional diffusion, and domestic factors: how Egypt and Uzbekistan seek to legitimize repression*

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Fatih Artvinli, Acibadem U-*Pinel of Istanbul: Dr. Luigi Mongeri (1815-1882) and the emergence of modern psychiatry in the Ottoman Empire*

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Burcak Ozludil Altin, NJIT/Rutgers-*Reconstructing spaces of madness: an Ottoman asylum*

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Michelle Mann, Brandeis-*Not quite citizens: the politics of Muslim Algerian military service in World War One*

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Fatima Koura, Independent Scholar-
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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
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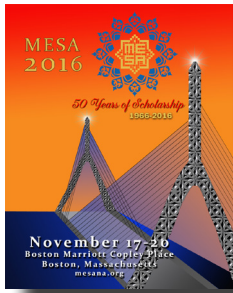
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