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Headquarters Hotel

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Book through the above link or 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.

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.
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.

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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.

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**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.

**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.

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.

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.

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**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
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.
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.

**Iraqi Odyssey**

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.
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.

After Spring

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)

**AIVS—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—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**  
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)

**CAORC—Council of American Overseas Research Centers**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5:30-7pm, Vermont (5)

**CAUSA—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.)

**CAUSC—Council of American University Societies for Cultural Centers**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5:30-7pm, Skidmore (4)

**CASA—Center for Arabic Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Graduate Student Conference, 9am-1pm, MIT (3)

**CAWIC—Council of American Women’s Institutes for Cultural Centers**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5:30-7pm, Skidmore (4)

**CIA—Center for International Affairs**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Provincetown (4)

**CINLS—Center for International Language Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Wellesley (3)

**COMSA—Center for Middle Eastern Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Simmons (3)

**CSAS—Center for Southeast Asian Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Wellesley (3)

**CSIT—Center for South Asia Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Simmons (3)

**CSUS—Center for Southwestern Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Simmons (3)

**CSWS—Center for Southwestern Women’s Studies**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Simmons (3)

**CTOA—Center for Teaching and Learning in the Eurasian and Middle Eastern Disciplines**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Simmons (3)

**CTOFA—Center for Teaching and Learning in the Eurasian and Middle Eastern Disciplines**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5-7pm, Simmons (3)

**ECLAC—Comparative Exercise and Learning in the Americas**  
Thursday, 11/17  
Reception, 5:30-7pm, Skidmore (4)

**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)

**IIMES—International Institute for Middle Eastern 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)
Saturday, 11/19

**Journal of Persianate Studies**
Editorial Board Meeting, 3-4pm, Northeastern (3)

**KSA-Kurdish Studies Association**
Business Meeting, 11am-1pm, Massachusetts (5)

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

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

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

**MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council**
Workshop for Outreach Professionals, 1-3pm, MIT (3)
Business Meeting, 5-7pm, Boston University (3)
Board Meeting, 9-11am, MIT (3)

**MESA–Middle East Studies Association**
Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting, 5:45-7:45pm, Northeastern (3)
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**
Celebrating 50 Years of Middle East Studies at NYU Reception, 8:30-10:30pm, Regis (3)

**OTSA–Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association**
Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Yarmouth (4)
Reception and Members’ Meeting, 7-10pm, Arlington (3)

**PARC–Palestinian American Research Center**
Board Meeting, 12nn-4pm, Brandeis (3)

**SAS–Society for Armenian Studies**
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**
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**
Board Meeting, 2-4pm, Massachusetts (5)
Reception, 7-8:30pm, Vermont (5)

**UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies**
Alumni Reception, 8:30-10pm, Salon A (4)

**University of Michigan, Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies**
Reception, 7-9pm, Simmons (3)

**Western Consortium of Middle East Centers**
Meeting, 11:45am-1:45pm, Orleans (4)

**WOCMES–World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies**
International Advisory Council Meeting, 3:45-5:45pm, Yarmouth (4)

**Yale Council on Middle East Studies**
Reception, 8:30-10pm, Salon B (4)

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**Key to Room Locations:**
The number in parentheses next to the room name indicates the floor on which the room is located. Our meeting space at the Boston Marriott Copley is located on floors 3-5.
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 Beiruti, 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 University-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
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

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-jarāʿ id

4317 Sustainability and Environmentality in the Modern Middle East
Organizer: Chris Gratien

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

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

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

4354 Doing Research in Iran: Strategies and Experiences
Organizer: Beatrice F. Manz

Sponsored by American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIrS)

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

4328 Language and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa
Organizer: Nadine Hamdan

Francesco L. Sinnotara, 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
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 tuhfe works
Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U Washington-Poets, statesmen, and mystics: poetry and political networks at the fifteenth-century Ottoman court

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4419 Policing and Punishment in the Making of the Modern Middle East
Organizer: Michael Farquhar

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

Will Hanley, Florida State-The police and the people in turn-of-the-century Egypt
Michael Farquhar, King’s Col London-Historicising the politics of law and order in neoliberal times: Egyptian police discourse on crime, security and economic transformation
Golnar Nikpour, Wisconsin Madison-The humanist prison: 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: Din goes west
Cameron Cross, Michigan Ann Arbor-Love, death, and conversion in Damascus and Cordoba: The case of Varqa & Golshah and Floire & Blancheflor

Alexandra Hoffmann, U Chicago-The Sindbad-nâma 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. H. 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 University-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, 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
Sezín Öney, Bilkent-Autonomy and symbolic power of the 'intellectual' and the political power in Turkey: from the desired ‘wise people’ to undesired ‘academic signatories for peace’
Senem Yildirim, Ipek U-Arendttian politics in the context of Turkey: The interplay of deliberation and agonistic pluralism
Didem Unal-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
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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 Bütterff, 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 Cairokee’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

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
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

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 Kuruoğlu, 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 dest-i kapçı
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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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

Mtnes 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 will the troubled women go: Fatema Mernissi’s memoir of growing up in the harem of her childhood

Nayereh Tohidi, CSU Northridge-Reading Fatema Mernissi in Iran: Mernissi’s impact on Iranian feminist debates

Doris H. Gray, Al Akhawayn-Fatema Mernissi: A Sufi wanderer and women’s rights pioneer

Nimat Hafez Barazangi, Cornell-Fatema Mernissi and the Hadith: agent of social change

4396 Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms: Form, Strategies and Purpose
Organizer: Nicola Carpenteri

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 Carpenteri, 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 Muhammad 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

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 Sursock Museum
10-11:45AM Friday November 18

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
Lamya 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

4448 The Predicament of the Arab Queer
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: Carolynn Goffman

Michael Limberg, U Connecticut-Trust the terrible Turks: the YMCA in Turkey, 1923-1939
Carolynn 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-“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 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 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

Chair: 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

4704 Is There an Early Modern Muslim Mediterranean?

Organizers: Andrew Devereux, Loyola Marymount; Mayte Green Mercado

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

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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
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

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4330 Ottoman Seas 2
Organizer: Murat Cem Mengiç
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 Mengiç, Seton Hall U-Memories of the war in the sea, Safai’s history of the Ottoman conquest of Naupaktos and Methoni
Sona Tajiriyan, 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-Shawārī Limin?: whose streets?: on public space, sexual violence, and the memory of the revolution in post-revolution Cairo

4347 Ba’thism, Islamism, and ISIS
Organizer: Michael Brill
Chair: Joseph Sassoon, Georgetown
Craig Whiteside, Naval War Col Monterey
Kevin M. Woods, Inst for Defense Analyses
Cole Bunzel, Princeton
Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar
Ibrahim Al Marashi, CSU San Marcos
Michael Brill, Georgetown

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’īli neoplatonism and Akbarī ontology
Shahrad Shahvand, Harvard-Ismailism under the influence of Ibn ‘Arabi: some metaphysical views of Āqā Khān Mahāllātī (d. 1881)
Paul Anderson, Harvard-Projections: gendering the spiritual in Ismā’īlī cosmology
Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard-The true path (satpanth): narrative hermeneutics (ta’wil) 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 Baghdād”: Ibn Rashiq’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, Benoît Challand

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

Benoît 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 colonial 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 Mugrdechian, 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 Ketsamanian, Princeton-The Hunchakian Revolutionary Party from 1891-1895
Anna Aleksanyan, Clark U-Ritualized rapes and body destruction of the Armenian women during the genocide

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

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

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 Wyrtzen, Yale

Chris Silver, UCLA-Musical censorship and the politics of listening across the interwar Maghrib
Sara Rahnema, 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)
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: Yasmine 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 School-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-Thawrahrih, 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 Soulaimani, 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-Kanjun 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 Behravesh, 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

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 Tenenessse-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

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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

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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 Shafrir, UC San Diego-Nasihat 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

4326 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-Şirvāni’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, Ōmer Şifai (d. 1742)

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

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 Tétreault (1942-2015)
Organizer: Farah Al-Nakib

Chair/Discussant: Gwenn Okruhlik, National U Singapore

Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern Qatar—Gender and the public/private sphere: insights from Mary Ann Tétreault
Geoff Martin, U Toronto—Institutional autonomy and economic change in small states: Mary Ann Tétreault’s contribution to the study of oil politics
Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait—The politics of occupation: Mary Ann Tétreault’s take on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait
Claire Beaugrand, Ifpo, oPt WAFAW—From stories of democracy to histories of the margins: enlarging the spectrum of Kuwait 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

Chair: Christian Sinclair, Moravian Col
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

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

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 Ghanam, Swarthmore—Social and 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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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 Jedda: 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

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

4634 Pedagogy and Language Policies
Chair: Muhammad S. Eissa, Eissa & Associates

Hanan Hassanein, American U Cairo-Assistive technology for reading to dyslexic students learning Arabic as a foreign language
Olivia Martina Dalla Torre, U Lumiére Lyon 2-Decoding multilingual language practices within a Palestinian NGO
Nilay Sevinc, AATT-Conceptualizing and designing a Turkish language course
Aafia 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

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

4659 Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents
Organizers: Pauline Homsi Vinson, Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Chair: Pauline Homsi Vinson, Diablo Valley Col

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

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
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
Jørgen Jenshaugen, U Col-Lillehammer-Palestinian autonomy without the Palestinians

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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 Darîr’s Sıretun 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

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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

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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-“Ittassili, 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 Matthes-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 Parkinison, Johns Hopkins; Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, Harvard Kennedy Schh

Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, Harvard Kennedy Schh-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

4556 “Islamic Governance”: Constraints and Opportunities
Organizer: Gianluca P. Parolin

Chair: David Taylor, AKU-ISM

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 Shariaminded 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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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

Sponsored by 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 hadiths
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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’aanahu”: 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?

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 mnemonic 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 Osmanlik 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/Essay U-Towards an alternative public space?: A Morocco 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

Keren Zdache, 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”
TODAY’S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

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Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting
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Kurdish Studies Association Business Meeting
Massachusetts (5)

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Boston University (3)

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University of Michigan Reception
Simmons (3)

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Fulbright 70th Anniversary Reception
Wellesley (3)

Organizer: Joanne Nucho

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Chair/Discussant: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Jared McCormick, Harvard-Of cars, bridges, rivers, and borders: Syrian (Kurdish) men in Naba’ā
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)

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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

Houri Berberian, CSU Long Beach-Crossing imperial and ideological frontiers: Armenian revolutionary 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 racomandazione and the eighteenth-century travels of an Armenian gem merchant from Istanbul
Richard Antaramian, U Southern California-Traversing ecclesiastic boundaries, or how Mkrtich Kefesizian tried to break the Armenian millet

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

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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Chair: Abdul-Karim Rafeq, Col of William and Mary
Discussant: Stefan Winter, U Quebec

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 Janbalad Bek b. Qasim (d. ca. 1575)
Abdulrahim Abu-Husayn, American U Beirut-Seeking the house of felicity: Arab encounters with the new capital-city Istanbul
Malissa Taylor, Massachusetts Amherst-Suleyman the Magnificent in the eyes of early modern Damascene writers

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 politization 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 Yelbaşi, 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
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 ‘nahda’: a term and its transformations, 1850-1880
Jocelyn Wright, Texas Austin- Spectres of l’Étranger: (re)imagining Camus in Algerian literature
Shaikha Almubaraki, 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- 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
The events that culminated in the Arab uprisings of 2011 markedly altered analyses of Arab-region politics. While countries that constitute the Middle East and North Africa have—continue to be - home to some of the world’s longest standing authoritarian regimes, the uprisings and revolutions challenged previous notions of authoritarian durability as republics, monarchies, secular, and theocratic countries across the region experienced varying degrees of instability sparked by protest movements calling for socio-economic and political change to the authoritarian status quo. Beginning in Tunisia late 2010 and quickly spreading to Egypt, and Morocco, Bahrain, Libya, Syria, and Yemen, the uprisings differed greatly in degree and scope resulting in divergent outcomes for the people and places of the region. Although the events initially created a shockwave throughout the region as governments, previously impervious to change, grappled with containing domestic threats to their stability from their citizens, responses varied drastically. While some regimes were overthrown following decades of rule, others acquiesced to citizen demands by engaging in various concession-making processes, others heavily suppressed the protest movements in order to maintain their hold on power, and in the case of Egypt, experienced re-emergent authoritarianism following regime change. A critical question remains: What explains divergent outcomes? This Special Session gathers leading experts in order to explain the processes and dynamics of change and stagnation of the Arab Spring.
Hanan Toukan, Free U Berlin—Too close for comfort?: On Lebanon’s Palestine, (in) visibility, and art

Kathryn Kalemkerian, McGill-(E) merging masculinities: the case of three Ottoman-Beiruti 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

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

Seyed Asghari, Indiana U—The Maktab-i Tafkif 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 “Iḥyāʾ Ulūm Al-Dīn”

Yasın 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 de(f)ined: 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-Südän in Mālikī fiqh
Jessica Mutter, U Chicago-Evolving representations of religious conversion in Syrian historical writing, 640-850 CE
Yousef Soufi, U Toronto-Whose dispute? 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 thought

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 Klic, 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 crowds 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 Sakhthivel, Oxford-The Algerian MSP: Islamist relevance and rethinking the local

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
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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

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 Ghurid 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: Jarir’s ritha’a to his wife
Ali Alnahhabi, 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’arri’s elegy to Al-Sharīf Al-Tāhir Al-Mūsawī
Hamad Obaid Alajmi, Kuwait U-Repurposing the jahiliyya

4403 The Ottoman Roots of Modernity in Middle Eastern and Southeast European Cities
Organizer: Stefan Peychev

Mehmet Celi̇k, 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 Ozu, 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

American Association of Teachers of Arabic

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

Roundtable

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
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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 Gosgharian, 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’id, 1870-1890: nothing but scum jettisoned upon the edge of the desert; crime and empire in a provincial port-city
Kyle Anderson, Cornell-The Egyptian labor corps: migrant labor, imperial logistics, and the social history of modern Egypt

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, Gharнатi in Granada: Arabic Fado, Flamenco Andalusí, 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 Bhiri, Nasr and Harqan
Soumia Bardhan, Kansas State- Cairo 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

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

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-Fatemí, 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

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**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 Fathallāh Al-Shirwānī (d. 1486)

### 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://sjoseph.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 Bahoura, 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 starch 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
Discussant: Julia Clancy-Smith, U Arizona

Habiba Bounlak, 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

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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 paralobizing the fitna in Ibn Al-‘Adim’s Bughyat Al-Talab fi Ta’rikh Halab
Pamela Klasova, Georgetown-Dramatizing narrative through eloquent speech: the ḥuṭbah of Al-Hajjāj b. Yūsuf in history and adab works
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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 Hajjani

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 Hajjani, U Chicago-Second fiddle: an examination of the constructions of master and protégé relationship between Nisr-i Khusraw and Hasan-i Sabbâh and its later inversions in the legitimizations of authority in Nizari Ismailism

Nournamadcho Nournamadchoev, 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 waste in Kuwait

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

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 Louisiville-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

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-Husseiney, 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-Husseiney, 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
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-Denyng 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. 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.
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**

- **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**

- **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*
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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 shaping geopolitics of global aviation
Gozde Guran, Princeton-Technology and economic informalities: 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

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

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Organizer: **Amahl Bishara**

Chair: **Fida Adely**, Georgetown

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#### 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)

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#### Jiwon Choi, Exeter-Reconstruction of settler privilege and indigenous resistance: a new approach to societal cleavage in Bahrain since 1999

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#### 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)

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

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#### 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

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

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#### 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 Alhomsi, U Arizona-Technology integration to foster students’ ICC and increase motivation

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#### 4600 Gender and Conflict: Activism, Resilience, and Disengagement

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

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

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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

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 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 9/11 terrorist attacks, he chaired the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan and went on to lead the United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan (UNAMA). In 2004, following the invasion and occupation of Iraq, he helped form a national government with the mandate of restoring the sovereignty of that unhappy country.

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


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

He was awarded Doctorates Honoris Causa from (in the order in which they were granted):

- The American University of Beirut, in Lebanon;
- The University of Oxford, in the UK;
- The University of Nice, in France;
- The University of Bologna in Italy;
- The University of the Free State, in South Africa;
- The Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Paris, in France.

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

Lakhdar Brahimi is married, with three children and 6 grand children.
Saturday evening after the Plenary Address

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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

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

Esma Erdogan Kılıç, Indiana U-The making of Muslim women in Turkey: a comparative analysis of the Gulen Movement and the İsmailağa 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 Sarız-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, Guðn Ólafsson

Chair: Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, CIDE

Seyma Afacan, Oxford-Intellectual efforts to medicalize, stigmatize and individualize love in the late Ottoman Empire

TODAY’S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

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4369 Christian Missionaries in the Post-Colonial Middle East
Organizer: Asher Orkaby

Chair/Discussant: Heather J. Sharkey, U Penn

Melanie Trelxer, 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?

4370 Gendered Critical Kurdish Studies: Rethinking Nationalism, Conflict and Identity
Organizer: Nadje Al-Alí, 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 Käs er, 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
8-9:45AM Sunday November 20

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)/IFEA (Beirut)-From beneficence and sectarian healthcare to social medicine?: fighting tuberculosis from the Ottoman Empire into the mandates

4527 Negotiations of Space in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Writing
Organizer: Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Writing

Organizers:

- Ceyda Steele, UCLA-World making in narrative: real and imaginary spaces in Ottoman literature
- Beyza Lorenz, UCLA-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

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 Ihhabi 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

Jeanie 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

4550 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-Ajla 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

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

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Hande Ramazanogullari, Istanbul Bilgi U

Fabio Merone, 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 Zīb Al-Nisā Makhfī

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 towns: the Tunisian transition from the local perspective

Daniel Zisenwine, Georgetown—Post-revolutionary truth and reconciliation efforts: lessons from Tunisia

Daniel Tavana, Princeton—Mass partisanship after the ‘Arab Spring’: evidence from Tunisia

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

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
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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-Budy building: skill, harm, risk, and race among construction and citriculture laborers in early 20th century Palestine

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**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

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**4357 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”

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**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


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

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**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)

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**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

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**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 hagiodesis in the formation of Islamic notion of sanctity

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

Mehmetcan Akpinar, U Tubingen-Contesting narratives advocating Abu Bakr’s primacy in belief

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

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**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)
4480 Media Studies in the Arab World
Organizer: May Farah
Organized under the auspices of 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
Organized under the auspices of 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 Riddān’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 Muʿtazili doxography

4592 Ottoman Modernization Reconsidered: Complexities of the Transformation of Ottoman Scientific Thought
Organizer: Hasan Umut
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 Umut, McGill-Historiographical formation of an “engineer”: how is Isma'il 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
Organized under the auspices of 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

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
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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

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