MESA ANNUAL MEETING 2012
November 17-20
Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, CO

The following listing of CMES- and Harvard-affiliated speakers was compiled from the MESA Program that was posted in October. Please note that there may have been updates since this time that we were unable to include. For the most current information on times and locations of these panels, visit: http://www.mesa.arizona.edu/annual-meeting/program.html

Pages 1-2 Harvard Affiliate Listing with session times

Pages 3-36 MESA Program with Harvard Affiliate names highlighted
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Harvard Affiliate listing with day(s)/time(s) of MESA sessions

Harvard Faculty:
- Abo-Haggar, Dalia (Preceptor in Arabic) – Tues, 8:30-10:30
- Granara, William (Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment) – Mon, 5-7
- Tamari, Salim (Shawwaf Visiting Professor of Arabic & Islamic Studies, Spring ’13) – Tues, 11-1/1:30-3:30

Harvard Students:
- Eroglu Sager, Zeyneb (Hale) (IAAS) – Mon, 2:30-4:30
- Orkaby, Asher (G4 History/MES) – Mon, 2:30-4:30
- Sultany, Nimer (Law) – Sun, 2-4
- Tusalp, Ekin (G8 History/MES) – Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Vodopyanov, Anya (Government) – Sun, 8:30-10:30

Current Visiting Researchers:
- Bishara, Fahad A. (History Department Fellow) – Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Cammett, Melani C. (CMES Visiting Scholar) – Mon, 5-7
- Jackson, Maureen (Center for Jewish Studies Starr Fellow, Spring ’13) – Sat, 5:30-7:30
- Salem, Rania (HSPH Research Fellow) – Mon, 5-7

CMES & Harvard Alumni/ae:
- Bacharach, Jere L. (AM ’62, MES) – Mon, 11-1
- Bet-Shlimon, Arbella (PhD ’12, History/MES) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Dallami, Ahmed (AM ’06, MES) – Mon, 11-1
CMES & Harvard Alumni/ae Continued:

- DiMeo, David (PhD ’06, Comparative Literature) – Tues, 11-1
- Foster, Angel M. (MD ’06) – Mon, 2:30-4:30
- Gelvin, James L. (PhD ’92, History/MES) – Sat, 5:30-7:30/ Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Gershovich, Moshe (PhD ’95, History/MES) – Sun, 11-1
- Halevi, Leor (PhD ’02, History/MES) – Tues, 11-1
- Holt, Elizabeth (BA ’00, NELC) – Mon, 2:30-4:30
- LaPorta, Sergio (PhD ’01, NELC) – Mon, 11-1
- Leafgren, Luke (PhD ’12, NELC; NELC Lecturer) – Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Leal, Karen A. (PhD ’03 History/MES) – Sun, 2-4
- Limbert, John W. (PhD ’74, History/MES) – Mon, 11-1
- Lockman, Zachary (PhD ’85, History/MES) – Tues, 1:30-3:30
- Marglin, Jessica M. (AM ’07, MES) – Sun, 2-4
- Morrison, Heidi (AM ’02, MES) – Tues, 8:30-10:30
- Pruitt, Jennifer (PhD ’09, HAA) – Mon, 5-7
- Shafir, Nir (AM ’08, MES) – Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Shechter, Relli I. (PhD ’99, History/MES) – Tues, 11-1
- Smith, Benjamin (AM ’04, MES; NELC PhD candidate) – Sun, 11-1
- Stilt, Kristen (PhD ’04, History/MES) – Tues, 8:30-10:30
- Trepanier, Nicolas (PhD ’08, History/MES) – Tues, 11-1
- Troutt Powell, Eve (PhD ’95, History/MES) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Tucker, Judith E. (PhD ’81, History/MES) – Mon, 5-7/ Tues, 8:30-10:30
- Walbridge, John (PhD ’83, NELC) – Mon, 5-7
- Wilkins, Charles L. (PhD ’06, History/MES) – Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Winder, Alexander (AM ’09, MES) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Wittmann, Richard (PhD ’08, History/MES) – Mon, 11-1/ Tues, 8:30-10:30

Past CMES/ Harvard Affiliates:

- Anzali, Ata – Sun, 11-1
- Buttu, Diana – Sun, 2-4
- Dana, Karam – Sun, 4:30-6:30 / Mon, 5-7
- Jiwa, Shainool – Mon, 11-1
- Peleg, Ilan – Mon, 11-1
- Stenberg, Leif – Sun, 11-1
- Weiss, Max – Mon, 5-7
## Unstable Objects: Shifting Genealogies of Art, Artists, and Images in the Middle East
Organized by Nancy Um

**Chair/Discussant:** Heghnar Watenpaugh, UC Davis

**Carel Bertram,** San Francisco State U—Thawing the Frozen Images of Ottoman Anatolia: Armenian Pilgrimages of “Return”

**David Simonowitz,** Pepperdine U—Red and Black Rivers Redux?: The Uprooting of an Iraqi Family of Calligraphers and the (Gendered) Politics of Cultural Spaces

**Nancy Um,** Binghamton U—The So-Called “Indian Wedding Chair”: Unresolved Narratives of Dispersal in a Cosmopolitan Woodworking Tradition

**Hala Auji,** Binghamton U—Arabic Books in Flux: The Early Publications of The American Syria Mission (1836-1860)

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## Remembering the First World War in the Middle East
Organized by Pheroze Unwalla

**Chair/Discussant:** Benjamin Carr Fortna, SOAS, U London

**Yigit Akin,** Col of Charleston—“Damn You, Enver Pasha!”: Popular Perceptions and Remembrance of War and Death in the Ottoman Empire

**Pheroze Unwalla,** SOAS, U London—Triumph from Trauma, Neglect to Adulation: Selective Remembrance of the First World War in Modern Turkey

**Roberto Mazza,** Western Illinois U—Once Upon a War: Memories of World War One in Palestine

**James L. Gelvin,** UCLA—Collective Memory and Nationalist Narrative: On the Possibility of Recounting a “Syrian Experience” of the First World War

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## Looking Beyond National Borders and Cultural Boundaries: Transnational Connections and the Reform of Islamic Education, 1820-1950
Organized by Hilary Kalmbach

**Chair:** Nadya Sbaiti, Smith Col

**Discussant:** Michael Laffan, Princeton U

**Archana Prakash,** U Illinois Urbana-Champaign—Producing “Useful” Experts: The Egyptian Student Missions to France, 1826-1849

**Hilary Kalmbach,** U Oxford—The Transnational Reach of Cairo’s Dar al-Ulum, 1890-1950

**Mike Farquhar,** London School of Economics and Political Science—Transnational Connections and Early Saudi Educational Reform: The Ma’had ‘Ilmi Sa’udi in 1920s Mecca

**Miriam Younes,** U Basel—Changing Transnational Patterns and Connections within the Shi’ite Hawzas of Najaf in the Early 20th Century

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## The Transformation of the Palestinian Peasantry: Capitalism, Reform, and Resistance in the Late Ottoman and British Mandate Eras
Organized by Charles Anderson

**Chair/Discussant:** Michael Gasper, Occidental Col

**Erik Freas,** Borough of Manhattan Community Col CUNY—Ottoman Reform, Islam and Palestine’s Peasantry

**Charles Anderson,** New York U—British Rule and the Decomposition of the Palestinian Peasantry

**Rana Barakat,** Birzeit U—Where the Rural and the Urban Meet: Politics of Peasant Resistance under British Rule in Palestine

**Munir K. Fakher Eldin,** Birzeit U—The Politics of Landholding in British-Ruled Palestine, 1921-1948: Land Reform and the Impoverishment of a Rural Society

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## The Emergence of New Media
Supported by Al-Monitor

**Chair:**

**Andrew Parasiliti,** Al-Monitor

**Sophie Claudet,** Al-Monitor

**Barbara Slavin,** Al-Monitor

**Sultan Alqassemi,** Barjeel Art Foundation

**Jean Aziz,** Journalist and Writer (based in Lebanon)

**Laura Rozen,** Al-Monitor

This special session will address how new media is affecting the politics and media of the Middle East and North Africa, as well as Western coverage of the region. The panelists will examine the relative influence of traditional (television and print) media and e-media, and consider whether there is a new synergy between regional and international media and what this all means for political discourse.

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For more information, visit [www.al-monitor.com](http://www.al-monitor.com)
5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 17

Qiyan Courtesans and Concubines: Their Impact on Early Islamic Society
Organized by Kathryn Hain

Sponsored by Middle East Medievalists

Chair: Kathryn Hain, U Utah
Discussant: Matthew S. Gordon, Miami U

Lisa Nielsen, Case Western Reserve
U–Music and the Figure of the Qiyan in the Response to a Question Concerning
Music by Al-Ajurri (d. 970) and the Censure of Instruments of Diversion by Ibn Abi’l Dunya (d. 894)

Pernilla Myrne, U Gothenburg,
Sweden–Qiyan: Cultural Achievements and Self-Representation


Nerina Rustomji, St. John’s U–Are Houri’s Heavenly Concubines?

Additional Content and Alternative Assessment: Widening Horizons in the Arabic Language Classroom
Organized by Peter Glanville

Supported by University of Maryland Arabic Flagship

Chair/Discussant: Valerie Anischkenkova, U Maryland

Kevin Burnham, Appalachian State U–Phonetic Training for Learners of Arabic

Summer Loomis, U Texas Austin–Formative Feedback and Informal Assessment: Techniques to Encourage Better Speaking

Peter Glanville, U Maryland College Park–Using a Learner Record in a Mixed-Level Class

Laila Familiar, U Texas Austin–Teaching Culture in the Arabic Classroom

Nesrine Basheer, U Maryland College Park–The Linguistic Dimension of Cultural Competence: Expanding the Domain of Spoken Arabic

Re-Interpreting Islam and Nationalism in Iran
Organized by Eric Hooglund

Supported by Center for Middle Eastern Studies Lund University

Chairs: Reza Zia-Ebrahimi, Sheffield Hallam U and Eric Hooglund, Lund U

Reza Ajmand, Lund U
Kevan Harris, Princeton U

Political and Ideological Reform in the Modern Shi’i Muslim World
Organized by Zackery Heern

Chair/Discussant: Michaelle L. Browers, Wake Forest U

Zackery Heern, Murray State U–Usuli Shi’ism and the Eighteenth Century

Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport–Reconceptualizing the Foundation of Lebanese and Iraqi Shi’i Political Reformism: Muhammed Rida Al-Muzaffer’s Muntada Al-Nashr

Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky U–The Liminal Identity of the Reformist Theologian Sayyid Asad Allah Kharaghani

Arshavez Mozafari, U Toronto–Khomeini’s Kashf Al-Asrar and Satan’s Conceptual Transcendence

Compromise, Confrontation or Transformation?: Implications of the Rise of Islamist Political Power
Organized by Bjorn Olav Utvik

Chair: Dag Tuastad, U Oslo

Kai E. Kverne, U Oslo–Maronite Politics, Islamism and the Church: Conflicting Views on the Future of Lebanon

Pinar Tank, Peace Research Institute Oslo–The AKP and Turkey’s Kurds: No Kurdish Spring in Sight?

Bjorn Olav Utvik, U Oslo–The Ikhwanisation of the Salafis: Piety in the Revolutionary Politics of Egypt

Albrecht Hofheinz, U Oslo–“Why Do You Hate Us?”: Social Media and the Muslim Brotherhood

Tunisia’s Forgotten Literary Avant-Garde
Organized by Douja Mamelouk

Kimberly Katz, Towson U–Urban Space and Anti-Colonialism in the Maqamat of Tunisian Salih Suwaysi Al-Qayrawani

Douja Mamelouk, U Tennessee–Ali Du’aji and Al-’Alam Al-Adabi: A Voice of the Tunisian Avant-Garde under Colonial Rule

Lotfi Ben Rejeb, U Ottawa–“Between Two Worlds”: Mahmoud Aslan and the Boundaries of Identity in Colonial Tunisia

Lamia Ben Youssef Zayzafoon, U Alabama Birmingham–Portrait of Tunisian Avant-Garde Writers and Artists in Mahmoud Beyram Attounsi’s Satirical Newspaper “Al Shabab” (29 October 1936-12 March 1937)

Araceli Hernandez-Laroche, U South Carolina Upstate–Albert Memmi’s Legacy in Tunisia and beyond the Mediterranean World

Telephony and Turkish Modernization: Social History of Telephone since the Ottoman Era
Organized by Burce Celik

Supported by TUBITAK

Burce Celik, Bahcesehir U–New Perspectives on Social History of Turkey: What Do Technology Studies Offer?

Kaya Ozkaracalar, Bahcesehir U–Telephony and Modernity, the Case of Turkey: Problems, Findings, Directions

Mahmut Cinar, Bahcesehir U–Reading Manuscripts: The Telephone, Modernity and Progress in Discourses

Derya Tarbuck, Bahcesehir U–Reflections on Oral History: The Experiences of the Ownership and Non-Ownership of the Telephone in Istanbul and Ankara

Gulengul Altintas, Bahcesehir U–Reflections of Oral History: The Experiences of the Ownership and Non-Ownership of the Telephone in Kayseri and Diyarbakir
Memory and Gender: Representations
Organized by Sandra G. Carter

Sandra G. Carter, U Houston Victoria–The Video "Tihya", Raissa Fatima TabaaMrante, and New Technologies of Memory

Roberta Micallef, Boston U–A Gendered Examination of Armenian Post-Memoirs

Sylvia W. Önder, Georgetown U–Contemporary Turkish Popular Poetry and the Emotions of Memorialization

Emine Hosoglu Dogan, U Utah & Istanbul Sehir U–Profiles of Late Ottoman Women

Music and Performance
Chair: Carmen M.K. Gitre, Seattle U

Ida Meftahi, U Toronto–The Bio-Political Economy of Cabaret Dancing in Twentieth-Century Iran

Maureen Jackson, Harvard U–The Music Marketplace of a Mediterranean Port

Houda Abadi, Georgia State U–Mediated Resistance: Performing Protests in Morocco

Katherine Hennessey, American Institute for Yemeni Studies–Performing Freedom, Personifying Dissent: Theater on the Arabian Peninsula in the Wake of the Arab Spring

Vanessa Paloma Elbaz, INALCO-Sorbonne Paris Cité–Shikhat?: The Right to Perform with Dignity

States, Markets, Media, and the Environment
Chair: Bassam Yousif, Indiana State U

Shima Bozorgi, Monterey, California–Iran in the Era of Environmental Movements

Annie Vermaelen, Ghent U–The Uneasiness of Local Knowledge: Eco-Political Interventions in Wadi Araba, Jordan

Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Columbia U–Seepage and Statecraft: Contours of Pollution in Post-Oslo Palestine

Nurcan Atalan-Helicke, Skidmore Col–Changing Agricultural Environments: Markets, Small Farmers and the Conservation of Traditional Wheat in Turkey

Katharina Lenner, Free U Berlin–The Uneasiness of Local Knowledge: Eco-Political Interventions in Wadi Araba, Jordan

Teaching the Arab Uprisings
Organized by Ann Witulski

Session Leader: Ann Witulski, U Florida

Lara Dotson-Renta, Quinnipiac U

Sumayya Ahmed, UNC Chapel Hill

Heidi Morrison, U Wisconsin La Crosse

Elisheva Cohen, Portland State U

Armenians in the Modern World

Serife Ergul Memis, Hacettepe U–Aleppine Armenians during the Last Decades of the Nineteenth and the First Quarter of the Twentieth Centuries

Doris Melkonian, UCLA–Genocide Narratives that Challenge Female Gender Norms

Arda Melkonian, UCLA–Types of Intervention during the Armenian Genocide
8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 18

TODAY’S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

7-8:30am
AMIDEAST Arabic Advisory
Board Meeting
Directors Row G (Plaza-L)

8-10am
MEOC General Meeting
Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

9-11am
Middle East Center & Program
Directors Meeting
Governors Square 16 (Plaza-C)

10:30am-12:30pm
MEOC Nuts & Bolts Workshop
for Outreach Coordinators
Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)

11am-1pm
Western Consortium of Middle
East Centers Meeting
Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)

12nn-1:30pm
CASA Consortium Luncheon
Maggiano’s Little Italy Restaurant
(Downtown) 500 16th Street

1-3pm
MEOC’s Committee on Academic
Freedom Meeting
Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

4-6pm
MEOC Board Meeting
Governors Square 9 (Plaza-C)

8:30-10pm
ASPS Reception
Governors Square 11 (Plaza-C)

Roundtable

Martin B. Dickson and His Legacy
after Twenty Years
Organized by Ilker Evrim Binbas

Ilker Evrim Binbas, Royal Holloway, U London
Cornell Hugh Fleischer, U Chicago
Judith Pfeiffer, U Oxford
Kathryn Babayan, U Michigan
Kaya Sahin, Indiana U
Vera Basch Moreen, Independent Scholar

Iran’s Changing Geopolitical Debate:
An Inside-Out Narrative
Organized by Mohammad
Homayounvash

Chair: Houman Sadri, U Central Florida
Discussant: Mohiaddin Mesbahi, Florida International U

Mohammad Homayounvash, Florida International U and Reza Sanati, Florida International U—From “Neither East or West” to the Far East: The Intersection of Iran’s Energy Export Strategy with its Nuclear Industry

Ozum Yesiltas, Florida International U—The Role of Ethnic Movements in the Formation of a Democratic Iran

Arash Reisinezhad, Florida International U—From “Neither East or West” to the Far East: The Intersection of Iran’s Energy Export Strategy with Its Nuclear Industry

Naisy Sarduy, Florida International U—State as a Unitary Actor?: Iran Shaping an Anomaly

Decentering Muscat: Makran, Zanzibar and the Omani Empire in the Indian Ocean, c. 1800-1964
Organized by Fahad A. Bishara

Chair/Discussant: Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington U St. Louis

Fatemeh Keshavarz, Washington U St. Louis—Men, Women, and God: Sa’di’s Vision of Love and Beauty in His Ghazals and the Gulistan

Paul E. Losensky, Indiana U—“From the Effulgence of Silences”: Emanation, Creativity, and Aesthetics in the Poetry of Sa’eb Tabrizi


Dylan Oehler-Stricklin, Washington U St. Louis—Between Beauty and Pain: Nature as a Medium of Self Realization in the Poetry of Forugh Farrokhzad
Oil, Islam and Institutions: Rethinking the Causes and Consequences of Women’s Political Empowerment in the MENA
Organized by Lindsay J. Benstead

Chair: Ellen Lust, Yale U
Discussants: Anya Vodopyanov, Harvard U and Val Moghadam, Northeastern U

Lindsay J. Benstead, Portland State U–Voting the Platform or Providing Wasta: Exploring the Impact of Institutional Setting on Voter Preferences for Female Candidates in the Maghreb
Dawn Nowacki, Linfield Col–Explaining Quota Types for Women’s Representation in Muslim Majority States

Ideology, Political Culture and Authoritarianism in Ba’thist Iraq and Syria
Organized by Joseph Sassoon

Chair/Discussant: Peter Sluglett, National U Singapore

Joseph Sassoon, Georgetown U–Ideology and Culture in Ba’thist Iraq
Bassam Haddad, George Mason U–The Radicalization and Racialization of the Ba’th Party
Fanan Haddad, National U of Singapore–From beyond the Grave: The Legacy of the Ba’th between Ideology and Power

Modern Arab Intellectuals

Chair: Asaad Al-Saleh, U Utah

Yoav Di-Capua, U Texas Austin–The Great Intellectual Odyssey of Husayn Muruwa

Hoda El Shakry, New York U–The Poetic Landscape of Islamic Thought: Creation and Existence in the Literary World of Mahmud Al-Mas’adi
Luke Leafgren, Harvard U–Zaidan’s Historical Novels: Creating Community Out of Conflict

Authority and Popular Contention in North Africa

Chair: Hamid Rezai, Columbia U

Brock Cutler, Radford U–Environmental Affairs: Disaster and the Border in Nineteenth Century Algeria
Isabel Schaefer, Humboldt U Berlin–Civil Society Associations in Tunisia before and after the Revolution

Minor Allison, U Texas Austin–Boundaries and Power: Asserting Central Authority by Defining Landscapes in Historical and Contemporary Morocco
Hazem Kandil, UCLA–Back on Horse?: The Egyptian Military between Two Revolutions

Palestine: The Mandate and Its Aftermath

Chair: Michael R. Fischbach, Randolph-Macon Col

Laura Goffman, New York U–“Under the Strenuous Conditions of the Modern World”: Organizing Arab Education in Mandatory Palestine
Fredrik Meiton, New York U–Electrical Power: Infrastructural Concessions in Early Mandatory Palestine

Nicholas E. Roberts, Sewanee: U the South–Building a Palestinian Islam: Britain and the Establishment of the Supreme Muslim Council in Mandatory Palestine
Laura Fish, U Texas Austin–Publicized Violence: Photographed Realities of Palestine

Representations of Rebellion and War

Chair: Mirna Lattouf, Arizona State U

Hulya Arik, York U–’Religious’ vs. ‘Secular’ Embodiment: Construction of the Female Body and Sexuality between Political Discourses in Turkish Military Families
Neslihan Kaptanoglu, American U–Turkey and the EU in the Middle East: The Limits on Europeanization of Turkish Foreign Policy
Faruk Yalvac, Middle East Technical U–Hegemonic Depth and Turkish Foreign Policy
Pinar Kemerli, Cornell U–Refusing to Become Pious Soldiers: Turkey’s Islamist Conscientious Objectors
Masaki Kakizaki, U Denver–The “Social Movement Society” Thesis in Turkey: Is Protest becoming a Conventional Mode of Political Participation?

The Politics of Language

Chair: Salah-Dine Hammoud, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado

Ivan Panovic, U Oxford–Another Word on the Wall: Graffiti in Cairo in the Service of the Revolution
Brahim Chakrani, Michigan State U–Examining the Work of Ideology in the Educational Domain: Language Attitudes and Use among Moroccan Youth
Kian Alavy, U Arizona—Language and Literature in the Homeland Project of the Azerbaijan Democrat Party in Iran
Mohamed ElSawi Hassan, Amherst Col—“Speak That I May See You”: A Linguistic Reading of Defining Moments of Egypt’s Military Council during the Revolution
Dris Soulimani, UCLA—Orthographies and Language Ideologies: Selecting a Script for Berber in Morocco

Christians and Others in Muslim Societies

Chair: Carter V. Findley, Ohio State U

Phil Dorroll, Emory U—Sacred Violence in Sacred History: War and Peace in Arabic Christian Apologetics
Mehmet Ali Dogan, Istanbul Technical U—American Missionary Activities in Mardin
Shane E. Minkin, Swarthmore Col—The Death of the Archbishop: Religious Ritual and Political Power in Turn-of-the-Century Alexandria, Egypt
Abed Al-Rahman Tayyara, Cleveland State U—The Representations of the Paulicians in Early Islamic Sources
Charles L. Wilkins, Wake Forest U—Aspects of Integration and Segregation among the Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Communities of 17th-Century Ottoman Aleppo

Thematic Conversation

Neoliberal Urbanizations in the Arab World (Year 2)
Organized by Ala Al-Hamarneh

Session Leader: Ala Al-Hamarneh, U Mainz

Andrew Gardner, U Puget Sound
Nadine Scharfenort, U Mainz
Diane Singerman, American U
Christopher H. Parker, Ghent U
Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Teaching Middle Eastern Studies: Promises, Pitfalls and Practicalities
Organized by June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart U

Sponsored by MESA’s Committee for Undergraduate Middle Eastern Studies

Chair: Chad G. Lingwood, Grand Valley State U
Discussants: Noor-Aiman Khan, Colgate U and Ranjit Singh, U of Mary Washington

Edgar W. Francis IV, U Wisconsin Stevens Point
Victoria Hightower, North Georgia Col & State U
Ed Webb, Dickinson Col
Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury U
Jeffrey Macris, U.S. Naval Academy
Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col
Bryant “Tip” Ragan, Colorado Col

The inaugural panel for the newly reconstituted Committee for Undergraduate Teaching and Learning in ME Studies (CUMES) will focus on common challenges and opportunities experienced by educators in teaching ME Studies courses in undergraduate, non-research 1 institutions.

Transitioning Law: Islamic Law and Its Relation to Other Legal Systems

Ihsan Alkhatib, Murray State U—Shari’a Law and American Family Courts
Hania Abou Al-Shamat, U Florida—Receptivity to Legal Change: Merchants’ Adjustment to the New Commercial Laws and Courts in Egypt, 1883-1949
Samaneh Oladi Ghadikolaei, UC Santa Barbara—The Contemporary Debate over Islamic Family Law
Vardit Rispler-Chaim, U Haifa—Islamic Law and People with Disabilities: Between the Terminology and Social Reality
SPECIAL SESSION

How the Arab Uprisings Have Made us Rethink What We Knew about the Arab World

Lisa Anderson, American U in Cairo
What Have the Arab Uprisings Taught Us about the Nature of Governance in the Arab World

Joel Beinin, Stanford U
What Have the Arab Uprisings Taught Us about Social Mobilization in the Arab World

Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U
What Have the Arab Uprisings Taught Us about the Diffusion of Global Norms of Human Rights and Democracy to the Arab World

Suad Joseph, UC Davis
What Have the Arab Uprisings Taught Us about Gender and Gender Politics in the Arab World

Carrie Wickham, Emory U
What Have the Arab Uprisings Taught Us about the Evolution of Political Islam in the Arab World

Asli Bali, UCLA
What Have the Arab Uprisings Taught Us about Foreign Intervention in the Arab World

It has been almost two years since Muhammad Bouazizi’s self-immolation and the subsequent spread of uprisings and protests throughout the Arab world. These uprisings and protests have not only affected the lives of millions of those living in the region, they compel those of us researching and teaching about the region to reassess our research agendas and rethink the way we present the Arab world to our students. They have also expanded the public role of MESA members who have increasingly been called upon by media and others to explain and contextualize events. The purpose of this panel is to assemble experts to explore how the uprisings have transformed our understanding of the recent history of the region, and what the uprisings might teach us about a number of specific topics, from the diffusion of global norms of human rights beginning in the 1970s and their reception in the region to the expansion of the realm of political Islam to include currents responsive to those norms, and from the transformation of the civic order in the Arab world during the past three decades to the transformation of the role of the United States in the region in the aftermath of the invasion of Iraq and the global economic crisis of 2008.

Ottoman Inter-Confessional Dialectics in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries
Organized by Scott Rank

Chair: Nadia Al-Bagdadi, Central European U
Discussant: Bedross Der Matossian, U Nebraska, Lincoln

Scott Rank, Central European U–Rethinking Late Ottoman Religious Sectarianism: Christian-Muslim Polemics and Common Discourses of Religious Truth (1867-1915)

Alyson Wharton, Mardin Artuklu U, Turkey–Armenian Church Buildings in Diyarbakir and Gaziantep and the Expression of Local Identity in the Second Half of the 19th Century

Asli Gur, U Michigan–Transformation of the Educational Field, Alternative Social Imageries, and Their Impact on the Confessional Group Relations in the Ottoman Empire (1840-1880)

The Long Shadow of Lyautey: Long-term Effects of French Colonialism on Contemporary Morocco
Organized by Moshe Gershovich

Chair/Discussant: John P. Entelis, Fordham U

Spencer Segalla, U Tampa–The Lyautist Urban Planning Legacy, the Reconstruction of Agadir, and the Moroccan Modern

Paul Williams, U Nebraska at Omaha–Christian Communities in Morocco from the Protectorate to the Present

Moshe Gershovich, U Nebraska at Omaha–Inadvertent Unifiers: French Military Policies and the Transformation of the Moroccan Countryside

Mohamed Daadaoui, Oklahoma City U–The Legacy of Maréchal Lyautey and the Modernization of the Makhzen in Morocco


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Gender, Intersectionality, and the Politics of Social Change  
Organized by Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS, U London

**Sponsored by**  
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Katherine Natanel, SOAS, U London—Living in the Garden of Perhaps: Ordinary Life as an Obstacle to Political Change in Israel

Leyli Behbahani, SOAS, U London—Transnational Iranian Feminist Activism and the Politics of Location

Marta Pietrobelli, SOAS, U London—Empowerment, Gender and Social Change in the Context of Women’s Political Participation in Jordan

Ozlem Caliskan, SOAS, U London—Intersection of Differences in Anti-Militarist Feminist Organizing in Turkey

**Roundtable**

The Americans are Coming: Assessing the Impact of the Expansion of U.S. Study Abroad in the Arab World  
Organized by Allison Hodgkins, U Jordan and Stephen Bush

Chair: Ann M. Lesch, American U in Cairo

Katherine N. Yngve, American U Beirut  
Stephan Bush, CIEE

Michaelle L. Bowers, Wake Forest U  
Cara Lane, AMIDEAST Education Abroad in the Arab World

Ozlem Altan-Olcay, Koç U  
Elena D. Corbett, Penn State Erie

The Muslim World in the Age of the Crusades: History, Religion and Culture in the Service of Counter Crusading and Sunni Revivalism, Part 1

Organized by Suleiman A. Mourad and James E. Lindsay, Colorado State U

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Middle East Medievalists

Chair: Warren C. Schultz, DePaul U

R. Stephen Humphreys, UC Santa Barbara—Ideological Mobilization in the Age of the Crusades: The Evidence of the Manuscripts

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**Academic Writing for the Media**

Sheila Lalwani, Special Advisor to the Publisher, *Foreign Policy*

Although well-researched, academic writing can often seem inaccessible to many in the media and the general public. Academic research can offer important insight to the broader public, but the gap between academic and mainstream media writing styles keeps many scholars from publishing in popular media. Journalist and academic Sheila Lalwani, Merrill School of Journalism, University of Maryland, and Special Advisor to the Publisher, *Foreign Policy*, will offer guidance on writing for the mainstream media, from choosing the appropriate tone and style to identifying news outlets to pitch. She will cover the following topics, among others:

- What are editors and news outlets looking for?
- How do you pitch a story to editors?
- How can an academic argument be crafted into effective messaging in a media context?
- What changes must be made when writing an article for wide dissemination?

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**Finding Islam in Cyberspace: Hip Hop, Video Games, Armageddon and Wiki Apostates**

Organized by Daniel Martin Varisco

Chair: Vit Sisler, Charles U in Prague

Discussant: Jon W. Anderson, Catholic U America

Anders Ackfeldt, Lund U—“I Am Malcolm X”: Muslim Hip-Hop Video Clips Online

Vit Sisler, Charles U Prague—Playing with Religion: Representation of Islam in Video Games

Goran Larsson, U Gothenburg—WikiIslam and Apostasy: The Public Talk about Islam and Heresy in Cyberspace

Daniel Martin Varisco, Hofstra U—Really and Virtually Armageddon Bound: Online Christian and Muslim Apocalyptic Scenarios
Palestine and the Arab Revolutions
Organized by Sherene Seikaly

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center and Jadaliyya

Chair/Discussant: Sherene Seikaly, American U in Cairo

Taheer A. Araj, American U in Cairo—Does the Road to Freedom Begin in Cairo?: Palestinian Political Activism in Egypt
Halla Shoaibi, American U–The Arab Revolutions: Rethinking Women’s Activism in Palestine
Fadi Quran, Birzeit U–The Rise of a New Generation of Palestinian Revolutionary Agents
Noura Erakat, Georgetown U–Palestinian Refugees and the Arab Spring: Legal Regimes, Durable Solutions, and Outstanding Questions

Islam and Nationalism: Transdisciplinary Perspectives, Global Dialogues
Organized by Leif Stenberg

Supported by Center for Middle Eastern Studies Lund University

Chair/Discussant: Umut Ozkirimli, Lund U

Leif Stenberg, Lund U–The Syrian State and Official Islam
Reza Arjmand, Lund U–“Education of Intimate” and “Management of Desires” as Part of Nationalist Project in Egypt and Iran
Catharina Raudvere, U Copenhagen–Personal Loss and Collective Memory: Public Muslim Rituals in the Commemoration of War Victims in Sarajevo
Spyros A. Sofos, U Oxford–Who are the European Muslims?

Social Histories of the Oil Industry in Modern Iran
Organized by Kaveh Ehsani

Touraj Atabaki, International Institute of Social History–The Making of the Abadan Oil Refinery
Maral Jefroudi, International Institute of Social History–The White Revolution and Oil Workers of Khuzestan: Perceptions, Appropriations and Experiences
Jamaseb Soltani, International Institute of Social History–The Last Migration: Industrialization of Nomads in the Iranian Oil Industry
Peyman Jafari, International Institute of Social History–The Impact of Revolution and War on the Iranian Oil Industry
Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul U–The Urban Life of Oil: The Built Environment and Daily Life in Khuzestan’s Company Towns

In the Shadow of the Cold War: Modern Art in the Arab World
Organized by Sarah Rogers and Saleem Al-Bahloly

Sponsored by Association for Modern and Contemporary Art of the Arab World, Iran and Turkey

Jessica Gerschultz, U Kansas–Mutable Form and Materiality: “Interweaving” Art and Politics in the New Tapestry of Safia Farhat, Magdalena Abakanowicz, Maria Laskiewicz, and Jagoda Buic
Sarah Rogers, Darat Al Funun–The American U Beirut and the Formation of the Modern Lebanese Artist
Saleem Al-Bahloly, UC Berkeley–The Politics of the Modern Artwork in Cold War Iraq

Political Economy of the Arabian Peninsula, Part I

Chair: Joe Stork, Human Rights Watch
Stephen Steinbeiser, American Institute for Yemeni Studies–The Role of Law in Yemen
Gwenn Okruhlik, Qatar U/Brookings Doha Fellow–The Politics of Distribution: State Building and Sect in the Arabian Peninsula
Glenn E. Robinson, Naval Postgraduate School–The Political Economy of Corruption in Yemen

Egypt: 18th-20th Centuries

Chair: Vivian Ibrahim, SOAS, U of London

Catherine Orsborn, U Denver–Shifting Identities in Colonial Egypt: A Case Study on Religious Groupism
Hanan H. Hammad, Texas Christian U–Colonial Hybridity: The Colonial-National Struggle over Prostitution after the British Invasion of Egypt
Sara Nimis, Miami U–Sufi Ritual in Eighteenth Century Egypt: Political Implications of Diverse Ways to God
Shaden M. Tageldin, U Minnesota–Fénelon’s Gods, Al-Tahtawi’s Jinn: Comparison, Translation, and the Compulsion to Realism
Andrew Jan, UCLA–Sufis, Bakris, and Pashas: The Bureaucratization of Religion in Nineteenth-Century Cairo
Mobilizing Identities in Modern Turkey
Chair: Sabri Ciftci, Kansas State U

F. Michael Wuthrich, U Kansas–Three Paradoxes in the Development of Kurdish Nationalism in Turkey
Can Ozcan, U Utah–Forgetting the Past, Remembering the Future: An Analysis of the Socio-Spatial Strategies of Early Modern Turkish Republic in Istanbul and Ankara
Fatma Betul Cihan-Artun, U Massachusetts Amherst–Framing Rumi: The Politicized Representations of Mawlana Jalal Al-Din Rumi in Modern Turkey

Cities in Transformation
Chair: Roberto Mazza, Western Illinois U

Domenico Copertino, U Milan-Bicocca–Gentrifiers, Preservationists and the Changing Urban Landscape of Damascus, Syria
Zia Salim, San Diego State U/UC Santa Barbara–Building Community? Housing Compounds in Bahrain
Arash Sedighi, SOAS, U London–Changing Perspectives of the Modern City: Jahan-Nama Tower and Nazhvan Natural Park in Esfahan
Gretchen Head, UC Berkeley–Writing Casablanca’s Bidonvilles: Muhammad Zifzaf’s Muhawilat ‘Aysh

Poetics of Protest and Alienation: Contemporary Arabic Poetry and Fiction

Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U–Islam and the Construction of National Identity in Ahmad Shawqi
Dominic Coldwell, U Oxford–‘Popular’ Poetry Revisited: Situating Shaikh Imam and Ahmad Fu’ad Nigm’s Audience(s)
Alya El Hosseiny, New York U–I Am The People: Poetics of Populism in Egyptian Revolutionary Poetry
Benjamin Smith, Harvard U–‘Ala Al-Aswani’s Shikaghu Read against the Prose of the Mahjar

Sufis and Their Worlds
Chair: Erik S. Ohlanger, Indiana U – Purdue U Ft. Wayne

Side Emre, Texas A&M U–Being a “Fususi”: Muhyi-i Gülseni’s (d. 1603/1604 C.E.) Intellectual World and Defense of Ibn Al-Arabi
Ata Anzali, Middlebury Col–Some Reflections on the Early Developments of the Zahabiyyah Sufi Order
John Dechant, Indiana U–Zayn Al-Din-i Taybadi and the Construction of Sacred Space in Khurasan
Mehrdad Amanat, Independent Scholar–Empowerment and Persecution: Non-Muslim Communities in the Constitutional Period (1905-1921)
Aaron V. Sealy, U Michigan–Writing the History of Shi’ite Nationalism in Iran as if Minorities Mattered
Haideh Sahim, Hofstra U–From Isolation to Participation: Jewish Contribution to the Making of Modern Iran
Lior Sternfeld, U Texas Austin–The Revolution’s Forgotten Sons: The Islamic Revolution and the Jewish Community

Roundtable

Cosmopolitanism and Modernity in the 20th Century Middle East
Organized by Andrea L. Stanton

Deborah Starr, Cornell U
Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden U
Kevin W. Martin, Indiana U
Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver

New Approaches to Non-Muslims and Law in Islamic Societies
Organized by Lev Weitz and Jessica M. Marglin

Chair: David S. Powers, Cornell U
Discussant: Marina Rustow, Johns Hopkins U

Tamer el-Leithy, New York U–The Biography of a Coptic Alley in Cairo: Coptic Families and Property in Muslim Courts (1430-1580 A.D.)
Jessica M. Marglin, Princeton U–The Word of a Dhimmi?: Jews’ Testimony in Moroccan Shari’a Courts, 1850-1912
Mark Wagner, Louisiana State U–Inter-Communal Violence and the Shari’ah in Twentieth-Century Yemen

MESA 2012 Preliminary Program

2-4PM Sunday November 18

The Palestinians: Representation and Accountability
Organized by George Bisharat

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Chair/Discussant: George Bisharat, UC Hastings Col of the Law
Osamah Khalil, Syracuse U–"Who are You?": The Politics and Limits of Representation and Accountability
Nimer Sultan, Harvard U–The Palestinian Citizens in Israel
Khalil Shaheen, Palestine Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies–Reform Movements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip
Diana Buttu, Consultant–Talk to Me!

Post-Ottoman Citizenship Discourses in the Arab Levant
Organized by Lauren Banko

Sponsored by
Syrian Studies Association

Chair: Shira Robinson, George Washington U
Discussant: William Hanley, Florida State U

Benjamin Thomas White, U Birmingham–Refugees and Nationality in 1920s Syria and Lebanon
Hilary Falb, UC Berkeley–“Are They Educating Their Pupils for a World in which They are To Be First or Second?”: Government Schools and Citizenship in the Mandates for Mesopotamia (Iraq) and Palestine
Seda Altug, Boğaziçi U–Debating Syrianness in French-Syria (1936-1939)

Geographies of the Modern Nation
State: Spatial Approaches to Nationhood and Ethnicity in the Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey
Organized by Ipek K. Yosmaoglu and Amy Mills

Discussant: Ian R. Manners, U Texas Austin (Emeritus)
Kerem Oktem, U Oxford–Manufacturing Monochrome: Ethno-Territoriality and the Transformation of a Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Religious Ottoman Province into a “Turkish” City
Sibel Zandi-Sayek, Col of William and Mary–Cadastral Mapping and the Politics of Citizenship in Tanzimat Izmir
Amy Mills, U South Carolina–Urbanism and Nationalism in Satirical Journals of Republican-Era Istanbul

Yemen after Saleh
Organized by Charles P. Schmitz

Sponsored by
American Institute for Yemeni Studies

Chair: Charles P. Schmitz, Towson U
Discussant: Michael C. Hudson, National U Singapore

Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Hobart and William Smith Col–Fragmentation and Reintegration?: Yemen’s “Opposition” in the Wake of the Change Revolution
Kamilia Al-Eriani, Monash U–Reactionary Responsible Friendship?: Reflections on the Yemeni Revolution
Abdullah Hamidaddin, Kings Col London–The Huthis
Susanne Dahlgren, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies–The Future of South Yemen: Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea
Charles P. Schmitz, Towson U–Yemen’s Post-Hydrocarbon Economy
Sophia Pandya, CSU Long Beach–Women, Religion, and Yemen’s Arab Spring
2-4PM Sunday November 18

Faith-Based Conservative Activism in Turkey: Fethullah Gulen as a Social Movement
Organized by Joshua Hendrick
Chair: Joshua Hendrick, Loyola U Maryland
Discussant: Howard Eissenstat, St. Lawrence U
David Tittensor, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe U–Gülen’s Schools and the Changing Nature of Islamic Mission: Exploring the Teacher-Student Dynamic
Fulya Apaydin, Institut Barcelona D’Estudis Internacionals–Soft Power a la Turca?: Limits and Opportunities of Turkish Influence in Central Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa
Husnul Amin, International Islamic U Islamabad–Market-Based but Socially Conservative Post-Islamism: A Case of Gullen Movement in Pakistan
Content Based Arabic Second Language Instruction (CBI): Issues and Practical Considerations, the CASA Experience
Organized by Iman Aziz Soliman

Politics and Literature Intertwined: The State Meets the Citizen in the Modern Arab World
Organized by Caroleen Sayej
Caroleen Sayej, Connecticut Col–Engaging the Authoritarian State
Waed N. Athamneh, Indiana U–Commitment and Identity in Selected Poems by Darwish
Muhammad Masud, Illinois State U–The Politics of Children’s Literature in Egypt
Rethinking Elections in Authoritarian States: Insights from the Periphery
Organized by Malika Bouziane and Anja Hoffmann
Naoual Belakhdar, Hertie School of Governance–Rethinking Elections, Boycott and Protest in Algeria
Anja Hoffmann, Free U Berlin–Moroccan Elections and the Referendum on the New Constitution: Close Encounters from the Middle Atlas
Malika Bouziane, Free U Berlin– Celebrating a National Wedding: Elections in the Periphery of Jordan
Hala C. Abou-Zaki, EHESS/IRD/CEMAM–Celebrating Local Elections in the Palestinian Refugee Camp of Shatila after the Syrian Withdrawal from Lebanon in 2005
State of the Field: Agriculture and Colonial Rule in Egypt, 1870–1952
Organized by Aaron G. Jakes
Chair/Discussant: Sherene Seikaly, American U in Cairo
Aaron G. Jakes, New York U–Floating Towards Crisis: Gresham Life Insurance and the Mortgage Boom in British Egypt
Samantha Iyer, UC Berkeley–The Fictitious Commodity of Land and Egypt’s Grain Market, 1890–1939
Eric Schewe, U Michigan–State Securitization of Agriculture and Supply in Egypt, 1939–1952
Jennifer Derr, Bard Col–The Evolving Properties of the Colonial State: Practicing Colonial Rule through Agriculture in Egypt’s South
Political Economy of the Arabian Peninsula, Part II

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Chair: Joe Stork, Human Rights Watch

Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown U-Qatar–State-Building and Political Consolidation in Qatar
Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern U in Qatar–The Politics of Legitimacy: A Case Study of Qatar
Sang Hyun Song, U Utah–Saudi Arabian Oil Policy as a Swing Producer in the 1980s
Debra Shushan, Col of William and Mary–Prestige at Home and Abroad: Qatar’s Bold Foreign Policy in a New Middle East
Martin Hvidt, U Southern Denmark–Economic Diversification in the GCC Countries: Past Record and Future Trends

More than Meets the Eye: Spaces, Places, and Monuments

Chair: Jacqueline Armijo, Qatar U

Karen A. Leal, Harvard U–An Ottoman Egyptian Obelisk in New York: An Examination of Shifting Landscapes in the Gilded Age
Helga Tawil Souri, New York U–Contradictory Space(s) of Resistance: Hizbollah’s Meeta Museum
Amaya Martin, U Notre Dame–The Umayyad Mosque in the Cathedral of Cordoba: Presentation of Its History and Spatial Organization to Visitors
Tamir Sorek, U Florida–The Distinctiveness of the Collective Narrative of the Palestinians in Israel

2-4PM Sunday November 18

Thematic Conversation

The Arab Uprisings: Media Representations of Women & Youth (Year 2)
Organized by Therese Saliba

Session Leader: Therese Saliba, Evergreen State Col

Suad Joseph, UC Davis
Bahar Davary, U San Diego
Linda Steet, SUNY Geneseo
Sarah Gualtieri, U Southern California
**SPECIAL SESSION**

**Bridges of Understanding:**
The Contribution of Muslim Cultures to American and European Societies

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Islam and Muslims have played a significant role in the historical development of both the United States and Europe. The vast contributions of Muslim societies and scholars to science and other fields remain largely unrecognized in Europe and the United States. The history of European (and “Western”) achievements in the fields of culture, the arts, humanities and sciences is often written with hardly any reference to Muslim culture and influence. Such a reductionist and incomplete view of history has been successfully challenged by years of scholarship. How can this misperception be addressed? Panelists will offer their views on this question, among others:

- How can a deeper knowledge of the common historical roots shared by Muslim, Christian and Jewish cultures lead to a better understanding of the rich and complex identities that make up European and American societies today?
- What are some innovative ways of improving public knowledge of Muslim-non-Muslim interactions, exchanges and cross influence in the fields of science, the arts, and humanities historically and in the present time? Will such innovative ways impact how teachers and students engage with the content?
- How can academic knowledge of shared histories and common cultural roots permeate our understanding of the world today and influence current debates in relevant ways?

**Blurring Nationalism and Religion in the Early 20th Century Middle East**
Organized by Ahmet Serdar Akturk and Matthew Parnell

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Chair: Lisa Pollard, UNC Wilmington
Discussant: Joel Gordon, U Arkansas

Ahmet Serdar Akturk, U Arkansas—Many Faces of Religion: Kurdish Nationalism in French Mandatory Levant

Matthew Parnell, U Arkansas—What is “National Unity?”: Religion, Egyptian Nationalism and the 1919 Revolution

Stacy Fahrenthold, Northeastern U—Men of the Nation, Men of the Cloth: Lebanese Diasporic Nationalism and the Church, 1919-1932

Simon Jackson, European U Institute, Florence—Sacred Infrastructure: The Maronite Church as Institutional Shareholder in Mandate-Era Economic Development

Globalization, Modernization and Social Change in Contemporary Iran
Organized by Soheyl Amini

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Chair: Soheyl Amini, Salve Regina U

Mojtaba Mahdavi, U Alberta—Modernity from Below: Making Sense of Post-Islamism in Iran

Soheyl Amini, Salve Regina U—Social Movements in the Age of the Internet: The Contested Space

**Migration and (Non-)Citizenship in Arab Gulf States: Policies, Practices, and Negotiations**
Organized by Imco Brouwer, Gulf Research Center

Organized under the auspices of Gulf Labor Markets and Migration Program of the GRC (Jeddah, Geneva, Cambridge) and the EUI (Florence)

Chair: Gwenn Okruhlik, Qatar U/Brookings Doha Fellow

Noora Lori, Johns Hopkins U—State Formation and the Construction of “Citizens” and “Noncitizens” in the United Arab Emirates

Gianluca Paolo Parolin, American U in Cairo—(Non-)Naturalization Policies in the GCC Member States

Zahra Babar, Georgetown U—Inclusion/Exclusion: Citizens and Migrants in the State of Qatar

Neha Vora, Texas A&M U—Indians in Dubai: Impossible Citizens

**The United States and the Middle East: The End of the American Century?**
Organized by Osamah Khalil

Chair: Nathan Citino, Colorado State U
Discussant: Osamah Khalil, Syracuse U

Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut—American Efforts to Navigate the Changing Regional Order in the Middle East

Lisa Bhungalia, Syracuse U–Landscapes of Security: U.S. National Securitization through Aid in Palestine

Steve Niva, Evergreen State Col–Deterrioralizing War; America’s Special Operations and the Dark Arts of Networked Warfare in the Middle East and Beyond

Arab American Studies at the Crossroads
Organized by Pauline Homsi Vinson

Sponsored by Arab American Studies Association

Heather Ferguson, Claremont McKenna Col–Between Ethics and Politics: The Elaboration of a Critical Mode in Ottoman Administrative Genres

Sabrina Peric, U Calgary–Mining, Writing, Archiving: An 18th Century Friar on the Edge of Empires

Ekin Tusalp, Harvard U–The Katiban in the Seventeenth Century: Intersections of Genre, Identity and Ethos in Ottoman Bureaucracy

4:30-6:30PM Sunday November 18

The Spatial Production of Identities in the Turkish Republic
Organized by Zeynep Kezer, Kimberly Hart, and Alison B. Snyder

Chair: Zeynep Kezer, Newcastle U

Anna Secor, U Kentucky and Banu Gokariksel, UNCP Chapel Hill–The Fashionable Veil, the City, and the Subject

Kimberly Hart, Buffalo State Col–Rural Anatolian Mosque Tales: Construction, Destruction, Reconstruction

Deborah Durham, Sweet Briar Col–A Site (Cité) on a Hill: Aging, Class and Citizenship in a Turkish Retirement Home

Zeynep Kezer, Newcastle U–Edge of State: The Making of an Internal Border in Early Republican Elazığ (Turkey)

Alison B. Snyder, U Oregon–Re-positioning the Iconic Avenue: Istanbul’s İstiklal Caddesi Takes on Its Next New Life

Seeing the Political: Gender and Visual Culture in the Middle East and Its Diasporas
Organized by Tahereh Aghdasifar

Sara Pursley, CUNY Graduate Center–Nation, Gender, Time in Jawad Salim’s Monument to Freedom

Tahereh Aghdasifar, Emory U–Masculinity in Crisis?: Making Sense of the Majid Tavakoli Case

Elizabeth Harrington, New York U–Recognizing Women: Photography and Feminism from Iran

Isabella Archer, UNC Chapel Hill–Searching for a Sense of Belonging: Gender and Identity in the Photography of Lalla Essaydi

The 1967 Watershed: The Arab-Israeli Conflict in the Aftermath of the June War
Organized by Avi Raz

Chair/Discussant: James L. Gelvin, UCLA

Avi Raz, U Oxford–The Bride and the Dowry: Israel’s Foreign Policy of Prevarication in the Aftermath of the June 1967 War
Olivia Sohns, Cambridge U–Hostage to Fortune: President Johnson’s Arab-Israeli Policies after the June 1967 War

Shay Malki, Ben Gurion U the Negev–From Radicalism to Pragmatism: Egyptian Intellectual Discourse towards Israel, 1967-1977

Hillel Gruenberg, New York U–“You’re Still Here Too!?”: Continuity and Change in ‘Israeli-Arab’ Policy after 1967

Ottoman Vassals in the North and Their Interactions across the East European Steppe Frontier
Organized by Murat Yasar

Murat Yasar, U Toronto–Internationalization of the North Caucasus as a Borderland: Islamization versus Christianization and the Sultan versus the Tsar

Maryna Kravets, U Toronto–Ransom and Exchange of Captives on the Crimean-Muscovite Frontier: A Case Study from 1649

Sait Ocakli, U Toronto–Crimean Khan Islam III Geray’s Approach to the Struggle for Hegemony in Eastern Europe

Formulations of ‘Alid and Shi’ Communal Identity in the Formative Period of Islam
Chair: Dale J. Correa, New York U

Alyssa Gabbay, U Washington–Heiress to the Prophet: Fatima, Fadak, and Female Inheritance in Islam

Torsten Hylén, Dalarna U–Revenge or Martyrdom!: The Story of the Penitents as a Link to the Early Development of Shi’ism

Aaron Hagler, U Pennsylvania–The Echoes of Fitna: Developing Historiographical Interpretations of the Battle of Siffin

Michael Dann, Princeton U–Hagiography of Slave-Women: The Mothers of the Imams in Imami Historical Memory

Understanding Cities
Chair: Karam Dana, Harvard U

Marika Snider, U Utah–Urban Morphology of Aylah, Jordan through Digital Tools and Virtual Reconstructions

Alexandra Sprano, New York U–Multiculturalism and Nation: Gaziantep as a Case Study

Satoshi Kawamoto, U Tokyo–The Making of Ottoman Neighborhood: A Case Study of Sixteenth-Century Istanbul

John M. Willis, U Colorado–Mending Scattered Hearts: The Companions’ Graves and the Interwar Movement for Islamic Unity

Love, Emotion, and Sexuality in Literature
Chair: Sanaa Riaz, Ashford U

Kifah Hanna, Trinity Col–Returning to the Roots: Desire in Lebanese War Literature


Jedidiah Anderson, Indiana U–Language and Sexuality – Lebanon: A Case Study using Linguistic Corpora

Shervin Emami, UCLA–Rumi, Farrokhzad and Tavalodi Digar “Rebirth”

Classical Arabic Poetry and Prose
Chair: Majd Yaser Al-Mallah, Grand Valley State U

Ailin Qian, U Pennsylvania–The Virtues of Al-Saymari

Ali Hussein, U Haifa–Mulayh Ibn Al-Hakam: The Man through His Poetical Output

Cory Jorgensen, George Washington U–“Doin’ the Dozens” in Umayyad-Era Basra

Richard A. Serrano, Rutgers U–The Heart’s Rubble of Jamil Buthaynah’s Reconstructed Diwan

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Assyrians and Minority Studies
Organized by Fadi Dawood

Session Leader: Fadi Dawood, SOAS, U London

Sharokin Betgevargiz, Savannah Col of Art and Design

Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams U

Nicholas Al-Jeloo, U Sydney

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2012 MESA Awards Ceremony

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Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award
Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards
MESA Mentoring Award
Jere L. Bacharach Service Award
MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize

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**Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Associations**  
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**EWIC Editors Training Meeting**  
Directors Row G (Plaza-L)

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**JMEWS Editorial Board Meeting**  
Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)

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**American University in Cairo Reception**  
Plaza Ballroom D (Plaza-C)

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**AMCA Members Meeting**  
Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)

7-9pm  
**TARRII Reception**  
Governors Square 9 (Plaza-C)

7:30-9:30pm  
**Al-Monitor Reception**  
Plaza Ballroom E (Plaza-C)

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Documenting the Revolution: The Print Culture of Tahrir Square  
Organized by Elias Saba

**Supported by TahrirDocuments.org**

Chair: Elias Saba, U Pennsylvania  
Discussant: Murad Idris, Cornell U

Cameron Hu, U Chicago–Practicing Memory in Revolutionary Egypt  
Emily Drumsta, UC Berkeley–Li-Sabir Hudud: Colloquial Poetry and the Rhetoric of Patience in Egypt  
Levi Thompson, UCLA–Symbol and Tahrir Square: The Struggle for Revolutionary Legitimacy  
Alexander Winder, New York U–Accusation, Blame, and Rumor in Tahrir Square: Excavating Hopes and Anxieties in the Egyptian Revolution

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**Palestinian Refugees and International Protection**  
Organized by Nell Gabiam

Chair: Randa R. Farah, Western U

Richard Wright, United Nations  
Kristine Beckerle, Yale Law School  
Nell Gabiam, Iowa State U

Archival Imaginations: Producing the Past in the Contemporary Middle East  
Organized by Mona Damluji and Rosie Bsheer

Chair: Rosie Bsheer, Columbia U  
Discussant: Ussama Makdisi, Rice U


Mona Damluji, UC Berkeley–Beg, Borrow, and Steal: Navigating the Real and Virtual Spaces of Iraqi Archives

Kristin Soraya Batmanghelichi, Columbia U–Resisting the Replacement: Reflections on Tehran’s Embodied Archives

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Public Discourse in 20th Century Iraq  
Organized by Fadi Dawood

Chair/Discussant: Sarah Shields, UNC Chapel Hill

Arbella Bet-Shlimon, Harvard U–The Construction of a Civic Identity in Kirkuk in the Twentieth Century and the Present

Alda Benjamen, SOAS, U London–The Formation of the Assyrian ‘Warrior Race’ in Mandatory Iraq

Elad Giladi, Hebrew U Jerusalem–The Other Shi’a and the New Iraq

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Between Legal Theory and Practice: Ottoman Fatwas, Society, and Politics in the Early Modern Era  
Organized by Will Smiley

Chair/Discussant: Snjezana Buzov, Ohio State U

Joshua White, U Michigan–Fatwas and the Birth of Early Modern Ottoman Maritime Law

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Will Smiley, Yale Law School–Fatwas and Treaties: Childhood, Conversion, and the Ottoman Negotiation of Islamic and International Law

Snjezana Buzov, Ohio State U–Fatwas for Franciscans: Whose Jurisprudence?  
Selma Zecevic, York U-Amr, Zayd and Hind at the Sharia Court of Ottoman Sarajevo: The Use of Fatwas in Family Disputes over Inheritance (1802-1804)

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History and Community: The Armenians of Lebanon and Syria  
Organized by Barlow Der Mugrdechian

Chair: Barlow Der Mugrdechian, CSU Fresno  
Discussant: Kevork B. Bardakjian, U Michigan

Vahram Shemmassian, CSU Northridge–Exodus of Musa Dagh Armenians from the Sanjak of Alexandretta to Anjar, Lebanon in 1939

Ara Sanjian, U Michigan Dearborn–Armenians and the Lebanese Civil War of 1958

Ohannes Geukjian, American U Beirut–An Ignored Relationship: The Armenian Diaspora in Lebanon and Conflict Resolution in the Civil War Period 1975-1990

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Revisiting the Turkish Model: Democracy, Minorities and Human Rights  
Organized by Ayca Alemdaroglu, Stanford U and Asli Z. Igsiz, U Arizona

Discussant: Vangelis Kechriotis, Boğaziçi U

Zeynep Turkyilmaz, Dartmouth Col–Is There Any Room for Apology?: Republic’s Dersim Question, Education Policies and Maternal Colonialism

Hayrunnisa Goksel, Northwestern U–Ethnicity “Versus” Gender: Women’s Narratives of Peace and Violence in Turkey
Gender and Entrepreneurship in the MENA Region
Organized by Eric Hooglund

Sponsored by Middle East Critique

Chair: Eric Hooglund, Lund U

Jennifer Olmsted, Drew U–Entrepreneurs and Arab Spring: Historic Grievances and Future Policy Preferences

Hadi Salehi Esfahani, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Do MENA Governments Regulate Male- and Female-Run Firms Differently?

Roksana Bahramitash, Montreal–Women’s Entrepreneurship in Iran: Challenges and Opportunities

Revisiting the Early Generation of Francophone Maghrebian Writers and Artists: Are They Relevant Today? Organized by Mildred Mortimer

Discussant: Lucy L. Melbourne, Saint Augustine’s Col

Valerie K. Orlando, U Maryland–Dris Driss Chraibi and the Making of a Literary Revolution: Le Passé Simple and Its Author’s Legacy to Moroccan Writing 50 Years Later

Mildred Mortimer, U Colorado Boulder–Mouloud Feraoun, Le Fils du Pauvre/The Poor Man’s Son: A Retrospective

Mary B. Vogl, Colorado State U–Discourse on Maghrebi Arts: A Semicentennial Legacy

Fawzia Ahmad, Community Col of Denver–An ‘Ecrivain-Frontalier’: Mohammed Dib’s Textual Identity

Nation, Islam, and Education

Chair: Faith J. Childress, Rockhurst U

Hayal Akarsu, New York U–“Darul’Hikme”’s Project of Medrese Education in Turkey: Islamic Critique of Secularism and Reinstating Islamic Tradition and Authority

Iris Seri-Hersch, IREMAM–Mapping History Teaching in Late Colonial Sudan (1945-1956)

Carine Allaf, Columbia U–The Patriarch as an Enabler: Women and the Completion of Higher Education in Jordan

Sanaa Riaz, Ashford U–Urban Response to the Post-9/11 Politico-Educational Environment: The Patronization of Private Islamic Schools in Karachi

Hale Yilmaz, Southern Illinois U–Carbonade–Between Turk and Muslim: Children and the Qur’an Courses after the 1928 Alphabet Law

Lydia Kiesling, U Chicago–Administrative Humanism: Marshall Hodgson’s Vision for Education

New Readings of Old Sources for Medieval Islamic History

Chair: Ghada Jayyusi-Lehn, American U Sharjah

Maxim Romanov, U Michigan–Social History of the Muslim World in the Digital Age: Making Sense of 25,000 Biographies from Al-Dhahabi’s History of Islam

Nassima Nergazz, Georgetown U–The Fall of Baghdad under the Mongol Invader (656 AH/1258 AD): Stories and Histories

Rahaf Kalaaji, U Chicago–Ruler or Rebel?: The Portrayal of ?Abd All?h b. Al-Zubayr in Classical Islamic Scholarship

Mimi Hanaoka, U Richmond–The Umma on the Peripheries: Comparative Constructions of Identity in Early Islamic Persia and Anatolia

Ghada Jayyusi-Lehn, American U Sharjah–Reading Classical Arabic Sources: Al-Mu’tasim’s Army and Its Characterization

Modern Media and Contemporary Culture

Andrea Shaheen, U Arizona–“Turathing” the Present: ‘Arada Bands in Damascus, Syria

Gizem Zencirci, Amherst Col–Abstract Intimacies: New Media Technologies and Charity Organizations in Turkey


Colette D. Apelian, Berkeley City Col–Locating Culture: What the Morocco Mall Says about Moroccan Identity Today

Denes Gazsi, U Iowa–“Arabs of the Coast and Islands” on Social Media: Signs of Life from Neglected Huwala Arabs in Iran’s Gulf Region?

Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver–The BBC and Its Children: Palestinian and Egyptian Broadcasting in the Middle East, 1934-49

Contested State-Society Relations

Benjamin Isakhan, Deakin U–The Iraqi Federation of Oil Unions: Protests and Public Power in Post-Saddam Iraq

Nadine Kreitmeyer, U Tuebingen–Young Social Entrepreneurs and Youth Empowerment: The Role of Youth Organizations in Egypt and Morocco

Asya R. El-Meehy, Arizona State U–Citizenship and Targeted Social Protection in Egypt and Jordan

Gregory Hoadley, UC Berkeley–The Social Life of Data: Statistical Reform in Egypt

Networks of Merchants and Trade

Chair: Fred H. Lawson, Mills Col

Mary Momdjian, UCLA–At the Crossroads of the Mediterranean: Rethinking Trade and Mercantile Networks in 19th Century Aleppo

Omar Cheta, New York U–By What Standard?: The Dynamics of Market Standardization in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Egypt

Seçil Ulusik, U Arizona–Merchant Networks in the Ottoman Balkans during the Nineteenth Century: The Case of the Gümüşgerdan Family

Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism and Racism as Ideological Formations (Year 2)
Organized by Stephen P. Sheehi

Session Leader: Stephen P. Sheehi, U South Carolina

Peter Gran, Temple U

Eve Troutt Powell, U Pennsylvania

Israel Gershoni, Tel Aviv U
11AM-1PM Monday November 19

Petitioning the Sultan in the Ottoman Empire
Organized by James E. Baldwin and Lale Can

Richard Wittmann, Orient-Institut Istanbul–Getting One’s Grievance Heard: Challenges and Strategies of Petitioning the Imperial Council in Ottoman Istanbul
Basak Tug, Istanbul Bilgi U–Petitioning Conversion: Non-Muslims in the Imperial Council and Early-Modern Ottoman Courts
James E. Baldwin, Queen Mary, U London–Petitions, Law and Politics in Ottoman Egypt
Lale Can, City Col of New York–Spiritual Subjects, Material Demands: Central Asian Petitioners in the Ottoman Empire, 1865-1914

Roundtable
Rethinking Gender in the ‘Arab Spring’
Organized by Nicola Pratt

Sponsored by Association for Middle East Women’s Studies
Chair: Hoda Elsadda, Cairo U

Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS, U London
Caroline Seymour-Jorn, U Wisconsin Milwaukee
Doris H. Gray, Florida State U
Nicola Pratt, U Warwick
Amy Kallander, Syracuse U

Challenges to Sustainability of Livelihoods, Urban Identity, and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: A Panel in Honor of Michael E. Bonine (1942-2011)
Organized by Anne H. Betteridge

Chair: Anne H. Betteridge, U Arizona
Discussants: Jere L. Bacharach, U Washington and Dale F. Eickelman, Dartmouth Col

Paul J. Kaldjian, U Wisconsin Eau Claire–Remotely Local: Reverse Remittances, Food, and Survival in the City
Aomar Boum, U Arizona–Ostrich Feathers, Trans-Saharan Trade and European Capitalism in North Africa

Ali Modarres, CSU Los Angeles–Reading Yazd
Andrew Gardner, U Puget Sound–How the City Grows: Urban Form and Sustainability in Doha, Qatar

Breaking Commitment: Cause and Dissent in Contemporary Arabic Writing
Organized by Tarek El-Ariss

Chair: Moneera Al-Ghadeer, Qatar U

Angela Giordani, U Texas Austin–Poetic Dissent: Shi’r’s Challenge to the Post-Colonial Arab State
Zeina G. Halabi, UNC Chapel Hill–Requiem for the Intellectual: The Failure of Enlightenment in Rashid Al-Dai’f’s Paving the Sea
Drew Paul, U Texas Austin–Rewriting Home: New Forms of Commitment in Palestinian Literature
Benjamin Koerber, U Texas Austin–Wasla: The Ethics and Aesthetics of “Connection”
Tarek El-Ariss, U Texas Austin–Anatomy of Scandal

From Monarchy to Republic: New Insights on Iranian Foreign Policy
Organized by James F. Goode

Chair: John W. Limbert, U.S. Naval Academy
Discussant: Malcolm Byrne, National Security Archive

Barin Kayaoglu, U of Virginia—One Country’s Meat, Another Country’s Poison: Change and Continuity in Turkish-Iranian Relations from the Cold War to the Present
Claudia Castiglioni, Johns Hopkins U–Through Thick and Thin: West Europe and Iran from the Golden Rush of the Seventies to the Outbreak of the Hostilities with Iraq (presented by James F. Goode)
Abbas William Samii, U.S. Department of State–Ideology in Iranian Foreign Policy

Armenia in Dialogue with the Near East, 8-15th Centuries
Organized by Alison Marie Vacca

Sponsored by Society for Armenian Studies
Chair: Sergio La Porta, CSU Fresno
Discussant: Michael Bonner, U Michigan

Michael Pifer, U Michigan–The Heteroglossic Stranger: Literary ‘Interaction’ in Medieval Armenian, Persian, and Turkish Literature
Alison Marie Vacca, U Michigan–Towards an Islamic Arminiya: Qur’anic Exegesis and the Sectarian Milieu
Sergio La Porta, CSU Fresno–Networks of Knowledge: Texts and Communication in Late 14th C. Armenia
Christina Maranci, Tufts U–Sundials without Frontiers

Social Aspects of the Fatimid Experience
Organized by Paul E. Walker

Supported by Institute of Ismaili Studies
Chair: Farhad Daftary, Institute of Ismaili Studies

Delia Cortese, Middlesex U–Women’s Contribution to the Transmission of Sunni Learning in Fatimid Egypt
Simonetta Calderini, U Roehampton–“Leading from the Middle”: Shi’i Debates on Female Prayer Leadership during Fatimid Times
Shainool Jiwa, Institute of Ismaili Studies–Kinship Camaraderie and Contestation: Fatimid Relations with the Ashraf in the 4th/10th Century
Paul E. Walker, U Chicago–Fatimid Public Pronouncements: The Chancery as the Voice of a Shiite Dynasty
Popular Mobilizations and Political Sociabilities in the 1950s Arab World
Organized by Ziad M. Abu-Rish and Rosie Bsheer

Discussant: Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul U

Rosie Bsheer, Columbia U–Making History, Remaking Place: Oil and Social Movements in Saudi Arabia
Ahmed Dailami, St. Antony’s Col, U Oxford–Risky Business: Oil and the “Question” of Labor in the Arab Gulf
Pandora O’Mahony-Adams, Columbia U–Mobilizing Popular Anti-Colonialism: The Egyptian State and African Politics in the 1950s

Taking Place: Media Objects, Media Histories, and Middle East Studies
Organized by Peter Limbrick

Chair: Peter Limbrick, UC Santa Cruz

Michael Allan, U Oregon–Facing the Camera: The Place of Palestine in a History of Film Form
Peter Limbrick, UC Santa Cruz–Documentary, Ethnography, Fiction: The Radical Post-Independence Realities of Moroccan Cinema
Laura Marks, Simon Fraser U–Fabrication and Imaginal in “Je Veux Voir”
Hatim El-Hibri, New York U–Ungovernable and Politically Contagious: Visual Genealogies of the Arab Street

Effective Language and Culture Learning in Immersive Environments: The CLS Arabic Programs Abroad
Organized by Sonia Shiri

Chair: Sonia Shiri, U Arizona
Discussant: Ghazi Abuhakema, Col of Charleston

Ghassan Huseinlali, George Mason U–The Role of Study Abroad Experience in Reshaping Language Learning Beliefs
Sonia Shiri, U Arizona–Language Socialization in Unstructured and Semi-Structured Environments in CLS Arabic Programs

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Social Media for Scholars
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Kara Hadge, Head of Digital Media, British Council (USA)

With the proliferation of social media use for professional purposes, scholarly conversations are no longer confined to journal publications and face-to-face conferences. Social media tools such as Twitter and LinkedIn offer many opportunities for engaging with others in academia and following the latest conversations in one’s field, while the proliferation of academic blogs has provided alternate outlets for publishing brief scholarship and commentary.

This workshop will provide an introduction to using social media tools such as Twitter and LinkedIn, blogging best practices, and suggested applications of these media for scholars. After a brief presentation, the workshop leader will take questions from participants.

Islam and Political Discourses
Chair: Tugrul Keskin, Portland State U

Esen Kirdis, Rhodes Col–The Rise of Islamic Political Parties: Origins and Strategies
Norman Cigar, Marine Corps U–Islamic Perspectives on Weapons of Mass Destruction in Saudi Arabia: The Ethical, Legal, and Practical Dimensions and Implications
Jibreel Delgado, U Arizona–Salafi-Jihadists, Islamist Democrats and Monarchical Authoritarianism in Post-9/11 Morocco
Aurelie Daher, Princeton U–Hezbollah Facing the Lebanese State: A Special Case of Political Islam in Power
Christopher Anzalone, McGill U–Landscapes of Mahdism: Milennarian Shi’ism in Modern Iraq

You miss El Cheddadi, UC San Diego/San Diego State U–Students and Host Families in CLS Arabic Programs
Khaled Al Masaeed, U Arizona–Insights from Speaking Sessions in the Critical Language Scholarship Program in Fes, Morocco

Political Economy of Environmentalism in Turkey
Organized by Murat Arsel

Chair/Discussant: Murat Arsel, Institute of Social Studies

Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu, Boğaziçi U–Problems and Prospects for Genuine Participation in Water Governance in Turkey
Bengi Akbulut, U Manchester–Seeing from Below: A Gramscian Political Ecology of Two Local Environments in Turkey
Hande Paker, Bahcesehir U and Fikret Adaman, Boğaziçi U–Effectiveness of Environmental Organizations: Myth or Reality?
Ceren Soylu, U Massachusetts Amherst–The Political Economy of a Conservation Plan: The Case of Uluabat Lake, Turkey
Duygu Avci, Institute of Social Studies–Politics of Resistance against Mining: A Comparative Study of the Mining Conflicts in Intag, Ecuador and Ida, Turkey
Networks, Narratives and Politics of Migration

Sara Chehab, Zayed U—Exploring the Antecedents of Expatriate Acculturation in the UAE
Moren Mirza, U Ottawa—Diasporas Get Networked: The Assyrian Diaspora’s Tactics and Strategies through Transnational Advocacy Networks
David Alvarez, Grand Valley State U—Environments Inherited & Aspired to in Contemporary Moroccan Literature of Clandestine Migration
Kristen Biehl, U Oxford—Living Together in Diversity: Views from a Globalizing Migrant Quarter in Istanbul
Joyce Van De Bildt, Tel Aviv U—Once a Moroccan, Always a Moroccan?: King Mohammed VI’s Policy towards Moroccan Citizens Residing in The Netherlands from 1999 until 2011

Thematic Conversation

Spaces, Networks, Institutions: Men, Women, and Islamic Authority in the Twentieth Century (Year 2)
Organized by Hilary Kalmbach

Session Leader: Hilary Kalmbach, U Oxford

Abbas Amanat, Yale U
Jonathan E. Brockopp, Penn State U
Rozaliya Garipova, Princeton U
Michael Driessen, John Cabot U
Ann Witulski, U Florida

Israel: Two Years after The Arab Spring
Organized by Robert O. Freedman

Sponsored by Association for Israel Studies

Chair: Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins U

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette U—Israel’s Reaction to the Arab Spring: A Domestic & International Explanation
Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv U—Israel and the Arab World: Two Years after the Arab Spring
Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U—Israel, Saudi Arabia, and the Arab Uprisings

MESA Members Meeting

1-2:30pm Room TBA

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2:30-4:30PM Monday November 19

The Kurdish Spring
Organized by Michael M. Gunter

Supported by the Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Technological U

Mohammed M.A. Ahned, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies–The 2011 Kurdish Spring in Iraqi Kurdistan
Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col–Transnational Kurdish Protest Patterns
Nader Entessar, U South Alabama–The Kurdish Spring: The Aftermath in Iran
Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee Technological U–The Kurdish Spring in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring

Turkic Languages and Assessment
Organized by Roberta Micallef

Sponsored by American Association of Teachers of Turkic languages

Chair: Roberta Micallef, Boston U

Zuleyha Colak, Columbia U
Ercan Balci, U Illinois
Feride Hatiboglu, U Pennsylvania
Umida Khikmatillaeva, Indiana U

Family Law Reform and Political Change
Organized by Dorothy Engelcke

Sponsored by Association for Middle East Women's Studies

Chair/Discussant: Ibtesam Alatiyat, St. Olaf Col

Nicole Khoury, Arizona State U–Family Protection Bill in Lebanon and the Public Sphere
Hind Ahmed Zaki, U Washington–State Law and Its Discontents: Formal and Informal Gender Regimes in Egypt, Tunisia and Lebanon

Dorthe Engelcke, U Oxford–Family Law Reform in Morocco and Jordan: A Comparative Approach
Katja Zvan Elliott, U Oxford–Morocco’s Family Law Reform and Its Effect on Society

Arabic Literature and the 1960s
Organized by Muhsin J. Al-Musawi and Elizabeth Holt

Chair: Moneera Al-Ghadeer, Qatar U
Discussant: Tarek El-Aris, U Texas Austin

Mara Naaman, Williams Col–With an Ear to the Street: Khairy Shalaby and Ibrahim Aslan Revisited
Yasmine Ramadan, Columbia U–Urban Space, Surveillance, and the State: Reading the City in the Literature of the ‘Sixties Generation’ in Egypt
Yasmine Khayyat, Columbia U–Memory in Ruins: Appropriating Atal in Modern Lebanese Poetry and Fiction

Elizabeth Holt, Bard Col–“Bread or Freedom?”: Cultural Cold War and the ?iw?r (1962-67) Plot

Contemporary Islam in a Global Cultural Context: How We Teach in the Humanities
Organized by Ahmed Idrissi Alami

Discussant: Gamze Cavdar, Colorado State U

Mohammed Hirchi, Colorado State U–Teaching about Islam in a Multicultural Context: New Alternatives and Challenges
Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U–Islam and Islamic Culture and the Teaching of Arabic Literature in Translation
Amy Lewis, Colorado State U–Teaching Religion in a Political Science Classroom
Touria Khannous, Louisiana State U–Teaching Race and Islam in the American College Classroom: Morocco as a Case Study

1962-2012: A Half Century’s Perspective on the Yemeni Civil War
Organized by Asher Orkaby

Chair: J. E. Peterson, Tucson, Arizona
Discussant: Bernard Haykel, Princeton U

Gregory D. Johnsen, Princeton U–The Siege of Sanaa and the Building Blocks of a Nation
Asher Orkaby, Harvard U–The International History of the Yemeni Civil War, 1962-68
Jesse Ferris, Independent Scholar–Origins and Consequences of Egypt’s Decision to Intervene in the Yemeni Civil War

The Chain of Islamic Charity: Contemporary Practices and Evolving Discourses
Organized by Elvire Corboz and Benoit Challand

Mona Atia, George Washington U–Islamic Economic Practices and the Project of Development
Sara Lei Sparre, U Copenhagen–‘Make a Change and Change Yourself’: Charity and Youth Voluntarism in Egypt
Benoit Challand, New School for Social Research–Hizbiyya or Political Subjectivity?: Debating Islamic Charities in Arab Countries
Elvire Corboz, Princeton U–Charity and Loyalty: The Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI) and the Symbolic Politics of Patronage
Marie Juul Petersen, Danish Institute for International Studies–From the Umma to Humanity: Shifting Conceptions of Aid in International Muslim NGOs
MAP OF MESA 2012 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

2:30-4:30PM Monday November 19

Tunisian ‘Exceptionalism’?: Situating the 2011 Revolution and Its Aftermath in the Context of North African Regional Reform
Organized by Daniel Zisenwine

Sponsored by
American Institute for Maghrib Studies

Discussant: Gregory W. White, Smith Col

Daniel Zisenwine, Tel Aviv U–On the Threshold of New Politics: The Tunisian and Moroccon 2011 Elections in Historical Perspective

Michael J. Willis, U Oxford–Leader, Follower or Outlier?: The Experience of Tunisia’s An-Nahda Party in Comparative Regional Perspective

Doris H. Gray, Florida State U–Women’s Rights and Political Change in Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria

Monica Marks, U Oxford–Between Imprisonment and Empowerment: Understanding Islamist Women’s Participation in Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt

Re-Configurations in State-Society Relations: The Comparative Politics of Power and Protest in Turkey and Beyond
Organized by Nicole Watts

Chair: Resat Kasaba, U Washington
Discussant: Hootan Shambayati, Florida Gulf Coast U

Senem Aslan, Bates Col–Political Mercy: Comparing Turkish and Moroccan Amnesties

Ceren Belge, Concordia U–Dismantling Turkey’s Juristocracy: AKP and the Transformation of Legal Power in Turkey

Berna Turam, Northeastern U–Politics of Space: The University Campus, Freedom and Democratization

Joakim Parslow, U Washington–Exceptional Justice and Ambiguous Transitions in Turkey and Egypt

Nicole Watts, San Francisco State U–“Sulaimaniya Spring”: Protest and Authority in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Mapping Spaces of Inclusion and Exclusion: Sociability in Ottoman Syria
Organized by Elyse Semerdjian

Sponsored by
Syrian Studies Association

Discussant: Dana Sajdi, Boston Col

Helen Pfeifer, Princeton U–Meet Me in the Majlis: Sociability and Ethnicity in Sixteenth-Century Damascus

Heghnar Waterpaugh, UC Davis–The Coffeehouse: Architecture and Sociability in the Ottoman City

Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col–Nudity and the Dhimmi Woman: Regulating Co-Confessional Bathing in Eighteenth Century Aleppo

Astrid Meier, U Halle-Wittenberg–An Ottomanization of the Countryside?: Village Bathhouses in Ottoman Syria (Damascus, Aleppo, Hama)

Marianne Boqvist, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul–Hospitality Unlimited or Confined?: Imperial Imarets on Ottoman Syrian Highways

Historical Writing in Early Islam
Organized by Antoine Borrut

Sponsored by
Middle East Medievalists

Chair: Fred M. Donner, U Chicago
Discussant: Chase Robinson, CUNY Graduate Center

Steven C. Judd, Southern Connecticut State U–Was Al-Zuhri an Umayyad Court Historian?

Sean Anthony, U Oregon–Maghazi and Imperial Ideology in Late Antique Syria: Ibn Shihab Al-Zuhri as a Case Study

Rana Mikati, U Chicago–Slave to Scholar: The Career of Al-Walid b. Muslim

Antoine Borrut, U Maryland–Court Astrologers and Historical Writing in Early Islam

Making the Most of Intensive In-Country Language Study
Organized by Kirk Belnap

Sponsored by
National Middle East Language Resource Center

Chair: Kirk Belnap, Brigham Young U
Discussant: Madeline Ehrman, Foreign Service Institute, retired

Joshua Taylor, Brigham Young U–Intensive Arabic Study and Project Perseverance: Training, Coaching, and Environmental Considerations

Dan Dewey, Brigham Young U–Social Networks, Language Use, and Language Acquisition during Study Abroad

Andrew Smith, Brigham Young U–Intensive Arabic Study and Project Perseverance: A Qualitative Analysis of Students’ Experience

Heather Shelley, Brigham Young U and Edith Dean, Brigham Young U–Study Abroad as a Gendered Experience: American Women in Cairo

Palestine: Separation, Discontinuity and Social Movements

Chair: Arturo Marzano, European U Institute

Sharri Plonski, SOAS, U London–Palestinian-Arab Citizens of Israel, the Struggle over Land, and the Politics of Space

Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State U and Jamil Al Wekhian, Kennesaw State U–Examining the Relations between Identity, ‘Peace’ and Activism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Nadim Bawalsa, New York U–Identifying from Afar: Palestinian Emigrant Narratives before 1948

Ahmad Amara, New York U–Colonial Legal (Dis)Continuities in Palestine: The Negev Lands

Elizabeth Brownson, UC Santa Barbara–“He Left Me without Maintenance (Nafaqa)”: Gendered Strategies to Negotiating Maintenance Disputes in Mandate Palestine
2:30-4:30PM Monday November 19

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Public Intellectuals: Taking Research Outside the Academy

Supported by
Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures

Session Leader: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

It is increasingly important for scholars to educate outside the academy—to take their research results, their theories, and their methods to the media, to the communities in which they circulate, to K-12 teachers, to NGO’s and to appropriate government agencies. Research foundations require effective dissemination to our publics in language, styles and venues that are accessible; legislators link university budgets to the impact of its research outside scholarly circles; merits and promotions are enhanced by the attention the research receives publicly; and the society calls upon academics to give back to the public good.

Organized by the Editors of the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC), this workshop trains graduate students and young scholars in public outreach work. We will use examples of how to use research to challenge and refigure public representations of Islam, Arab and Muslim Americans, the Middle East, and Muslim women. The workshop will discuss communicating with the media, preparing materials and training for K-12 teachers, working with NGO’s, writing for appropriate government agencies. The workshop will also introduce new scholars to writing for EWIC and offer opportunities for publishing in EWIC. The workshop leader is Suad Joseph, General Editor of the EWIC and Past President of the Middle East Studies Association. She is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies at the University of California, Davis. She is joined by the Editors of EWIC.

Thematic Conversation

Whither the Iranian Diaspora (Year 3)
Organized by Amy Motlagh, American U in Cairo

Session Leader: Mohsen Mobasher, U Houston-Downtown

Zohreh Niknia, Mills Col
Philip Grant, Independent Scholar
Persis M. Karim, San Jose State U

Transhistorical Accounts of the Environment

Chair: Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Benedictine U

Paul Love, U Michigan–A Micro-Ecology of Medieval Ibadism: The Island of Djerba
Victor Taki, U Alberta–The Role of Environment in the Accounts of Russo-Ottoman Wars
Samuel Dolbee, New York U–Peasants, Pests, and Pine Trees: State Power and Environmental Control in Late Ottoman Syria
Marina Tolmacheva, Washington State U–Environment and Human Geography in the Sailing Instructions of Ahmad Ibn Majid (15th Century)

Contested Politics of Gender and Sexuality

Adi Greif, Yale U–Gender Equality and Kin-Based Groups
Mohammadreza Hashemitaba, AKU-ISM–‘Sin ... Right Here on My Face’: Rhinoplasty in Tehran
Mija Sanders, U Arizona–LGBT Civil Rights Activism in Diyarbakir
Sonia Ahsan, Columbia U–Misrecognizing Honour: Honour Effect and Honour Killings in Afghanistan
Angel M. Foster, U Ottawa & Ibis Reproductive Health–Exploring the Journey of Emergency Contraception in Jordan

Minorities and Government-Subject Relations across Eurasia

Jehan Saleh, U Edinburgh–Before Hizballah: Communism and the Lebanese Shi’a
James Helicke, Ohio State U–“Susceptible to Communist Subversion”: Turkey and Minorities in the Early Cold War
Zeyneb Hale Eroglu Sager, Harvard U–Chinese Muslim (Hui) Intellectual Thought and Transnational Networks in the Era of Modernization (1920-1949)
Beeta Baghoolizadeh, U Texas Austin–From Fellows to Foreigners: The Qajar Experience in the Ottoman Empire
Frances Trix, Indiana U–Turks of Macedonia: Ottoman Remnant People Endangered since Independence
Security States in the Social Realm: Beyond Authoritarianism Studies
Organized by Paul Amar

Chair: Lisa Anderson, American U in Cairo
Discussant: Rania Kassab Sweis, Georgetown U

Kevan Harris, Princeton U–Grey Capitalism in the Islamic Republic: Social Security Pensions and Precarious State-Building in Iran
Paul Amar, UC Santa Barbara–Militarized Social Justice and Religionized Human-Security Politics in Today’s Egypt
Val Moghadam, Northeastern U–Social Rights and Economic Citizenship in Light of the Arab Spring: Reflections on Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia
Melani C. Cammett, Brown U–Welfare Regimes in the Middle East: Comparing Tunisia and Lebanon

The Current State of Arab American Studies from Graduate Student Perspectives
Organized by Randa Kayyali

Chair: Randa Kayyali, George Mason U
Karam Dana, Harvard U
Nicole Khoury, Arizona State U
Rawan Arar, UC San Diego

Forbidden Love, Illicit Sex: Unsanctioned (Extra) Marital Practices in Modern Egypt
Organized by Hanan Kholoussy and Rania Salem

Chair: Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown U
Discussant: Beth Baron, CUNY Graduate Center

Will Hanley, Florida State U–Relationships Outside Marriage, beyond Law, and without Remedy in Turn-of-the-Century Alexandria
Hanan Kholoussy, American U in Cairo–Governing the Private Affairs of Public Officials: Marriage and Masculinity in Interwar and Post-Mubarak Egypt

Lisa L. Wynn, Macquarie U/Ibis Reproductive Health–Like a Virgin: Hymenoplasty and ‘Urfi marriage in Egypt
Rania Salem, Harvard U–Secret Marital Unions among Youth in Cairo and Minya: The Paradox of Licit Aspirations and Illicit Behaviors

Who Supports Political Islam and Why?
Organized by David Siddhartha Patel and Lisa Blaydes

Chair/Discussant: Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Hobart and William Smith Cols

Lisa Blaydes, Stanford U–Disaggregating Support for Islamist Parties and Candidates in Egypt
Michael Robbins, U Michigan–Voting for Islam: Support for Ennahda in Tunisia
David Siddhartha Patel, Cornell U–The History and Future of Electoral Islamism
Lawrence Rubin, Georgia Institute of Technology–Examining Islamic Activism in the Jewish State: The Islamic Movement in Israel

Genealogies of Dissent: The Making of the Tunisian Revolution
Organized by Nouri Gana

Supported by MIA Division on Arabic Literature and Culture

Chair: Kenneth J. Perkins, U South Carolina
Discussant: Amy Kallander, Syracuse U

Emma Murphy, Durham U–The IMF, Structural Adjustment and the Roots of Discontent
Nouri Gana, UCLA–Collaborative Revolutionism
William Granara, Harvard U–Arabic Literary Criticism in Colonial Tunisia: Voices of Dissent
Sabra J. Webber, Ohio State U–Performing the Tunisian Revolution

The Experience of War: Ordinary Ottomans and Prolonged Conflict
Organized by A. Holly Shissler

Discussant: A. Holly Shissler, U Chicago

Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U–Interned on the Isle of Man: Ottoman Citizens in British Concentration Camps during World War One
James N. Tallon, Lewis U–The Experience of Ottoman Soldiers in the CUP’s War of Centralization
Melis Hafez, UCLA–Moralization to Militarization?: Reading the Balkan Wars through the Body of the Political Subject

Subversion and Synthesis in Later Islamicate Intellectual History
Organized by Judith Pfeiffer

Judith Pfeiffer, U Oxford–An Early 8th/14th Century View on Islamicate Intellectual History: Rashid Al-Din’s Taxonomy of Scholars in the Kitab Al-Sultaniya
Matthew Melvin-Koushki, U Oxford–Subversion and Synthesis in 15th Century Islamicate Occult Philosophy: The Lettrism of Kashifi and Davani
Ilker Evrim Binbas, Royal Holloway, U London–Riddling the Universe: Mu’amma and the Quest to Decipher the Cosmic Order in the Timurid Empire
Ertugrul Okten, U Oxford–Remapping the Spiritual Landscape: Further Explorations into Jami’s Nafahat Al-Uns
Matthew B. Ingalls, U Puget Sound–Loyalty in Form and Treachery in Substance: A Critical Reading of a Late-Medieval Muslim Legal Commentary

“Each Story is a Treasure House”: Didacticism, Allegory, and Interpretation in Classical Persian Literature
Organized by Austin O’Malley

Chair: Franklin D. Lewis, U Chicago
Discussant: Paul E. Losensky, Indiana U

Cameron Cross, U Chicago–Knowledge, Fair and Foul: The Haft Paykar Interprets Itself
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Austin O’Malley, U Chicago–Moralizing Voices and Interpretive Confusion

Moments of Politicized Violence: Nationalism, Sectarianism and Memory in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Orit Bashkin

Chair: Ipek K. Yosmaoglu, Northwestern U
Discussant: Ussama Makdisi, Rice U

Max Weiss, Princeton U–“Shaykh Salih Al-‘Ali” between Local Uprising and Nationalist Revolt
Zainab Saleh, Haverford Col–The Double Execution of Saddam Hussein
Julia Phillips Cohen, Vanderbilt U–Rethinking Communitarian Violence in Late Ottoman Istanbul
Orit Bashkin, U Chicago–When Nationalism Collides: The Farhud, Iraqi Jewry and Politicized Violence

Arab Spring, Artistic Awakening?: Art, Resistance and Revolution
Organized by Jennifer Pruitt and Dina A. Ramadan

Chair/Discussant: Elliott Colla, Georgetown U

Dina A. Ramadan, Bard Col–When Artists Become Martyrs: Understanding Egyptian Art after “Revolution”
Anne-Marie McManus, Yale U–Demanding Images: Documenting Revolution in Syria
Christiane Gruber, U Michigan–“King of Kings of Africa”: Racializing Gaddafi in the Visual Output of the 2011 Libyan Revolution

Language and Identity in the Arab World: Media, Society and Language Change
Organized by Francesco L. Sinitora

Chair: Francesco L. Sinitora

Nadine Hamdan, Georgetown U–From “Let Me Finish” to “Eat Shit”: How a Lebanese Political Talk Show on the Conflict in Syria Went Sour
Francesco L. Sinitora, Georgetown U–The Language of the New Media: A Study on Contemporary Arabic Diglossia
Anny Gaul, Georgetown U–Translating Tolerance: The Rhetoric of Muhammad VI of Morocco

Politics of the Environment
Scott Greenwood, CSU San Marcos–Politics of Water Scarcity and Climate Change in the Arab World: Lessons from Jordan
Nadine Sinno, Georgia State U–“We Want 5 Troops Dead for Each Tree They Cut Down”: Lamenting Green Carnage in Arab Women’s War Diaries
Matthew Weiss, National U Singapore–Light a Candle or Curse the Darkness?: The Politics of Freshwater Scarcity in the Middle East
Ozan Emrah Aksoy, CUNY Graduate Center–“Wake Up” and “Nomad”: Competing Visions of Turkish and Kurdish Environmentalism in the Music of Tarkan and Aynur Dogan
Jeanene Mitchell, U Washington–Cooperation between Scientific and Policy Communities in Black Sea Regional Environmental Governance: A Case Study of Turkey

Epistemology in the Islamic Philosophical Tradition
Deina Abdelkader, U Massachusetts Lowell–Faith, Reason, and Contemporary Political Thought
John Walbridge, Indiana U–Suhrawardi’s Peripatetic Works and Illuminationism
Roxanne D. Marcotte, Université du Québec à Montréal–Abu Al-‘Abbas Al-Lawkari (d. after 503/1109) on the Intellet
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Forgotten Legacy: Palestinians in Kuwait
Organized by Mai Al-Nakib

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Chair/Discussant: Ann M. Lesch, American U in Cairo

Shafeeq Ghabra, Kuwait U–Palestinians in Kuwait Revisited
Mai Al-Nakib, Kuwait U–Kanafani in Kuwait: A Clinical Assessment
Rania Al-Nakib, U London, Institute of Education–Palestinians and Educational “Beginnings” in Kuwait
Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait–Shiber’s City: Palestinian Urbanism in Kuwait

Perspectives on Female Agency in Classical Fiqh
Organized by Scott C. Lucas

Chair: Samy Ayoub, U Arizona
Discussant: Judith E. Tucker, Georgetown U

Marion Holmes Katz, New York U–Re-Imagining Gender Roles in the Islamic Marriage Contract
Nayel Badareen, U Arizona–Deciding on Behalf of the Woman in Shi’i Jurisprudence
Hina Azam, U Texas Austin–Monetary Awards for Rape Victims in Islamic Law
Scott C. Lucas, U Arizona–“You are Divorced if/When/Every Time You Wish”: The Power of Arabic Particles in Classical Islamic Law

Animal Studies in the Middle East: Opening the Cage to Inquiry
Organized by Heidi Morrison

Chair: Heidi Morrison, U Wisconsin La Crosse

Alan Mikhail, Yale U
Richard Wittmann, Orient-Institut Istanbul
Suraiya Farooqui, Istanbul Bilgi U
Sarra Tili, U Florida
Kristen Stilt, Northwestern U

A Software for Supporting, Facilitating, Enhancing Usage of Arabic Conjunctions
Organized by Raghd El-Essawi

Chair: Raghd El-Essawi, American U in Cairo

Raghd El-Essawi, American U in Cairo–From Punctuation to Conjunctions
Azza Hassani, American U in Cairo–Using Appropriate Connectors Appropriately
Rasha Essam, American U in Cairo–Learners’ Attitudes towards a Writing Software
Shaema Essa, American U in Cairo–Conjunctions: Usage and Frequency

Russian and Soviet Strands in Arabic Literature
Organized by Margaret Litvin and Spencer Scoville

Chair/Discussant: Alexander Knyst, U Michigan

Margaret Litvin, Boston U–Letters to Tolstoy: Arab Writers Between Prophesy and Fiction
Spencer Scoville, U Michigan–MaHabbat Al-waTan: Shifting Allegiances in Khalil Baydas’ Russian Translations
Alyn Hine, SOAS, U London–Kulthum cAwdah/Klavdia Ode-Vasilyeva: Life in Translation

Turkish Politics during the Cold War: Anti-Communism, Islam and the Impact of the USA
Organized by Ilker Ayturk

Ilker Ayturk, Bilkent U–Right-Wing Dilemmas in Cold War Turkey: Mümtaz Turhan’s Yol
Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School–Istanbul Confidential: Heroin, Espionage and Politics in Cold War Turkey, 1945-1960
Gavin Brockett, Wilfrid Laurier U–Turks and International Islam: The World Muslim Congress, 1949-52

Refractions of the Quran in Islamic Religious Discourse

Sussan Siavoshi, Trinity U–Human Rights and Islam: Mesbah Yazdi vs. Hosssien Ali Montazeri
Dalia Ab Haaggar, Harvard U–The Queen of Sheba, the Hoopoe, and the Ant: A Structural Analysis in Surat Al-Naml
Yousef Casewit, Yale U–Natural Phenomena as a Gateway into the Celestial Realm: The Sufi Tafsir of Ibn Barrajan

Colonial and Post-Colonial Discourses

Donald Holsinger, Seattle Pacific U–Albert Camus and the Tragedies of Modern Algeria
Fatima Zahrae Chrif Alouai, U Denver–Morocco from a Colonial to a Post-Colonial Era: The Socio-Political Environment through a Grandmother’s Autoethnography
Annick Durand, Zayed U Dubai–Through the Looking Glass: Politics of Colonial Narrative in Joe Orton’s Diaries and Mohamed Choukri’s For Bread Alone
Arturo Marzano, European U Institute–Colonialism and Anti-Colonialism of Radio Bari (1934-43): An Unsolvable Contradiction
Aurie Perrier, Georgetown U–Frenchmen in the Sahara and Bedouins in Paris: Imperial Encounters and the Construction of Masculinity in Nineteenth-Century Algeria

Political Change in the Arab Spring

Chair: F. Michael Wuthrich, U Kansas

Sabri Ciftci, Kansas State U–Parties after Revolution: The Social and Ideological Origins of Political Parties in the Middle East
Geoff Martin, U Guelph–Cooptation, Continuity, and the Diffusion of Collective Action: Kuwaiti Civil Society after the Arab Spring
Daryl Carr, UT Austin–Why Not Jordan?: A Comparison of Jordan and Syria using Three Theoretical Frameworks
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Development and Reform in the Late Ottoman Empire and Beyond
Chair: Roger A. Deal, U South Carolina Aiken

James Ryan, U Pennsylvania–A Revolution in Between: Mehmet Zekeriya and Sabiha Sertel’s Illustrated Press, 1918-1928
Nora Barakat, UC Berkeley–Rethinking Ottoman Reforms of the Early Twentieth Century: Animal Theft in the Provinces and Central Attempts to Identify Animals
James Casey, Princeton U–Anxious Ambivalence: New Borders, Old Fears, and Confronting Modernity in Post-Ottoman Syria
Aykut Mustak, Sabanci U–To Figure a Pasha Household: Muhsinzade Households and Their Expenses
Elizabeth Williams, Georgetown U–Cultivating Land, Negotiating Change: The History of an Ottoman Agricultural School
Hakan Karpuzcu, Princeton U–Ziya Gokalp’s Islamic Legal Reform: Reconfiguration of Sharia, Family and Muslim Subjectivity in the Late Ottoman Period

State-Society Relations in Revolutionary Egypt
Chair: Gamze Cavdar, Colorado State U

Gennaro Gervasio, British U in Egypt/Macquarie U, Sydney–The 2011 Egyptian Revolution and the Making of Subaltern Subjectivities
Shawki El-Zatmah, Loyola Marymount U–The Politics of Disenchantment: The Altras Phenomenon in Egyptian Soccer
Magda El-Ghitany, New York U–Debating Salafism in Post-Revolutionary Egypt

Modern Divides in the Middle East: Political Parties, Political Movements, and Representation
Chair: K. Cyrus Homayounpour, George Washington U

Daniela Melfa, U Catania–Old Cleavages in New Tunisia: The Challenge of Identity Issue
Rola El-Husseini, CUNY Graduate Center–Sunni Political Parties in Postwar Lebanon
Sebnem Gumuscu, Sabanci U–To Represent or to Proselytize?: A Comparative Study of Turkey, Egypt and Tunisia

Perspectives on Iran across Time
Delbar Khazad, U Toronto–Futural Concepts in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution and Their Manifestation in the "Sur-i Israfil" Newspaper
Gregory Aldous, U Wisconsin Madison–The Shah and the Qizilbash in Early Safavid Iran
Navid Fozi-Abivard, Middle East Institute, National U Singapore–Historicities of Iranian Political Legitimacy: The Case of President Ahmadinejad’s Nationalist Discourse
Geoffrey F. Gresh, National Defense U–Shaken but Not Stirred: Iran, Pakistan and Their Balochistan Border
Hengameh Fouladvand, Center for Iranian Modern Arts, NY–The Role of Literary Writers in the Emergence of Modern Visual Art Criticism in Iran: The Case of First Modern Artists and Print Media
Mahyar Entezari, U Texas Austin–The Other Theocracy: The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Discourse on the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

New Perspectives on Studying Gender in the Middle East (Year 2)
Organized by Katherine Natanel

Session Leader: Leyli Behbahani, SOAS, U London

Katherine Natanel, SOAS, U London
Marta Pietrobelli, SOAS, U London
Ozlem Caliskan, SOAS, U London
The Shi’ite Ghulat in Historical and Comparative Perspective
Organized by Sean Anthony

Chair: Paul E. Walker, U Chicago
Discussant: Sean Anthony, U Oregon

Mushegh Asatryan, Institute of Ismaili Studies–A New Source for the Study of Early Shi’a Ghulat
Rodrigo Adem, U Chicago–Isma’ili Doctrine: Sources and Context
Orkhan Mir-Kasimov, Institute of Ismaili Studies–Re-Emergence of the Early Ghulat Ideas in the Post-Mongol Iran?: Textual Evidence from the Hurufi Works
Bella Tendler, Princeton U–New Evidence for the Survival of Libertine Rites among Some Nusayri ‘Alawis of the Nineteenth Century

MESA beyond the Middle East: Revisiting and Reimagining the Area Studies Paradigm
Organized by Scott S. Reese

Chair: Scott S. Reese, Northern Arizona U

Carl W. Ernst, UNC Chapel Hill
Julia Clancy-Smith, U Arizona
Nile Green, UCLA
Michael Laffan, Princeton U

Capitalism and the Material Transformation of Islam in the Modern Era
Organized by Leor Halevi

Discussant: Gregory Starrett, UNC Charlotte

Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt U–Gramophones, Cell Phones and the Qur’an: Modern Instruments and Ritual Concerns in Salafi Fatwas from Egypt and Saudi Arabia
Nancy Y. Reynolds, Washington U St. Louis–Islam and Commercial Marketing in Mid-Twentieth-Century Egypt
Bettina Graef, Zentrum Moderner Orient–Ideological Responses to Capitalism at the Beginning of the Cold War in Egypt

The Arab Spring: Authoritarian Reincarnation, Transition, or Revolution
Organized by Amaney A. Jamal

Chair/Discussant: Jillian M. Schwedler, U Massachusetts Amherst

Elizabeth R. Nugent, Princeton U–Egypt’s Revolutionary Moment: The Effect of Military Bureaucratization and Institutionalization
Ellen Lust, Yale U–Social Networks, Clientelism and Elections in the Context of Change
Kevin Mazur, Princeton U and Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton U–The Arab Spring in Comparative Perspective
Michael Hoffman, Princeton U–How Much Do the Youth Really Matter?: Examining Cohort and Generational Differences in the Arab World
Jason Browning, U Texas Austin–Contestation and Repression in the Arab Uprisings

The Ottoman, Iranian, and Russian Revolutions in Comparative and Connected Perspective
Organized by Houri Berberian

Chair: Monica M. Ringer, Amherst Col

Yektan Turkyilmaz, Duke U–A Revolution within the Revolution: Re-Making the Ottoman-Armenian Political Representation, 1908-14
Serpil Atamaz, TOBB ETU–Women and Revolution in Qajar Iran and Ottoman Turkey
Farzin Vejdani, U Arizona–Representing Ottoman and Iranian Constitutional Revolutions in Literature, Visual Culture, and History
Houri Berberian, CSU Long Beach–Connecting Revolutions: Armenians and the Ottoman, Iranian, and Russian Revolutions

Palestinian Counter-Maps and Counter-Strategies
Organized by Linda Quiquivix

Salim Tamari, Institute for Palestine Studies–Ottoman Cartography and the Shifting Ethnography of Palestine
Linda Quiquivix, UNC Chapel Hill–The Cadastral Map and the Destruction of the Common
Omar Tesdell, U Minnesota–Reimagining the land: Questions of Representation in Palestinian Cartography
Nora Akawi, Independent Scholar–Atlas of Palestine 2.0

State, Society and Identity in the Cinema

Kaveh Bassiri, U Arkansas–Friends/Enemies on the Border: National Identity in Iranian War Cinema
Ozde Celiktemel-Thomen, U Col London–Cinema Regulations during the Hamidian Era
Robert Lang, U Hartford–Sexuality and the Police State in Férid Boughedir’s “Halfaouine” (1990)
Yaron Shemer, UNC Chapel Hill–Corrective Histories: The Ashkenazi Benchmark of Mizrahi Memory in Cinema
Jeanette E. Okur, U Texas Austin–Goat Herders and Grape Gatherers: The Portrayal of Anatolian Mountain Village Women’s Interaction with the Natural Environment in Contemporary Turkish Film

Precious Commodities: Water, Oil, and the Environment in the Middle East

Shohei Sato, Waseda U–Between Water and Oil: An Environmental History of the Buraimi Oasis Dispute, 1952-1955
Mari Luomi, CIRS, Georgetown U School of Foreign Service in Qatar–Qatar’s Natural Sustainability: Plans, Perceptions and Pitfalls

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Lizbeth A. Zack, U South Carolina Upstate–Scheming to Save the Dead Sea: The Decline of the Dead Sea as an Environmental Problem
Marie Alienor van den Bosch, Princeton U–The Politics of Public Investments in Arab Rentier States

Center and Periphery in the Ottoman Empire
Chair: Yaron Ayalon, Emory U
Zoe Griffith, Brown U–Politics and Family in Ottoman Tripoli
Ayelet Zoran-Rosen, New York U–Mechanisms of Incorporation in the Ottoman Empire: The Emergence of the Bosnian-Ottoman Elite
Fatih Artvinci, Bakirköy Hospital for Psychiatry, Neurology and Neurosurgery–Opening the Closed Doors: 1893 Cholera Epidemic in the Topaṭa Lunatic Asylum
Michiel Leezenberg, U Amsterdam–From Coffee House to Nation State: The Emergence of New Public Languages in the Ottoman Empire
Rashed Chowdhury, McGill U–An Ottoman Soldier and Diplomat in the Sahara: Sadiq Al-Mu’ayyad’s Journey to Kufra in 1895

Re-Enchanting Social and Cultural Landscapes: Modern Arabic Fiction
Hanadi Al-Samman, U Virginia–Buried Cities, Resurrected Histories, and Rhizomatic Narrative in Hoda Barakat’s The Tiller of Waters
Jamila Davey, U Texas Austin–Unruly Voices: Reimagining Ideal Muslim Women in Assia Djebar’s Far from Madina
Hilla Peled-Shapira, Bar-Ilan U–The City and the Beast: The Relationship between Intellectuals and the Authorities as Reflected in Mid-Twentieth-Century Iraqi Literature
Noha M. Radwan, UC Davis–A Century of Fictional Intellectuals
Zaki Haidar, U Pennsylvania–Re-Enchanting Literary Mount Lebanon

Teaching Arabic at Home
Shahira Yacout, American U in Cairo–Teaching Language and Content through the 25th January Egyptian Revolution and Subsequent Political Events
Sara Hillman, Michigan State U–Conversational and Canned Joke-Telling in the Arabic Language Classroom
David DiMeo, Western Kentucky U–Teaching Arabic Literature through Student Engagement Techniques
Hazem Osman, Defense Language Institute–What Telecollaboration Brings to Arabic Students?: Intercultural Communicative Competence
Mohammad T. Alhawary, U Michigan–Input Frequency and Acquisition of Arabic as a Foreign Language

Women’s Agency
Manal A. Jamal, James Madison U–Beyond Exception: Women and Democracy in the Arab World
Gholam R. Vatandoust, American U Kuwait–Iranian Women and the Continuing Struggle for Gender Equality and Civil Rights during the Presidency of Mr. Ahmadinejad
Neveser Koker, U Michigan–”Betwixt and Between?”: Rethinking Religion and Women’s Agency in Late Ottoman Society through Ladies’ Own Gazette
Betul Arigit, Independent Scholar–A Slave Concubine’s Rise to Political Power: Rabia Gülüns Emetullah Valide Sultan (1640–1715)
Ilhan Yildiz, Karatekin U–Violence against Women in Modern Turkey: Beliefs, Thoughts and Traditions
Sumeyye Kocaman, UCLA–Representations of Religion: Ottoman Women at the Turn of the Century

Documentary Sources for the Study of Law: Waqf, Archives, and Contracts
Chair: Nicolas Trépanier, U of Mississippi
Kristina Benson, UCLA–Lost in Translation: Muslim Marriage Contracts in American Courts
Garrett Davidson, U Chicago–Children Should Hear and Be Heard: Hadith Attendance Registers and the Role of Children in Medieval Hadith Transmission
Andrew Magnusson, UC Santa Barbara–Out of Context: The Prophet Muhammad’s Charter to the Zoroastrians
Toru Miura, Ochanomizu U–Waqf Activity of Grass-Roots Level in 16th Century Damascus

The Impact of Political Change: Inside and Out
Yasmine Farouk, Cairo U–Saudi Arabia and the Political Empowerment of Islamists in the Arab World: The Case of Saudi Arabia’s Relations with Egypt
Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State U–From Bahrain to Bukit Bintang: The Gulf’s New Strategic Partnership with Malaysia
Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, London School of Economics–Changing Patterns of Gulf States’ Engagement in South-South Frameworks
Jaclyn Kerr, Georgetown U–Comparing Episodes of Intra-Regional Revolutionary Contagion: The Context and Prospects of Early and Late Uprisings of 1989 and 2011

Turkish Landscapes: Kurds, Political Parties, and European Union Possibilities
Chair: Christian Sinclair, U Arizona
Doug Jones, Rutgers U–Turkey’s Critical Need for a New Constitution
Iklim Goksel, Independent Scholar–From Global to Local: Cittaslow and the Political Empowerment of Kurds and the Political Empowerment of Kurds in the EU on Turkey: Labor, Kurdish Rights and the Political Empowerment of Kurds and the Political Empowerment of Kurds
Filiz Kahraman, U Washington–Rethinking the Democratization Effect of the EU on Turkey: Labor, Kurdish Rights and the EU
Solen Sanli, Santa Rosa Junior Col–Hegemony and Neoliberal Populism in Turkey: An Analysis of JDP’s Rhetoric and Policies
Memory and Identity in a Post-Conflict Gulf
Organized by Christopher Ohan

Session Leader: Christopher Ohan,
American U Kuwait

Ildiko Kaposi, American U Kuwait
Conerly Casey, Rochester Institute of Technology
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The Transformation of Political Islam
Organized by Francesco Cavatorta
Chair/Discussant: Francesco Cavatorta, Dublin City U

Sexual Identity and Identity Politics in Arab-Islamic Cultures
Organized by Maya F Boutaghou, Florida International U

Janell Rothenberg, UCLA–Queer Identities in Place and Text: Reading Abdullah Taia in Tangier
Olivia C. Harrison, U Southern California–Sex and Politics in Ahlam Mosteghanemi’s Algerian Trilogy
Sofian Merabet, U Texas Austin–Gender, Identity, and Violence: The Formation of Queer Subjectivities in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography

(3034) The Political and Social Agenda of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey
Organized by Ahmet Bekmen
Chair/Discussant: Seda Altug, Boğaziçi U

Ahmet Bekmen, Istanbul U–The Restructuring of the State Power and the New Authoritarianism in Turkey
Ece Oztan, Yildiz Technical U–Gendered Paths of Neoliberal Citizenship: Family, Community and Gender in Turkey

Seasons of Activism and Dissent: Preludes to the ‘Arab Spring’
Organized by Annie C. Higgins
Discussant: Christopher Stone, Hunter Col CUNY

Elena D. Corbett, Penn State Erie–Building against Disaffection: The Case of Jordan’s Maqamat
Annie C. Higgins, Col of Charleston–Regime Change and Self Exchange: Shurut/Kharjite Women’s Activism in Early Islam
Caroline Seymour-Jorn, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–Women Writing the Revolution
John C. Eisele, Col of William and Mary–‘Ana MaZluum: Melodramatic Outrage and Depictions of Social and Political Injustice in Egyptian Popular Films
Christa Salamandra, Lehman Col CUNY–Prelude to an Uprising: Syrian Fictional Television and Socio-Political Critique

Famine and Starvation in the Modern Middle East: Environmental Causes, Social Crises, Political Consequences
Organized by Ranin Kazemi
Chair/Discussant: Zachary Lockman, New York U

Melanie Tanielian, U Michigan–‘Do Mothers and Fathers Devour Their Children?’: Death and Survival of the Family during the Lebanese Famine (1914-1918)
Ranin Kazemi, Yale U–Famine, Food Protest, and Political Participation in Iran, 1850–1905
Ozge Ertem, European U Institute–Bread Riots in Eastern Anatolia (1879-1881): Social Conflict, Communal Boundaries and Political Legitimacy

Jews, Muslims and Christians in Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine: New Perspectives for Research
Organized by Abigail Jacobson
Chair: Ami Ayalon, Tel Aviv U
Discussant: Salim Tamari, Institute for Palestine Studies

Andrew Patrick, NYU Abu Dhabi–Confession over Community: Forced Decisions in 1919 Palestine
Noah Haiduc-Dale, Waynesburg U–The Al-Bahri Affair: An Interpretation of Religious Violence
Jonathan Gribetz, Rutgers U–“To Respond to the Lies Hurled at the Israelite Nation”: Methodological Challenges in the Study of Jewish Arabic Religious Apologetics in the Fin de Siècle
Abigail Jacobson, Brandeis U–Jews from Middle East Descent and Jewish-Arab Relations in Mandatory Palestine
Liora R. Halperin, Princeton U–Resituting the Yishuv in Its Arabic Speaking Context

Literary Performance
Organized by Elliott Colla
Chair/Discussant: Elliott Colla, Georgetown U

Samuel T. England, U Wisconsin Madison–Moroccan Stage Lights on ‘Abbasid Literature
Lara Harb, New York U–Wonder and Muhdath Poetry
Katrien Vanpee, Col of William and Mary–Nabati Poetry as National Duty: Poetic Expressions of Tribal, National and Regional Allegiance in Qatari and Emirati Praise Poems
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**Roundtable**

From Empire to Nation?: New Directions in the Study of Late-Ottoman Borderlands
Organized by Matthew H. Ellis

Matthew H. Ellis, Sarah Lawrence Col
Zachary Foster, Princeton U
Alexander Balistreri, Princeton U
Barbara Henning, U Washington

Global Print Cultures from the Middle East to South Asia
Organized by Sebouh Aslanian

Discussant: Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, U Toronto

Afshin Marashi, U Oklahoma–Print-Patronage: Parsi Textual Philanthropy and the Revival of Zoroastrianism in Early 20th Century Iran
Sebouh Aslanian, UCLA–A Reader Responds to Joseph Emin’s Life and Adventures: Notes toward a “History of Reading” in Late Eighteenth Century Madras
Nile Green, UCLA–The Jihadnama and the Book of Mormon: Muslim Printing on the Industrial Frontier
Mitch Fraas, U Pennsylvania–Readers, Scribes, and Collectors: The Dissemination of Legal Knowledge in Eighteenth-Century British South Asia

Historical Methodologies for Study of the Medieval Maghrib
Organized by W. Matt Malczycki

Christine D. Baker, U Texas Austin–The Pre-Fatimid Isma’ili Da’wa in the Maghrib: Exploring the Role of Heterodox Movements in the Islamization of the Middle East
Renata Holod, U Pennsylvania–The Making of Sectarian Space: Ibadi Jerba and the Shape of its Settlement
W. Matt Malczycki, Auburn U–Long before the Aghlabids: Center-Periphery Relations 122/740-138/755

**Bodies in Motion, Bodies in Pain:**

Between the National, Corporeal, and Beyond in Contemporary Iran
Organized by Neda Bolourchi

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Discussant: Setrag Manoukian, McGill U
G.S. Nikpour, Columbia U–On Pain and Punishment: The Political Prisoner and Iranian Modernity
Neda Bolourchi, Columbia U–Terror & Torture: Building the Sacred Nation-State
Seema Golestaneh, Columbia U–The Emergence of the Mimetic Body: Transfigurations of Subjectivity and Memory in Contemporary Sufi Ritual
Farbod Honarpishel, Columbia U–Fashioning a New National Body through a Cinematic New: Ethnographic Documentaries of the Iranian New Wave and the Discourse of Authenticity

Cold War Dynamics

Chair: Fred H. Lawson, Mills Col

Victor McFarland, Yale U–U.S.–Arab Relations and the 1973-74 Oil Embargo
Fahed Al-Sumait, Gulf U for Science and Technology–A Rhetorical Tightrope: U.S. Political Discourse on Arab Democracy following the Cold War
Nabeel Khoury, U.S. Department of State–The Arab Cold War Revisited
Pinar Dost-Niyego, French Institute for Anatolian Studies Istanbul–A New Reading of Turkish-American Relations during the Cold War: U.S. Postwar Plans for Turkey
Reem Abou-El-Fadil, U Oxford–Neutralism Made Positive: Egyptian Anticolonialism on the Road to Bandung

**Learning Arabic Overseas**

Akiko M. Sumi, Kyoto Notre Dame U–Arabic Acquisition and Interest in Arabic Culture among Japanese University Students
Emma Trentman, U of New Mexico–Factors Affecting Out-of-Class Arabic Use during Study Abroad in Egypt
Hany Abdul Galili Fazza, Aarhus U–Arabic Heritage Learners in Denmark: Realities and Visions

Susanne Ramadan, Yarmouk U–The Environment and Its Effect on Arabic as a Foreign Language Acquisition at Yarmouk University in Irbid City

**Shari’a across Context**

Rozaliya Garipova, Princeton U–The Transformation of Sharia in the Russian Empire
Halim Rane, Griffith U–The Political Sociology of Maqasid in Contemporary Islamic Thought
Fachrizal Halim, McGill U–Making of the Shafi’i School of Law: Legacy and Contribution of Al-Nawawi (d. 631-76/1233-77)

Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide: “Secular States” (Year 2)
Organized by Gregory Starrett and Joyce Dalsheim

Session Leader: Andrew J. Shryock, U Michigan

Gregory Starrett, UNC Charlotte
Loren Lybarger, Ohio U Athens
Samuli Schielke, Zentrum Moderner Orient
Assaf Harel, Rutgers U
Joyce Dalsheim, UNC Charlotte