



Conference Programme

Wednesday, 5 July

8.15: **Tea/Coffee**

9.00: **Welcome and Plenary No. 1**

Frances Guy, BRISMES and Ebtihal Mahadeen, IMES, University of Edinburgh

Jaakko Hameen Anttila: 'Imagined Empires: How Pre-Islamic historiography Influenced the Arab Worldview'

Chair: Paul Starkey, BRISMES

10.15: **Coffee Break**

10.45 – 12.45: **Panel 1**

1A Chronicles and Curation: Documenting Cultural Transitions in the Wider Middle East (Part 1)

Chair: Sharon C. Smith, Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT

An Ethnographic Approach to a Curatorial Experience: The Multiple Stories within Personal Archives from Yemeni Visual Artists (2008-2017) - Anahi Alviso-Marino, Centre Europeen de Sociologie et de Science Politique

Documenting the un- and under-documented: the Kurdish Collection and the Oral History Project at Binghamton University - Aynur de Rouen, Binghamton University

Iran Files: Transnational Curation of Digital Art - Sandra Skurvida, FIT-SUNY

Constructing the Narrative: The Importance of Multi-Medium Source Material in Examining Contemporary Iran - Lucy Flamm, University of Texas at Austin

1B Workers, Elites and Identity in Lebanon

Chair: Ersun Kurtulus, TED University

From Disenfranchisement to Wealth: The Invention of a Shiite Bourgeoisie in Lebanon between Education, Diaspora, Remittances and unrepentant Neoliberal Practices - Omar Bortolazzi, American University in Dubai

Emergent Civil Identities in Lebanon: Mobilisation against and within the Sectarian Hegemony - Ana Almuedo-Castillo, University of Exeter



Elite Cooperation and Collusion in Lebanon - Antonio DeMartin, University of Kent
and Ersun Kurtulus, TED University

When the International is your home: Education for citizenship at an IB World School
in Lebanon - Iman Azzi, Institute of Education, University College London

“You stink too” – Palestinian camp dwellers in Lebanon confront their Political Elite -
Erling L. Sogge, University of Oslo

1C Authoritarianism and Resistance in the Maghreb

Chair: Ratiba Hadj-Moussa, York University

Levitsky and Way and the Evolution of Authoritarian rule in Algeria - Jonathan Hill,
King's College London

Communities clashes in Algerian Sahara: the slow and difficult Emergence of
Political Protests - Ratiba Hadj-Moussa, York University

Border Conflicts and Militarisation in the Maghreb and Sahel from the Tuareg's
Perspective - Marianne Aringberg Laanatz, Center of Middle Eastern Studies, Lund
University

The Movement of People and ideas in the Development of Nonviolent Resistance in
the Western Sahara - Desiree Shayer, London School of Economics & Political
Science

Tracing the Transformations of the Working Classes Youth in Contemporary Morocco
– Meriam Cheikh, University of Edinburgh

1D Movement, Mobilities and Migration in Ottoman and Turkish Literatures

Chair: Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

Ekphrastic View of Sculpture in Evilya Celebi's Seyahatname (Book of Travels) -
Nilay Kaya, Istanbul Bilgi University

Female Statistics vs Male Dynamics – Gender and Migration from the Ottoman
Empire in Impure Blood by Bora Stankovic and Mara Milosnica by Ivo Adric - Marija
Tepavac, University of Vienna

Social Darwinism and Illness in Halide Edib's Fiction - Sima Imsir Parker, University
of Manchester

Portrait of the Artist as a Nostalgic Ottoman Turk? Ottoman Nostalgia in Irfan Orga's
Portrait of a Turkish Family (1950) and Dark Journey (2014) - Peter Cherry,
University of Edinburgh



1E Political Agency and the Construction of Every-day Life in Israel and Palestine

Chair: Katie Natanel, University of Exeter

The Resurgence of the Clan in Arab Local Politics in Israel - Dag Tuastad, University of Oslo

They might be our Enemies, but they surely know how to cook: Consumption of Palestinian Food in Israel - Claudia Raquel Prieto-Piastrom, King's College London

The Effect of Cross-Border Interaction on the Relations of Asymmetric Entities with Strategic Differences: The case of Gaza-Egypt Border - Georgios Rigas, University of Edinburgh

Enterprising in Politics and Society: Evaluating Israel's Northern Islamic Movement in New Contexts - Lilian Tauber, Durham University

Border Collapse and Boundary Maintenance: Movement, Militarisation and the Gendered Micro-Geographies of Violence in Israel-Palestine - Katie Natanel, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

1F Egypt After the Revolution

Chair: Hendrik Kraetzschmar, University of Leeds

The Struggle for Power and the 'Secular-Islamist' Binary in post-Mubarak Egypt - Hendrik Kraetzschmar, University of Leeds

Political Crossroads: the Nour Party and Rabaa Square - Maha Ghalwash and Lawrie Phillips, British University in Egypt

From Ikhwanophobia to Islamophobia: Post-Colonial Cultural Nationalism in post-Revolution Egypt - May Kosba, Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley

1G Religion in the Middle East: Folk Traditions and Interfaith Dialogue

Chair: Eirini Kakoulidou, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

The decline of Folk Islam in Western Thrace/Greece - Eirini Kakoulidou, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Islamic 'Magical-Medicinal' Bowls through Time and Space - Jenny Norton-Wright, Manchester Museum



Competition of Religious Rapprochement Policy in the Modern Islamic World: Conflict of Umma and the Nation States - Ikehata Fukiko, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University

1H Authority always in Mutation: Performing Contestation in the Mediterranean

Chair: Laura Galián, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

The Configuration of Muslim Leadership in Spain and the Entangled Histories of Spain and Morocco - Elena Arigita, Universidad de Granada

“Do not fast until you see it...”: Muslim Unity, Authority and Transnational Space in the French Debate about the date of Ramadan 2013 - Frank Peter, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad bin Khalifa University

For Secularism and for Jihadism: Ibn Rushd Authority - Luz Gómez, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

The Turn to Anti-Authoritarian Left of the Seventies' Generation in Egypt: The Case of Sameh Said Abud - Laura Galián, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Cross-Border Movement of People in the 16th-century Northern Morocco - Tomoaki Shinoda, University of Tokyo

1I Jewish Migration and Identity

Chair: Saeko Yazaki, University of Glasgow

Studying Judaism through studying Islam: A.S Yahuda and Wissenschaft des Judentums - Saeko Yazaki, University of Glasgow

The Consequence of Zionist Immigration in the Haifa sub-district during the British Mandate Period - Endika Rodriguez Martin, University of Exeter

Forced Migration of Jews from Edirne in 1934: What explains the silence of the Turkish State? - Burak Basaranlar, Binghamton University, SUNY

Narratives of Redemption: The International Meaning of Afforestation in the Israeli Negev - Yoav Galai, University of St Andrews

1J The Shahname and the Heroic Epic in Iran

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Chair: Andrew Newman, IMES University of Edinburgh



Post-Shahname Epics: Some Aspects - Gabrielle van den Berg, University of Leiden

The Prose Shahname of Abu Mansur - Jaakko Hämeen-Anttila, University of Edinburgh

Hospitality and Migration in the Story of Siavush - Azin Haghighi, University of Edinburgh

Urdu Translation of the Shahname: Adopting a Persian Epic into Urdu Literature – Mikko Viitamäki, University of Helsinki

12.45 – 13.45: **Lunch**

13.45 – 15.45: **Panel 2**

2A Chronicles and Curation: Documenting Cultural Transitions in the Wider Middle East (Part 2)

Chair: Sharon C. Smith, Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT

Untangling the Threads: Preserving and Presenting the Music of Post-Independence Morocco - Michael Toler, Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT

Sounds of Resistance: Poems and Songs that Dare to Talk Back - Rachid Aadnani, Wellesley College

The Challenges of Documenting Revolution and Political Change in Egypt: the University on the Square Project at the American University in Cairo - Stephen Urgola, The American University in Cairo

New Challenges Affecting Bibliographical Projects - Mohamad Meqdad, The Aga Khan University (International)

2B Tunisia After the Revolution

Chair: Ozlem Tur, Middle East Technical University

Modelling for a Living: Two-Level Games and Rhetorical Action in the Debt Negotiations of Post-Revolutionary Tunisia - Irene Fernández-Molina, University of Exeter

Processes of Democratic Consolidation in Tunisia – A Political Party Perspective - Ozlem Tur, Middle East Technical University and Sebnem Yardimci Geyikci, TED University



Connecting the Online with the Offline: The Evolution of Collective Action in Tunisia -
Cindy Reiff, University of Exeter

When Islamists Lose: The Politicization of Tunisia's al-Nahda Movement - Rory
McCarthy, University of Oxford

Post-Uprising Governmentality and Counter-Conduct: Continuous Resistance amid
Normalized Insecurity and Terror in Tunisia - Saerom Han, University of Aberdeen

2C The Refugee Crisis: Protection, Borders and European Responses

Chair: Lilach Lev Ari, Oranim Academic College of Education

Betwixt and Between—Crises of Global Health Governance for Serially-Displaced
Refugees Fleeing Syria: UNHCR, UNRWA, and the EU - Carly Krakow, University of
Cambridge

Can the New Border Fences Deter Middle East Refugees from Immigrating to
Europe? - Lilach Lev Ari and Arnon Medzini, Oranim Academic College of Education

Detecting False Opinions in Pairs of Suspects with the Devil's Advocate Approach -
Haneen Deeb, University of Portsmouth

Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon: An Example of Contemporary Borders
- Anna Maria Brancato, University of Cagliari

Migrant Rights in an Age of International Insecurity: Competing Approaches and
Disjointed Actions to Protect Migrants while Ensuring National Security - Saagarika
Dadu-Brown, Independent Researcher and Jamie Brown

2D Rethinking Justice, Rights, Resistance and Solidarity in Israel-Palestine

Chair: Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick

Reframing Bi-Nationalism in Palestine-Israel as a Process of Settler Decolonisation -
Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick

Racialised Citizenship and its Discontent: The Palestinians in Israel in the Liberal
Settler State - Lana Tatour, University of Warwick

The Tactics of Power and Resistance: The Hunger Strike in Occupied Palestine
(2012-2016) - Ashjan Ajour, Goldsmiths, University of London

Egypt's 1972-3 Student Movement: Resistance and Solidarity on the Road to Camp
David - Reem Abou-El-Fadl, SOAS, University of London



Transnational Activism, Direct Action and Phase-Change: the Case of the Mavi Marmara - John Chalcraft, London School of Economics and Political Science

2E Scotland's Muslim Communities

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Chair: Hugh Goddard, The Alwaleed Centre, University of Edinburgh

Scottish Muslims and the 2011 Census: An Integration Success Story? - Khadijah Elshayyal, The Alwaleed Centre, University of Edinburgh

Muslims in Scotland: The Making of Community in a Post-9/11 World - Stefano Bonino, University of Birmingham

Negotiating Faith and Space in Contexts of Death and Diaspora: Muslim Funerary Practices in Scotland - Alistair Hunter, The Alwaleed Centre, University of Edinburgh

2F Writing the Middle East into Settler Colonial Studies: A Transnational Perspective (Roundtable Discussion)

Francesco Amoruso, University of Exeter

Monica Ronchi, University of Exeter

William Gallois, University of Exeter

Katie Natanel, University of Exeter

Stephen Nutt, University of Exeter

2G From Migrants to Diaspora: Middle Eastern Communities in the West

Chair: Gretchen Head, Yale University

"Iraqis Don't Have Hygge": The Uhygge Short Stories of Hassan Blasim - Annie Webster, SOAS, University of London

Yemeni, Muslim, and Scouse: Patterns of Migration, Transnational Islam, and Methodological Approaches - David Harrison, University of Leeds

Politics and Popular Genres: New Aesthetics from the Palestinian Diaspora - Gretchen Head, Yale University

The Palestinian Expatriates - Amira Halperin, The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



2H Syria: The Dialectics of Meddling and Exodus

Chair: Ray Hinnebusch, University of St Andrews

Syria's Economic Resilience during the Syrian Conflict - Ferdinand Arslanian,
University of St Andrews

Regional Involvement in Civil Wars: A Comparative Analysis of the Syrian Case -
Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby

Revisiting the Coalescence of the Displaced: An In-depth Exploration of Syria's
Displaced Civil Society in Istanbul and Beirut - Tamara Al-Om, University of St.
Andrews

Syrian Armenian Refugees and their Integration in Host Countries: Case Study of
Lebanon - Daria Vorobyeva, University of St. Andrews

2I Nativists, Nations and Knowledge: Arab Agency in the Archaeology and Anthropology of pre-1948 Palestine

Chair: Benjamin Thomas White, University of Glasgow

Whose History? Arab Agency in the Archaeology of Late Ottoman Palestine - Sarah
Irving, Edge Hill University

Hilma Granqvist and Palestinian Studies: A Transcultural Approach - Rosanna
Sirignano, University of Heidelberg – Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe

Palestinian and Israeli Agency in Framing Palestinian Oral Literature - Farah
Aboubakr, University of Edinburgh

2J Control and Resistance in Jordan

Chair: Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University

King Abdullah's Balancing Act: Neo-liberalism Versus 'The Politics of Tradition' in
Post-Arab Spring Jordan - Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University

The Hashemite Pluralism: Policies of Integration and Control in Jordan - Shun
Watanabe, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University

Site of Resistance or Apparatus of Acquiescence? Tactics at the Bakery - José Ciro
Martínez, University of Cambridge



Between Interdependence and Interplay: How Palestine Refugee Camps Evolved as a Considerable Actor in their Hosting Spatial System, the Case of Jordan - Dina Dahood Dabash, KU Leuven

Mapping Al-Hirak Al-Shababi Al-Urduni (the Jordanian Youth Movement): Grievances, Aims, Structure and Ideology - Maria Blanco Palencia, University of Exeter and Marbella International University Centre

2K Bodiless Heads; Chapter Four: Ideas in Flux | A Lecture Performance

Setareh Fatehi Irani, Freelance choreographer

Shahrzad Irannejad, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

15.45 – 16.15: **Coffee break**

16.15 – 18.15: **Panel 3**

3A BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions): Palestine, Israel and Middle East Studies (Roundtable Discussion)

Chair: Dr Ewan Stein, University of Edinburgh

Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick

Ashjan Ajour Goldsmiths, University of London

John Chalcraft, London School of Economics and Political Science

Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick

3B Managing the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey

Chair: Saskia vanGenugten, Emirates Diplomatic Academy

Non-Food Item Manufacturing and Employment in Protracted Conflict - Nicole Malick, NRS International

The Politics of Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis: The Case of Lebanon's Municipalities - Billie Jeanne Brownlee, University of Exeter

Livelihoods For Syrian Refugees: Transitioning from a Humanitarian to a Developmental Paradigm - Lorraine Charles, AMS Communications and University of Exeter and Saskia vanGenugten, Emirates Diplomatic Academy



Preserving the Status Quo: Understanding Jordan's Syrian Refugee Policy - Ali Ali,
Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

3C Examining the AKP in Turkey

*Chair: Joakim Parslow, Institute of Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages,
University of Oslo*

Exploring the Dynamics behind the Creation of Hegemonic Party Regime: AKP Era in
Turkey - Taptuk Emre Erkoç, University of Vienna and Ahmet Erdi Ozturk, University
of Strasbourg

The Non-State Actor Factor in Turkish Foreign Policy Under the AKP - Emre
Caliskan, University of Oxford

Turkey's Diyanet under AKP rule: From Protector to Imposer of State Ideology? -
Ahmet Erdi Ozturk, University of Strasbourg

Lawyers against the Law: The Challenge of Turkish Lawyering Associations - Joakim
Parslow, Institute of Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo

3D Citizenship in the Middle East: Dynamics of Exclusion and Inclusion

Chair: Ray Hinnebusch, University of St Andrews

The Political, Politics and Notions of Citizenship in the Islamist Movement - Roel
Meijer, Radboud University

Israeli Ethnocracy: Dilemmas of Inclusion and Exclusion in an "Unfinished" State -
Nils A. Butenschøn, University of Oslo

Migration and Marginality of Citizenship in the in the Arab Gulf Region: Human
Security and High Modern Tendencies - James Sater, American University in the
United Arab Emirates

Claiming Spaces for Acts of Citizenship: Recent Experiences of Activists in Morocco
- Sylvia I. Bergh, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University
Rotterdam

The Bidun Protest Movement as an Act of Citizenship - Claire Beaugrand, Institut
français du Proche Orient

3E Perspectives on Gender in Displacement and Resistance

Chair: Aneta Tyc, University of Lodz



Symbolic Representation: Hamas' Female Candidates of the 2006 Legislative Election - Erin Tumulty, Queens University Belfast

Researching the Gendered Dimensions of Forced Displacement in Jordan: Challenging Current Practice - Michelle Lokot, SOAS, University of London

Human Labour Rights of Migrant Domestic Workers: The Need for a Better Protection - Aneta Tyc, University of Lodz

From Hell to Hull: Images and Voices of Women of the Iraqi Diaspora in the United Kingdom - Farah Ali, University of Leeds

Female Fighters in IS and al-Qaeda in Iraq: A Comparative Analysis - Jennifer Philippa Eggert, University of Warwick

3F Iraq: Resistance, Displacement, and Identity

Chair: Christine Allison, University of Exeter

Yezidis and the Subjectivity of Smallness - Christine Allison, University of Exeter

British Policymaking and Material Conditions in Southern Iraq, 1914-1921
- Scott Jones, DePaul University

Rethinking Ba'athist Neo-Tribalism: The Northern Roots of Saddam Hussein's Tribal Policies - Yaniv Voller, University of Kent

Internal Population Displacement in Iraq: Containment, Surveillance and Reproduction of Violence - Deniz Gökalp, American University in Dubai

3G Religion on the Move: Faith among Migrants of the Ottoman and post-Ottoman Middle East

Chair: Hilary Kalmbach, University of Sussex

Objects of Devotion: Palestinian Migrants and their Prayer Beads, c.1850-1910 - Jacob Norris, University of Sussex

Catholic Faith and Mobility within the Middle East and across the Mediterranean: Continuities and Fractures (17th-18th Century) - Felicita Tramontana, University of Warwick

Reading the Middle East from the Margins: A Forgotten Figure, his Faithful Life, and his Moving Books - Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge

"Like a Wolf Who Fell Upon Sheep:" Maronite Priests in America - Akram Khater, North Carolina State University



3H Migrations in the Maghreb and in the Middle East: The Time of the Revolutions

Chair: Delphine Pagès-El Karoui, INALCO/USPC

The Arab Spring: A Revolution for the Egyptian Emigration? - Delphine Pagès-El Karoui, INALCO/USPC

From a Humanitarian Crisis to a Security Crisis. Control Measures for Syrian Refugees in Jordan (2011-2015) - Myriam Ababsa, Institut français du Proche-Orient, Amman

Migration and (Counter)Revolution the Arab Gulf: Migration Policies and Labour Market Policies in Saudi Arabia - Hélène Thiollet, CNRS, CERI, Sciences Po / USPC

Investigating the Increase of Cross-Mediterranean Egyptian Irregular Migration - Sara Hussein, American University in Cairo

3I Middle Eastern Christians in Diaspora: Dialectics of Integration

Chair: Hugh Goddard, University of Edinburgh

Stick or Twist? The Tradition/Innovation Dilemma Facing Diasporic Middle Eastern Churches in Europe - Alistair Hunter, University of Edinburgh

Middle Eastern Christian Diasporic Humanitarian and Political Activism in the UK: Does the Allure of the Homeland still Resonate with the Diaspora Youth? - Fiona McCallum, University of St. Andrews

Consequences of Migrant Preconceptions: Integration of Syrian Armenians in the Republic of Armenia since 2011 - Daria Vorobyeva, University of St. Andrews

Departures at the Arrival Gate: The Unexpected Contribution of German Missionaries to Christian Migration from the Holy Land in the Late Ottoman Period (1860-1920) - Gil Gordon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

3J Movement and Interactions in the Modern Imperial History of the Middle East

Chair: Bruce Stanley, Richmond University

The Selective Attribution of Sovereignty as a Tool of Empire – The Case of the Trucial States - Niklas Haller, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

Patients, Psychiatrists, and Psychiatric Practices on the Move in British Mandate Palestine - Chris Wilson, University of Cambridge



Illicit Migrants, Imperial Subjects; Mobility and Resistance in fin-de-siècle Beirut -
Hatice Ayse Polat, University of Cambridge

Building the Armature: Assembling the MENA's Inter-City Infrastructure - Bruce
Stanley, Richmond University

3K New Directions in Safavid Studies

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Chair: Andrew Newman, IMES, University of Edinburgh

The Limits of "Orthodoxy"? Notes on the Anti-Abu Muslim Polemic of Early 11th/17th
Iran - Andrew Newman, IMES, University of Edinburgh

Futuvvat-namehs of Late Safavid Period and the Eighteenth Century Iran - Maryam
Moazzen, University of Louisville

The Madrasa Habibiya at Firdus - Alireza Anisi, Iranian Research Institute for Cultural
Heritage and Tourism

19.30 – 22.00: **Conference Dinner at Café Andaluz**

Thursday, 6 July

8.30: **Tea/Coffee**

9.00 – 11.00: **Panel 4**

4A A Gendered Approach to Employment of Syrian Refugees

*Chair: Lorraine Charles, The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of
Exeter*

Discussant: Isobel B. Kingscott, The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University
of Exeter

Gender and Social Entrepreneurship in the Syria Crisis - Angela M. Solomon,
Jaleesa

Inclusion of Syrian Women into the Turkish Labour Market: Women Entrepreneurship
to the Rescue - Selin Yildiz Nielsen, Glocally Connected



Syrian Refugee Men and Livelihoods Agenda in Jordan - Lewis Turner, SOAS,
University of London

4B Transformations within Islam

Chair: Lars Berger, University of Leeds

Sufism in Jerusalem: Institutional Deterioration and Subversive Transformations -
Kenny Schmitt, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

A Symbol of Inequality? Arab Perceptions of the Veil - Lars Bergerand, Professor
Graeme Davies, University of Leeds

The 'Ulama in Flux: From Opposition to Co-optation in the Wake of the Egyptian
Coup - Usaama al-Azami, Markfield Institute of Higher Education

Radicalism, Reform and Migration: The Transformations of Shaykh Nimr Baqir al-
Nimr - Robert Riggs, University of Bridgeport

4C Palestine and Israel in the World: Diplomacy, Branding and Education

Chair: Philip Leech-Ngo, University of Ottawa

Taking it to the UN: An Analysis of the Palestinian Internationalisation Strategy -
Philip Leech-Ngo, University of Ottawa

Israel/Palestine: A Critical Textbook Analysis of the Question's History in Western
Universities - Seyed Hadi Borhani, University of Tehran

Framing the State? Palestine and the Politics of International Criminal Justice -
Michelle Burgis-Kasthala, University of Edinburgh Law School; Australian National
University

Vying for China's Favour: China's Growing Role in the Israel-Palestine Conflict -
Oliver Hayakawa, University of Exeter

Brand Israel's Cultural, Minority and Queer Emissaries in the West: Hasbara, Public
Diplomacy or Propaganda? - Hilary Aked, University of Bath

Zionism and the Spread of Anti-Semitism Among Palestine's Arab Population - Erik
Freas, Borough of Manhattan Community College-City University of New York

4D In-between Borders: Practices, Spatialities and Fragmented Politics

Chair: Daniel Meier, University of Grenoble



Transnational Norms and Political Fragmentation in the MENA: Free Speech, Nahed Hattar and Jordan - Paul Esber, University of Sydney

Representing Iraq as a Segmented Space in Films - Thomas Richard, University of Auvergne

Exploring 'In-Betweenness' in Nicosia's Buffer Zone: Local Practices of (de)Bordering - Zinovia Foka, Bauhaus University Weimar

The Disputed Territories in the North of Iraq: The Frontiering of In-Between Spaces - Daniel Meier, University of Grenoble

Zahle in the Lebanese war: A Buffer Zone between Syria and the Lebanese Forces (1978-1981) - Julie Tegho, University Saint Joseph

4E The Politics of Iran in the Middle East: Domestic affairs and foreign policy

Chair: Pejman Abdolmohammadi, London School of Economics & Political Science – Middle East Centre

The Pro-System Factions in Iranian Politics - Pejman Abdolmohammadi, London School of Economics & Political Science – Middle East Centre

Iran and the Global Economy: Political Challenges and Opportunities - Evaleila Pesaran, University of Cambridge

The Revolutionary Guards' Business Role and Challenges to Iran's Economy - Hesam Forozan, Durham University

Women's Subjective Field in Post-Revolutionary Iran Influenced By the Dynamics of Islamisation and Globalised Capitalism - Nafiseh Taghavi, University of Salford

4F Art, Architecture and Heritage in the Middle East

Chair: Tamadher Alfahal, Birmingham City University, University of Bahrain

Curating Philosophy: The Collaborative Approach of Reconciling Islamic Philosophy with Contemporary Creative Practice - Tamadher Alfahal, Birmingham City University, University of Bahrain

Migration of Middle East Architecture and its Adaptation in the West - Tahrir Taki Ali Al-Musawi, Mustansiriyah University

An Artist Curating Islamic Heritage: Ali Jabri and the Jordan Museum of Popular Traditions - Elizabeth Rauh, Department of the History of Art, University of Michigan



Beirut-Dubai: Cultural Circulations and the Shaping of New Urban Art Districts -
Sophie Brones, Ecole d'architecture de Versailles and Amin Moghadam, Princeton
University

4G Movement and Migration in the Ottoman Empire I

Chair: Stacy Fahrenthold, California State University

Reading 'Old' Istanbul in "Greek": An Intellectual Network and its Impact on the
Urban Context of 19th ct. Istanbul - Firuzan Melike Sümertaş, Boğaziçi University

Sufi Orders as Agents of Mobility of Algerians in Ottoman Empire at the Age of
Colonialism, 1871-1908 - Salma Hargal Larhra Umr, University of Lumière Lyon 2

A Transnational Refugee Family History: Circassian Social Networks Across the
Ottoman Empire, 1890-1905 - Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, Department of History
Stanford University

"Alexandria ...Why?": Syrian Migrants and the Burgeoning Arab Press in the 19th
Century - Yasmin Shafei, American University of Beirut

Printing Press and the Limits of Boundaries: Ali Suavi's Ulûm Gazettes - Kenan
Tekin, Yalova University

Charting Radical Currents in the Middle East at the turn of the 20th Century -
Anthony Gorman, University of Edinburgh

4H Thinking about the Middle East through Movement

Chair: Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge

Redrawing Area Studies through Migration - Lily Balloffet, Western Carolina
University

Unravelling the Middle East: Rethinking the Region through Mobility - Akram Khater,
North Carolina State University

Refuge: A Middle Eastern History - Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge

Violence, Land and Nation in Forced Displacement in Turkey/Syria (1915- 1939) -
Seda Altug, Bogazici University

Humans and Animals in a Refugee Camp: Baquba, Iraq, 1918-21 - Benjamin
Thomas White, University of Glasgow

4I Migration in the Middle East: Perspectives from Saudi Arabia



Chair: Joseph Kéchichian, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

Syrian Refugees in Saudi Arabia: Integration Rather than Confinement - Joseph Kéchichian, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

Hijra à la française: Online and Offline Discourses of Muslim French Religious Expatriates in Saudi Arabia - Faisal Abualhassan, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

City of Dreams, Disappointment and Optimisms: The Case of Nine African Undocumented Migrants Communities in the City of Jeddah - Fahad L. Alghalib Alsharif, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

Migration of Female Jihadists in Saudi Arabia: Mobility and Gendered Agency - Sumayah Fatani, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

4J Who To Be in Exile? Perspectives on Refugee Identity

Chair: Ivan Panović, Nanyang Technological University Singapore

'Rebuilding the Ship at Sea': Religion and Migration in a Syrian Refugee-Context - Ingrid Løland, VID Specialized University

Who (Not) to Be in a Refugee Crisis? A State of the Art Literature Review on Refugee Identity Formation in the Context of the Current Refugee 'Crisis' - Willemijn Dortant, Erasmus University Rotterdam

'Visual Pollution' of Istanbul - A Geosemiotics of Displacement - Ivan Panović, Nanyang Technological University Singapore

"Your Name is 'Refugee'": Migrants' Journey Narratives and the Challenge to the International Refugee Regime - Hamza Safouane, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

A Bio-Cartography of Refugee Fatherhood: Humanitarian Illusions of Compassion and Suffering - Redha Qabazard, Yale University

11.00 – 11.30: **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 13.30: **Panel 5**

5A Iran in the World

Chair: Ali Ansari, University of St Andrews



'Triumphant Liberalism' and Economic Reform in Iran - Tara Povey, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

Iran-Malaysia Relations during the Mahathir Years, 1981-2003 - Rowena Abdul-Razak, University of Oxford

The Iranian Oil Nationalisation Movement and the Politics of Expertise: Public Opinion, Technocracy and Global Oil Knowledge, 1946-51 - Mattin Biglari, SOAS, University of London

Iran: Out of Isolation, on the Silk Road - Marzieh Kouhi Esfahani, Durham University and Jafar Haghpanah, University of Tehran

Critiquing Memoir as a "Genre": Intersectionalizing Lived-Experience of Transnational Iranian Women Writers - Shima Shahbazi, University of Sydney

The Origins of Communist Unity: Anti-Colonialism and Revolution in Iran's Tri-continental Moment – Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, University of Oxford

5B A Life Abroad? Social Practices and Experiences of Migrants and Refugees in the Arab World

Chair: Tobias Boos, University of Mainz

"We are not Refugees!" – Identity and Belonging of the Syrian and Palestinian Refugee Students in Emirati Universities - Ala Al-Hamarneh, University of Mainz

Combating the Corrosive Effect of Conflict on Education for young Refugees and IDPs - Shelley Deane, Mitchell Institute, Queens University Belfast, Director Brehon Advisory

Race, Gender and Refugees – The Case of Female Sudanese and Syrian Refugees in Egypt - Gihan Abouzeid, OECD and Salemah for Women Empowerment (Cairo)

"I Try to be a Refugee, but I Can't": Unsettled Identities and the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Program - Christopher Kyriakides, York University

5C Local and International Dimensions of the Syrian Civil War

Chair: Nikolay Kozhanov, European University at St. Petersburg

The International Origins of the Syrian Civil War - Christopher Phillips, Queen Mary

Hizbullah and the Syrian Civil War: A Two Level Game Analysis - Ozlem Tur and Nail Elhan, Middle East Technical University

The Marriage of Convenience: The Nature of Russian-Iranian Cooperation in Syria - Nikolay Kozhanov, European University at St. Petersburg



Iran and the Syrian Turmoil: The Dynamics of Revolution and Realpolitik in Iran's Syria Policy - Gülriz Sen, TOBB University of Economics and Technology

5D The (Settler)Colonial Present in Palestine/Israel: Realities and Resistance

Chair: Lana Tatour, University of Warwick

50 Years After 1967: Legal Resistance Evaluated - Elian Weizman CBRL, Kenyon Institute

The Defence of Hebrew Labour in the Cotemporary Israeli Construction Industry - Simon Englert, SOAS, University of London

Conceptualising Corridor Networks and Colonial Infrastructures: The View from the Train - Sharri Plonski, SOAS, University of London

Breaking Which Silence? A Critical Examination of Resistance Practices Inside Israeli Society - James Eastwood, Queen Mary

5E At the Edge of What? Borders, Territory, and Mobility in the Levant

Chair: John Chalcraft, London School of Economics & Political Science

"The Only Place We Knew in the World": Trajectories of Displacement and Translocality in the Syrian Refugee Crisis - Ann-Christin Wagner, University of Edinburgh

Border, Territory and Statehood: The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Lebanon and Jordan - Filippo Dionigi, London School of Economics & Political Science

"You never know who is in bed with whom": 'Conspiracy Theory' and Border-Making at the Margins of the Syrian Uprising - Philip Proudfoot, CBRL - British Institute in Amman

Opposition Governance and the Place of Borders in the Syrian Conflict - Ali Nehme Hamdan, University of California, Los Angeles

5F Kurdish Identity, Mobilisation and State-Building

Chair: Bahar Baser, Coventry University

Politics of Genocide Recognition: Kurdish Regional Government, Kurdish Diaspora and the Case of Anfal - Bahar Baser, Coventry University and Mari Toivanen, University of Turku

Local Expressions of Kurdish Alterity, Nationalism and Ethnic Identity: Reading the Kurdish Political Movement through Local Media in Southeast Turkey - Ece Algan, Loughborough University London



The Kurds of Syria: From Popular Committees to Fighting Units - Giuseppe
Acconcia, Bocconi University

5G Movement and Migration in the Ottoman Empire II

Chair: Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, Stanford University

Religion and Rebellion: A Study of Political Movements in 17th Century Istanbul - Ali
Danis Neyzi, SOAS, University of London

Bonkowski Pasha's Suggestions and Measures Regarding the Cholera Case in
Syria, Lebanon and Jerusalem in 1892 - Levent Kucuk, University of Ardahan

Paper Syrians: Passport Fraud in the Syrian American Mahjar during the First World
War - Stacy Fahrenthold, California State University

The Syrian Ismailis under Sultan Abdülmecid I: A Voyage to Salamiyya- Majidabad -
Ula Zeir, University of Edinburgh, The British Library

5H Music and Movement in the Middle East

Chair: Stephen Wilford, City, University of London

Performing Palestine, or Mandating Britain? Tracing Palestinian Musics in London -
Polly Withers, CBRL, Kenyon Institute

'We are All Algerian Here': Music, Movement and Cultural Identity in Contemporary
London - Stephen Wilford, City, University of London

'Bear Left': Movement and Other Metaphors in Cairokee's Songs - Mariam
Aboelezz, The British Library

Shubban Shik [Young Chic Men]: The Rise of Popular Music and the Modernisation
of Beirut during the French Mandate - Diana Abbani, Sorbonne University Paris 4

5I How to Get Published – I.B. Tauris

13.30 – 15.00: **Lunch**¹

14.00 – 15.00: **BRISMES AGM in G.03**

15.00 – 17.00: **Panel 6**

¹ Please note that due to lack of venue space, lunch is not provided at this conference



6A The Transformation of Syrian Communities through Expatriation: Continuity and Change

Chair: Thomas Pierret, University of Edinburgh

The Transformation of the Syrian Business Community through the 2011 Revolution -
Ching-An Chang, University of Edinburgh

Ties That Matter: Family Life and Political Activity among Syrian Refugees in
Lebanon and Turkey - Birgitte Stampe Holst, University of Copenhagen

Syrian Refugees in Egypt: A Common Voice to Face Uncertainty in Exile - Maaï
Youssef, Sorbonne University Paris 1

Making refugees work? The politics of labour market integration for Syrian refugees
in Jordan - Katharina Lenner, University of Bath and Lewis Turner, SOAS, University
of London

Informal Spatial Politics Among Syrian Refugees In East Beirut - Duncan Wane,
King's College London

6B Migrant Identity Formation, Agency and Activism

Chair & Discussant: Filippo Dionigi, London School of Economics & Political Science

To Be Young, Displaced and Syrian: A Case Study of the Activism of Syrian Forced
Migrants in Europe - Tasneem Sharkawi, Lancaster University

Breaking Ties: Migration as a Form of Community Resilience - Danya Chudacoff,
Proximity International and Saagarika Dadu-Brown, Proximity International

Being Syrian in Australia: Voices, Memories and Organisation of the Australian
Syrian Community - Marisa Della Gatta, Macquarie University

6C Sectarianism and Regime Trajectories after the Arab Uprisings

Chair: Ray Hinnebusch, University of St. Andrews

What is so Sectarian about Sectarian Politics: Identity Politics and Authoritarianism in
a New Middle East - Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University

Sectarianism and Governance in Syria and the Levant - Ray Hinnebusch, University
of St. Andrews

Civic Space and Sectarianism in GCC States: Dynamics of "Informal" Civil Society in
Kuwait and Bahrain beyond State Institutions - Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus University
and Hasan Hafidh, University of Leeds



Instrumentalising Sectarianism and Preserving Authoritarianism in the Saudi State -
Courtney Freer, London School of Economics & Political Science

6D Transnational Solidarity Between Oppressed Groups: Emerging Avenues of Change for
Status Quo Oppressive Politics

Chair: Chuck Thiessen, Coventry University

Generation Oslo Rises Up: The Palestinian Youth Movement and Transnational
Solidarity - Sunaina Maira, University of California-Davis

Transnational Solidarity as an Alternative to Status Quo Politics in Palestine and
Kashmir - Patricia Sellick, Coventry University

The Movement of Resistance: The Decolonial Challenge in Palestine/Israel and
Beyond - Mark Ayyash, Mount Royal University

Transnational Solidarities (Palestine/Kashmir) - Goldie Osuri, University of Warwick

The Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process: What Lessons can be Learned from the South
African Experience? - Bahar Baser, Coventry University

6E Internal Networks of Opposition and Opportunity in the Gulf

*Chair: Heba Aziz, German University of Technology in Oman and Alexandria
University, Egypt*

Years of Impending Doom: Recent Views on the Sultanate of Oman - Marielle Risse,
Dhofar University

Information Technology and Transnational Political Activism in the Arab Gulf states -
Gertjan Hoetjes, University of Exeter

Tourism and the Reshaping of the Omani Nomadic Landscape: A Case Study of the
Sharqayyah Sands - Heba Aziz, German University of technology in Oman and
Alexandria University Egypt

Framing the Roles of Malaysian Non-State Actors in Enhancing its Relationship with
the Arab Gulf States - Mohd Fauzi Abu-Hussin, University Teknologi Malaysia and
University of Cambridge

“The Side Door is Open”: Re-Signifying Community in Kuwait after the Arab Spring -
Emanuela Buscemi, University of Aberdeen

6F Migration in Fiction and Cultural Narratives

Chair: Syrine Hout, American University of Beirut



Rafik Schami's Novels: A Journey through Syrian Civilization Introducing a Multifaceted Identity into German Culture - Shilan Fuad Hussain, University of Urbino

A Metro for Aleppo: The Anxiety of Exile and The Syrian Refugee - Ikram Masmoudi, University of Delaware

Comparing Novel(istic) Movements of Arab Migrants in the Twenty-First Century - Syrine Hout, American University of Beirut

6G Education and Political Thought Within Islam

Chair: Zehra Betül Ustaoglu, Marmara University

Continuation of Ottoman Intellectual Tradition in Modern Turkey: A Study of Emin Er's Thoughts and His Network - Naoki Yamamoto, Kyoto University

A Conciliation Effort of the Religion and the Nationalist Thought in the Republican Period: Ziya Gökalp Case - Zehra Betül Ustaoglu, Marmara University

A 'Syrian' Doctrine of Jihad? Scholarly Migration and Jihad in the Eighth Century - Kenneth Goudie, University of Nottingham

Language Contact and Orthography in the Qur'an: The Representation of Foreign Elements in Qur'anic Spelling - Estera J Arrant, University of Cambridge

6H Palestinian Migration, Resistance and Rentierism

Chair: Anne Irfan, London School of Economics & Political Science

From Nakba to Naksa: The Impact of Migration on Palestinian Politics - Anne Irfan, London School of Economics & Political Science

Reviving Sacred Space, Rehabilitating Sacred City: Concepts and Practices of Palestinian Movements in Jerusalem and Hebron - Kensuke Yamamoto, Kyoto University

The Evolving Meanings of Citizenship for Stateless Palestinian Refugees - Jinan Bastaki, United Arab Emirates University

6I Cultural Connections and Transitions

Chair: Lily Pearl Balloffet, Western Carolina University

Establishing Cultural Connections between the Middle East and the Maghreb through Popular Television Series - Maja Dolinar, University of Ljubljana



The Poetics of Sunnism: Arabic Literary Networks in the Crusades-Era
Mediterranean - Nathaniel A. Miller, University of Cambridge

Through Diasporic Eyes: Arab Filmmakers in Latin America, 1925-1945 - Lily Pearl
Balloffet, Western Carolina University

6J The Mediterranean Rim Economies: Time for a Re-think

Chair: Mina Toksoz, Manchester Business School

The Mediterranean Rim: Looking for a Growth Engine - Mina Toksoz, Manchester
Business School

New Economic Models for the Middle East and North Africa - Claire Spencer,
Chatham House

The Structural Reform Challenge in Southern EU - Charles Jenkins, insighteu.com

The US Approach to the Mediterranean - Katerina Dalacoura, London School of
Economics & Political Science

6K The Far-Reaching Influences of the Ottoman State

Chair: Anthony Gorman, University of Edinburgh

Insulator or Conveyor of Security Threats?: The Ottoman Origins of Contemporary
Terrorism and Nationalism in Europe and the Middle East - Marc Sinan Winrow,
London School of Economics & Political Science

Networks for Heritage: Athens, Constantinople, Egypt, Samos and Smyrna in late
Ottoman History - Artemis Papatheodorou, University of Oxford

Hamidian Caliphatism in the Wilsonian Moment - Melis Hafez, Virginia
Commonwealth University

6L Differing Approaches to Understanding the Securitisation of MENA Migration in Europe

Chair: Richard McNeil-Willson, University of Exeter

The Jihadi Migrant: Charting the Impact of European Responses to the 'Foreign
Fighter Phenomenon' on the Secularisation of Migration Routes - Richard McNeil-
Willson, University of Exeter

Good Camp, Bad Camp: The Securitisation of Migration within EU 'Human-Centred'
Responses to the MENA 'Refugee Crisis' - Silvia Truini, University of Exeter and
University of Southampton



The Impact of Islamophobic Discourse on European Perspectives of Crises - Priya Sara Mathews, Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna

A Gendered Perspective on the Syrian Refugee Crisis, and Racial Prejudice in Europe: The Case of 'Islamic Rape of Europe' - Isobel Kingscott, University of Exeter

Sex with the Other: Anxieties and Representations of Gender in Europe during the Refugee Crisis - Marta Della Libera, SOAS, University of London

Mandaean Identity Challenges: From the Iraq-Iran Border to Diaspora Communities - Marta Marsano, University of Exeter

17.00 – 17.30: **Coffee Break**

17.30 – 18.30: **Plenary No. 2**

Laurie Brand: 'Migrants and Refugees: Making and Unmaking the Middle Eastern State'

Chair: Thomas Pierret, University of Edinburgh

18.30: **Conference Drinks Reception, Informatics Forum**

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8.30: **Tea/Coffee**

9.00 – 11.00: **Panel 7**

7A Syrian Refugees in Turkey: Integration, Education and Employment

Chair: Mana Ece Tuna, TED University

Evaluation of the Status of Syrian Refugees in Turkey - Tamas Dudlak Corvinus, University of Budapest

The Local Integration of Refugees in the Middle East: Syrian Refugees in Turkey - Durukan Kuzu, Coventry University

Turkey's Policy on Education of Syrian Children - Mana Ece Tuna, TED University and Elif Karsli, TED University

Understanding Turkey's Policy towards Refugees: Unpacking National and Local Politics - Fulya Memisoglu Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford



Ottoman Background to the National Refugee Regime in Turkey - Onur Yildirim,
Middle East Technical University

7B Theories and Practices of Political Movements and State Formation in Egypt and the Middle East

Chair: Shima Shahbazi, University of Sydney

Feminism and Social Change in Contemporary Egypt - Lucia Sorbera, University of Sydney

Marxism or Left-wing Nationalism: The 'New Left in Egypt' in the 1970s - Gennaro Gervasio, University Roma Tre

Foran's Third World Revolutions: A Theoretical and Empirical Critique in the Wake of the Tunisian and Egyptian Uprisings - Gianni Del Panta, University of Siena

Everyday State Formation in Revolutionary Societies - Sandra Pogodda, University of Manchester

7C Culture Navigating Between East and West

Chair: Maxwell Stocker, Texas Tech University

Writing Westward: Halide Edib's English Journalism, 1908-1911 - Kaitlin Staudt, University of Oxford

The Conflict between East and West in Lenin al-Ramli's Plays - Tiran Manucharyan, University of St. Andrews

Mediating East and West: Romanticism and Orientalism in Kahlil Gibran's Bilingual Oeuvre - Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

Cultural Movement and Transition in Eastern Mediterranean Literature: Depictions of Home and the Other in Homer's Odyssey and the Tale of Sinuhe - Maxwell Stocker, Texas Tech University

Identity and Alterity in Contemporary Arabic Poetry: Perspectives towards the "West" in poems of Maḥmūd Darwīš, Adūnīs und Fu'ād Rifqa - Hanan Natour, University of Oxford

7D Juxtaposing Identities: Migration, Minorities and Language

Chair: Paul Rowe, Trinity Western University



No Place Like Home? Understanding the Attitudes and Identity Maintenance of Persian Speakers in the UAE - James Worrall, POLIS, University of Leeds and Alam Saleh, University of Exeter

Turkish or Egyptian?: An Ambassador with Two Nationalities - Büsra Barin, Middle East Technical University in Ankara

Pluralism and the Future of Christian Minorities in Middle Eastern States - Paul Rowe, Trinity Western University

Labour Migration in Egyptian Public Discourse - Relli Shechter, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

7E Transformation and Movement in the Literature of the Middle East

Chair: Paul Starkey, Durham University

The Shidyqs: A Dysfunctional Maronite Family in Nineteenth Century Lebanon - Paul Starkey, Durham University

The Flux of a Mystical-Surrealist Trend through the Middle East and North Africa - Arturo Monaco, Sapienza, University of Rome

Religious Intertextuality and Spiritual Journeys in Two Works by Abd al-Hakim Qasim - Christina Phillips, University of Exeter

Tracing the Movement of Blood Vengeance Poetry, from the Classical Arabic Poetic Tradition to the Present - Dena Fakhro, SOAS, University of London

7F Yemen: Conflict, Identity and Change

Chair: Helen Lackner, London Middle East Institute

The Role of Migration in Yemen's Development 1980-2015 - Helen Lackner, London Middle East Institute, SOAS, University of London

The Yemeni Political Crisis: Elites, Uprisings and the Civil Society - Susanne Dahlgren, University of Tampere and National University of Singapore

A Border that has Defied Unification - Noel Brehony, MENAS Associates

"Death to America, Death to Israel, ... Victory to Islam": The Huthi Movement's Framing of Localised Grievances in Terms of International Politics - Alexander Weissenburger, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Transformation of Tribal Perceptions on the Yemeni-Saudi Border - Lisa Lenz, Austrian Academy of Sciences



7G Demographic Imbalances in the Gulf States

Chair: Wojciech Grabowski, University of Gdansk

Qatar's Indian Question: What Impact has Qatar's Large Indian Migrant Population had on the Recognised Boundaries of the Gulf State? - Joe Worthington, University of Exeter

Societal Security in Qatar: A Security Approach to Mobilities and Immigration the Gulf - Betul Dogan Akkas, Gulf Studies Centre, Qatar University

Kafala System: The Threat for the Social Stability - Wojciech Grabowski, University of Gdansk

7H Islamic Law and Intellectualism

Chair: Serena Tolino, University of Hamburg

Ghayat al-Amani fi al-Istimta` bi al-Jawari Or, Sexual Pleasure and Slave Concubinage: Nazar, Mass and Wat' in Islamic Law from the Formative Period to ISIS - Omar Anchassi, University of Exeter

Islamist Thinkers as Organic Intellectuals – A Gramscian Approach - Massimo Ramaoli, Syracuse University

Muslim Emigration to the West According to the Jurisprudence of the Saudi Permanent Committee for Fatwas and Research - Carlo DeAngelo, University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Navigating Bodies: The Debate on Sex-Reassignment Surgery in Islamic Law - Serena Tolino, University of Hamburg

7I The Struggle to Define a Nation: Rethinking Religious Nationalism in the Contemporary Islamic World

Chair: Youssef Choueiri, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies; University of Manchester

Syria's Lebanonization Process: An Historical Excursus within the "Non-Existence" of Syrian National – Marco Demichelis, Catholic University of Sacred Heart

Religious Nationalism in the Official Culture of Multi-Confessional Lebanon - Alex Henley, University of Oxford

"Under the Same Flag": The Copts of Egypt and the Challenges of the Nasserist Nationalism - Alessia Melcangi, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart



Religion, Politics and Land: Palestinian Christians and Religious Leaderships in the Midst of the Israeli- Palestinian Conflict - Paolo Maria Maggiolini, Catholic University of Sacred Heart

Patriarchal Leadership and Institutional Development in the Modern Coptic Orthodox Church - Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser University

7J Political Islam: Modern Discourses

Chair: Simon Stjernholm, University of Copenhagen

Transition in the Middle East: Between Illiberal Democracy and Conservative Secularism - Taner Dogan, City, University of London

Egyptian Muslim Brothers in Turkey: Re-Launch or Dissolution Ahead - Güliz Dinç, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University and Ahmed Amin, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University

Radical or Role Model: Reflections on a Swedish Muslim Preacher - Simon Stjernholm, University of Copenhagen

Is "The Impossible State" of Hallaq Possible? Sanhuri's Version of a Modern Islamic State - Hamad M. S. Al-Adwani, University of Exeter

Colonial Education and the Shaping of Islamism in Sudan, 1946-1956 - Willow Berridge, Newcastle University

11.00 – 11.30: **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 13.30: **Panel 8**

8A Forces for Change in the Post-Arab Spring Middle East

Chair: Noha Mellor, University of Bedfordshire

Digital Resistance, Resource Scarcity and Refugees: Will the Kingdoms Crumble? - Deborah Wheeler, American Public University and United States Naval Academy

Voice of the Brotherhood - Noha Mellor, University of Bedfordshire

Refugees, Hijrah, and the Syria Crisis - Brannon Wheeler, American Public University and United States Naval Academy

The Media Elite: Agent of Change or Conformity? An Egyptian Case Study - Fatima Issawi, London School of Economics and Political Science



8B The Discourse and Propaganda of 'Islamic State'

Chair: Elena Pokalova, National Defence University

Dabiq and Rumiya: Islamic State's Propaganda Mechanism - Paulami Sanyal,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Islamic Caliphate in ISIL'S Discourses: A Social Myth - Marco Jovanovic,
Institute of Social Sciences

Radicalisation on the Move: The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon - Elena Pokalova,
National Defence University

"Give Glad Tidings to the Strangers": The Sufi 'Stranger' Re-Imagined as ISIS's
'Muhajiroun' - Nabeelah Jaffer, University of Oxford

ISIL's Narrative in Mosul and Raqqa, and How to Counter It - Amjed Rasheed,
University of Durham

What Explains the Expansion the "IS" Organization and Its Ideology? - Hassanein Ali,
Zayed University

8C Democracy, Authoritarianism and State Institutions in the Middle East

Chair: Shima Hatab, Cairo University

Handling the Wave: Authoritarian Survival in Egypt after the Arab Uprisings -
Begüm Zorlu, University College London

Contested Ideational Frames and Authoritarian Upgrading in Egypt in the Post-2013
Period - Shima Hatab, Cairo University

Democracy, Cyber Policy and Data Localization: Evidence from Turkey, Iran, Egypt
and Saudi Arabia (Virtual Movements: Social Media, Gaming, and Global
Communications Networks) - Hamid Akin Unver, University of Oxford and Kadir Has
University

The Cyber Impact on Political Performance: The Activation of Users' Role and The
Competition for The Ownership of Space - Reem Albarakat, Queen's University,
Belfast and Gehan Selim, Queen's University, Belfast

Fighting for a Civic Nation: The "I am an Israeli" Organisation as a post-Zionist/post-
"Canaanite" Phenomenon - Roman Vater, University of Oxford



8D Movement, Development and Intervention in the International Relations of the Middle East

Chair: Chuck Thiessen, Coventry University

Discussant: Katerina Dalacoura

The Fundament of Indonesia-Middle East Relations - Siti Mutiah Setiawati, Gadjah Mada University and Luqman Hakim, Brawijaya University

Turkey's Intervention in Somalia: (Dis)Trust between Turkish and Traditional Interveners - Chuck Thiessen, Coventry University

8E Beyond Vulnerability: The Creative use of Social Capital and Habitus Among Middle Eastern Immigrants and Refugees

Chair: Dalia Abdelhady, Lund University

Everydayness of Precarity: Negotiations of Survival among Queer Refugees from Iran in Turkey - Eda Hatice Farsakoglu, Lund University

Reconfiguration of Palestinians' Identities in Sweden: Mobilisation in Diaspora to Survive - Fanny Christou, Lund University

The Role of Social Capital in Understanding Refugees' Incorporation and Adaptability into Host Countries – Dalia Abdelhady, Lund University

Secularism, Art, Activism and Social Networks of Syrians in Denmark and Sweden - Josepha Wessels, Lund University

8F The Politics of Drama, Culture and Tradition

Chair: Hilla Peled-Shapira, Bar-Ilan University

A Symbolic Dramatisation: Estrangement as a Condition and a Strategy in Contemporary Poems by Women of the Iranian Diaspora - Giulia Valsecchi, University of Bergamo

Betrayed by Beloveds: The Politics of Fiction in Fascist Italy and Kemalist Turkey - Kara A. Peruccio, University of Chicago

Between Exile and Homeland: The Complex Hybrid Identity of a Kurdish Poet - Hilla Peled-Shapira, Bar-Ilan University

Watching Arbud Cook: Learning Bedouin Knowledge as We Walk - Olivia Mason, Durham University



Mashreq/Maghreb Interactions in Two Contemporary Jordanian Novels: A Case Study on How Literature Reflects Generational Differences within Inter-Arab Solidarity - Fernanda Fischione, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza'

8H Towards an Appropriate Pedagogy in the United Arab Emirates: Local vs. International Educational Models

Chair: Sabrina DeTurk, Zayed University

The Migration of Educational Systems: Appropriation versus Assimilation - Dahlia Mahmoud, Zayed University

Design Education in the UAE: Challenges and Opportunities - Mehdi Sabet, Zayed University

Cultural Heritage, Mobility and Pedagogy in the United Arab Emirates - Sarina Wakefield, Zayed University

8I Transottomanica: Eastern European-Ottoman-Persian Mobility Dynamics

Chair: Stefan Rohdewald, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

The Wiles of Women as a Trans-Ottoman Concept - David Selim Sayers, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Migration of Printed Books between the Ottoman Empire and Eastern Europe in the 16th and 17th Centuries - Taisiya Leber, Gutenberg University of Mainz

Soldiers from the Ottoman Empire in the Russian Service, 1500 to 1700 - Oleg Rusakovskiy, Independent scholar

In the Triangle of the Great Powers: Interactional Spaces of the Kings and Nobility of Eastern Georgia, 1555-1724 - Nana Kharebava, Marburg University

The Making of Muslim Modernity in the Peripheries of Transottomanica. Similarities and Entanglements between Habsburg Bosnia, Russian Crimea, and the Ottoman World - Dennis Dierks, University of Jena

8J Workers on the Move: Labour, Capital and the State in the Contemporary Middle East

Chair: John Chalcraft, London School of Economics & Political Science

Never too Old to Protest: Pensioners' Movements and Labour Unions in Contemporary Iran - Zep Kalb, University of Oxford



State workers: Egyptian Experts and Soldiers in Yemen 1962-1967 - Joshua Rogers,
SOAS, University of London

New Forms of Precarity in Turkey: The Life and Work Conditions of Irregular
Migrants - Nazli Senses, Baskent University

Between Settler Colonialism and Neoliberalism: Casual Labour in Israel - Sai Englert,
SOAS, University of London

The Working and Living Experiences of Highly Skilled African Migrant Workers in
Doha, Qatar - Eneze Baye, Brock University

13.30: End of Conference