

MESA ANNUAL MEETING 2015

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, CO

November 21-24, 2015

The following listing of CMES- and Harvard-affiliated speakers was compiled from the MESA Program that was posted in September. 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: https://mesana.org/mymesa/meeting_program.php

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Harvard Affiliate Listing with day(s)/time(s) of MESA sessions

Harvard Faculty:

- Bayoumi, Soha (*Lecturer, History of Science*) – Sun, 11-1
- Cammett, Melani (*Professor of Government*)—Sat, 5:30-7:30 pm; Mon, 5-7
- Dundar Akarca, Halit (*Davis Center Visiting Professor*)—Sun 8:30-10:30
- Fahmy, Khaled (*Shawwaf Visiting Professor in Modern Middle East History*)—Sat, 5:30-7:30
- Granara, William (*CMES Director, Professor of Arabic, NELC*) – Sun, 11-1
- Sullivan, Nevenka Korica (*Senior Preceptor NELC, CASA Director*)— Sun, 11-1
- Mottahedeh, Roy (*Gurney Professor of History*) – Sun, 2-4
- Ragab, Ahmed (*HDS; Richard T. Watson Assistant Professor of Science and Religion*) – Mon, 5-7

Harvard Students:

- Agsar Alibhai, Ali (*NELC*) – Sun, 2-4; Mon, 11-1
- Andani, Khalil (*Divinity, NELC*) – Mon, 5-7
- Anderson, Paul (*NELC*) – Mon, 5-7
- Arslan, C. Ceyhun (*NELC*) – Sun, 4:30-6:30; Mon, 11-1
- Ben Ismail, Youssef (*NELC*) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Blecker, Allison (*NELC*) – Sun, 11-1
- Elston, Mary (*NELC*) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Gurbuzel, Aslihan (*History/MES*) – Sun, 11-1
- Hagerdal, Nils (*Public Policy*) – Tues, 8:30-10:30
- Halaby, Greg (*NELC*) – Sun, 11-1
- Lessersohn, Nora Cherishian (*History/MES*) – Sun, 2-4
- Liew, Han Hsien (*History/MES*) – Sun, 2-4; Chair, Mon, 11-1

- Schriber, Ari (*NELC*) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Shopov, Aleksandar (*History/MES*) – Tues, 1:30-3:30
- Thompson, Laura (*Study of Religion*) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Viengkhou, Aaron (*Divinity*) – Mon, 5-7
- Vodopyanov, Anya (*Government*)—Sat, 5:30-7:30

Current Visiting Researchers, Affiliates in Research, Fellows & Associates:

- Al-Masri, Khaled (*CMES Visiting Scholar*) – Sun, 11-1
- Bishara, Dina (*HKS Middle East Initiative Postdoctoral Fellow*) – Mon, 5-7
- Falb Kalisman, Hilary (*CMES Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow*) – Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Kamali, Maryam (*CMES Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow*) – Sun, 2-4
- Mestyan, Adam (*Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows*) – Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Miller, Susan Gilson (*CMES Associate*) – Sun, 2-4; Tues, 8:30-10:30
- Sharafuddin, Mohammed (*CMES Visiting Scholar*) – Sun, 4:30-6:30

Harvard CMES Alumni/ae:

- Bacharach, Jere L. (*AM, MES*) – Tues, 1:30-3:30
- Bazzaz, Sahar (*PhD, History/MES*)—Sat, 5:30-7:30
- Bowen Savant, Sarah (*Phd, HAA/MES*)—Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Chalcraft, John (*PhD, History/MES*) – Sun, 2-4
- Dailami, Ahmed (*AM, MES*) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Gelvin, James L. (*PhD, History/MES*)—Chair, Sat, 5:30-7:30; Chair, Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Kanna, Ahmed (*AM, MES, PhD Anthro/MES*) – Sun, 11-1
- Morrison, Heidi (*AM, MES*) – Mon, 8:30-10:30
- Nakissa, Aria (*PhD, Anthro/MES*) – Sun, 2-4
- Safran, Nina (*PhD, History/MES*) – Mon, 2:30-4:30
- Tucker, Judith (*PhD, History/MES*) – Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Winder, Alex (*AM, MES*) – Tues, 1:30-3:30

Other Harvard Alumni/ae:

- Bishara, Amahl (*BA*) – Sun, 8:30-10:30
- Calderwood, Eric (*PhD, RLL*) – Sun, 2-4
- Clarke, Killian (*BA*) – Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Elfenbein, Madeline (*BA*) – Mon, 11-1
- Eltantawi, Sarah S. – Sun, 11-1
- Foster, Angel M. (*M.D., HMS*) – Mon, 5-7
- Gerbakher, Ilona (*HDS*) – Sun, 11-1
- Halperin, Liora R. (*BA*) – Sun, 11-1
- Kuru, Selim (*PhD, NELC*) – Mon, 11-1

- Smith, Benjamin (*PhD, NELC*) – Sun, 11-1
- Stoltz, Daniel (*BA*) – Tues, 1:30-3:30
- Walker, Paul E. (*BA*) – Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Yom, Sean (*MA, PhD, Government*) – Sun, 4:30-6:30

Past CMES/Harvard Affiliates:

- Anetshofer, Helga – Mon, 11-1
- Jiwa, Shainool – Sun, 4:30-6:30
- Kuru, Selim – Chair, Sat, 5:30-7:30; Chair, Mon, 11-1
- Rollman, Wilfrid J. – Sun, 11-1
- Shahin, Emad – Sun, 2-4
- Tamari, Salim – Sun, 4:30-6:30; Tues, 1:30-3:30

Program

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 21

(4022) Piety in the Turkish Marketplace: Spatiality, Embodiment, and Gender in the Marketing and Consumption of Islamic Lifestyle Commodities
Organized by **Reina Lewis**

Chair: **Carolyn Goffman**, DePaul U
Discussant: **Carla Jones**, U Colorado

Banu Gökarıksel, UNC Chapel Hill and **Anna Secor**, U Kentucky–Devout Masculinities: Everyday Practices and Moral Geographies of Piety and Consumption in Istanbul and Konya, Turkey

Ozlem Sandikci, Istanbul Sehir U–The Halal Nail Polish: Religion and Body Politics in the Marketplace

Nazli Alimen, U of the Arts London–Islamic Identities, Spaces, and Consumer Cultures: Male Members of Menzil and Süleymanlı Faith-Inspired Communities in Turkey

Reina Lewis, U of the Arts London–Visualizing the Umma in Modest Fashion Marketing in Turkey

(4027) Black Market Mobilities: Clandestine Trades and Traffic in the Middle East, 1880-1940
Organized by **Devi Mays** and **Stacy Fahrenthold**

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

Stacy Fahrenthold, UC Berkeley–“Enemy Aliens” or “Alien Slackers?”

Syrian Ottoman Immigrants on the American Home Front, 1914-1918

Devi Mays, U Michigan–The Sephardi Connection: Transnational Sephardic Smuggling Networks between Old and New Worlds

David E. Gutman, Manhattanville Col–Social and Spatial Dynamics of Migrant Smuggling Networks in Eastern Anatolia, 1885-1908

Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U–Pauper Pilgrims, Passports, and the Failed Regulation of Indian Ocean Mobilities

(4035) Arabian Identities and the Nation State
Organized by **Iain Walker**

Chair/Discussant: **Iain Walker**, Max Planck Inst

Amal Sachedina, Brown U–Reconfiguring Histories as Part of Nation Building: Creating the Foundation of Ethics and Religiosity in the Sultanate of Oman

Miriam R. Lowi, Col of New Jersey–Confronting ‘The Invisible Army’: Identity, Community and Migrant Labor in Gulf States

Amin Moghadam, Sciences Po–Inalco–Building the Nation through Intimate Relationships: The Portrait of a Transnational Love Story in Dubai

Andrea Wright, U Michigan–National Identity and Intra-Regional Belonging: Worker Solidarity, Tribal Affiliations, and the Shaping of Identities in the Gulf States

(4066) Tunisia’s Progress since the Revolution

Organized by **Sabina Henneberg**

Chair: **John P. Entelis**, Fordham U
Discussant: **Eva Bellin**, Brandeis U

Sabina Henneberg, Johns Hopkins U–Security State and Islamism in Transitional Tunisia

Elizabeth R. Nugent, Princeton U–Collective Memory and the Making of the Political Cleavage Structure in Tunisia

Elizabeth Young, U Michigan–Islam and Islamists in the 2014 Tunisian Elections

Alexander Martin, Durham U–Agents of Change: The Role of Tunisian Civil Society in Transition from Authoritarianism to Democratization

(4080) Globalization of Science in the Middle East
Organized by **Sahar Bazzaz**

Discussant: **Khaled Fahmy**, Harvard U

On Barak, Tel Aviv U–Risk and Rizq Management: The Globalization of Actuarial Science

Sara Pursley, Princeton U–“Rending the Veils of Time and Space”: ‘Ali al-Wardi, Decolonization, and the Sciences of the Self

Mirjam Brusius, U Oxford–Stories beyond Progress and Modernity: Archaeologies in the Ancient Near East

William Carruthers, European U Inst–Messy Knowledge: Science and the (Archaeological) Field in 1950s Egypt

Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col–‘Strange Sciences’: Close Reading Meets Network Analysis of al-‘ulum al-Ghariba in the 18th and Early 19th Centuries

Sahar Bazzaz, Col of the Holy Cross–The Arrival of the “Taxonomical Revolution” in the Arabic Speaking World: Al-Āyāt al-bayyināt fī ‘ilm al-nabāt

(4093) Arab New Media Theory: At the Intersection of Art, Technology, and Scholarship
Organized by **VJ Um Amel**

Marwan M. Kraidy, U Pennsylvania–Reconsidering the Corpus of/in New Media Theory: From Body-as-Medium to Body-as-Data?

Laila Shereen Sakr, U Southern California–Media Praxis: A Hybrid Approach to Studying the Arabic Open Source Movement

Laura Marks, Simon Fraser U–Delicate Algorithms, Hand-soldered Networks, and Human Nodes in Arab Media Art

Adel Iskandar, Simon Fraser U–Memes as Meaning: Theorizing Authority and Authorship in Arab New Media

Bassam Haddad, George Mason U–Knowledge Production between Blogs and Books

(4126) Sectarianization in the Middle East

Organized by **Nader Hashemi**

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University of Denver**

Chair: **Danny Postel**, U Denver

Discussant: **Nader Hashemi**, U Denver

Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, U Exeter–Iranian Security Doctrine and Counterinsurgency in Syria and Iraq: Strategic Depth, Militias and Sectarianization in the Aftermath of the Arab Uprisings

George E. Irani, American U Kuwait–How Regional Sectarianization Threatens Lebanon's Fragile Balance

Fanar Haddad, National U Singapore–Pre-2003 Iraq: Sectarian Relations before 'Sectarianization'

Marwa Daoudy, Georgetown U–The Politicization of Identity: Sectarianization and the New 'Struggle for Syria'

Madeleine Wells, George Washington U–Sectarianism and Authoritarianism in Kuwait: 2003–2015

(4174) Revisiting Ottoman Literary Culture in the Era of Kanunî Sultan Süleyman

Organized by **Christiane Czygan**

Chair: **Selim Kuru**, U Washington

Selim Kuru, U Washington–Poets at the Gates: Patrons as Readers of Poetry in the Age of Süleyman I

Hatice Aynur, İstanbul Şehir U–Literary Space of Istanbul in Ottoman Texts (1520–1566)

Zeynep Altok, İstanbul Bilgi U–Revisiting Latîfî's Biographies of Poets (1546): A Comparative Historical Analysis

Christiane Czygan, Hamburg–The Making of an Ottoman Royal Poem Collection

(4179) Sovereignty, Historiography, and Visual Culture in Middle Eastern Museums

Organized by **Isaac Hand**

Chair/Discussant: **Asli Z. Igsiz**, New York U

Hannah Scott Deuchar, New York U–The Palestinian Museum: The Dynamics of Institutionalization and Palestinian Emancipatory Politics

Jennifer Varela, New York U–Yad Vashem Museum: Spheres of Influence and Narratives of Pain

Ilker Hepkaner, New York U–The Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews in Istanbul: "Narrative of Rescue" at Display

Isaac Hand, New York U–Making the Land Legible: Landscape and Sovereignty in the Panorama 1915 Museum

(4185) The Sparring of the Pen and the Sword: Arguing Political Legitimacy in the Umayyad and Early 'Abbasid Periods

Organized by **Aram Shahin**

Aram Shahin, James Madison U–The Body of the Muslim Sovereign as Impediment to Legitimate Rule: Blindness and Blinding as a Legal Argument for the Exclusion and Deposition of Rulers

Abdulahdi Alajmi, Kuwait U–Al-Ḥarra and the Formation of 'ulamā' Views toward the Umayyads

Hayrettin Yucesoy, Washington U St. Louis–Dynastic Power as Messianic Promise: Forms of Monotheistic Messianism in the 'Abbasid Caliphate (ca. 750–850 C.E.)

(4197) Limitations and Opportunities of Religious Activism in the Middle East

Organized by **Mona Tajali**

Discussant: **Asef Bayat**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Mahmoud Jaraba, Friedrich-Alexander-U Erlangen-Nürnberg–Debating "Shari'a Parallel Justice" in Germany

Lihi Ben Shitrit, U Georgia–Domesticating the Holy: Women for the Temple and the (In)Divisibility of Contested Sacred Places

Sahar Maranlou, Oxford U–Religion: A Path to Legal Empowerment or a Barrier to Women's Access to Justice in Plural Iran?

Mona Tajali, U Oxford–Internal Criticism: Islamic Women's Rights Activism in Iran and Turkey

Sachiko Hosoya, U Oxford–Non-Governmental Faith-Based Charity Organization in Iran: A Case Study of Kahrizak Charity Care Center

(4217) States, Citizens, and Economic Welfare Bargains: Reconsidering Distributive Politics in MENA before and after 2011

Organized by **Anya Vodopyanov**

Chair/Discussant: **Steven Heydemann**, Smith Col

Anya Vodopyanov, Harvard U–Reconsidering the Arab Authoritarian Bargain(s), before and after 2011

Melani Cammett, Harvard U–Is There a Faith-Based Welfare Advantage? Findings from a Pilot Study on the Quality of Primary Health Care in Lebanon

**(4230) Camps and Occupation
in Contemporary Palestine:
Politics, Economics, Literature**

Chair: **Carol Bardenstein**, U Michigan

Gozde Ege, U Washington–Palestine
Calling: Turkish Leftists' Memoirs of the
Palestinian Camps

Ethan Morton-Jerome, U Arkansas–
Enforce the Law? Politics and Labor
Organizing with Palestinians on Israeli
Settlements

Neve Gordon, Ben Gurion U–The Politics
of Human Shielding

Olivia Martina Dalla Torre, U Fribourg
(Switzerland)–Anthropological Glances
at the International Community in
Occupied Palestine

**(4273) The Long Shadow of the
Ottoman Legal System**

Chair: **Omar Y. Cheta**, Bard Col

Feryaz Ocakli, Skidmore Col–Institution
Building in the Middle East: Comparative
Analysis of Ottoman and British Legal
Reforms

M. Safa Saracoglu, Bloomsburg U–
Corruption and Markets in 19th Century
Ottoman Laws

Kenneth M. Cuno, U Illinois Urbana-
Champaign–Claiming Heirship: A
Litigant Strategy in the Shari'a Courts of
Nineteenth-Century Egypt

Patrick Scharfe, Ohio State U–The
Evolution of al-Azhar under Mehmed Ali
Pasha: New Archival Evidence

**(4288) The Future of the Survey
Course**

Organized by **James L. Gelvin**

Chair: **James L. Gelvin**, UCLA

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U
Kate Elizabeth Creasey, UCLA
Noor-Aiman Khan, Colgate U

Thematic
Conversation

**(4291) Effects of the Iraqi
Invasion of Kuwait**

Organized by **Christopher Ohan**

Session Leader: **Christopher Ohan**,
Texas Wesleyan U

Conerly Casey, Rochester Inst of
Technology
Ildiko Kaposi, U Chester
Farah Al-Nakib, American U Kuwait

An Evening of Zajal

8:30 PM, Saturday November 21

Plaza Ballroom A

In November of 2014, Lebanese Zajal, the sophisticated art of spontaneous verbal dueling, was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

In celebration of this great honor, two of Lebanon's master poets, **Antoine Saade** and **Elias Khalil**, will engage in a lively duel, bringing this revered Lebanese oral tradition to this year's MESA annual meeting.

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8-9:45AM - Colorado Convention Center (700 14th Street), Mile High 4C

**Mediating on Spaces:
The Anthropology of the Environment in the MENA Region**
Organized by Tessa Farmer

Chair: **Sofian Merabet**, U Texas Austin
Discussant: **Tessa Farmer**, Whittier Col

Mandana E. Limbert, City U of New York
Jessica E. Barnes, U South Carolina
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Bard College
Hsain Ilahiane, U Kentucky

8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 22

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

7:30-9am

MEOC Board Meeting
Plaza Court 4 (Plaza-C)

8-9am

CAORC/ORC Meeting
Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

9-11am

**Middle East Center & Program
Directors Meeting**
Governors Square 16 (Plaza-C)

11am-1pm

**MEOC Workshop for Outreach
Coordinators**
Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)

11am-1pm

**Western Consortium of Middle
East Centers Meeting**
Governor's Square 16 (Plaza-C)

12:45-3pm

**MESA's Committee on Academic
Freedom Meeting**
Plaza Court 6 (Plaza-C)

8:30-10pm

**Brill Press, Middle East Medievalists, and Dar el Machreq
Celebration in Honor of Wadad
Kadi's Festschrift and Arabic
Articles**
Governors Square 15 (Plaza-C)

**(4064) Military Insubordination
in the Middle East**

Organized by **Holger Albrecht**

Chair/Discussant: **Marc Lynch**, George
Washington U

Dorothy Ohl, George Washington U–
Fight, Flee, or Foment: Soldier Responses
to Iraq's 1991 Uprising

Kevin Koehler, American U Cairo–The
Political Economy of Defection from the
Syrian Army

Holger Albrecht, American U Cairo–
Build Barracks, Not Schools! The
Political Economy of Coup-Proofing in
the Middle East

**(4067) Trans/Nationalism in the
Arabian Peninsula: Continuities
and Disjunctures**

Organized by **Neha Vora**

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and Arabian Peninsula Studies**

Discussant: **Waleed Hazbun**, American
U Beirut

Neha Vora, Lafayette Col–Vision 2030
and Qatar's Trans/National Future:
Redefining the Terrain of Ethnocracy
within American Branch Campuses

Amelie Le Renard, CNRS Paris–Western
Expatriate Participation in Shaping
Hierarchies of Gender, Class and
Nationality in Saudi Arabia

John M. Willis, U Colorado–Burying
Muhammad Ali Jauhar: The Life and
Death of the Meccan Republic

**(4082) Making History: From
Tabari to Tahrir**

Organized by **Heather N. Keaney**

Chair/Discussant: **R. Stephen
Humphreys**, UC Santa Barbara

Amr Osman, Qatar U–The Lesser of Two
Evils: Sunni Scholars and Egypt's 2013
Coup

Brian Wright, McGill U–Khawarij vs.
Pharoah: Using Faith to Define Politics

Heather N. Keaney, Westmont Col–
Shi'ism in the Eyes of al-Azhar

Aaron Hagler, Troy U–Sunnifying
'Ali: Historiography and Notions of
Legitimacy in Ibn Kathir's Kitāb al-
Bidāya wa-l-Nihāya

Roundtable

**(4090) “Innocents Abroad”:
American Undergraduates and
the Middle East in an Age of
Uprising**

Organized by **Elena D. Corbett**

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Educational Exchange (CIEE)**

Chair: **Kimberly Katz**, Towson U

Madiha DeRosa, Council on
International Educational Exchange
Najeh AbuOrabi, CIEE Amman Study Ctr
Koray A. Unur, CIEE Istanbul Study Ctr
Elena D. Corbett, CIEE Amman Study Ctr

**(4096) The Materiality of Presence
and Erasure: The Returns of
Memory and Historicity in
Palestine and Israel**

Organized by **Alejandro I. Paz** and **Anne Meneley**

Chair/Discussant: **Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

Jasmin Habib, U Waterloo–Re/Markable
Landscapes: Re-Membering Israel as
Palestine

Amahl Bishara, Tufts U–Beyond
Solidarity: Palestinian Citizens of Israel’s
Assertions of Presence and Memory
through Protest

Anne Meneley, Trent U–Rooting and
Uprooting: Olive Trees, Memory and
Materiality in Palestine

Alejandro I. Paz, U Toronto
Scarborough–Buying Houses in Silwan:
El-Ad and the Historicity of Colonialism

**(4116) Modernism in Turkish
Arts**

Organized by **Kaitlin Staudt** and **Kenan Sharpe**

Elizabeth Nolte, U Washington–At
the Intersection of Modernization,
Modernity, and Modernism: Aesthetic
Periodicals in Turkey (1950-1965)

Kaitlin Staudt, U Oxford–In Her Mirror:
Nezihe Muhiddin’s İstanbul’da bir Landru
and the Mass Culture/Modernism Divide
in Turkish Feminist Writing

G. Carole Woodall, U Colorado–Riffing
to the Modern: Early Jazz, Modernism,
and Interwar Constantinople
Kenan Sharpe, UC Santa Cruz–The
Second New and 1968: Turkish Poetry,
Belated Modernity, and Revolution

**(4118) Rebellion in the Interwar
Middle East**

Organized by **Reem Bailony**

Chair/Discussant: **James L. Gelvin**, UCLA

Reem Bailony, UCLA–“The Children
of the Desert”: The Exiled Rebels of the
Syrian Revolt of 1925-1927

Nathaniel Greenberg, George Mason U–
The Politics of Perception in the Life and
Work of Kamil al-Jadriji (1897-1963)

Fredrik Meiton, New York U–The Non-
Electrification of Nablus

Matthew K. Kelly, UCLA–Crime,
Nationalism, and the Logic of Empire:
The Case of Palestine

Hilary Falb Kalisman, Harvard U–
Subversive Teachers and the Limits of
Rebellion: Government Schooling across
the Interwar Middle East

**(4121) Appropriating
Boundaries: Epistemological
Border Crossing in Middle East
Studies**

Chair: **Evelyn Alsultany**, U Michigan

Umayyah Cable, U Southern California–
The Queerston of Palestine: Crossing
Theoretical Borders in Palestine Studies

Lara Deeb, Scripps Col and **Jessica
Winegar**, Northwestern U–Race and
Gender Politics in Middle East Studies
Careers

Tahereh Aghdasifar, Emory U–
Interrogating the Banal: Tracing Affect
and Pleasure in Female Homosocial
Space in Tehran

Nadine C. Naber, U Illinois Chicago–
Enough Already! Gender and Imperial
War from Palestine and Syria to Chicago
and Dearborn

**(4125) Open Jerusalem! Towards
a New Entangled History
of Citadinité (1840-1940):**

Concepts, Methods and Archives
Organized by **Vincent Lemire**

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Discussant: **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto

Vincent Lemire, U Paris-EST/ERC Open-
Jerusalem Project–Managing the Open
Jerusalem Project : A Transnational,
Collaborative and Democratic Attempt

Michelle U. Campos, U Florida–
Mapping People and Places in Late
Ottoman Jerusalem through GIS

Leyla Dakhli, Centre Marc Bloch
(CNRS)–From Mutual Understandings
to Multiple Translations: Languages
of Jerusalem at the Turn of the 20th
Century

Anouk Cohen, CNRS–Shared Uses of
Religious Schools, Libraries and Printing
Press in the Holy City: Questioning the
Concept of “Citadinité” through the
Construction of Public Knowledge
(1840-1940)

**(4132) Imagining the Ummah:
Texts, Culture, and the Creation
of Community in Early Islam**
Organized by **D. Gershon Lewental**

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Middle East Medievalists

Chair: **Parvaneh Pourshariati**, ISAW/
NYU-CityTech/CUNY

Elizabeth Urban, West Chester U–Text,
History, and Communal Identity in
Exegeses of Qur’an 33:4-6

D. Gershon Lewental, U Oklahoma–
From Israelites to Muslims: Biblical
Paradigms in the Futūḥ Literature
Scott Savran, Nazarbayev U–So
Who Were the Shu‘ubis Anyway?
Constructing Identity in the Early
‘Abbasid Caliphate

Sarah Bowen Savant, Aga Khan U–
Memory of Iran in Köprülü 01589, a
Library in Miniature

(4137) Restoring Tunisia: Postrevolutionary Repositionings, Unholy Alliances, and Indignified Youth

Organized by **William Lawrence**

Chair/Discussant: **William Lawrence**, George Washington U

Yahia Zoubir, KEDGE Business School, France–Tunisia’s Security: The Democratic Transition’s Achilles Heel

Azzedine Layachi, St. John’s U–Tunisia’s Political Economy and the Challenges of Post-2011 Recovery and Reform

Mehdi Ayari, U of Tennessee–(Mis) Managing Authoritarian Coalitions in Tunisia: Ministerial Survival since Independence

Maro Youssef, George Washington U–An Historical Reflection on Identity in Tunisian Foreign Policy

Ricardo Rene Laremont, Binghamton U–Tunisian Youth, Predictors of Regional Instability, and Prospects for the Future

(4156) War, Revolution, and Exile: ‘Turkey’ and ‘Russia’ after the First World War

Organized by **Pinar Ure**

Chair: **Yucel Yanikdag**, U Richmond

Halit Dundar Akarca, Harvard U–The Relations of the National Liberation Movement of Turkey with the Anti-Bolshevik Forces: 1920-1921

Pinar Ure, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U–White Russian Émigrés in Turkish Nationalist Imagination in the 1920s

Michael A. Reynolds, Princeton U–The East’s Eastern Front: The Ottoman-Russian Clash in the Great War and Its Legacy

Erol Ulker, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U–Bolsheviks, Communists, and Unionists: Formation of the Turkish Resistance Movement in Istanbul under Allied Occupation

(4192) Shari’a in Flux: Islamic Divorce and the Modern State
Organized by **Marya Hannun**

Chair: **Anny Gaul**, Georgetown U

Discussant: **Judith E. Tucker**, Georgetown U

Noga Malkin, Georgetown U–When All Else Is Lost: The Expansion of Judicial Discretion in Shari’a Courts in Israel
Marya Hannun, Georgetown U–Islamic Law in US Courts: Sites of Collision or Conformity?

Samyah Alfoory, Georgetown U–The UAE’s Thirty Year Battle against Citizen Out-Marriage: A Gendered National Project

Kelli Harris, Georgetown U–The Politics of Personal Status Law Reform: The Controversy over Khul’ in Jordan

Samia Errazzouki, Georgetown U–The Neoliberalization of Shari’a: A Political Economic History of Morocco’s Personal Status Code Reforms

(4205) Gender, Sex and Prostitution in Turkey, 1920s-1950s

Organized by **Hale Yilmaz**

Chair: **Amy Mills**, U South Carolina

Emine Ö. Evered, Michigan State U–Seeking Solutions to the Early Turkish Republic’s Prostitution Question

Hale Yilmaz, Southern Illinois U Carbondale–Changes in Gender Relations in Urban Turkey, 1930s-1950s

Kyle T. Evered, Michigan State U–Legible Bodies in Invisible and Contained Spaces: The Turkish State’s Construction of Places for Regulated Sex Work

Roger A. Deal, U South Carolina Aiken–Sexual Relations in Post-World War Two Ankara

(4232) Religion, Modernity, and Literature in Modern Iran

Chair: **Mehdi Khorrami**, New York U

Aghil Daghighaleh, Rutgers U–Constructing Differences: How Iranian Arabs’ Identity Is Narrativized in Contemporary Iran

Levi Thompson, UCLA–A Phoenix in Ashes: Modernist Poetry in Iran and Iraq

Ayat Agah, Claremont Graduate U–Forugh Farrokhzad and the Shaping of Religious Identity and Discourse

Kaveh Bassiri, U Arkansas–Whatever Happened to *The Little Black Fish?*: Defanging a Classic Iranian Revolutionary Text

Amir Khadem, U Alberta–The Enigma of National Memory in Bahram Beyzaie’s *Yazdgerd’s Death*

(4240) Contesting Power in 20th Century Egypt

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

Nefertiti Takla, UCLA–Nationalizing the Working Class: Transnational Criminality and the Expulsion of ‘Undesirables’ from Alexandria, Egypt, 1926-1935

Sofia Fenner, U Chicago–Generation after Generation: Familial Ties and Opposition Resilience in Authoritarian Regimes

Hussam Raafat Ahmed, McGill U–Taha Hussein and His Struggle with France over North Africa (1950-1952)

Gerasimos Tsourapas, SOAS U London–Nasser’s Educators and Agitators across al-Watan al-‘Arabi: Tracing the Foreign Policy Importance of Egyptian Regional Migration, 1952-1967

Gregory Hoadley, UC Berkeley–Legacies of Statebuilding and the Struggle over Authority in Egyptian Official Statistics

**(4253) Constructing Memory:
Archives, Antiquity, and
Archaeology**

Chair: **Stefan Peychev**, U Illinois
Urbana-Champaign

Jameel Haque, CUNY Graduate Center–
From Jahilliya to Protection: Tanzimat
Reforms and Changing Ottoman
Attitudes toward Antiquities

Till Grallert, Orient-Institut Beirut–
Publique, Public, Öffentlich? Historical
Semantics of al-‘umūm in Late Ottoman
Bilād al-Shām (1875-1914)

Joseph N. Hermiz, U Chicago–
Legitimizing Ancient Lineages through
Orientalism in the 19th Century: Hormuz
Rassam’s Assyrian/Chaldean National
History

John Dechant, Indiana U–Muslim Shrine
Graffiti as a Source for the Study of
History, Religion, and Society

**(4267) Making and Breaking
Boundaries in the Ottoman,
Safavid, and Mughul Empires**

Chair: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U

Ferenc P. Csirkés, U Chicago–A
“Panther-Like Poet”: Sadiqi Beg’s Fall
from the Persian Literary Canon

Conklin Tyler, Yale U–The Boundaries
of Loyalty: Self-Fashioning and the
Kurds in the Seventeenth-Century
Eastern Anatolian Ottoman Borderlands

Gregory Aldous, U Pittsburgh
Greensburg–Turk and Persian in the
Early Safavid Court: The Case of the
Khurasan Campaign of 1512

Ayelet Zoran-Rosen, New York U–The
Gazi of the Sixteenth-Century: Frontier
Warriors in Bosnia and the Imagined
Past of the Ottoman Empire

Thematic
Conversation

**(4279) Unraveling the Middle
East: Global History, Global
South, and Futures Past**

Organized by **Sabah Haider** and **Wilson
Chacko Jacob**

Session Leader: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**,
Concordia U, Montreal

Sabah Haider, Concordia U/EHESS
Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State U
Michael Gasper, Occidental Col
Samera Esmeir, UC Berkeley

(4016) Defining Approaches, Curricula, and Assessment Tools for Advanced Persian Instruction

Organized by **Samad J. Alavi**

Chair/Discussant: **Blake Atwood**, U Texas Austin

Anousha Sedighi, Portland State U–Content-Based Instruction of Persian through Web-Based Modules
Nahal Akbari, U Maryland–What Is “Advancedness” in Foreign Language Education and How Do We Get There?: The Case of Persian as an Additional Language

Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi, McGill U–Teaching Advanced Persian through Persian Media

Samad J. Alavi, U Washington–Teaching Medieval Persian Texts in the Twenty-First Century Classroom

(4043) Authenticity, Memory, and Modernity in Contemporary Moroccan Literature

Organized by **Alexander Elinson**

Discussant: **Erin Twohig**, Georgetown U

Alexander Elinson, Hunter Col CUNY–Writing Orality and Performing Text: Language Change and the Contemporary Moroccan Zajal

Christina E. Civantos, U Miami–The Moroccan Take on Al-Andalus: Multi-Layered Conquest in Contemporary Moroccan Narrative

Brahim El Guabli, Princeton U–Filmic and Novelistic “Returns” of the Moroccan Jews

Gretchen Head, Yale–NUS Col–Between Utopia and Dystopia in Marrakech

(4053) Drugs, Gender, Ethnicity, and the Facebook Age: Culture and Communication in the Formation of Afghanistan’s History and National Identity

Organized by **Felisa (Farzana) Hervey**, U Arizona

Discussant: **Thomas Barfield**, Boston U

James Bradford, Berklee Col of Music–From Trading to Smuggling: An Historical Perspective of the Evolution of Drug Control in Afghanistan

Melissa Kerr Chioventa, U Connecticut–Remembering or Constructing the Past? Hazara Ethnic Identity and the Legacy of a Contested History

Zuzanna Olszewska, U Oxford–Online Poetics and Politics: Social Media and Contested Visions of the Afghan Nation

Andrea Chioventa, Boston U–“The War Destroyed Our Society”: Masculinity, Violence and Shifting Cultural Idioms among Afghan Pashtuns

Helena Zeweri, Rice U–Precarious Progress: The Politics of Fear and Loss in Afghan Women’s Empowerment Programs

Roundtable

(4057) Ethnic Minority or White? Social and Economic Lives of Arab Americans

Organized by **Rita Stephan**, State Department

Sponsored by
Arab American Studies Association

Chair: **Louise A. Cainkar**, Marquette U

Nadeem Istfan, Boston U

Claudia Youakim, U Florida

Germine (Gigi) Awad, U Texas Austin

Maro Youssef, George Washington U

(4059) Foreign-Policy Making in Authoritarian States of the Middle East

Organized by **Noa Schonmann**

Chair/Discussant: **Mehran Kamrava**, Georgetown U Qatar

Jason Pack, Cambridge/Libya Analysis–Foreign Policy Formation in Muammar Qadhafi’s Libya: When Ideology Trumps Pragmatism

Noa Schonmann, U Oxford–Riding the Tiger: The Constraints of Populist Foreign Policy in Nasser’s Egypt

Russell Lucas, Michigan State U–Jordanian Public Opinion and Participation in the Anti-ISIS Coalition: Pandering, Predicated, or Peripheral?

Hussein Banai, Occidental Col–Between Nezam and the National Interest: The Burdens of Arbitrary Rule on Iran’s Foreign Policy

Victor Kattan, National U Singapore–Foreign Policy in the Making: Inside Palestine’s Statehood Strategy

(4060) Muslim Rulers, Non-Muslim Subjects (1000-1500 CE): Beyond the Dhimmi Paradigm

Organized by **Luke Yarbrough** and **Thomas A. Carlson**

Sponsored by
Middle East Medievalists

Chair/Discussant: **R. Stephen Humphreys**, UC Santa Barbara

Luke Yarbrough, Saint Louis U–Nizām al-Mulk, al-Ṭurtūshī, and the Reinvention of Dhimmi

Eve Krakowski, Princeton U–Jewish Law and the Islamic Social Order in Geniza Legal Documents

Uri Shachar, Ben Gurion U–Multiculturalism Reconsidered: Articulations of Multilingualism in Late Medieval Alexandria

Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State U–A Necessary Other: Muslim and Christian Leaders in Medieval Eastern Anatolia and Jazīra

(4061) A Century of Women's Rights in the MENA: Where Have the Men Gone?

Organized by **Katja Zvan Elliott**

**Sponsored by
American Institute for
Maghrib Studies**

Discussant: **Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke**, U Oxford

Nadia Sonneveld, Radboud U Nijmegen, Netherlands–Women's Injustice to Men? An Analysis of the Most Recent Family Law Reforms in Egypt and Morocco
Doris H. Gray, Al Akhawayn U, Morocco–Gender Equity beyond the Battle of the Sexes in Morocco
Katja Zvan Elliott, Al Akhawayn U, Morocco–Men's Struggle with Personal Status Code Reforms in Morocco: Patriarchy Revisited
Fatima Sadiqi–The Role of the Military Men in the Emancipation of Moroccan Women

(4072) Beyond Orthodoxy and Confessionalization: New Perspectives on Ottoman Sunnism

Organized by **Vefa Erginbas**

Chair: **Jane Hathaway**, Ohio State U

Yasir Yilmaz, Purdue U–Contextualizing Confessionalism: An Historiographical Inquiry into Confessionalization Paradigm's Applicability to Ottoman Sunnism
Selim Güngörürler, Georgetown U–Sunnism, Qizilbashism and Shi'ism in the Context of Ottoman-Safavid Confrontation
Vefa Erginbas, Providence Col–Many Faces of Ottoman Sunnism: Approaches Toward Yazid b. Muawiyah in Ottoman Literary and Historical Writing
Aslihan Gurbuzel, Harvard U–How "Orthodox" Were the Ottoman 'ulama'? Approaches to Defining the Islamic Community in the Early Modern Age
Malissa Taylor, U Louisville–A Sultan's Sunnism, a Hanified Kanun: The Expansion of the Sultan's Legal Prerogatives (16th and 17th Centuries)

(4134) Crossing Local and Global Boundaries: Networks of Representation in Ottoman Empire and Contemporary Turkey

Organized by **Dzovinar Derderian** and **Neveser Koker**

Chair/Discussant: **Elyse Semerdjian**, Whitman Col

Neveser Koker, U Michigan–"Heaven for Women, Heaven for Infidels": Representations of Femininity and Otherness in French Embassy Letters and Persian Letters
Dzovinar Derderian, U Michigan–Crossing Cultural Boundaries: Ottoman and Armenian Marriage Petitions, 1840s-1870s
Ashley Dimmig, U Michigan–The Representation of Tradition: Early Exhibitions of Islamic Art in Turkey and Europe
Başak Çandar, Appalachian State U–Literature beyond the East/West Divide: Orhan Pamuk and Juan Goytisolo

(4163) Rethinking Modernity: Comparative Cases beyond the 19th Century Transformation

Organized by **Murat Yildiz** and **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**

Chair: **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U

Murat Yildiz, UCLA–Performing the Nation: Sports and Modernity in the Late Ottoman Empire
Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U–Beyond the Non-State: Bureaucratic Expansion and Political Mobilizations in Early Independence Lebanon
Alma Heckman, UC Santa Cruz–Moroccan Jews in the Crosshairs of Modernity: Nationalism, Zionism and the Civilizing Mission
Ciruce A. Movahedi-Lankarani, U Pennsylvania–Taming the Machine: Technology in the Political Art of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1979-1988

(4173) Art and Politics in the Wake of the Second Intifada: Between Crisis and Transformation

Organized by **Kiven Strohm** and **Sascha Crasnow**

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

Chair: **Kiven Strohm**, American U Cairo
Discussant: **Kirsten Scheid**, American U Beirut

Nili Belkind, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Mozart at Qalandiya Checkpoint: The Politics and Aesthetics of a Palestinian Musical Intifada
Sascha Crasnow, UC San Diego–Occupied Time: Changing Notions of Palestinian Time in Contemporary Palestinian Art
Alessandra Amin, UCLA–Contemporary Citizens, Imaginary Cities: Questions of Place and Statehood in Wafa Hourani's *Qalandia 2087* and Larissa Sansour's *Nation Estate*
Rania Jawad, Birzeit U–Locating the Real in Palestine: Art, Politics, and the Museum

(4189) Border Crossings in Arabic Literature: Transnational Identities and Texts in Motion

Organized by **Allison Blecker**

Chair/Discussant: **William Granara**, Harvard U

Allison Blecker, Harvard U–Reading Palestine through Chernobyl: Transnational Crisis in Mohamed Makhzangi's "Memories of a Meltdown"
Khaled Al-Masri, Swarthmore Col–Caught in the Trap of Memory: Trauma, Border Crossing, and Hyperrealism in Hassan Blasim's *The Iraqi Christ*
Benjamin Smith, Swarthmore Col–Where To?: Contesting the Rihla in Yousef al-Mohameed's *Fikhaakh al-Raa'ih*
Greg Halaby, Harvard U–Al-Jahiz in "Playboy": The Curious 20th Century Reception of an 'Abbasid Mufakhara

(4225) Anthropology in the Arab Gulf: 21st-Century Mobilities, Paradoxes, and Protests, Part I

Organized by **Marcia C. Inhorn**

Sponsored by
Association for Middle East Anthropology

Chair: **Noor Al-Qasimi**, U Exeter

Ahmed Kanna, U of the Pacific–The Anthropologist as Migrant Worker: Encounters of Privilege, Discrimination, and Governmentality in the Gulf

Pardis Mahdavi, Pomona Col– Intimate Mobilities: Migrating Out of the Social Contract in Asia

Beth Kangas, TAARII–Studying Medical Tourism: Lessons from Yemeni Medical Travelers

Marcia C. Inhorn, Yale U–Cosmopolitan Conceptions? IVF Sojourns in Global Dubai

(4252) Islamist and Professional Activism in Post-Mubarak Egypt

Chair: **Abdullahi A. Gallab**, Arizona State U

Sarah S. Eltantawi, Evergreen State Col–Nahda vs. Sunna: Tracing the Genealogy of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Egypt

Ilona Gerbakher, Columbia U–The Islamist Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism: Amr Khaled’s Self-Help Mediascape

Ewan Stein, U Edinburgh–The Jihad Discourse of the Muslim Brotherhood during the Presidency of Muhammad Morsi

Soha Bayoumi, Harvard U–Egyptian Doctors’ Fight for Health and Social Justice: The Paradox of the Activist-Expert

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

(4289) Proposal Writing and Research Design: How To Fund Your Ideas

Organized by **Suad Joseph**

Sponsored by **MESA GSO, EWIC Outreach Project, Arab American Studies Association, Association for Middle East Anthropology, and the Association for Middle East Women's Studies**

Chair: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

Those embarking on academic careers must master the art of writing proposals for research funding. Whether you are conducting research for a dissertation or book or seeking support for a special project–locating and securing funding is critical. This workshop will provide expert guidelines on how to write compelling proposals from the initial phrasing of the research question, step by step, to the research outcomes, significance, dissemination, and public outreach. It will also address such issues as identifying and working with funding agencies, effectively communicating research methodology and goals, preparing budgets, and planning for the dissemination of results. The workshop will be led by **Suad Joseph**, Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies, University of California at Davis. She has taught proposal writing and lead workshops for students, faculty, administrators, and NGO practitioners for over 30 years. Information about proposal writing may be found on Dr. Joseph's website at http://sjoeph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm. Please sign up for the workshop in advance by sending an email message to Mark Lowder at mark@mesana.org. Before the workshop, please browse Professor Joseph’s website and read the document, “Components of a social science and humanities research proposal.” Co-Sponsored by the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Outreach Project, the Arab American Studies Association, the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies, and the Association for Middle East Anthropology.

(4257) Media and Political Expression in Contemporary Turkey

Chair: **Frances Trix**, Indiana U

Joshua Hendrick, Loyola U Maryland–The Politics of (Un)Free Speech in ‘Conservative Democratic’ Turkey

Josh Carney, Indiana U–Cynical Valley – Conspiracy Genres in the Turkish TV Drama “Valley of the Wolves”

Sezin Öney, Bilkent U–Losing the Sight of “Truth”: Conspiracy Theories and Turkey’s Newspapers

Didem Oral, European U Inst, Florence–Mobilizing for Peace: Israel and Turkey as Unidentical Twins

Yavuz Yasar, U Denver–Social Policy, Religion and Politics in Turkey

Suncem Kocer, Kadir Has U–New Politics of News Circulation and Reception in Turkey

(4258) Popular Uprisings in the Early 20th Century

Chair: **Weston F. Cook, Jr.**, U North Carolina Pembroke

Varak Ketsamanian, U Chicago–A Factory of Rebels? The Establishment of the A.R.F. (Dashnak) Military Academy in 1906-1907

William Bamber, U Washington–Anti-Imperialist Intrigue and the South Asian Revolutionary Diaspora in the First World War Middle East

Liora R. Halperin, U Colorado Boulder–Ottoman-Era Violence and Its Mandate-Era Legacies in Palestine: The 1930 Arab Delegation to London and the Zionist Rediscovery of the Past

Nazar Bagci, UC San Diego–War within War: The Maras Uprising and the Turkish War of Independence

Wilfrid J. Rollman, Boston U–A Moroccan Perspective on Resistance and Accommodation to French Conquest during the Great War

Joel Veldkamp, U Chicago–Sectarian Violence in the 1925 Syrian Uprising

(4263) The Political Economy of Oil: Divergent Modes of Rentierism

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

Veronika Deffner, National U Singapore–The Omani Way of Modernization and Development After the Oil Boom

Mojtaba Mahdavi, U Alberta–Rentier State and Beyond: Problematizing Politics of Petro Populism in Postrevolutionary Iran

Katayoun Shafiee, National U Singapore–Petro-Knowledge in the Reassembling of the Iranian State in the Early 20th Century

Marie Alienor van den Bosch, Princeton U–The Politics of Economic Diversification in Rentier States. An Expenditure-Centered Framework to Explain Autocratic Survival: The Contrasting Cases of Libya and Saudi Arabia

Thematic
Conversation

(4280) Production of Knowledge on the Middle East: Current Access to the Region

Organized by **Maggie Nassif**

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

Nevenka Sullivan, Harvard U

Iman Aziz Soliman, American U Cairo

Christopher S. Rose, U Texas Austin

Sonia Shiri, U Arizona

Kirk Belnap, Brigham Young U

SPECIAL SESSION

(4296) Academic Boycott: Histories, Implications and Consequences

Chair: **Asli Ü. Bâli**, UCLA School of Law

Zachary Lockman, New York U

lorraine j. haricombe, U Texas Libraries

David J. Frantz, Conlon, Frantz & Phelan, LLP

In response to last year's resolution urging the program committee to provide a forum for discussing boycott-related issues, this year's program includes a special session in which various perspectives will be offered. What is MESA's past experience with controversial issues? What is the experience of other scholarly organizations? What legal issues, if any, are at stake? This panel will feature three expert viewpoints and provide a venue for members to ask questions and discuss the issues connected with boycott calls.

2-4PM Sunday November 22

(4029) Re-Mapping Moroccan History and Culture: Northern Morocco in Transnational Perspective

Organized by **Janell Rothenberg** and **Eric Calderwood**

Sponsored by
**American Institute for
Maghrib Studies**

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

David A. McMurray, Oregon State U–‘You Will Die Here Just as My Sister Died Here’: Themes of Success and Failure in Northern Moroccan Migration Narratives

Eric Calderwood, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Fraco’s Hajj: Moroccan Pilgrims to Mecca during the Spanish Civil War

David Stenner, UC Berkeley–“Dry Fruits” in Cairo: The Moroccan Student Missions and the Failure of Spanish Colonial Policy

Janell Rothenberg, UCLA–Global Port, Regional Place: Infrastructure and the Narrative Politics of Region in Northern Morocco

(4032) Israeli Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy after the March 17, 2015 Elections

Organized by **Robert O. Freedman**

Sponsored by
Association for Israel Studies

Chair/Discussant: **Robert O. Freedman**, Johns Hopkins U

Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U–Israel and the GCC: The Impact of the Death of King Abdullah

Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan U–Israeli-Egyptian Relations in a Changing Middle East

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv U–Israel and Syria: From War to Peace, from Revolution to Jihad

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette Col–Assessing Israel’s Government in the Post-2015 Elections: Continuity and Change

Uzi Rabi, Tel Aviv U–Israel and Iran after the Nuclear Treaty

(4070) Democratic, Left, Feminist and Liberal Activism in the MENA

Organized by **John Chalcraft**

Maha Abdelrahman, U Cambridge–Social Movements and the Question of Organisation: Egypt and Everywhere
Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS, U London–Feminist Activism in MENA: Iraq and Egypt in Focus

Cengiz Gunes, The Open U–Kurdish Activism in Syria: Building a Post-National Consensus in Uncertain Times
Toby Matthiesen, Cambridge U–Leftists in Arabia: Oil Workers, Activists and the Gulf Rentier States

John Chalcraft, London School of Economics–The BDS Movement and the Question of Radical Democracy

(4071) Parody, Emulation, and Adaptation: Adab in the Second Degree

Organized by **Matthew Keegan**

Chair/Discussant: **Bilal Orfali**, American U Beirut

Jeannie Miller, U Toronto–Don’t Take It Seriously: Roasting the Patron in the Early Ninth Century

Kelly Tuttle, Earlham Col–An Imitation Game: Al-Ṣafadī in Mockery and Flattery
Matthew Keegan, New York U–The Indeterminacy of Parody: Ḥadīth Commentary and Grave Robbing

Max Shmookler, Columbia U–Bowdlerizing the Past to Shape the Present: Muhammad Abduh’s 1889 Edition of al-Hamadhānī’s Maqāmāt
Kevin Blankinship, U Chicago–A Second Matching Brocade: Medieval Theologians on Emulation (mu`arada) of the Qur`an

(4077) Towards an Understanding of Identity: Ottoman Armenian Art, Literature, and Music

Organized by **Barlow Der Mugrdechian**

Sponsored by
Society for Armenian Studies

Chair/Discussant: **Barlow Der Mugrdechian**, CSU Fresno

Jirair Christianian, Independent Researcher–Orphaned Armenian Objects in Istanbul: The Patriarchate Museum Collection

Nora Cherishian Lessersohn, Harvard U–Armenian Self and Ottoman Society: Christopher Oscanyan’s Oriental and Turkish Museum in London (1853-54)

Ron Marchese, U Minnesota–Sociological Implications in Armenian Religious Art in the Late Ottoman Period: Data from the Armenian Churches of Constantinople during the Second Armenian Renaissance - Post 1700

(4098) Texts, Reasoning, and Ethics in the Anthropology of Islam

Organized by **Fabio Vicini** and **Aria Nakissa**

Discussant: **Andrew J. Shryock**, U Michigan

Yunus Dogan Telliel, CUNY Graduate Center–Reformism, Qur`anic Authority, and Evidence-Seeking Muslims

Nermeen Mouftah, Northwestern U–Reading for Reform: Amr Khaled’s Hermeneutic of Success

Aria Nakissa, Washington U in St. Louis–Human Rights, Bodily Practice, and the Divine Intentions behind Scripture: Views from Egypt

Nada Moumtaz, Ohio State U–Proof in Islamic Law from Texts to Statistics: Debates on the Family Waqf in the Levant (1918-1945)

Fabio Vicini, Istanbul 29 Mayıs U–“Reading the Book of the Universe”: On Modernity, Reflection and Islam in Turkey

2-4PM Sunday November 22

(4101) Radical Bodies: Gender and Sexuality in Arab Digital Performance

Organized by **Sonali Pahwa**

Discussant: **Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech

Nadia Latif, Georgia State U—"Syria's Heart Eating Cannibal": Producing and Consuming Incrimination Online
Lamia Benyoussef, Birmingham-Southern Col—"Allez, viens voir tonton," Ummah Lolita: Digital Media and the Reframing of the Sexual Politics of the Nation in the 2014 Tunisian Elections
Sonali Pahwa, U Minnesota—This Is Not An Advice Column: Satirizing Gender Performance on a YouTube Women's Channel

(4120) Arabic Graphic Novels: Schemes, Sensations, and Urban Spaces

Organized by **Anna Ziajka Stanton**

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

Radwa El Barouni, U Texas Austin—Recollecting the Self: Mapping Practices and Fragmented Landscapes of Cairo and Beirut

Benjamin Koerber, Rutgers U—Comics of Conspiracy: Documenting Secret Societies in Zorkany & Nagy's *Istikhdam al-Hayat* (2014)

Anna Ziajka Stanton, U Texas Austin—Getting the Picture: Affects and Aesthetics in the Translation of Arabic Graphic Literature

Chip Rossetti, U Pennsylvania—Translating Cairo's Hidden Lines: The City as Visual Text in Magdy El Shafey's *Metro*

(4122) Inclusive Growth in the Post Arab Spring Middle East

Organized by **Edward A. Sayre**

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Middle East Economic Association

Chair: **Jennifer Olmsted**, Drew U
Discussants: **Bassam Yousif**, Indiana State U and **Jennifer Olmsted**, Drew U

Karen Pfeifer, Smith Col, Emerita—Bottom-Up Elements in an Inclusive Program for Sustainable Development in Egypt

Hadi Salehi Esfahani, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign—The Role of Institutions and Policies in the Allocation of Female and Male Labor in MENA Countries
Edward A. Sayre, U Southern Mississippi—Inclusive Growth and the School to Work Transition of Young People in the Middle East and North Africa

Roundtable

(4131) Methods and Strategies for Teaching the History of Islam

Organized by **Bland Addison**, Worcester Polytechnic Inst

Sponsored by
MESA's Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies

Chair: **Jeff VanDenBerg**, Drury U

John Curry, U Nevada Las Vegas
Heather Ferguson, Claremont McKenna Col
Jeffrey Macris, US Naval Academy
June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart U

(4140) The Language of Power: Articulating Kingship in the Medieval Islamic World

Organized by **Han Hsien Liew**

Chair: **Ali Asgar Alibhai**, Harvard U
Discussant: **Roy Mottahedeh**, Harvard U

Zainab Mahmood, New York U—A Kingly Appointment: Al-Malik, Fir'awn and Concepts of Kingship in Medieval Muslim Exegetical Writing
Han Hsien Liew, Harvard U—The Thirty-Year Caliphate: Revisiting Legitimate Authority in Medieval Islam

Maryam Kamali, Harvard U—The Ghaznavid Dynasty in Connection to the Iranian Kingdom and the 'Abbasid Caliphate

Jonathan Brack, U Michigan—God's Mongol Caliph: Defining Absolute Kingship in Ilkhanid Iran

Mustafa Banister, U Toronto—Walking the Political Tight-Rope: Ibn Khaldūn's Dissection of Kingship and Classical Islamic Authority in Mamlūk Egypt

(4170) Shi'ī (Trans)nationalism in Comparative Perspective

Organized by **Robert J. Riggs** and **Zackery Heern**

Chair/Discussant: **Juan Cole**, U Michigan

Zackery Heern, Idaho State U—Modern Usuli Shi'ism as a Transnational Movement

Mina Yazdani, Eastern Kentucky U—Shi'ī Nationalism in the Twentieth Century Iran

Najam Haider, Barnard Col/Columbia U—The Houthi Revolt: The Revival of Traditional Zaydism in Republican Yemen (1962-2015)

Robert J. Riggs, U Bridgeport—Al-Sadr's Indigenization Strategies and the Emergence of Iraqi Arab Shi'ism

(4226) Anthropology in the Arab Gulf: 21st-Century Mobilities, Paradoxes, and Protests, Part II

Organized by **Marcia C. Inhorn**, Yale U

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Anthropology**

Discussant: **Noor Al-Qasimi**, U Exeter

Sarah Trainer, Arizona State U–Piety, Glamour, and Protest: Performing Social Identities in the Modern UAE

Rehenuma Asmi, Allegheny Col–Majlis Musings: Upper Class Qatari Women Debate Power Paradoxes in the Qatari Majlis

Behzad Sarmadi, U Toronto–When Goods Go Bad: Financialization, Crisis and Expatriate Life in Dubai

Mandana E. Limbert, City U New York–Road Building and Development Fatigue in Southern Arabia

**(4233) Late Ottoman
Invocations of Politics,
Education, and Science**

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, U Texas Austin

Ella Fratantuono, Michigan State U–Mosque, Mekteb and Migrant: Immigrant Petitions for Religious Institutions and Educational Resources in the Late Ottoman Empire

Melis Hafez, Virginia Commonwealth U–Hamidian Caliphatism in the Wilsonian Moment: An Indian Intellectual's Defense of the Ottoman Empire, 1919

Shaadi Khoury, George Washington U–From Constitution to Canon: The Arab Academy of Science in Damascus in the 1920s

Thomas Kuehn, Simon Fraser U–Of Spoken Words and Knowledgeable Men: Ottoman Knowledge Production and Transmission on Yemen Re-Visited, 1872-1919

Maria Swanson, US Naval Academy–Russian Influence on the Writings of Mikhail Naimy

SPECIAL SESSION

**(4292) Egypt—Intellectuals, Political Tyranny,
and the Death of the Public Sphere**

Organized by **Nader Hashemi**

Chair: **Nader Hashemi**, U Denver

Discussants: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U, **Mona El-Ghobashy**, Independent Scholar, and **Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton U

Amr Hamzawy, Cairo U/American U Cairo

Emad Shahin, Georgetown U/American U Cairo

Amr Hamzawy and Emad Shahin are two of Egypt's most prominent and influential scholars and public intellectuals (albeit of different stripes). Both have been active participants in the Egyptian Revolution and outspoken critics of the July 2013 coup d'état and subsequent crackdown. This Special Session will provide an opportunity for scholars of the Middle East to engage directly with these two towering figures of Egyptian intellectual life in a lively and open format. The focus of this session will be on Egypt's failed democratic transition; what went wrong and what lessons should be learned from this experience both for Egypt and for the broader struggle democracy in the Arab-Islamic world.

**(4234) Kurds and Civil Society
in Turkey**

Chair: **Giuseppe Acconcia**, Bocconi U

Discussant: **Murat Somer**, Koç U Istanbul

Muna Güvenç, U Pittsburgh–Local Struggles: Contested Landscapes of Kurdish Cities in Urban Turkey

Senem Aslan, Bates Col–Why Do States “Disappear” Their Citizens? Explaining the Variation in Turkey

Gunes Murat Tezcur, U Central Florida–Who Governs? Ethnicization and Regionalization of Political Power in Turkey

Sule Yaylaci, U British Columbia–State Legitimacy in the Face of Intrastate Violence: The Case of Turkey

**(4250) Social Mobilization
and Political Change in the
Contemporary Middle East**

Chair: **Dilek Cindoglu**, Mardin Artuklu U

Nadine Sika, American U Cairo–Contentious Politics and Youth Political Participation in Egypt

Emine Deniz, New York U–Relative Deprivation Theory Revisited: Evidence from Kurdish Insurgency in Turkey

Hamid Rezai, UC Riverside–Oppressive State and Authoritarian Opposition: Diffusion and Contraction of Social Protest in Iran, 1979-1989

Kawther Alfasi, U Warwick–Political Participation in the Libyan Uprising: Between Strategy and Symbolism

Nermin Allam, U Alberta–The Trenches and Fortifications of Women's Engagement in the 2011 Uprising

(4268) Institutional and Cultural Transformation in the Interwar Middle East

Chair: **Dennis Sammut**, LINKS (Dialogue, Analysis and Research)

Paul Tchir, UC San Diego—Passing the Ball – Britain’s Experiment in Hegemonic Restructuring in Late Colonial Egypt

Arturo Marzano, U Pisa—Listening to Arabic Radio Transmissions in the Middle East (1938-43)

Sami Sweis, U Chicago—Remembering al-Kura: Contested Space and Memories in Transjordan, 1921-1922

Ran Levy, Tel Aviv U—Negotiating Law in Transition: Litigating Criminal Intent under the Colonial Courts in Mandate Palestine

Israa Alhassani, James Madison U—John Van Ess’s High Hope and the National Education System in Iraq in the Early Twentieth Century

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Conversation

(4281) Is There a Medieval Muslim Mediterranean?

Organized by **Karla Mallette**, U Michigan

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(4017) Humanitarianism in the Middle East: War and Care Economies

Organized by **Estella Carpi** and **Lamia Moghnieh**

Chair: **Fabio Vicini**, Istanbul 29 Mayıs U
Discussant: **Ilana Feldman**, George Washington U

Nell Gabiam, Iowa State U–Palestinians Displaced by the War in Syria: Governmental Responses and Refugee Networks of Assistance

Estella Carpi, U Sydney–Humanitarianism and Chronic Emergencies in Lebanon: From the July War to the Syrian Refugee Influx

Lamia Moghnieh, U Michigan–Humanitarian Therapies of Violence in Lebanon during ‘War’ and ‘Peace’

Omar Dewachi, American U Beirut–When Wounds Travel

Bridget Guarasci, Oberlin Col–Winning Hearts and Minds: Environment as a Form of Humanitarianism in the Recent Iraq War

Roundtable

(4018) Technology in the Service of Pedagogy

Organized by **Jeannette E. Okur**

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Chair: **Jeannette E. Okur**, U Texas Austin

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Jason Vivrette, UC Berkeley

Ahmet Okal, U Arizona

(4058) Arabs in the US Census

Organized by **Rita Stephan**

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Chair: **Randa Kayyali**, George Mason U

Rachel Marks, US Census Bureau and
Roberto Ramirez, US Census Bureau–The Development and Classification of the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Category for the 2015 National Content Test

Florence Dallo, Oakland U–Functional Limitations among US and Foreign-Born Arab Americans: Results from the 2009–2013 American Community Survey

Randa Kayyali, George Mason U–Ancestry, Ethnicity and Language: Mapping the US Census Bureau’s Classifications of Middle Eastern Americans since 1910

Rita Stephan, State Department–Arab Americans as Hard-to-Reach and Hard-to-Count Population

Kristine Ajrouch, Eastern Michigan U–Socioeconomic Variation among Arab Immigrants in the United States: Does Gender Matter?

(4079) Infrastructure and Challenges to Sovereignty in the Ottoman Provinces

Organized by **Emily Neumeier** and **Zoe Griffith**

Chair: **Dina Rizk Khoury**, George Washington U

Discussant: **Christine M. Philliou**, UC Berkeley

Zoe Griffith, Brown U–Bequeathing the Nile: Irrigation Waqfs and Political Challenge in Late-Eighteenth-Century Egypt

Faisal Husain, Georgetown U–Ottoman Hydraulic Projects and Condominium Rule in Iraq, 1638–1750

Michael Polczynski, Georgetown U–Memâlik-i Mahrûse, Antemurale Christianitatis: The “Well Protected Domains” and the “Bulwark of Christendom” on the Ottoman/Polish-Lithuanian Frontier

Emily Neumeier, U Pennsylvania–Rules of Engagement on the Ionian Sea: Conflict and Confrontation over the Construction of Ottoman Coastal Fortresses

(4110) Rethinking Muharram: Shi’i Muslim Minorities and the Politics of Ashura Performances

Organized by **Mara Leichtman**

Chair: **Toby Matthiesen**, Cambridge U
Discussant: **Chiara Formichi**, Cornell U

Samer El-Karanshawy, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies–Texts, Interpretation and Commemorating Imâm Husayn

Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego–The Green Ashura: Urban Space, Ritual, and Post-Election Iran

Mara Leichtman, Michigan State U–The ‘Africanization’ of Ashura in Senegal
Kathryn Spellman Poots, Aga Khan U–Muharram Rituals and the Making of British Shi’ism

(4117) Discrepant Itineraries: New Perspectives on the Politics of Travel, Leisure, and Pilgrimage

Organized by **Timur Hammond**

Discussant: **Michael Gasper**, Occidental Col

Emily Schneider, UC Santa Barbara–Jewish Travel to the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Challenging Transnational Ties through Alternative Tourism

Timur Hammond, UCLA–Between Islam and the Orient: Shifting Practices of Pilgrimage and Tourism in Contemporary Turkey

Joana Lucas, CRIA-FCSH/NOVA–On the Periphery of the Empire: Tourism and Leisure in Mauritania under French Colonial Administration

Gwenn Okruhlik, National U Singapore–Displacement, Seclusion and Social Identities: Oman on the Verge

**(4124) Turmoil and Tolerance:
Unpacking the Current Crisis in
Yemen**

Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco**

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Yemeni Studies**

Chair: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U

Mohammed Sharafuddin, U Sana'a–
Yemen and the Culture of Tolerance
Najwa Adra, Independent Researcher–
Mediating Social Hierarchies in Yemen's
Highlands
Marieke Brandt, Austrian Academy of
Sciences–Huthis and Tribes: Prospects
for Tribalism in Huthi-Controlled Areas
Waleed F. Mahdi, U Minnesota–US
Drones–Houthi Responses: A Critical
Reading of Ansarullah's Resistance
Politics in Yemen
Sam Liebhaber, Middlebury Col–A New
Era for Language Diversity in Yemen:
Mahri and Socotri in the New Yemeni
Constitution

**(4143) Focusing Research on
the Lives of Slave Women in
Muslim Society**

Organized by **Kathryn Hain**

Chair: **Peter Sluglett**, National U
Singapore
Discussant: **Lisa Nielson**, Case Western
Reserve U

Karen Moukheiber, American U Beirut–
Concubines and Qiyān in 'Abbasid
Biographical Compilations: Revisiting
the Boundaries of Slave Women's
Cultural Roles
Jocelyn Sharlet, UC Davis–Elegance,
Eloquence and Obscenity in the Life and
Work of 'Inan (d. 814), Poet and Slave
Kathryn Hain, U Utah–The Chinese
Connection: T'ang Influence on 'Abbasid
Royal Household Slavery
Marina Tolmacheva, Washington State
U–Ibn Battuta's Concubines: Mobility,
Dislocation, and Ownership

**(4148) Banking on Land:
Agriculture, Capital, and the
Politics of Empire, 1850-1950**

Organized by **Elizabeth Williams** and
Aaron G. Jakes

Chair/Discussant: **Ahmad Shokr**, New
York U

Nora Barakat, Qatar U–Contested
Credit: The Dynamics of Mortgage in
Late Ottoman Syria
Aaron G. Jakes, The New School U–
Crisis Profiteering and the Nationalist
Critique of Finance in Egypt, 1907-1914
Elizabeth Williams, Brown U–The
Agricultural Bank: From Ottoman
Institution to French Mandate Crisis in
Syria
Charles Anderson, Western Washington
U–What's Credit Got to Do with It?
Capitalism, Class, and Palestinian Society
under British Rule, 1919-1939

**(4157) Identity Politics in the
Fatimid Ismaili Tradition**

Organized by **Paul E. Walker**

Chair: **Farhad Daftary**, Inst of Ismaili
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Samer Traboulsi, UNC Asheville–The
Latter-Day Fatimids: Construction and
Expression of Identity in the Ṭayyibī
Ismā'īlī/Bohra Community
Shainool Jiwa, Inst of Ismaili Studies–
Lineage & Legitimacy: Examining the
Baghdad Manifesto
Daniel Beben, Nazarbayev U–The
Fatimid Legacy and the Foundation of
the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate
Paul E. Walker, U Chicago–Rhetorical
Methods of Demeaning an Enemy:
Fatimid References to the 'Abbasids

**(4167) Negotiating the
Intellectual Legacy of the 1960s
in Contemporary Cultural
Production in Morocco**

Organized by **Ahmed Idrissi Alami**

Discussant: **Mohammed Hirchi**,
Colorado State U

Mbarek Sryfi, U Pennsylvania–Sab 'at
Abwāb: A Renewed Commitment to Life
Said Graioui, U Mohammed V, Rabat,
Morocco & School for International
Training–Contemporary Cultural
Production and Patronage in Morocco
Mary B. Vogl, Colorado State U–The
Legacy of the Journal Souffles for the
Contemporary Moroccan Cultural Press
Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U–
Resisting Neoliberal Subjectification in
Laila Lalami's *Secret Son*

**(4186) The Somatics of Reading
Hoda Barakat**

Organized by **Michal Raizen**

Chair: **Aziz Shaibani**, Baylor Col of
Medicine

Drew Paul, U Tennessee Knoxville–
The Materiality of Forgetting in Hoda
Barakat's *A Stranger's Letters*
Katie Logan, U Texas Austin–Women of
the Cloth: Histories of Touch and Illness
in *Tiller of Waters*
Johanna Sellman, Ohio State U–Hoda
Barakat's *The Stranger's Letters* and
Shifting Notions of Diaspora in Arabic
Literature
Michal Raizen, Ohio Wesleyan U–
Debunking Fayruziat al-hawa: Listening
as Individual Prerogative in Hoda
Barakat's *The Stranger's Letters* and
Disciples of Passion

(4194) Law and Society in Turkey: Courts, Rights and Mobilization

Organized by **Filiz Kahraman**

Chair: **Resat Kasaba**, U Washington

Ayse Toksoz, U Washington—When “Laws Are Important, But Not That Much”: Regulating Reproductive Health in Contemporary Turkey

Joakim Parslow, U Oslo—Jurisdiction and Prerogative in Turkey’s Single-Party Regime, 1931-1947: Siddik Sami Onar and Ali Fuad Basgil

Onur Bakiner, Seattle U—Turkey’s Judiciary during the Kurdish Conflict
Filiz Kahraman, U Washington—A New Avenue for Labor Activists in Turkey? Claiming Labor Rights as Human Rights

(4199) Envisioning and Experiencing the Colonial City: Cairo’s Downtown, Its Publics, and Urban Heterotopia

Organized by **Lucie Ryzova**

Discussant: **G. Carole Woodall**, U Colorado

Adam Mestyan, Harvard U—The Club des Princes and the Origins of ‘Imad al-Din Street

Mohamed Elshahed, New York U—A Modernist Architect’s History of Downtown Cairo

Elizabeth Frierson, U Cincinnati—Pharmacists’ Shops as Outposts of Modern Science in Downtown Cairo

Hanan H. Hammad, TCU—Students and Their Brothel Friends in Underworld Downtown Cairo

Lucie Ryzova, U Birmingham—From Darb al-Gamamiz to Ismailiyya: Strolling and Spatial Practices of Efendi Youths

(4204) Jerusalem’s Landscapes of Loss, 1900-2014: Memory and Spatial Politics

Organized by **Thomas P. Abowd**

Chair: **Thomas P. Abowd**, Tufts U
Discussant: **Amahl Bishara**, Tufts U

Issam Nassar, Illinois State U—From a Center to a Periphery: The De-Urbanization of Jerusalem in 1948

Thomas P. Abowd, Tufts U—Jerusalem’s Post-1967 Landscape of Loss: Spatial Politics at the Site of the Western Wall/Moroccan Quarter

Paul E. Chevedden, Independent Scholar—The Crusader Conquest of Jerusalem in 492/1099: Arabic Historiography vs. Historical Reconstruction

Salim Tamari, IPS—Carnavalesque Jerusalem (1908-1930)

(4236) State Policies of Control in the Contemporary Middle East

Chair: **Sabri Ciftci**, Kansas State U

Kevin W. Martin, Indiana U—“The Voice of Syria”: Mass Media and the Arab World’s First Cult of Personality

Lisa Blaydes, Stanford U—Rumors as Resistance in Iraq under Saddam Hussein: Evidence from the Ba`th Party Bureaucracy

Sean Yom, Temple U—Diffusion-Proofing after the Arab Spring: New Authoritarian Strategies of Framing and Control

Killian Clarke, Princeton U—When Do the Dispossessed Protest?: Contentious Politics among Syrian Refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey

(4270) Representation, War, and Media in Contemporary Lebanon

Chair: **Ghenwa Hayek**, U Chicago

Kifah Hanna, Trinity Col—Writing the Body in Lebanese War Literature

May Farah, American U Beirut—Gender Representations in Lebanese Television: Inequality on and behind the Small Screen

Hiba Bou Akar, Hampshire Col—The Doubleness of Beirut’s Ruins: Between a Past War and Wars Yet to Come

Thematic Conversation

(4286) BDS and Middle East Studies: Historical, Political and Legal Dimensions

Organized by **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto

Session Leader: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

Omar Al-Shehabi, Gulf Centre for Policy Studies

Lisa Hajjar, UC Santa Barbara

Rima Kapitan, Kapitan Law Office

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Lisa Anderson, American University in Cairo

John Waterbury, American University of Beirut

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(4041) Islamic Authority and National Identity: The Evolution of a Dialectic

Organized by **Ari Schriber**

Chair/Discussant: **Osama Abi-Mershed**, Georgetown U

Ari Schriber, Harvard U-Freedom as Revival: Forging the Salafi Politics of 'Allal al-Fasi in 1930s Morocco

Youssef Ben Ismail, Harvard U-Good 'Ulama' and Bad 'Ulama': History (Re-) Writing as Identity Making in Post-Colonial Tunisia

Laura Thompson, Harvard U-Who Speaks for the Sacred?: Locating & Punishing Blasphemy in Post-Arab Spring Tunisia

Mary Elston, Harvard U-Threatening Secusion after the Coup: The Limits of al-Azhar's Political and Religious Authority

(4063) Gendered Spaces in the Arabian Peninsula

Organized by **Sean Foley** and **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**

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Chair: **Sami Hermez**, Northwestern U Qatar
Discussant: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

Mary Ann Fay, Morgan State U-Gender, the Courts and the Law: Challenging the Private Space of the Home in the Public Space of the Court

Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State U-"Women are Killing Us on Instagram": Gender, Social Space, and Saudi Arabia's Online Community

Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern U Qatar-Qatari Women and the Majlis al-Hareem: Participation and Effects

Jessie Moritz, Australian National U-Women in Protest: Bahraini and Omani Women in the Arab Spring

Vania Carvalho Pinto, U Brasilia-Emirati Female Intellectuals: On Challenges, Spaces for Advancement and Production of Gendered Discourse

(4075) Palestinian Childhoods: Negotiating a Place of Their Own
Organized by **Heidi Morrison**

Sponsored by Palestinian American Research Center

Chair: **Chiara Diana**, IREMAM/Aix-Marseille U

Disscussant: **Rebecca Granato**, Bard al Quds Col

Bree Akesson, Wilfrid Laurier U-The Socio-Spatial Development of National Identity for Palestinian Families and Children: Insights from the Concept of Territoriality

Mohammed Alrozzi, U Fribourg-The Everyday Negotiation of Palestinian Children

Heidi Morrison, U Wisconsin La Crosse-Memory, Agency and Palestinian Children of the Second Intifada

Omri Grinberg, U Toronto-The Child Witness - Understanding the Key Role of Children in Testimonies Collected by Israeli Human Rights NGOS

Roundtable

(4091) Researching Lebanon: The Newly Emerging Archival Terrain

Organized by **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**

Chair: **Nadya J. Sbaiti**, American U Beirut

Graham Pitts, Georgetown U

Linda Sayed, New York U

Nada Moumtaz, Ohio State U

Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden U

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U

(4092) Techniques and Tensions of Power in North African Narrative Epistemologies
Organized by **Jamiella Brooks**

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Amy Riddle, UC Davis-Social Products: A Fictional Account of Martyrdom in Ben Jelloun's *By Fire*

Charlotte Pardey, Philipps U Marburg, Germany-Disentangling Fact and Fiction in Times of Turmoil: Kamal al-Riahi's *al-Ghurillā* as a Multilayered Narrative of the Tunisian Uprising

Jamiella Brooks, UC Davis-Paroles Mésurées: Creative Agency in Two North African Francophone Narratives

Amy Kallander, Syracuse U-Radhia Haddad: A Political Personal Testimony on the Bourguiba State

(4094) The View from the Edge: Decentered Histories of Modern Egypt

Organized by **Hoda Yousef**

Chair/Discussant: **Heather J. Sharkey**, U Pennsylvania

Anny Gaul, Georgetown U-Kitab Abla Nazira: Egyptian Cuisine in the 1930s

Aaron Rock-Singer, Princeton U-Forming a Pious Public: Islamic Magazines and Religious Revival in Egypt, 1976-1981

Hoda Yousef, Franklin & Marshall Col-The Three Pleas of Jalila: Negotiating Poverty and Patriarchy, 1908-1913

(4097) Politics of the Body and Masculinity in Turkey

Organized by **Zeynep Korkman** and **S. Can Aciksoz**

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for Middle East Women's Studies**

Discussant: **Gul Ozyegin**, Col of William and Mary

Zeynep Korkman, U Arizona and **S. Can Aciksoz**, U Arizona–Gendering Political Power: Performing and Resisting Sovereign Masculinity
Sertaç Sehliloglu, U Cambridge–Invisible Becoming: Masculinity, Piety, and Transformation in Turkey
Oyman Basaran, U Massachusetts–Modernity, the Welfare State and Male Circumcision in Turkey
Serap Ruken Sengul, U Michigan–Circumscriptions: Violence, Sovereignty and Identity in the Frontier

(4133) Law and (Public) Order: Political Science Engages the New Middle East

Organized by **Jillian M. Schwedler**

Sarah Parkinson, U Minnesota–US Law, the “War on Terror,” and Middle East Research
Jillian M. Schwedler, Hunter Col, CUNY–Protests are Legal: Law and Public Dissent in Jordan
Robert P. Parks, Centre d’Études Maghrébines en Algérie–Law and Disorder: Demonstrations, Riots and the Uncertainty of Property Rights in Algeria
Laryssa Chomiak, American Inst for Maghrib Studies–Configurations of Order: Judicial (Re-) Design in Contemporary Tunisia

(4136) Will the Arab Right Please Stand Up?: History and Politics since 1967

Organized by **Hussein Omar**, **Sherene Seikaly**, and **Ahmed Dailami**

Chair: **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto
Discussant: **Walter Armbrust**, U Oxford

Hussein Omar, U Oxford–Liberal Longings in Republican Egypt (1977-2013)

Paul Amar, UC Santa Barbara–Love Curriculum, Passion Infrastructure: Neo Authoritarian Egypt and the Right
Ahmed Dailami, U Oxford–Moderate Arabs: Towards a New History of the Iranian Revolution in the Arab World
Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara–On Bread and Freedom: The Neoliberal Frontier of 1977

(4147) History and Practices: Social-Cultural Perspectives on Arab Music

Organized by **Carl Davila**

Chair: **Dwight F. Reynolds**, UC Santa Barbara

Lisa Nielson, Case Western Reserve U–The History of Arabian Music: Revisiting the Legacy of Henry George Farmer in Western Musicology
Carl Davila, Col at Brockport, SUNY–The Moroccan Andalusian Music Anthologies: Evidence for Orality?
Philip Murphy, UC Santa Barbara–Birds Who Sing in Many Trees: Sufi Singers & Professionalization in Fez, Morocco
Christopher Witulski, Florida State U–“Because People Will Like It!”: Locating Malhūn and Its Audiences through Musical Flexibility

(4169) Governing Landscapes: Experts and the Politics of Environmental Management in the Contemporary Middle East

Organized by **Sarah El-Kazaz** and **Elizabeth Angell**

Chair/Discussant: **Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers U

Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Bard Col–Managing Waste in the Impossible State: Experts and the Technical-National in Palestine
Jessica E. Barnes, U South Carolina–What Does It Mean to “Have Awareness?” Knowledge Narratives in Egyptian Water Management
Elizabeth Angell, Columbia U–Governing Risk: Earthquake Preparedness and Urban Transformation in Istanbul
Sarah El-Kazaz, Oberlin Col–Etching Socio-Political Change into Stone: The Politics of Urban Transformation in Istanbul and Cairo

Gokce Gunel, Columbia U–Spaceship in the Desert: Energy and Climate Change in Abu Dhabi

(4196) Emerging Voices: Identity, Otherness and Belonging in Mai Al-Nakib’s Kuwaiti Narratives

Organized by **Angelica Maria DeAngelis**

Chair/Discussant: **Nancy L. Stockdale**, U North Texas

Hanan Muzaffar, American U Kuwait–Locating Home in the Hidden Light of Objects

Angelica Maria DeAngelis, American U Kuwait–Silence and the Agency of Objects: Negotiating Identity, Loss and Belonging in Mai Al-Nakib’s *The Hidden Light of Objects*

Emanuela Buscemi, U Aberdeen–A Language Held Captive: Transcultural Hybridity, Loss and Belonging
Viviana Peiretti, American U Kuwait–Challenging the Hegemonic Narrative of Orientalism: A South-to-South Perspective on Identity and Belonging in Mai al-Nakib’s *The Hidden Light of Objects*

(4201) (Re)Mappings: Zoning Gender Sexuality, and Modernity in Iran

Chair: **Behzad Sarmadi**, U Toronto
Discussant: **Camron M. Amin**, U Michigan Dearborn

Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State U–Accenting Iranian Femininity: The Story of the Polish Exiles in Iran
Ida Meftahi, U Maryland–“Degenerate” Bodies, “Degenerate” Performances
Leila Pourtavaf, U Toronto–Gender, Interiority and the City Center: Locating the Golestan Harem during Nasser al-Din Shah’s Reign
Jairan Gahan, U Toronto–The Making of Shahrinaw: A History of the Formation of the Red-Light District of Tehran, 1921-1979

(4211) The Ottoman Genocide of Christian Minorities: The Armenians and Assyrians
Organized by **Doris Melkonian**

Chair: **Arda Melkonian**, UCLA
Discussant: **Sargon Donabed**, Roger Williams U

Arda Melkonian, UCLA–Resisting Attempts to Re-Create Identity by Renaming
Doris Melkonian, UCLA–Tattooed: Boundaries of Inclusion and Exclusion
Avedis Hadjian, Journalist–Kurds, the Armenian Genocide and the Evolving Relationship between Both Nations
Nicholas Al-Jeloo, U Melbourne–A Clean Sweep?: The Attempted Purging of Assyrians from Hakkâri

(4231) Understanding the Iraqi State: Sectarianism and Authoritarianism

Chair: **Timothy Schorn**, U South Dakota

Dr. Nassima Neggaz, National U Singapore–Sunnis, Shi'a, and the State in Iraq since 2003: The Construction of a Sectarian-Authoritarian State
Tim Jacoby, U Manchester–(Mis)Representing the Sunni Uprising in Iraq: Culture Talk and the "Islamic State"
Yaniv Voller, U Edinburgh–The Socio-Political Aspect of the Ba'th Government-Sponsored Militias in Northern Iraq: New Archival Findings

(4247) Reading Islamic Texts: Law, Biography, and Social History

Chair: **Dale J. Correa**, U Texas Libraries

Alyssa Gabbay, UNC Greensboro–'And It Is Not the Word of a Poet': Poetical Ambivalence in the Prefaces of Amir Khusraw (d.1325)
Rachel Hagler Schine, U Chicago–The Etiology of the Black-Arab Hero: The Case of 'Abd al-Wahāb
Amir Toft, U Chicago–The Construction and Function of Precedent in Hanafi Jurisprudence

Sharon Silzell, U Texas Austin–Blood on the Text: The Mushaf and the Construction of the Sacred
Pamela Klasova, Georgetown U–Poets on the Periphery: Tajmīr and Ta'arrub in Umayyad Poetry

(4265) Migration and Identity: Transnationalisms in Politics and Literature

Chair: **Elise Salem**, Lebanese American U

Mary Youssef, Binghamton U–Re-imagining Migration and Gender in Miral al-Tahawi's *Brooklyn Heights* and 'Ala' al-Aswani's *Chicago*
Chelsie May, U Chicago–On A Contemporary Notion of Arab Jewish Identity: Reading Haviva Pedaya Intersectionally
Victoria M. Phaneuf, U Arizona–"We Aren't Hidden!": Material Culture as Communication in French North African, Pied-Noir, and Harki Civic Associations
Leila Tarakji, Michigan State U–Passeurs across Time and Space: Transnational Poetics of Muslim American Poetry
Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury U and **Dhia Ben Ali**, U Arkansas–All Politics Is (Not) Local: The Regional Impact on Democratization in Tunisia

(4269) Education, Gender, and Colonial Legacies

Chair: **Mirna Lattouf**, Arizona State U

Jonathan Sciarcon, U Denver–Changing the Program: The AIU Girls' School in Baghdad after WWI
Samuel Anderson, UCLA–Domesticating the Médersa: Islamic Education and Colonial Rule in French Algeria
Carine Bourget, U Arizona–Communautarisme or Intégration? Muslim Schools in France
Johanna Peterson, UC San Diego–Nation, Girls' Education, and the Women's Press in Lebanon, 1919-1922
Sarra Hilali, U Chicago–Women and Education in Mamluk Cairo

Thematic
Conversation

(4278) International Law, Sovereignty and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire

Organized by **Michael Christopher Low** and **Aimee Genell**

Session Leader: **Aimee Genell**, U Miami

Will Smiley, Reed Col
Lale Can, City Col of NY, CUNY
Virginia Aksan, McMaster U
Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U
Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington U
Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U
Linda T. Darling, U Arizona

(4014) New Approaches to Christians in the Middle East

Organized by **Febe Armanios** and **Candace Lukasik**

Chair: **Akram F. Khater**, North Carolina State U
Discussant: **Orit Bashkin**, U Chicago

Alda Benjamin, U Maryland, Col Park–Assyrians in Ba'thist Iraq: From "National Minority" to "Religious Denomination"
Febe Armanios, Middlebury Col–Télé Lumière: Christian Television in Postwar Lebanon
Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col–Conversations in Hybridity: Islamicized Armenian Conversos in Contemporary Turkey and Syria
Candace Lukasik, UC Berkeley–Mobilizing Copts: Lay Politics and the Coptic Orthodox Church in Post-2011 Egypt
Anna Dowell, Duke U–Renditions of Christian Citizenship and National Belonging among Protestant Egyptians

(4024) Muslims, Moriscos, and Christians: Conflictual Encounters, Conversions, and Exchange in the Early-Modern Mediterranean World

Organized by **Diana Galarreta-Aima**

Chair: **Andrew Devereux**, Loyola Marymount U

Discussant: **Diana Galarreta-Aima**, U Virginia

Nadia Zeldes, Ben Gurion U in the Negev–Conversos and the Inquisition in Sicily in the Age of Carlos V

Aaron Stamper, U Colorado Boulder–Ambiguous Boundaries: The Córdoba y Válor Family, Christian Concomitants and Muslim Dissenters in Sixteenth Century Granada

Libby Nutting, Bates Col–Morisco Corsair Narratives: Between Islam and Christianity in the Early Modern Mediterranean 1610-1631

Nabil Matar, U Minnesota–Arab Resistance to Conversion: From Malta to Syria

Mohamad Ballan, U Chicago–The 1501 Hispano-Muslim Qasida to Sultan Bayezid II: A Reconsideration

(4025) Lebanese Writing beyond al-Ahdath

Organized by **Zaki Haidar**

Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech–Scandalous Women, Gay Men, and Biracial Children: Exploring Emergent Subjectivities in the Contemporary Lebanese Novel

Zaki Haidar, Carleton Col–Tropic Exhaustion and Mountain Modernism

Ghenwa Hayek, U Chicago–Everyday Writing in an Extraordinary City: New Perspectives on Beirut

(4034) States of Imagination: Four Perspectives on Iraqi Political Culture, 1900-2014

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Discussant: **Peter Wien**, U Maryland, Col Park

Annie Greene, U Chicago–From Baghdad with Love: Negotiating Ottoman-Iraqi Regionalism under the CUP

Carl Shook, U Chicago–Rivers and Ruins: The British Imperial Episteme of Iraq's Geo-Space

Pelle Valentin Olsen, U Chicago–Idle Days in Baghdad: Coffee Shops and the Politics of Leisure

Omar Sirri, U Toronto–Seeing, Perceiving and Believing the Spatial Politics of Baghdad

(4038) Identity and Sectarianism in Modern Syria

Organized by **Kevin Mazur**

Chair: **Steven Heydemann**, Smith Col

Max Weiss, Princeton U–The Idea of Syrian Sectarianism

Daniel Neep, Georgetown U–The State as Sectarian Relation? Rethinking Syria in Historical Sociological Perspective

Annika Rabo, Stockholm U–Regional Politics and Shawai'a Identities in the Raqqa Province

Kevin Mazur, Princeton U–Sectarianism as Social Boundary Activation: The Case of the 2011 Syrian Uprising

(4052) Ottoman Armenians before 1915: Old Debates, New Questions

Organized by **Yasar Tolga Cora**

Chair/Discussant: **Bedross Der Matossian**, U Nebraska Lincoln

Yasar Tolga Cora, U Chicago–Textile Manufacturing in Yezinka/Erzincan and the Social Structure of an Armenian Community in the Nineteenth Century

Mehmet Fatih Uslu, Istanbul Sehir U–Armenian Provincial Literature in the Ottoman Empire

Toygun Altintas, U Chicago–Organizing, Framing and Policing Disobedience: Revolutionary Action, and Reactions in Sasoun

Ohannes Kilicdagi, Istanbul Bilgi U–Responses of the Ottoman Armenians to Military Service Law of 1909: Idea and Practice

(4055) Turkey in the First Two Decades of the 21st Century

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Discussant: **Ahmet O. Evin**, Sabanci U

Paul Kubicek, Oakland U–Turkey in the 21st Century: A Rising, Revisionist Power?

Metin Heper, Bilkent U Ankara–Some Notes on Secularism in Turkey

Selin Akyüz, Bilkent U–Governing Syrian Conundrum in Turkey: The Multifaceted Map of Forced Migration

Alev Cinar, Bilkent U–Bringing the Ottoman Back In: The New Role Model of Turkish Modernity at the Turn of the Century

(4089) The Politics of Parody: Satire, Comedy, and Contestation in Arabic Literature and Culture

Organized by **Emily Drumsta**

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Discussant: **Elliott Colla**, Georgetown U

Ian Campbell, Georgia State U–There Is No Mystery Here: Patriarchy and Superstition in Wajdi al-Ahdal's *A Land without Jasmine*

Samuel England, U Wisconsin-Madison–Violent Laughter in Medieval Egyptian Arabic

Ayelet Even-Nur, UC Berkeley–Syntactic Satire: Language, Identity and Humor in Arab Labor

Samer M. Ali, U of Michigan–Wine Satire in the Medieval Islamic Public Sphere: New Money Ahsabis and the Politics and Poetics of the Bacchic

(4100) Gender, Erotica and Literature in the Islamicate World

Organized by **Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora**

Chair/Discussant: **Selim Kuru**, U Washington

Helga Anetshofer, U Chicago–How Equal Were Female Converts? The Case of the Medieval Warrior Heroine Efromiya

Franklin D. Lewis, U Chicago–The Scintillating Sanāʿī, the Prickler Sūzanī and the Sexual Lexicon of Persian Poetry

Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora, U Chicago–Expanding the Boundaries of Meşnevî: The Narration of Erotic Desires

Irvin Cemil Schick–The Visual Codes of Ottoman Erotic Illustrations

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(4123) What's Happening In Yemen

Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco** and **Ali Asgar Alibhai**, Harvard U

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Discussants: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U and **Sheila Carapico**, U Richmond

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(4142) Accoutrements of Power: The Portrayal of Kingship in the Medieval Islamicate World

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Discussant: **Wadad Kadi**, U Chicago

Heba Mostafa, U Kansas–The Dar al-Imara in Early Islam

C. Ceyhan Arslan, Harvard U–Poetics and Politics Reconsidered: Ruins and 'Imāra in Classical Arabic Qaṣīda

Ali Asgar Alibhai, Harvard U–An Aqueduct of Glass: Understanding the Relation of Fatimid Hydraulics and the Legitimacy of Rule

Cameron Cross, U Chicago–The Man Inside the Mountain: Architectonics of Power and Kingship in Vis and Ramin

Dana Brostowsky Gilboa, Hebrew U Jerusalem–From Mamluk to Sultan: Appropriating Legitimacy by Visual Means – The Case of Badr al-Dīn Lu'lu'

(4149) Anthropology of Hope and the Futures of the Middle East, Part I

Organized by **Daniel Monterescu** and **Noa Shaindlinger**, U Toronto

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Chair: **Daniel Monterescu**, CEU
Discussant: **Benoit Challand**, NYU

Kristen Waymire-Alhareedi, American U in Cairo–Shaheed: A New Signifier of 'Adi

Yasmin Moll, U Michigan–“Despair Is Betrayal”: Practicing (and Losing) Hope on Islamic Television in Egypt

(4171) Teaching Arabic in the Globalized Arab Societies of the Gulf: Opportunities, Merits, and Challenges

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Laila Familiar, NYU Abu Dhabi–Contemporary Gulf Narrative as a Pedagogical Tool to Promote Language and Culture Proficiency

Nasser Isleem, NYU Abu Dhabi and **Khulood J.M. Kittaneh**, NYU Abu Dhabi

–Promoting Language Proficiency and Intercultural Competence in Arabic Language through Short Intensive

Immersion Program in the City of Al Ain

Mahmoud Azaz, U Arizona–Challenges Facing Arabic Language Planning

Policies in the Gulf and Their

Implications in Teaching Arabic

Muhamed Osman Al Khalil, NYU Abu

Dhabi–Linguistic and Extra-Linguistic

Influences on Language Policy in

Globalized Economies: The United Arab

Emirates as a Case Study

(4172) Economic Development and the Transformation of Gulf Landscapes

Organized by **Brian Ulrich**

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Chair: **Sean Foley**, Middle Tennessee State U

Brian Ulrich, Shippensburg U–The Transformation of Gulf Landscapes in the Early Islamic Period

Noah Haiduc-Dale, Centenary Col, NJ–Reflecting the Gulf: Arab Views of the Sea in Literature and Song

Victoria Hightower, U North Georgia Dahlonega–From Barren Wasteland into Productive Space: Abu Dhabi's

Environmental Development Projects, 1971-2004

Matthew MacLean, New York U–Nation-Building and the Commercialization of

Agriculture in the Trucial States/UAE:

The Case of Digdaga, Ras al-Khaimah

(4187) Questioning the Moral in Islamic Education: Modernity and the Reconfiguration of Islamic Knowledge

Organized by **Hasan Azad**

Sami Emile Baroudi, Lebanese American U–Sheikh Wahbah al-Zuhaili on International Relations: The Discourse of a Prominent Contemporary Islamist Scholar (1932–)

Hasan Azad, Columbia U–Creating a Virtuous Muslim: Ebrahim Col and the Question of Islamic Ethics

Caitlyn Bolton, Graduate Center, CUNY–Colonizing Curriculum: Modernity, Morality and Islamic Education in Colonial Zanzibar

Archana Prakash, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Teaching Egyptians Translation: The Role of Madrasat al-Alsun in Indigenizing “Useful” Knowledge

(4202) Law and Society in Post Revolution Egypt

Organized by **Mahinour El-Badrawi**

Chair: **Amy Shalakany**, American U Cairo

Discussant: **Sherief Gaber**, American U Cairo

Farida Makar, American U Cairo–Let Us Legislate Learning: The Dynamics of Law and Education in Egypt

Amr Abdulrahman, American U Cairo–Who Really Fears Religious Liberties in Egypt? Religion and the Restrictions of Personal Freedoms in the Post-Brotherhood Egypt

Mahinour El-Badrawi, American U Cairo–The Human Rights Movement and the Judiciary in Egypt: An Integrated Development Spanning Two Decades

Karim Medhat Ennarrah, American U Cairo–A Love-Hate Relation with the Law: The Changing Face of Legal Repression in Egypt

(4239) Networks of Empire: Money, Pilgrims, and Texts

Chair: **Carter V. Findley**, Ohio State U

Irena Fliter, Tel Aviv U–In the Service of Ottoman Diplomats: Prussian Jews as Brokers of Financial Networks and Cultural Exchange in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century

Tobe Shanok, Independent Scholar–Economic Largesse to Palestine during WW I Generated New Realities

Donal Hassett, European U Inst–Provision and Supervision: The Comité des Amitiés Africaines and Algerian Veterans of the Great War

Madeleine Elfenbein, U Chicago–Ottomanism on a European Stage: Ali Suavi and Teodor Kasap in the Pages of the French and British Press
Assef Ashraf, Yale U–At the Edge of Empire: Frontier Administration and the Formation of Qajar Iran

(4262) Populism, Resistance, and Social Media in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Chair: **Susannah Heschel**, Dartmouth U

Sara Hughes, UCLA–Land for Lives: Memorializing Violence through West Bank Settlement Construction

Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State U and **Crystal Douglas**, Kennesaw State U–Tweeting Resistance: The Evolution of Engagement

(4272) Women’s Activism: Entrepreneurship, Networking, and the Pursuit of Rights

Chair: **Michela Cerruti**, EHES

Namie Tsujigami, U Tokyo–Women’s Networks and Empowerment in Saudi Arabia

Roksana Bahramitash, U Montréal–Social Economy, Social Entrepreneurship & Women’s Economic Empowerment: A Case Study from Iran’s Sistan and Baluchistan Province

Zahra Ali, EHES–Post-2003 Iraqi Women’s Rights Activism: Between NGOs, Sectarianism and Rise of Conservatism

Hanan Nazier, Cairo U and **Racha Ramadan**, Cairo U –Women’s Participation in Labor Market in Egypt: Constraints and Opportunities

Thematic Conversation

(4276) State of the Art in Middle East Studies

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Session Leader: **miriam cooke**, Duke U

Rabab Abdulhadi, San Francisco State U

Gunter Meyer, CERAW Mainz U

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(4030) Population-Based Survey Experiments in the Middle East
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Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern U Qatar

Matt Buehler, U Tennessee–Corruption at the Courthouse? Evidence from a List Experiment on Citizen Attitudes of Morocco’s Judicial System

Lindsay J. Benstead, Portland State U and **Ellen Lust**, U Gotenburg–Traits, Competencies or Policy Signals? Candidate Identity and Electability in Tunisian, Libyan, Egyptian and Jordanian Elections

Steven T. Brooke, U Louisville–Measuring Preference Falsification in an Authoritarian Regime: Results from a List Experiment in Egypt

(4036) Mobilizing against Sexual Harassment in Egypt: Reconfiguring Public Space and Social Responsibility

Organized by **Helen M. Rizzo**, **Susana Galan**, **Angie Abdelmonem**, **Nicole Grove**, and **Elisa Wynne-Hughes**

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Chair: **Helen M. Rizzo**, American U Cairo

Discussant: **Nancy E. Gallagher**, UC Santa Barbara

Nicole Grove, U Hawai’i–The Cartographic Ambiguities of HarassMap: Crowdmapping Security and Sexual Violence in Egypt

Elisa Wynne-Hughes, Cardiff U–Self-Governance in Zero-Tolerance Zones: The Spatial Politics of Stop Street Harassment Campaigns in Cairo

Susana Galan, Rutgers U–Fighting Back: Self-Defense Initiatives against Street Sexual Harassment and Assault in Post-Revolution Egypt

Angie Abdelmonem, Arizona State U–The Social Is Political: The Politics of Mobilizing Bystanders against Sexual Harassment in Egypt

(4141) Concealment and Manifestation: A Reappraisal of Ghayba and Satr in Shi’i History

Organized by **Edmund Hayes**

Discussant: **David B. Hollenberg**, U Oregon

Daryoush Mohammad Poor, Inst of Ismaili Studies–Manifestation and Concealment in Ismailism: Hermeneutics of Revival

Edmund Hayes, U Chicago–The Political Production of the Twelver Occultation Doctrine in the Late 3rd/9th Century and Early 4th/10th Century

Omid Ghaemmaghami, Binghamton U–Notes on Three Curious Reports Concerning the Ghayba

(4146) Anthropology of Hope and the Future of the Middle East, Part II

Organized by **Noa Shaindlinger**, U Toronto and **Daniel Monterescu**

Chair: **Daniel Monterescu**, CEU

Discussant: **Ted Swedenburg**, U Arkansas

Nora Tataryan, U Toronto–Lingering between Defeat and Hope: Hearing the Stories of Armenian Women Immigrants beyond the Limits of Transnational Migration

Hosna Sheikholeslami, Yale U–Navigating Hope and Uncertainty: The Precarious Status of the Publication of Western Social Science in Iran

Daniel Monterescu, CEU–“The Right of Return to Old Jaffa”: National, Binational and Postnational Hopes

Sondra Hale, UCLA–The Concept of Failure Transformed: Sudan and the New Insurrections

(4154) Elites, State Formation, and Post-Colonial Politics in Algeria

Organized by **Robert P. Parks**

Chair/Discussant: **Robert P. Parks**, Centre d’Études Maghrébines en Algérie

Hugh Roberts, Tufts U–Withholding Allegiance, Seeking Recognition: Ait Ahmed and the FFS Revolt, 1963–65

Malika Rahal, IHTP (CNRS, France)–Vanguard, Opposition and “Critical Support” to the FLN: the Parti de l’avant-garde socialiste (1966–1989)

Clement Moore Henry, National U Singapore–The UGEMA Generation of Algeria’s Civilian Leadership

(4164) Negotiating Fragmentation: The Recent History of Four Islamist Movements

Organized by **Laurence Deschamps-Laporte**

Chair: **Joshua Landis**, Oklahoma U

Jose Vericat, U Oxford–The Influence of Regional Political and Religious Developments on Hamas

Victor Willi, U Oxford–The Fourth Ordeal: An Organisational History of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt from 1973 to 2013

Laurence Deschamps-Laporte, U Oxford–Da’wa before Politics?

The Egyptian Da’wa Salafiyya’s Fragmentation under the Rule of Sisi

Rory McCarthy, U Oxford–Tunisia’s Ennahdha: Between Preaching and Politics

(4168) A Birds Eye of View on Code Switching in Modern Arabic

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Ghada Abdel Rehim, American U Cairo–Patterns and Functions of Code Switching: The Case of Egyptian TV Commercials

Mona Hussein, American U Cairo–Code-Switching in Egyptian Advertisement Banners

Esraa Essa, American U Cairo–The Functions of Code-Switching in the Written Discourse of Three Egyptian Contemporary Novels: Based on Badawi's Model

Sahar H. Ramadan, American U Cairo–Code Switching in Opinion Columns: A Necessity or a Trend?

(4176) Narrative, Nationalism, and the Modern Middle Eastern State

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Chair/Discussant: **Roberto Mazza**, SOAS U London

Mariam Georgis, U Alberta–Nation and Identity in Post-2003 Iraq: Re-inserting the Assyrians

Fadi Dawood, SOAS U London–Assyrians and the Narrative of the Simile Massacre
David Simonowitz, Pepperdine U–Arab Artists in Cold War Capitals: Travelogues and Visual Narratives of Moscow and Beijing

Jacques Rouyer Guillet, SOAS U London–Lanu Yesh Falafel: Non-State Narratives in the Forming of Israeli National Identity

(4178) Theater of Loss: Trauma in Modern and Contemporary Arabic Drama

Organized by **Hanadi Al-Samman** and **Mohammad Salama**

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

miriam cooke, Duke U–Staging Trauma
Hanadi Al-Samman, U Virginia–Witnessing Traumas, Performing Alterity in Heather Raffo's *9 Parts of Desire*

Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U–Performing Loss: Tawfiq al-Hakim's *Ahl al-Kahf* (*The People of the Cave*)

(4206) Interpretation and Practice of Maliki Law in the Islamic West

Organized by **Nina Safran**

Discussant: **Mohammad Fadel**, U Toronto

Russell Hopley, Bowdoin Col–The Concept of 'Amal between the Hijaz and North Africa: Legal Practice in the Muwatta' of Malik ibn Anas and the Fatwas of Ibn Abi Zayd al-Qayrawani
Nina Safran, Penn State U–The Maliki Promotion and Practice of Uṣūl al-Fiqh in al-Andalus and the Maghrib in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries
Camilo Gómez-Rivas, UC Santa Cruz–The Islamic Legal Background to Spanish Imperial Protocols of Possession

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(4209) MENA Middle Class Report: Analysis and Critique

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Chair: **Hadi Salehi Esfahani**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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Edward A. Sayre, U Southern Mississippi
Karen Pfeifer, Smith Col, Emerita
Hassan Y. Aly, Ohio State U

(4220) Local Sources on the Religious History of Central Asia from the Fifteenth to the Nineteenth Century

Organized by **Jo-Ann Gross**

Chair: **Jo-Ann Gross**, Col of New Jersey

Ghulam Ayha Hossaini, Georg-August-U Göttingen–The Religious Boundaries of Jami's Views
Waleed Ziad, Yale U–Hazrat Fazl Ahmad Peshawari: Excavating the Bukhara-Peshawar Nexus after Nadir Shah

Jo-Ann Gross, Col of New Jersey–Local Expressions of Ismā'īlī Identity in 19th Century Badakhshān

Devin A. DeWeese, Indiana U–Local Shrine Guides and Regional Identities in 19th-Century Central Asia: The 'Description of Khwārazm' and the Geography of Pilgrimage

Thematic Conversation

(4228) Orientalisms from the Periphery

Organized by **Maria Cardeira Da Silva**, CRIA/FCSH-UNL

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Laura Mijares Molina, U Complutense de Madrid

(4246) The Maturation of the Turkish Republic

Chair: **Hale Yılmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

Seval Yildirim, Whittier Col School of Law–Development Clothed in Sacred Robes: Neoliberal Religious Parties and the Secular State in Turkey and India
Jessica Mecellem, Loyola U Chicago–Disappearances and Individual Criminal Responsibility in Algeria and Turkey
Faith J. Childress, Rockhurst U–Converting Missionaries: Shifting Missionary Perspectives on the Kemalist Regime

Reuben Silverman, UC San Diego–People's Party, People's Houses: The Origins of Political Polarization in Turkey, 1950-1954
Ozturk Kart, Necmettin Erbakan U–“From Fatherland to the Motherland”: A View to the Mass Migration Cases of Turkic Communities from Central Asia to Turkey during the Republican Period
William Stroebel, U Michigan–Testimonial Fiction of the Greco-Turkish War: A Comparative Textual History of Truth-Telling and Myth-Making in the Mediterranean

(4248) The Environment: Urban and Rural Biospheres

Chair: **Meriam Belli**, U Iowa

Jackson Perry, Georgetown U–Planting the State: The FAO Forestry Division in Mid-20th Century Morocco

Yaron Ayalon, Ball State U–Natural Disasters and Religious Boundaries in the Pre-Tanzimat Ottoman Empire

Keiko Iwamoto, Osaka City U–A Study on Turning Point for the Ottoman Policy Applied to Nomads: The Settlement Policy on Turkish and Kurdish Nomads in the 17th-18th Centuries

Robert Greeley, Middlebury Col–Governed and Ungoverned Territory: Lebanon's Shouf Biosphere Reserve

Tamer Elshayal, Harvard U and **Dalal Musaed Alsayer**, Harvard U and U Pennsylvania–The Sahara as a Sociotechnical Space: Energy, Urbanization, and the Geographies of Power

Suraiya Farooqi, Istanbul Bilgi U–Conflicts Involving Sheep-Breeding in an Agricultural District: Gebze in the Mid-1700s

(4255) Structures and Transformations of Political Economy

Chair: **Sahar Taghdisi Rad**, King's Col London

Michael Siemon, Cornell U–The Social Structure of Publicly Traded Firms in the Middle East and North Africa

Steve Monroe, Princeton U–Small Business and Collective Inaction in the Arab World

Erin A. Snider, Texas A&M U–The Politics of Economic Change in Sisi's Egypt

Mohamed Sallam, U Minnesota–I Am Not a Farmer, I Value Education: NGOs and the Fashioning of a Provincial, Rural-Urban Dualism in Upper Egypt

Brandon Gorman, UNC–Chapel Hill–Tunisia's Women Entrepreneurs: Religiosity, Self-Efficacy, and Success

Gozde Guran, Princeton U–Expert Networks and Economic Governance in Syria

(4264) Constructing the Islamic State: Propaganda, Practice, Persecution

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

Quinn Mecham, Brigham Young U–Is the “Islamic State” a State? Implications of an Emergent Statehood

Michael Sims, U Washington–Yezidi Identity in the Neighbor's Gaze: Syriac Orthodox and Kurdish Perceptions

Seth Cantey, Washington and Lee U–The Other Battle for Hearts and Minds: A Comparative Study of English-Language Jihadi Magazines

Sabah Firoz Uddin, Merrimack Col–Fashioning the Ummah – A Thoroughly Modern Muslim Movement

(4274) Perceptions of Culture and Society in the Ottoman Period

Chair: **Christine Isom-Verhaaren**, Brigham Young U

Levent Kaya Ocakacan, Marmara U–Karayazıcı Revolt in Venetian Documents

Peter Kitlas, Princeton U–Infra-Islamic Diplomacy in the Early Modern Mediterranean

Hatice Yildiz, Graduate Theological Union–Understanding The Qizilbash Ritual and the Ritual Space in the Buyruk Manuscripts of the Seventeenth Century

Vangelis Kechriotis, Boğaziçi U–Between History, Geography and Two Nations: The Political Thought of Pavlos Carolidis (1849-1930)

Nizar F. Hermes, U Virginia–Recalling al-Andalus in Early Modern Moroccan Diplomatic Writing: Al-Ghassānī's Riḥlat al-wazīr fī iftikāk al-'asīr (1690-1691) as a Case Study

(4275) Language Politics: Liturgy, Discourse, and Space

Chair: **Sabahat Adil**, U Colorado Boulder

Annette Lienau, U Massachusetts Amherst–Liturgical Arabic as a World Language and Politicized Symbol: The Case for Comparative Literary Studies beyond the Middle East

Touria Khannous, Louisiana State U–Race and Spacial Politics in Selected Maghrebian Writings

Rachel Friedman, Williams Col–Redefining Terms to Redraw the Boundaries: Al-Bāqillānī's Interpretation of Muḥkam and Mutashābih

Brahim Chakrani, Michigan State U–Language Commodification in Morocco: An Emerging Discourse

(4026) Middle Eastern States vs. ISIS: Governance Challenges in Comparative Perspective

Organized by **Ioannis N. Grigoriadis**

Gulriz Sen, TOBB U Economics and Technology-Iran and the ISIS: Challenges and Opportunities for Iran's Diplomacy

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis, Bilkent U-EU and Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East and ISIS: Pragmatism vs. Ideology?

Yasin Bostanci, Bilkent U-Allies Divided: Differing Israeli, American and Turkish Understandings of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS)

(4031) Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism: Illiberalism within the Egyptian Intelligentsia

Organized by **Dalia Fahmy**

Chair: **Dalia Fahmy**, Long Island U
Discussant: **Daanish Faruqi**, Duke U

Mohamad Elmasry, U North Alabama-When Myth Becomes Reality: The Discursive Construction of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt

Joel Gordon, U Arkansas-A New 'Crisis of Orientation': Egypt's Liberals after Tahrir and Rab'a

Ann M. Lesch, American U Cairo-Advocacy Organizations Struggle against the Authoritarian State

Sahar Aziz, Texas A&M School of Law-The Paradox of Egypt's Judiciary: Independent and Coopted

(4044) The Shi'ah of Lebanon: Inter-Confessional Discourse and Relations

Organized by **Lynda Clarke** and **Farah Kawtharani**

Chair: **Max Weiss**, Princeton U
Discussant: **Sabrina Mervin**, CNRS

Farah Kawtharani, U Michigan Dearborn-Shi'is Responding to Lebanon's Sectarian State: Hizbullah and Jurist Shams al-Din

Pascal Abidor, McGill U-The Anti-Sectarian Politics of Ahmad 'Arif al-Zayn and His Majallat al-'Irfan

Linda Sayed, New York U-Asserting Roots: Muhammad Jabir al-Safa and His Writing of a Shi'a History

Lynda Clarke, Concordia U, Montreal-A Shi'ite Clerical View of the Lebanese State: Muḥammad Jawād Maghniyah (1904-1979)

Roundtable

(4045) Qatar after Sheikh Hamad

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(4047) Palestinian Decolonization and the Politics of Self-Representation, 1948-67

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Chair: **Shira Robinson**, George Washington U
Discussant: **Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa Barbara

Leena Dallasheh, Humboldt State U-Decolonization Interrupted: Nazareth across the 1948 Divide

Maha Nassar, U Arizona-Colonial and Anticolonial Discourses Regarding Palestinian Women in Israel

Maurice Jr. Labelle, U Saskatchewan-"We Have Right on Our Side": Izzat Tannous and the Palestinian Politics of Self-Representation in the United States, 1955-64

Mezna Qato, U Cambridge-Class Liberations: Schools, Development, and Decolonial Possibility in Jordan, 1955-1958

(4078) Medieval Ismaili Muslim Thought: Methodology, Hermeneutics and Cosmology

Organized by **Khalil Andani**

Chair: **Daniel Beben**, Nazarbayev U

Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard Divinity School-The World as Discourse: Hermeneutics, Cosmology, and Natural Science in the Jābirian Corpus and Early Ismā'īlism

Khalil Andani, Harvard U-The Ismā'īlī Influence on al-Ghazālī: A Reassessment

Paul Anderson, Harvard U-Ties of Blood and Water: The Ritualization of Knowledge and the Legitimization of the Dā'ī Muṭṭlaq in Ṭayyibī Shi'ism

(4085) Women Writers of the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic

Organized by **James Ryan** and **Kara A. Peruccio**

Chair: **Kathryn Libal**, U Connecticut

Nazan Maksudyan, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U-An Unhappy Ending Snow White: Ottoman Women's Subjectivation and Empowerment in Saibe Örs' Memoirs

Kara A. Peruccio, U Chicago-My Self is Mine!: The Politics of Nezihe Muhiddin's Fiction in the Early Republican Era

Kathryn Libal, U Connecticut-Suat Derviş's Reportage in the Early Turkish Republic: Pioneering an Investigative Journalist Voice

A. Holly Shissler, U Chicago-Public Lives Publicly Remembered: Memoirs of Two Women of the Early Turkish Republic

James Ryan, U Pennsylvania-"A Turk Named O'Brien": Bedtime Stories of Childhood in the Early Turkish Republic from the Memoirs of Sevim Sertel O'Brien

(4087) History Making in Tourism and Leisure in Egypt and Lebanon

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Sandrine Gamblin, American U
Cairo–Manufacturing the Modern City:
Tourism and Antiquities in Luxor (Egypt)
at the Turn of the 20th Century
Karin Ahlberg, SOAS U London–
Infrastructures of Image Making
in Mubarak’s Egypt: Tourism,
Authoritarian Conditions and Global
Marketing Networks
Nadya J. Sbaiti, AUB–Land, Tourism,
and Pageantry in 1930s Lebanon
Andrea L. Stanton, U Denver–Locating
“Palestine’s Summer Residence”:
Mandate-Era Tourism as a Site for
National Identity
Waleed Hazbun, American U Beirut–
Middle East Airlines and the Making of
Beirut as a Regional Travel Hub

(4095) The Reconfiguration of the Relationship between Civil Society, State, and the Market in Contemporary Turkey

Organized by **Hikmet Kocamaner** and **Zeynep Atalay**

Discussant: **Damla Isik**, Regis U

Zeynep Atalay, St. Mary’s Col
of California–State-Civil Society
Partnership in Turkey: Power, Agency,
and Co-Optation
Danielle V. Schoon, Ohio State U–
Romani (“Gypsy”) Citizenship and the
Changing Nature of the Political in
Turkey
Hikmet Kocamaner, Brandeis U–Islamic
Civil Society, the State, and the Politics
of the Family in Turkey
Kim Shively, Kutztown U–Social
Entrepreneurship and Profit-Making in
the Hizmet Movement

(4099) Symptom of a Crisis or Driver for Change?

Socioeconomic Protests and Political Transformations in the MENA Region

Organized by **Irene Weipert-Fenner**

Chair: **Ellen Lust**, U Gotenburg
Discussant: **Melani Cammett**, Harvard U

Nadine Abdalla, Arab Forum for
Alternative Studies (AFA)–The
Labor Movement in the Egyptian
Transformation: Which Challenges for
Driving Socio-Political Change?
Irene Weipert-Fenner, Peace Research
Inst Frankfurt (PRIF)–Facilitate,
Mitigate, Forestall: Tunisia’s Labor
Union UGTT and Its Role in Formal and
Informal Socioeconomic Protests
Jan-Philipp Vathauer, Peace Research
Inst Frankfurt–Development and Impact
of Socioeconomic Protests in the MENA
Region: A Quantitative Comparison
Dina Bishara, Harvard U–Unions
and Transitions in North Africa: A
Comparative Analysis of Egypt and
Tunisia

(4108) Narratives of Identity: Conceptualizing and Contesting the Self in Arabic Literature

Organized by **Anna C. Cruz**

Pei-Chen Tsung, UC Berkeley–
Figurative Language and the Self in the
Wine Poetry of Abū Nuwās and Li Bai
Linda Istanbuli, UC Berkeley–I, We, Us
and Them: Metamorphosis and Rebirth
in Fadwa Tūqān’s Published Words
Douja Mamelouk, U Tennessee
Knoxville–Reinventing Tunisian
Identity: Revolution, Violence and
Trauma in Emna Rmili-Weslati’s *al-Bāqī*
Anna C. Cruz, UC Berkeley–One
Thousand and One Confessions: The
Fractured and Constructed Self in Elias
Khoury’s *Yalo*

(4127) Who’s Arab? Where’s America?: Interrogating “Arab American”

Organized by **Matthew Stiffler**, Arab
American National Museum

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Chair/Discussant: **Nadine C. Naber**, U
Illinois

Eid Mohamed, Doha Inst for Graduate
Studies–The Reluctant Fundamentalist:
South Asian Subalternity and the Re-
framing of Arab American Studies
Amanda Eads, North Carolina
State U–Lebanese-American in the
South: Transition from Diasporic to
Hyphenated Identity
Danielle Haque, Minnesota State U
Mankato–Reading Identity in Arab
American Writing
John Tofik Karam, DePaul U–Redrawing
Area and Ethnic Studies: Arab America
Across and beyond the Hemisphere

(4158) Traveling Knowledge: Psy-Sciences in the Modern Middle East

Organized by **Ana Maria Vinea**

Chair: **Sara Pursley**, Princeton U
Discussant: **Ahmed Ragab**, Harvard U

Secil Yilmaz, Graduate Center CUNY–
Unnatural Love: The Pathology of Desire
during the Late Ottoman Period
Kutlughan Soyubol, Graduate Center
CUNY–Diagnostics across Cultures:
Translating Psychoanalysis into Turkish
Selim Karlitekin, Columbia U–Detoxing
Our Souls from the West: Turkish
Theology and the Invention of a Psyche
for Homo Islamicus
Ana Maria Vinea, Graduate Center
CUNY –“The Person Who Has Strong
Faith Does Not Get Depressed”: Debating
Depression in Contemporary Egypt

5-7PM Monday November 23

(4180) As Images Move: Circulation, Appropriation, and Transformation in Contemporary Visual Production

Organized by **Haytham Bahoora** and
Dina A. Ramadan

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Contemporary Art of the Arab
World, Iran and Turkey**

Chair/Discussant: **Sarah-Neel Smith**,
Maryland Inst Col of Art

Tammer El Sheikh, Concordia U–
Psychoanalysis and the Social Life of
Dreams in Hassan Khan’s *Trusted Sources*
Haytham Bahoora, U Colorado
Boulder–Art after Abu Ghraib: Spectacle
and Medium in the Fashioning of Iraqi
War Art
Dina A. Ramadan, Bard Col–The Straw
That Broke the Camel’s Back

(4183) Studying the Iraqi Ba‘th Party: Challenges, Opportunities, and New Findings

Organized by **Michael Brill**

Chair/Discussant: **Ibrahim Al Marashi**,
CSU San Marcos

Samuel Helfont, Princeton U–War and
Regime Entrenchment in Saddam’s Iraq
Michael Brill, Georgetown U–“To
Strengthen Faith and Commitment”: The
Contours of Iraqi-Sudanese Relations,
1979-2003
Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar–
“Culturalization” in Ba‘thist Iraq
Ibrahim Al Marashi, CSU San Marcos–
Rationalizing Gas Attacks: The Ba‘ath’s
Conceptualization of Iraqi Kurdishness
in the Anfal Campaign and Halabja
Attack

(4193) Captivity and Ottoman Wartime Diplomacy

Organized by **Will Smiley**

Chair: **Virginia Aksan**, McMaster U
Discussant: **Benjamin Carr Fortna**, U
Arizona

Kahraman Sakul, Istanbul Sehir
U–Mutiny at Palermo, Diplomacy in
Istanbul
Will Smiley, Reed Col–Freeing “The
Enslaved People of Islam”: Treaty Law
and Inter-Imperial Honor, 1739-1815
Emrah Safa Gurkan, Istanbul 29
Mayis U–Captives, Diplomats and Spies:
The Extraordinary Career of a Trans-
Imperial Go-Between: Bartolomeo Brutti
(1560s-1590s)
Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U–Ottoman
World War I POWs and “Enemy Aliens”
in British Hands: Incarceration,
Citizenship Status, and Wartime
Diplomacy

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Conversation

(4277) Sex and Sexualities in the Middle East and North Africa

Organized by **Lisa L. Wynn** and **Angel
M. Foster**

Lisa L. Wynn, Macquarie U
Paul Amar, UC Santa Barbara
Mija Sanders, U Arizona
Jess Newman, Yale U
Angel M. Foster, U Ottawa/Ibis
Reproductive Health

(4037) Contentious Politics in Post-Coup Egypt

Organized by **Neil Ketchley**

Chair: **Steven T. Brooke**, U Louisville
Discussant: **Jillian M. Schwedler**, Hunter Col CUNY

Amy Austin Holmes, American U Cairo–The Military and Mass Mobilization in Egypt: Explaining the Ouster of Morsi
Neil Ketchley, U Oxford–When Is Protest Repressed? Muslim Brothers and Mass Mobilization after the Egyptian Coup of July 2013

Ian M. Hartshorn, U Nevada Reno–Regime Strategy and Protester Response: Workers in Sisi's Egypt

Yasmine Laveille, LSE–Local Dynamics of Popular Mobilisation and Demobilisation in Upper Egypt: Ordinary Networks, Brokers and Loyalties in the Protests against Deteriorating Public Services

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(4084) Methodology and Margins: Studying Jewish Histories of the Middle East and North Africa

Organized by **Lior B. Sternfeld**

Chair: **Rami Ginat**, Bar Ilan U

Orit Bashkin, U Chicago
Susan Gilson Miller, UC Davis
Alma Heckman, UC Santa Cruz
Lior B. Sternfeld, Penn State U

(4105) When Class Matters: Interdisciplinary Inquiries on Class in the Middle Eastern Cities

Organized by **Yasemin Ipek Can**

Chair: **Kristin V. Monroe**, U Kentucky
Discussant: **Farha Ghannam**, Swarthmore Col

Yasemin Ipek Can, Stanford U–Aspirant Youth and Social Class: Making Connections and Upward Mobility in Beirut

Momen El-Husseiny, Cairo U–Private Security and the Perception of Upper-Middle Class in Cairo's Gated Communities

Feyda Sayan Cengiz, Istanbul Bilgi U, Turkey–“She Just Does Not Fit in Here”: Headscarf and Class in Retail Jobs in Turkey

Dina Makram-Ebeid, Max Planck Inst for Social Anthropology–Wazifa as Property: Passing One's Job to Their Children and Local Understandings of Class in an Industrial Suburb of Cairo

(4152) Muslims in Europe in the Interwar Years: A Trans-Cultural Perspective

Organized by **Umar Ryad**

ERC Funded Project: "Neither Nor: Muslims in interwar Europe"

Chair: **Eid Mohamed**, Doha Inst for Graduate Studies

Umar Ryad, U Utrecht–Muslim Religious Hypridity in Interwar Europe: European Converts to Islam in Salafiyya and Ahmadiyya Networks

Sophie Spaan, Utrecht U–Western European Muslim Discourse: The Search for Modernity and Rationalism in the Interwar Period

Andrei Tirtan, Utrecht U–Muslim Politics in Post-Great War Europe: Laying the Foundations of a Movement
Mehdi Sajid, U Utrecht–Laying the Foundations for a European Islam in the Modern Age – Islam and Muslims in Interwar Germany as a Case Study

(4159) Pro- and Anti-Safavid Propaganda, 1480-1580

Organized by **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**

Chair/Discussant: **Sara Nur Yildiz**, St Andrews U/Orient-Institut Istanbul

Christopher Markiewicz, U Chicago–The Evolving Rhetorical Response to Shah Ismail: Idris Bidlisi and Ottoman Anti-Safavid Sentiment, 1501-1513
Matthew Melvin-Koushki, U South Carolina–The Unpatriotic Persian: Fazl Allah Khunji as Pioneer of Anti-Safavid Propaganda

Colin Mitchell, Dalhousie U–F Is for Fath: Qazi Mir Husain Maybudi and His Model Victory Letter

Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer, Ohio State U–Turning Kizilbas, Turning Safavid: Pro-Safavid Propaganda in Anatolia during the 15th and 16th Centuries

(4181) Maghrebi Literature and the Re-Appropriation of the Euro-American Figure

Organized by **Brahim El Guabli** and **Anouar El Younssi**

Chair: **Nizar F. Hermes**, U Virginia
Discussant: **Gretchen Head**, Yale-NUS Col

Jill Jarvis, Princeton U–Doing Justice: Kamel Daoud Cross-Examines Albert Camus

Anouar El Younssi, Penn State–Tahar Ben Jelloun and the Limits of “Worlding” Maghrebi Literature

Nancy Demerdash, Princeton U–Integration, Exile and Postmemory in the Franco-Maghrebi Graphic Novel
Nathan H Dize, U Maryland, Col Park–La Sexualité et l'ethnicité sont des sujets chauds: Intersectionality and Abdellatif Kechiche's *La Vie d'Adèle*

(4182) The Social History of the Middling, Petty, and Impoverished Scholars ('Ulama') of the Early Modern Ottoman World

Organized by **A. Tunc Sen** and **Basil Salem**

A. Tunc Sen, U Chicago–The Multiple Faces of the 16th Century Ottoman Scholars: The Case of Zaifi (d. 1557) and His Embittered Voice

Carlos Grenier, U Chicago–“I Saw Some Subaşı and Asked How They Could Favor Me”: The Making of a Family of Ottoman Popular Litterateurs on the Fifteenth-Century Frontier

Michael D. Sheridan, Bilkent U–“So Much for the ‘Ulama’”: Early 17th-Century Ottoman Invective and Tensions within the Learned Classes

Basil Salem, U Chicago–The Social Category of ‘Ulama’ in Eighteenth Century Ottoman Damascus

(4190) Changing Discourses of Nationalism in Contemporary Turkish Politics

Organized by **Huseyin Levent Koker**

Chair/Discussant: **Neveser Koker**, U Michigan

Halise Karaaslan Sanli, Ankara U–Democracy and Nationalism in Political Party Leader’s Speeches: An Assessment with a Focus on 2015 Elections
Ulku Doganay, Ankara U–The Discourse of Ottomanism in 2015 General Elections
Huseyin Levent Koker, Near East U–The Nationalist Impasse in Turkey’s Constitution Making Process
Nur Betül Çelik, Ankara U–Antagonisms, Political Frontiers, and Nationalisms in Turkey

(4207) Negotiating Authority in Contemporary Shi’ism

Organized by **David Thurfjell**

Chair: **David Thurfjell**, Sodertorn U, Sweden

Johan Gärde, Ersta Sköndal U Col, Sweden–Marginalization and Disappointment? The Socio-economic Conditions of Shi’ite Populations in the Middle East
David Thurfjell, Sodertorn U, Sweden–A Charismatic Challenge: The Heyyati-Movement in Contemporary Iran

(4218) Gender Trouble in the Gulf and Palestine: Challenges of Approaching Gender Issues in the Classroom and Society
Organized by **Jacqueline Armijo**

Chair: **Jacqueline Armijo**, Qatar U
Discussant: **Judith E. Tucker**, Georgetown U

Lina Kassem, Qatar U–Educating Women in the Gulf: Unintended Consequences and Developing New Strategies
Hatoon Al Fassi, Qatar U–Teaching “Women in Islam” in the Gulf
Esraa Al-Muftah, Qatar U/U of British Columbia–Transformations in Higher Education: What Have They Meant to Qatari Women?

Islah Jad, Qatar U–When Gender Meets Colonization and Conservatism: Teaching Gender in Colonized Palestine and Qatar

(4237) Rethinking Premodern Persian Texts: Poetry, Prose, and Theater

Chair: **Yaseen Noorani**, U Arizona

Laurie Pierce, U Chicago–New Sources for Mahsati: Rethinking the Poet and Her Impact on the Persian Quatrain
Pouye Khoshkhoosani, U Arizona–Amorous Depiction of Love: Gender, Religion and Power in Classical Persian Poetry
Ana Ghoreishian, U Arizona–Disruption of Constructed Gendered Frameworks of “Properness” in Iraj Mirza’s Arefnameh
Theodore Beers, U Chicago–The Baharistan of Jami and Persian Canon Formation
Hamid Rezaei Yazdi, U Toronto–Looking Back at the Future: Modern Prose Literature in Iran and the Myth of Translation

(4242) Contestation in Early Islamic Historiography

Chair: **Brian Ulrich**, Shippensburg U

Michael Dann, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Values and Specialization in the Hadith Milieu of the Late 2nd/8th and Early 3rd/9th Centuries
Brian Dee, Georgia State U–Reexamining the Berber Revolt
Alison Marie Vacca, U Tennessee–“The Year of the Fire”: Muḥammad b. Marwān, the Second Fitna, and the Churches of Naxčawan and Xram
Florian Schwarz, Austrian Academy of Sciences–Revisiting the Urbanization of Iran in the Early Islamic Period
Michael Bonner, U Michigan–The Ridda in East Arabian Perspective
Dr. Karim Samji, Gettysburg Col–Narrative Reconstruction in Early Islamic Historiography: The Case of Dūmat al-Jandal

(4244) Displacement, Memory, and Identity Construction

Chair: **Madison Marks**, Qatar Foundation International

Toni Rouhana, UC Santa Cruz–Sectarian Imaginations: The Shifting of Sectarian Habitus in Lebanon
Rawan Arar, UC San Diego–Placing the Refugee Burden: Refugees Immigration Policy in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon
Nils Hagerdal, Harvard U–Ethnic Cleansing as Military Strategy: Lessons from Lebanon, 1975-1990
Philip Issa, U Texas Austin–Organizing before the Organization: Palestinian Civic Leadership in Lebanon before 1964

(4254) Patterns of Household Formation: Gender, Family, Law

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, U Texas Austin

Etienne Paulin, Université de Moncton (Canada)–Limiting the Growth: Patterns of Household Formation among the Berbers of Southern Morocco in Precolonial Times
Elizabeth Perego, Ohio State U–War-Torn Algeria as Woman: Representations of Women during Algeria’s “Dark Decade,” 1991-2002
Yasser Sultan, Indiana U, Bloomington–What If She Were the Exegete? A Feminist Critique of the Classical Tafsirs on the Issue of Interfaith Marriage
Sara Verskin, U Rhode Island–Compassionate Conservatives: Medieval Muslim Jurists Imagine the Spiritual Experiences of Women

**(4266) Competing Identities
and Diverging Lives: Israel/
Palestine after 1948**

Chair: **Rebecca Granato**, Bard al Quds Col

Noa Shaindlinger, U Toronto–Point
of No Return: The Nakba and the “New
Normal” in Jaffa, 1948-1949

Hillel Gruenberg, Jewish Theological
Seminary–Yesh 1972: The GSS-Abetted
Victory of Haifa’s Jewish-Arab Student
Left

Kimberly Katz, Towson U–Hebron
under Jordanian and Egyptian Rule: The
“Dual Era” in 1949

Molly Theodora Oringer, UCLA–
Consuming the Homeland: Luxury
Commodities and Diaspora Tourism in
Israel

Thematic
Conversation

**(4290) Reframing the Debate
about Secularism in the MENA
Region; or, What We Talk about
When We Talk about Religion**
Organized by **Suzanne Schneider**

Session Leader: **Ajay Chaudhary**,
Columbia U

Gregory Starrett, UNC Charlotte

Suzanne Schneider, NYU Brooklyn Inst

Joyce Dalsheim, UNC Charlotte

Roundtable

(4033) Iran, the Genre; or, Who Writes Iran?

Organized by **Pardis Mahdavi**, Pomona Col and **Amy Motlagh**, American U Cairo

Chair: **Persis Karim**, San Jose State U

Zuzanna Olszewska, U Oxford
Roxanne Varzi, UC Irvine
Blake Atwood, U Texas Austin
Shahram Khosravi, Stockholm U

(4042) Conversion, Diaspora and Inquisition in the XVI Century: Conversos and Moriscos in the Spanish Empire's Mediterranean Policies

Organized by **Diana Galarreta-Aima**

Chair: **Mayte Green-Mercado**, U Michigan

Lisette Balabarca, Siena Col–The Representation of the Defeated Moriscos through the Portrayal of *El Abencerraje's* Abindarráez
Conxita Domènech, U Wyoming–Pedro Manrique's Legacy in Don Quixote: The Moriscos in Catalonia
Diana Galarreta-Aima, U Virginia–Zoraida/María: Inclusion of New Christians in the Spanish National Body through Inter-ethnic Marriages
Zainab Cheema, U Texas Austin–Poetics of Exile: Examining the Dialogue between Spain's Sixteenth-Century Maurophilic Ballads and North Africa's Malhoun Poetry
Chad Leahy, U Denver–“I Am a Moor with the Moors, with the Christians, a Christian”: Negotiable Identities in the Early Modern Mediterranean

(4048) Political Economies of Upheaval and War in the Middle East

Organized by **Joshua Stacher**

Chair/Discussant: **Joel Bein**, Stanford U

Pete W. Moore, Case Western Reserve U–Jordan's Long War: Iraq, Capital, and Underdevelopment

Michael Herb, Georgia State U–The Resource Curse and Civil Conflict in the Arab World

Joshua Stacher, Kent State U–Military Inc. and Dividing the Spoils: A Political Economy of Egypt's Uprising
Max Ajl, Cornell U–Social Origins of Agricultural Underdevelopment
Sheila Carapico, U Richmond–Peripheral Underdevelopment and Upheaval in Yemen

(4065) Patriarchy, State and Legitimacy in Turkey

Organized by **Meral Ugur Cinar**

Chair: **Dilek Cindoglu**, Abdullah Gul U
 Discussant: **Ozlem Altiok**, U North Texas

Sezen Yaras, Bilkent U–Politics of Inclusion and Engendering the Narrations of 'Inclusive Political Authority' in Turkey's Latest Constitution Making Process
Ozlem Altan-Olcay, Koç U and **Ayşe Alniacik**, U Pittsburgh–Public Policy Making in Turkey: How Technical Goals of Development Turn into Conservative Gender Politics
Simten Cosar, Hacettepe U–Feeling Socially Secure in Turkey: The JDP's Gender Regime in Focus
Meral Ugur Cinar, Bilkent U–“Don't Worry Mom, We Are Protesting in the Back Rows”: Patriarchy and Its Subversion in the Gezi Movement
Dilek Cindoglu, Abdullah Gul U and **Didem Unal**, Bilkent U–Authoritarian Discursive Strategies on Women's Sexuality in “New Turkey”

(4106) Securing and Contesting Middle Eastern Frontiers: Iraq and Palestine

Organized by **Jeremy Siegman** and **Kali Rubaii**

Discussant: **Samera Esmeir**, UC Berkeley

Dina Omar, Yale U–Debating Ghosts: An Ethnographic Study of the UC Berkeley Divestment Campaign
Kali Rubaii, UC Santa Cruz–Conducted Chaos: Frontiering Iraq's Anbar Province
Ross Caputi, Fitchburg State U–Moral Disengagement and the Perception of the Enemy's Use of Human Shields

Jeremy Siegman, U Chicago–Securing and Contesting a Settler Frontier: Policing and Politics in Occupied West Bank Commercial Spaces

(4107) On the Margins of Ottoman Modernity: Multidimensional Negotiations of Identity

Organized by **Tugce Kayaal**

Chair/Discussant: **Resat Kasaba**, U Washington

Daniel Fields, Princeton U–Remapping the Empire: State Imposed Place Name Change in the Late Ottoman Period
Canan Bolel, U Washington–Quest for a Portable Homeland on the Verge of Extraterritoriality: Conceptualization of Ladino as the Affective Linguistic Space in İzmir, 1909-1914
Onder Eren Akgul, Georgetown U–Ottoman Imperial Attempts to Build a Local Army: Asakir-i Hamidiye in Yemen 1880-1882
Tugce Kayaal, U Michigan–The Emergence of Charity as a Contested Domain: Armenian Orphans of Istanbul during the Hamidian Era 1876-1907

(4144) The Islamic Middle East and Memorial Space in the North American Public Sphere

Organized by **Nadeen Kharputly**

Chair: **Babak Rahimi**, UC San Diego
 Discussant: **Afshin Marashi**, U Oklahoma

Sally Howell, U Michigan Dearborn–Mosques as Sites of Muslim American History Making
Kate DeConinck, Harvard Divinity School–Park51: A Vision, a Controversy, and a Path Forward
Nadeen Kharputly, UC San Diego–Institutional Narratives of Inclusion and Exclusion at the National 9/11 Memorial

(4155) New Directions in the Study of Charity and Philanthropy

Organized by **Miriam R. Lowi**

Discussant: **Miriam R. Lowi**, Col of New Jersey

Jennifer Olmsted, Drew U–‘Development,’ Charity and the Social Contract

Aliaa Remtilla, Simon Fraser U–Charity as Love: Religion and Development in Post-Soviet Tajik Ishkashim

El-Sayed el-Aswad, United Arab Emirates U–Philanthropy and Social Responsibility: A Case Study of the Culture of Giving in the United Arab Emirates

Damla Isik, Regis U–Volunteerism, Aid Relief, Entrepreneurship and Pious Economies in Turkey

(4161) Cultural Heritage Destruction: Evidence and Emergency Responses in Syria, Iraq, and Libya

Organized by **Brian I. Daniels**

Chair: **Brian I. Daniels**, U Pennsylvania Museum

Discussant: **Stephennie Mulder**, U Texas Austin

Katharyn Hanson, U Pennsylvania–Efforts in Iraq to Document and Preserve Cultural Heritage in Crisis

Susan Kane, Oberlin Col–Libya’s Cultural Heritage under Threat

Corine Wegener, Smithsonian Institution–The Plight of Museums in Armed Conflict: A Syria Case Study

Susan Wolfinbarger, American Association for the Advancement of Science–Monitoring Cultural Heritage in Conflict Using Satellite Imagery: Syria and Iraq

(4162) The Relation of Engineering to Sociopolitical Developments in the Modern Middle East

Organized by **Sadegh Foghani**

Stefan Peychev, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Was There an Ottoman City? Urban Governance and Water Supply Management in Ottoman Sofia

Selim Tezcan, Social Sciences U Ankara–Western Technology and Eastern Morals? Some Perplexing Observations on Ahmet Mithat’s Ideas about the Synthesis of the East and the West

Abdullah Haris Toprak, ISAR Foundation–Between Tradition and Modernity: Majmua al-Ulum al-Riyadiyah of Bash Hoca Ishaq Effendi

Sadegh Foghani, U South Carolina–Engineering the Revolution: French Thermodynamics and the Formation of Religio-Political Thought in Twentieth-Century Iran

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(4241) Culture and Politics in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring

Chair: **Suncem Kocer**, Kadir Has U

Nour Halabi, U Pennsylvania–From Democratic State to Democratic Media: The Case of Egyptian Media After Mubarak

Kareem Mahmoud Kamel, Future U in Egypt–Turning the 2011 Revolution on Its Head?: Redefining the Nation and the National Narrative of the Post-July 2013 Egyptian Regime

Claire Cooley, U Texas Austin–Mobile Phone Camera Revolution? Destabilizing the Authority of the Citizen Journalist Image in Iran and Egypt

Emily Cury, Northeastern U–Diasporas and the Arab Spring: Transnational Communities as Drivers of Conflict, Peace, and Reconstruction

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