

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>

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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
- Dailami, 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
- La Porta, 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 '83, 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

Program

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 17

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)

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

SPECIAL SESSION



The Emergence of New Media

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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.

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

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

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 17

**Qiyān 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 Nielson, Case Western Reserve
U–Music and the Figure of the Qiyān in
the Response to a Question Concerning
Music by Al-Ajurri (d. 970) and the
Censure of Instruments of Diversion by
Ibn Abī'l Dunya (d. 894)

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

Majied Robinson, Edinburgh U–The
Concubine in Statistical Context: A
Prosopographical Analysis of the Arab
Genealogical Tradition

Nerina Rustomji, St. John's U–Are
Houris 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
Anishchenkova**, 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

Roundtable

**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 Arjmand, Lund U
Kevan Harris, Princeton U

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

Chair/Discussant: **Michaëlle L.
Browsers**, Wake Forest U

Zackery Heern, Murray State U–Usuli
Shi'ism and the Eighteenth Century
Islamic Reformation

Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport–
Reconceptualizing the Foundation
of Lebanese and Iraqi Shi'i Political
Reformism: Muhammed Rida Al-
Muzaffar'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. Kverme, 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**

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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

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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

Roundtable

Out of the Classroom and into the Field: Designing Study Abroad Programs to the Gulf States

Organized by **Sharon Nagy**

Chair: **Sharon Nagy**, DePaul U

Larry Brown, Oman Center for International Learning

States, Markets, Media, and the Environment

Chair: **Bassam Yousif**, Indiana State U

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

Annemie 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

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

Armenians in the Modern World

Serife Eroglu 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

Thematic
Conversation

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

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

MESA'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—Islam and Social Movement: Religious Opportunities and Constraints

Naisy Sarduy, Florida International U—Iran and the Other America: The Forgotten Narrative and Roads Not Taken

Nima Baghdadi, 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**

Sponsored by Association for Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies

Chair: **J. E. Peterson**, Tucson, Arizona

Discussant: **Mandana E. Limbert**, City U New York

Fahad A. Bishara, Harvard U/Col of William and Mary—Paper Routes: Inscribing Law and Commerce across the 19th-Century Indian Ocean

Thomas F. McDow, Ohio State U—Forging New Passages: African Mobility to Arabia and Beyond, 1856-1895

Ameem Lutfi, Duke U—Sea, Soldiers and Sovereignty: Reading Sovereignty in the Indian Ocean through Baloch Mercenaries

Hafeez Jamali, U Texas Austin—Shorelines of Memory, Sediments of History: Britain, Oman, and the Shifting Geographies of Trade in the Mekran Coast 1862-1905

Emotions and Culture: Anxiety, Love, and Desire in the Ottoman Empire

Organized by **Oscar Aguirre Mandujano**

Chair/Discussant: **Walter G. Andrews**, U Washington

Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U Washington—The Emotions behind Conquest and Conversion: The Poetic Framework for Epic Frontier Narratives

Zeynep Seviner, U Washington—Objects that Talk: Desire, Envy and Commodities as Literary Devices in *Mai ve Siyah*

Anat Goldman, U Washington—Anxiety and Identity Formation in 19th Century Orientalist Paintings

Elizabeth Nolte, U Washington—Historical Anxiety and Literary Representations of the Ottoman Empire

Beauty in Persian Poetry: Personal, Social, and Political Responses

Organized by **Dylan Oehler-Stricklin**

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

Matthew Thomas Miller, Washington U St. Louis—Aesthetic Homonormativity in Medieval Persian Sufism: A Cultural Poetics of Sufi Homoeroticism in the Biographical Traditions of Fakhr Al-Din 'Iraqi

Dylan Oehler-Stricklin, Washington U St. Louis—Between Beauty and Pain: Nature as a Medium of Self Realization in the Poetry of Forugh Farrokhzad

8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 18

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

Bozena Welborne, U Nevada Reno–
Security in Numbers: Exploring the
Relationship between Women's Political
Representation and Personal Security in
the Middle East and North Africa

Dawn Nowacki, Linfield Col–Explaining
Quota Types for Women's Representation
in Muslim Majority States

Sarah Bush, Temple U and **Eleanor Gao**,
U Michigan–Women's Representation
in Jordan: How Quotas Work in an
Authoritarian Setting

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 Ruralization of the
Ba`th Party

Fanar Haddad, National U of Singapore–
From beyond the Grave: The Legacy of
the Ba'ath 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
Muruwwa

Nadav Samin, Princeton U–The
Oracle of Al-Wurud: Hamad Al-Jasir's
Genealogical Correspondences, 1992-
2000

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

Abdullah Al-Arian, Wayne State U–Back
to the Future: Islam and Popular Revolt
in Egypt (1968-2011)

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

Mezna Qato, U Oxford–Lessons in Self-
Determination: Historiographies of
Palestinian Pedagogical Emancipation
(1948-1958)

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

Carol Bardenstein, U Michigan–
Transfiguring Violence: Aestheticized
“Backward Glances” at the Lebanese
Civil War Thirty Years After

Ikram Masmoudi, U Delaware–Fiction
and the Unofficial History of Iraqi War
Poets

Kevin Jones, U Michigan–‘A Horizon
Lit with Blood’: Poetry, Protest and the
Promise of National Liberation in Iraq,
1948-1956

Arash Afghahi, New York U–Poetry and
the Politics of Identity: The Evolution of
Winter as a Trope

Hamad Obaid Alajmi, Indiana U–Al-
Hujayjah's Poetry Inciting Her People to
Fight

State and Civil Society in Modern Turkey

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 Utah–Testing
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

8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 18

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 Soulaïmani, 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-Aïman 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

Stacy E. Holden, Purdue U–Contested
Memories in Colonial Morocco: The
Construction of Hubert Lyautey's
Mausoleum in Rabat, 1935

Gender, Intersectionality, and the Politics of Social Change

Organized by **Nadje Al-Ali**, SOAS, U London

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Middle East Women's Studies**

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
Stephen Bush, CIEE

Michaëlle L. Browsers, 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

**Sponsored by
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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Academic Writing for the Media

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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?

Nancy Khalek, Brown U—Leveraging the Sahaba: Discourses of Orthodoxy and Sunni Revival

A. Nazir Atassi, Louisiana Tech U—The Role of Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat in Ibn 'Asakir's Tarikh Dimashq

Suleiman A. Mourad, Smith Col—Did the Crusades Change Jerusalem's Religious Symbolism in Islam?

The Making & Breaking of Boundaries in Africa, Europe and the Middle East
Organized by **Mona L. Russell**

Discussant: **Shane E. Minkin**, Swarthmore Col

Lisa Pollard, UNC Wilmington—Making Race into Place on the Frontier Zones of Northeastern Africa in the Late 19th Century

Matthew H. Ellis, Sarah Lawrence Col—Drawing a Line in the Sand?: Ottomans, Italians, Bedouins, and the Making of the Egyptian Western Border Crisis, 1902-1916

Sarah Shields, UNC Chapel Hill—Manufacturing Collective Identities: Contesting Territories in the Interwar Middle East

Mona L. Russell, East Carolina U—Bordering on Illicit
Sarah Thomsen Vierra, UNC Chapel Hill—A Space Apart or a Part of Society?: Turkish Mosques in West Germany in the 1970s and 1980s

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

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Palestine and the Arab Revolutions
Organized by Sherene Seikaly

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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: Trans-
disciplinary 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
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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**

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Association for Gulf &
Arabian Peninsula Studies**

Chair: **Joe Stork**, Human Rights Watch

Stephen Steinbeiser, American
Institute for Yemeni Studies—The Role of
Law in Yemen

Jim Krane, Cambridge U—The Politics
of Energy Policy in the Gulf Arab States:
Shortage and Reform in the World’s
Storehouse of Energy

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

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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

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. Ohlander**, Indiana U - Purdue U Ft. Wayne

Side Emre, Texas A&M U—Being a “Fususi”: Muhyi-i Gülsenî’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

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 Nazvhvan Natural Park in Esfahan

Gretchen Head, UC Berkeley—Writing Casablanca’s Bidonvilles: Muhammad Zifzaf’s Muhawilat ‘Aysh

Thematic
Conversation

Sources and Resources for Middle Eastern American Studies (Year 2)
Organized by **Pauline Homsy Vinson**

Session Leader: **Gary David**, Bentley U

Anan Ameri, Arab American National Museum

Lutfi Hussein, Mesa Community Col
Pauline Homsy Vinson, Independent Scholar

Germine Awad, U Texas Austin

Louise A. Cainkar, Marquette U

Rita Stephan, U.S. Census Bureau

2-4PM Sunday November 18

Iranian History- The Minorities' Version

Organized by **Lior Sternfeld**

Chair: **Kamran S. Aghaie**, U Texas Austin

Discussant: **Juan Cole**, U Michigan

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

Lev Weitz, Princeton U-Analogy and Tradition in East Syrian Law: A Dispute over Cousin Marriage

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 Dhimm?: 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

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 Sultany, 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: **Will Hanley**, Florida State U

Benjamin Thomas White, U Birmingham-Refugees and Nationality in 1920s Syria and Lebanon

Lauren Banko, SOAS, U London-Nationality, Citizenship and Rights: Palestinian Counterdiscourses and Practices, 1920-1930

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)

Ipek K. Yosmaoglu, Northwestern U-Violence of the Map, Silence of the People: Thematic Maps, Ethnography and the Visual Representations of Ethnic Homogeneity

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**

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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 Cols-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

The Muslim World in the Age of the Crusades: History, Religion and Culture in the Service of Counter Crusading and Sunni Revivalism, Part 2

Organized by **Suleiman A. Mourad**,
Smith Col and **James E. Lindsay**

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Chair: **Zayde G. Antrim**, Trinity Col
Discussant: **Paul M. Cobb**, U
Pennsylvania

Paul E. Chevedden, UCLA–Apocalypticism in the Service of Politics: ‘Ali ibn Ṭāhīr Al-Sulamī’s Response to the Crusades

James E. Lindsay, Colorado State U–Jihad Propaganda in Damascus: Scholars, Rulers, and the Masses

Konrad Hirschler, SOAS, U London–The Earliest Documented Arabic Book Collection: The Profile of an Endowed Library in 13th-Century Damascus

The Kurds in Syria: Past, Present and Future

Organized by **Christian Sinclair**

Sponsored by Kurdish Studies Association

Chair: **Shayee Khanaka**, UC Berkeley

Sebastian Maisel, Grand Valley State U–Identity Building among Yezidis from Syria: Discourses of History, Homeland, and Exile

Matt Flannes, U Arizona–Kurdish-State Relations in Syria: A Precarious Balance
Eva Savelsberg, European Center for Kurdish Studies–Old Borders, New Concepts: Some Remarks on How to Respect Kurdish National Rights in a Unified Syria

Christian Sinclair, U Arizona–Assimilation and Arabization: Language and Linguistic Identity amongst Kurds in Syria

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

Alexander R. Arifianto, Arizona State U–Globalization, Moral Authority Leadership, and Progressive Islamic Discourse: The Fethullah Gulen

Movement and the Nahdlatul Ulama in Comparative Historical Perspective

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 Gulen Movement in Pakistan

Content Based Arabic Second Language Instruction (CBI): Issues and Practical Considerations, the CASA Experience

Organized by **Iman Aziz Soliman**

Sponsored by Center for Arabic Study Abroad

Chair: **Iman Aziz Soliman**, Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)

Nadia Harb, CASA, American U in Cairo–The Role of Task Design in Content-Based Instruction: The Case of Palestinian Literature Course

Sayyed Daifallah, CASA, American U in Cairo–Role of Students in Developing a Content and Language Curriculum

Hebatalah Salem, CASA, American U in Cairo–Challenges of Teaching Authentic Arabic in the CBI Curriculum: The Case of Colloquial Literature

Mahmoud Al-Batal, U Texas Austin–Preparing Students for Content-Based Instruction Abroad: Curricular and Pedagogical Issues

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

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Political Economy of the Arabian Peninsula, Part II

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Arabian Peninsula Studies**

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:
Hizballah's Mleeta 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

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

Laila Taraghi, U Arkansas—Competing for Relevance: Iran’s Internal Struggle to Define the Arab Uprisings

Janet Alexanian, UC Irvine—Politicizing lives: The Construction of Iranian Youth as Global Symbol

Jairan Gahan, U Toronto—The Presence of the (In)visible: Prostitution in Iran, from Brothels to Streets

Elika Pourbohloul, UCLA—Virtual Gateways to Iranian Cultural and Intellectual Production

Migration and (Non-)Citizenship in Arab Gulf States: Policies, Practices, and Negotiations

Organized by **Imco Brouwer**, Gulf Research Center

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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

Brandon Wolfe-Honnicutt, Stanford U—The Antimonies of American Global Power: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Emergence of the Second Ba’thist Regime in Iraq

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

Steve Niva, Evergreen State Col—Deterritorializing 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 Homsy Vinson**

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Chair: **Pauline Homsy Vinson**,
Independent Scholar

Discussant: **Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton U

Rita Stephan, U.S. Census Bureau—Social and Economic Characteristics of the Arab American Population

Sally Howell, U Michigan Dearborn—A Tale of Two Disciplines: Arab American and Muslim American Studies at a Crossroads

Yasmeen Hanoosh, Portland State U—Discursive Inclusions and Exclusions of Arabness: Chaldean American Studies at the Crossroads

Randa Kayyali, George Mason U—A Compatible Match: Interdisciplinarity, Cultural Studies and Arab American Studies

Matthew Jaber Stiffler, Arab American National Museum—Self-Orientalism and the Dilemma of Scholarly Critique

Authors and Archives: Transforming Subjectivities in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

Organized by **Nir Shafir** and **Sabrina Peric**

Discussant: **Dana Sajdi**, Boston Col

Nir Shafir, UCLA—The Virtues of the Days: Abdulghani Al-Nabulusi's Narration of the Self through His Diaries and Letters

Tuna Artun, Princeton U—Forty Years of Disappointment: Osman Bilani's Majmua and 18th Century Alchemical Texts as Ego Documents

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

Roundtable

New Strategies and Methodologies for Teaching of Modern Armenian

Organized by **Barlow Der Mugerdechian**

Chair: **Kevorg B. Bardakjian**, U Michigan

Barlow Der Mugerdechian, CSU Fresno
Ani Kasparian, U Michigan Dearborn

Colonial, Revolutionary, and Contemporary Libya: Emerging Research

Organized by **Mia Fuller**

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American Institute for Maghrib Studies**

Chair: **Mia Fuller**, UC Berkeley
Discussant: **Ali Abdullatif Ahmida**, U New England

Stephanie Malia Hom, U Oklahoma—Technologies of Mobility: Militarism and Pacification in Italian Colonial Libya

Angelo Caglioti, UC Berkeley—Making Environmental Knowledge, Producing Colonial Libya

Eileen Ryan, Columbia U—Italy and the Sanusiyya: Negotiating Authority in Colonial Libya

Claudia Gazzini, Northwestern U—Trial by Error: Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Qaddafi Libya

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 Gokarikel**, UNC 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 Istiklal 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

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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’i 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 Hysten, 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

Alexander Jabbari, UC Irvine–The Sexual Aesthetics of Modernity: Homoeroticism, Nation, and the Modern in Persianate Literary Criticism

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

Thematic
Conversation

Assyrians and Minority Studies Organized by **Fadi Dawood**

Session Leader: **Fadi Dawood**, SOAS, U London

Sharokin Betgevergiz, Savannah Col of Art and Design

Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams U

Nicholas Al-Jeloo, U Sydney

Hannibal Travis, FIU Col of Law

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2012 Presidential Address



Fred M. Donner
University of Chicago

2012 MESA Awards Ceremony

Please join MESA in recognizing the very best in the field in 2012,
including presentations of the following awards:

Albert Hourani Book Award

Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards

MESA Mentoring Award

Jere L. Bacharach Service Award

MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize

immediately followed by the

MESA Dance Party

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

7-8:30am

Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Associations

Governors Square 9

8:30am-2:30pm

EWIC Editors Training Meeting

Directors Row G (Plaza-L)

2:30-4pm

JMEWS Editorial Board Meeting

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American University in Cairo Reception

Plaza Ballroom D (Plaza-C)

7-9pm

AMCA Members Meeting

Plaza Court I (Plaza-C)

7-9pm

TARRII Reception

Governors Square 9 (Plaza-C)

7:30-9:30pm

AI-Monitor Reception

Plaza Ballroom E (Plaza-C)

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-l-Sabr 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—Accu-

sation, Blame, and Rumor in Tahrir

Square: Excavating Hopes and Anxieties

in the Egyptian Revolution

Roundtable

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

Nadya Sbaiti, Smith Col—Ghosts in the Machine: The Politics of Archiving in Lebanon

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

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, U Maryland College Park—

Contextualizing Assyrians in Iraq's History

Fadi Dawood, 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

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

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)

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

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

Discussant: **Kevorg 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

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

8:30-10:30AM Monday November 19

Gender and Entrepreneurship in the MENA Region

Organized by **Eric Hooglund**

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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—Driss Chraïbi 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—"Daru'l 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 Carbondale—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: **Ghadda 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 Neggaz, 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 Allāh 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

Ghadda 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—"Turath-ing" the Present: 'Arada Bands in Damascus, Syria

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

Rebecca Joubin, Davidson Col—Embattled Masculinity: Prison and Marriage Metaphors in Early Syrian Television Drama, 1960s-1970s

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 Kreitmeyr, 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

Secil Uluisik, U Arizona—Merchant Networks in the Ottoman Balkans during the Nineteenth Century: The Case of the Gümülgördan Family

Thematic
Conversation

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

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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
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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-Daif’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

James F. Goode, Grand Valley State U—A Microcosm of International Tensions: The War in Dhufar, 1971-1976

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**

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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**

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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

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, UCLA–Economic Regimes, Social Conflict, and State Formation in Lebanon: 1943-1958

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–Fabulation 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 Husseinali, 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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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.

Youniss 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

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: Millenarian Shi'ism in Modern Iraq

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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

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

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

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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
Robert Lowe, London School of Economics–Kurdish Responses to the Syrian Uprising of 2011-2012
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

Roundtable

Turkic Languages and Assessment

Organized by Roberta Micallef

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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 Dorthe Engelcke

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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-Ariss, U Texas Austin

Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U–So Much Difference among Iraqi 'Sixties' Generation?

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

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**

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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 Moroccan 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**

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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 Watenpaugh, 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**

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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**

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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

Contested Politics of Gender and Sexuality

Adi Greif, Yale U–Gender Equality and Kin-Based Groups

Mohammadreza Hashemitaba, AKU–ISMC–'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

Laurent Dissard, U Pennsylvania–Rescue Excavations at Keban in Eastern Turkey (1966-1975): Submerged Villages on the Sidelines of Archaeological Laboratories

Frances Trix, Indiana U–Turks of Macedonia: Ottoman Remnant People Endangered since Independence

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Public Intellectuals: Taking Research Outside the Academy

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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 publically; 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.

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)

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

5-7PM Monday November 19

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

Roundtable

The Current State of Arab American Studies from Graduate Student Perspectives

Organized by **Randa Kayyali**

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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**

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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-Sultaniyya*

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

Jane Mikkelsen, U Chicago–The Sufi Pathology of Love

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Theodore Beers, U Chicago—Linearity and Hierarchy in the Haft Paykar
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**

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Chair/Discussant: **Elliott Colla**, Georgetown U

Jennifer Pruitt, Smith Col—The Global Street: The Rise of Cairene Street Art, 2011-2012

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. Sinatora**

Chair: **Francesco L. Sinatora**

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. Sinatora, 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 Intellect

Matteo Di Giovanni, Yale U—The Spirit of Knowledge in the Flesh of History: Philosophy and Politics in Almohad Spain

Dale J. Correa, New York U—Hear, See, Speak, and Do: Perception and Production of Community in a Hanafi Theory of Testimony

Thematic Conversation

Writing, Publishing and Translating Iran at the Crossroads: Politics, History and Academics
Organized by **Maggie Nassif**

Session Leader: **Maggie Nassif**, National Middle East Language Resource Center

Michael Beard, U North Dakota

Jawid Mojaddedi, Rutgers U

Nasrin Rahimieh, UC Irvine

Kamran Talattof, U Arizona

Ghazzal Dabiri, Columbia U

Kamran Rastegar, Tufts U

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Forgotten Legacy: Palestinians in Kuwait

Organized by Mai Al-Nakib

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Arabian Peninsula Studies**

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

Roundtable

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 Faruqi, Istanbul Bilgi U

Sarra Tlili, U Florida

Kristen Stilt, Northwestern U

A Software for Supporting, Facilitating, Enhancing Usage of Arabic Conjunctions

Organized by **Raghda El-Essawi**

Chair: **Raghda El-Essawi**, American U in
Cairo

Raghda El-Essawi, American U in Cairo–
From Punctuation to Conjunctions

Azza Hassanien, 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 Knysh**, U
Michigan

Margaret Litvin, Boston U–Letters to
Tolstoy: Arab Writers Between Prophecy
and Fiction

Masha Kirasirova, New York U–
Ferdowsi, Omar Khayyam, and Lahuti:
Soviet-Iranian Rivalries over Persian
Literary Heritage

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.
Hossien Ali Montazeri

Dalia Abo Hagggar, 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 Chrifi Alaoui, 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

Aurelie 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

Construction of Collective Identities

Abbas Poya, FRIAS–Language, Religion and Nationalism: The History of Nationalist Narratives in Afghanistan

Alon Tam, U Pennsylvania–The Harkis: On Memory Work, Identity, and the Politics of Belonging

Ahmadov Ramin, U Cincinnati–Nationalism, Secularism, and Islam: Azeris in Azerbaijan and Iran

Shay Hazkani, New York U–"The Arabs are Our Brothers, Not the Ashkenazi Jews": Shaping an Arab Jewish Identity in Israel, 1948-1959

Anthony Edwards, UT Austin–Muhammad Kurd 'Ali's Project of Arabization

Paths to Conversion: Taxes, Politics, and Love

Daniella Talmon-Heller, Ben-Gurion U the Negev–The Historiography of the Islamization of the Middle East in the 7th-15th Centuries

Claudia Yaghoobi, UC Santa Barbara–A Comparative Study of the Significance of Love in Shaykh San'ān and Abelard and Heloise's Religious Transgression

Rachel Friedman, UC Berkeley–Religious Longing in the Ghazal of an Andalusī Muslim Convert

Ramazan Hakki Oztan, U Utah–Ottomans Turned Mormon: Mormon Mission to the Ottoman Empire, 1880s-1920s

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 Khakzad, 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

Thematic Conversation

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

IIAM-IPM Tuesday November 20

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

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Chair: **Scott S. Reese**, Northern Arizona U

Carl W. Ernst, UNC Chapel Hill

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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

Relli I. Shechter, Ben Gurion U–Consumerism and Islamism: Egyptian and Saudi Arabian Trajectories during the Oil Boom Era

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 Brownlee, 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

Farzib 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 Quiquívix**

Salim Tamari, Institute for Palestine Studies–Ottoman Cartography and the Shifting Ethnography of Palestine

Linda Quiquívix, 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

Jeannette 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

Dale Stahl, Columbia U–Building Dams, Building States: Water, Development and Politics in the Tigris-Euphrates Basin 1920-1975

Shohei Sato, Waseda U–Between Water and Oil: An Environmental History of the Buraimi Oasis Dispute, 1952-1955

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Lizabeth 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 Artvinli, Bakırköy Hospital for Psychiatry, Neurology and Neurosurgery–Opening the Closed Doors: 1893 Cholera Epidemic in the Toptasi 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 Argit, Independent Scholar–A Slave Concubine's Rise to Political Power: Rabia Gülnus 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 Politics of Identification in Turkey

Filiz Kahraman, U Washington–Rethinking the Democratization Effect of the EU on Turkey: Labor, Kurdish Rights and the ECHR

Solen Sanli, Santa Rosa Junior Col–Hegemony and Neoliberal Populism in Turkey: An Analysis of JDP's Rhetoric and Policies

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Memory and Identity in a Post-Conflict Gulf

Organized by **Christopher Ohan**

Session Leader: **Christopher Ohan**,
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The Transformation of Political Islam
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Francesco Cavatorta, Dublin City U–The Complex Field of Islamism in Tunisia and the Transformation of Ennahda

Vincent Durac, U Col Dublin–Islamism, Democracy and Human Rights in the Arabian Peninsula: The Case of Yemen’s Islah Party

Paola Rivetti, Dublin City U–Translating Democracy and Human Rights:

The Iranian Islamic Human Rights Commission as a Tool of Legitimacy for the Regime

Emanuela Dalmasso, CIES-IUL–From Theory to Practice?: The Party of Justice and Development in Morocco

Sexual Identity and Identity Politics in Arabo-Islamic Cultures

Organized by **Maya F Boutaghou**, Florida International U

Chair: **Olivia C. Harrison**, U Southern California

Discussant: **Sofian Merabet**, U Texas Austin

Janell Rothenberg, UCLA–Queer Identities in Place and Text: Reading Abdallah 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

Ismet Akca, Yildiz Technical U–Justice and Development Party’s Neoliberal Populism: Democratic or Authoritarian?

Ahmet Bekmen, Istanbul U–The Restructuring of the State Power and the New Authoritarianism in Turkey

Baris Alp Ozden, Yildiz Technical U–Governing Poverty: The Transformation of Social Welfare and Politics 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: Shurat/Kharijite 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

Semih Celik, European U Institute–Ottoman State and Society during Famine: The Case of Ankara in 1845

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 Hurlled 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–Resituating 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, Georgetown U–Nabati Poetry as National Duty: Poetic Expressions of Tribal, National and Regional Allegiance in Qatari and Emirati Praise Poems

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From Empire to Nation?: New Directions in the Study of Late-Ottoman Borderlands

Organized by **Matthew H. Ellis**

Matthew H. Ellis, Sarah Lawrence Col
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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 Malczykcki**

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: Ibadī Jerba and the Shape of Its Settlement

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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 Honarpisheh, 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-Fadl, 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 Galiil 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

Sarra Tlili, U Florida–The Inviolable Rights of Animals: The Notion of “Hurma” and Its Impact on Animal Welfare in Islam

Luke Yarbrough, Princeton U–A Significant New Source for Early Juristic Views on Non-Muslim Officials

Fachrizal Halim, McGill U–Making of the Shafi’i School of Law: Legacy and Contribution of Al-Nawawi (d. 631-76/1233-77)

**Thematic
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Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide: “Secular States” (Year 2)

Organized by **Gregory Starrett** and **Joyce Dalsheim**

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Assaf Harel, Rutgers U
Joyce Dalsheim, UNC Charlotte