2018 BRISMES Conference

New Approaches to Studying the Middle East

King’s College London

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Monday 25 June

8:30  Tea/Coffee

9:00  Welcome: Stuart Laing and Prof Jeroen Gunning
Plenary 1: Prof Ussama Makdisi, chaired by Stuart Laing

10:30  Coffee break

10:45 – 12:45 Panel sessions 1

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### 19:00 – 21:00 Buffet conference reception @Bush House, King’s College London

120 Tickets for this catered reception will be made available for booking in June, prior to the conference.
Tuesday 26 June

8:30  Tea/Coffee

9:00 – 11:00  Panel sessions 4

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G.80  4A Towards Writing a “New” Ottoman Intellectual History: Approaches to Intellectual Traditions, Sources and Historiographical Debates (Tanya Ela Lawrence)
1.16  4B Re-thinking ‘Race’ and the Middle East (Teodora Todorova)
1.17  4C The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood in the Aftermath of 2013: Strategic Adaptation and Ideological Change (Doha Samir Mostafa Abdelgawad)
1.70  4D Digital and Social Media Approaches to Studying the Middle East (Anya Evans)
1.71  4E Qabila in the 21st Century: Examining the Role of Tribes in the Arabian Peninsula (Courtney Freer)
2.40  4F Experiments in the Middle East (Marwa Shalaby)
2.80  4G ‘An Editing of Life’: Literary Genre and Poetics across the MENA
1.20  4H Cultural production II: Orientalism in Material Culture
2.81  4I The MENA in the World: Studies in International Relations

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00  Plenary 2: Prof Lara Deeb, chaired by Prof Jeroen Gunning

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch

13:30 – 14:30  BRISMES AGM (room 6.79)

14:30 – 16:30  Panel sessions 5

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1.16  5A Norm adoption and the role of institutions in the MENA: Uniting Constructivist Perspectives (Kiran K Phull & Catherine Baylin Duryea)
1.17  5B Foreign Policy in the Gulf: A New Middle East Order and Its Emerging Players (Ismail Numan Telci)
1.20  5C Intra- and Inter-Sect Dynamics and the Study of Sunni-Shi’i Relations (Elvire Corboz)
1.21  5D Health, Medicine, and Biopolitics in the MENA
1.71  5E How Global Trends in Research, Technology and Development are Transforming Israel-Palestinian Conflict Dynamics (Toufic Haddad)
1.70  5F Politics and Society in Tunisia: Part 2
2.80  5G Literature, Language, and Narrative Experiments
2.40  5H Southern-led Responses to Displacement in the MENA Region (Estella Carpi)
2.81  5I New Perspectives on Settler Colonialism in Palestine

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17:00 – 19:00  Spotlight Panels

*No standard panels will be scheduled alongside these special sessions*

Spotlight Panel I: Culture in the MENA
Spotlight Panel II: The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement
Spotlight Panel III: New Approaches to the Study of Protest in the MENA (organised by the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, King’s College London)
Spotlight Panel IV: The Trump Presidency and the Middle East

19:00 – 21:00  Drinks Reception @ Franklin-Wilkins Building, Waterloo Campus, King’s College London
Sponsored by the British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle Eastern Studies

**British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize Shortlist** (announced by Prof Yasir Suleiman)

*Book prize judges:*
Frances Guy, UNDP, Regional Bureau for Arab States
Professor Carole Hillenbrand, Universities of St Andrews and Edinburgh
Professor Yasir Suleiman, University of Cambridge
Sir Roger Tomkys
Professor Charles Tripp, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

**Award for Services to Middle Eastern Studies** (presented by Prof Paul Starkey)
Wednesday 27 June

8:30 Tea/Coffee

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1.20  8D Syrian civil war: From Historic Reasons to Modern Civil Society Rebuilding (Daria Vorobyeva)
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1.21  8F Politics and Sociology in Morocco
1.71  8G The Politics of Time and Memory in the Middle East – 1 (Roberto Roccu)
2.40  8H Assembling the Middle East
2.80  8I Protest in Post-2011 Egypt

16:30 – 17:00  Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30  Plenary 3: Dr Seteney Shami chaired by Prof Leif Stenberg
Sponsored by The Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations
Thursday 28 June

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<td>9D The Impact of Changing Identities and Ideologies on Regional Order in the Post-2011 Middle East and North Africa (Katerina Dalacoura) <em>This panel is supported by the MENARA (Middle East and North African Architecture) project.</em></td>
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Placing the “Sideshow” at the Center: Humanitarian Aid in the Eastern Mediterranean during WWI
Melanie Tanielian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Excavating First and Second Generation Memories of World War I in Lebanon
Catherine Batruni, American University of Beirut
Lebanon’s Social History and the U.S. National Archives: A Geography of Migration and Remittances during World War I
Graham Auman Pitts, North Carolina State University
The Gender History of World War I in Beirut from the Ottoman Archives
Kate Dannies, Georgetown University

1B Trauma in the Middle East Panel I: Silence and Testimony (Vivienne Matthies-Boon & Una McGahern)
Chair: Una McGahern, Newcastle University
“I can’t listen anymore”: Trauma, Wellbeing and the Politics of Not Listening in Egypt
Nel Vanderkerckhove & Vivienne Matthies-Boon, University of Amsterdam
Transactions of ‘Silence’ in the construction of Pain: Sexual Violence in the mist of June 30, Egypt
Marta Agosti, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Narrating the Everyday in Deeply Divided Societies: Stories of Place, Stories of Conflict, Stories of Wellbeing
Dima Smaira, Lebanese University of Beirut
The Imaginary Kinship of War, Political Suppression, and Earthquake in the Post-Revolutionary Iran: The Language That Shatters and Stiches
Shahla Talebi, Arizona State University
Shattered Minds, Shattered Bodies, Unshattered Desire: Negotiating Bordering and Debordering in Cypriot Literature
Angelos Evangelou, University of Kent

1C ‘My homeland is not a suitcase’: Refugees, Migration, and Displacement
Chair: Ceyda Karamursel, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
‘Here we are the walking dead’: understanding the migration aspirations, routes and networks of refugee youth in Gaza
Caitlin Procter, University of Oxford/Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
Who governs migrants’ welfare in Morocco? State, donors and NGOs in migration governance
Lorena Gazzotti, University of Cambridge
Assessment of Humanitarian organisations in Lebanon, Syrian Refugees & European security
Nasser Kalawoun, Independent Researcher
Terrorism, Politics, and Narratives of Fear: How Journalists Impact Syrian Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.
Sara Shaban, University of Missouri
Children of the No-man’s Land: War, Displacement and the Making of an Extralegal Order in the Reform-era Ottoman Empire
Ceyda Karamursel, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

1D Approaching the Geographies and Spatialities of Middle Eastern Border Politics (Richard Schofield & Daniel Meier)
Chair: Richard Schofield, King’s College London
Space in Politics: bringing border studies to the Middle East
Daniel Meier, University of Geneva
Representing the Sinai and Negev in films: border spaces, battlefields and touristic spaces
Thomas Richard, Université d’Auvergne
Borderlines and storylines: using the narrative form to reinvigorate geography’s study of international boundaries
Peter Waring, King’s College London/Ridgeway Information

The continued plurality of Middle Eastern territorial challenges and questions of legacy
Richard Schofield, King’s College London

1E Reconsidering Political Narratives: Architectural and Urban Approaches to Studying Arab Cities (Dena Qaddumi)
Chair: Dena Qaddumi, University of Cambridge
The Paradox of an Unwanted Capital City: Investigating Ramallah’s Architectural and Urban Developments in Palestine
Anwar Jaber, University of Cambridge

Revisiting TheCairene Narrative: Understanding ‘Ashwa’iyyat as a Cultural Landscape
Ahmed El-Husseiny, University of Cambridge

Morphologies of Neoliberal Development: The Failed Project of the Capital in Beirut
Yasmina El Chami, University of Cambridge

Empire and the City: Towards an Urban History of Late Ottoman and British Palestine
Nadi Abusaada, University of Cambridge

Positioning the Arab City in the Post Arab Spring Research Agenda
Dena Qaddumi, University of Cambridge

1F (De)coding the MENA: Social Media and Digital Technology
Chair: Anya Evans, London School of Economics
Social Networks and Smartphones Crystallize Identity amongst Immigrant Communities
Amira Halperin, The Hebrew University

The Arab Spring and Emergence of ‘Virtual’ Female Public Sphere in Saudi Arabia
Md. Muddassir Quamar, Institute for Defense Studies & Analyses

The Digital Divide In Tunisia: Barriers and Facilitators of ICT Use Among Middle and Low-Middle Class Tunisians
Ikram Toumi, Kent State University, Ohio

WhatsApp as Research Medium: Methodological Reflections on New Digital Approaches
Lisa Lenz, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Inside Out: Internal Dynamics of Diaspora Digital Networks
Johanne Kübler, European University Institute

1G Politics and Society in Tunisia: part 1
Chair: Melek Saral, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Tunisia: A Case Study in Understanding Human Dignity by Reference to its Absence
Erin Collins, University of Michigan

Examining Anew Tunisia’s (Passive) Revolution: UCD and NGO-ization
Matt Gordner, University of Toronto / Southern Mediterranean University

Spectacular Tunis: counter-spaces, enclosed knowledge & the production of peripheries
Myriam Amri, Harvard University

Human Rights in the post Arab Spring Tunisia: Challenges and Opportunities
Melek Saral, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

1H Music at the Limits
Chair: Polly Withers, Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Kenyon Institute
Beyond Resistance: Liminal Politics in Palestinian Music
Polly Withers, Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Kenyon Institute

Pop Culture and Marginality in Tunisia: the case of Heavy Metal and Electronic Music Scenes
Stefano Barone, Griffith University (Australia)

New Arabism in Pop Songs: Three case studies of young singers from Egypt
Mariam Aboelezz, Centre for Social and Cultural Research, British Library
Evoking Karbala: the Politics of Affect in Iranian Wartime and Postrevolutionary Maddahi-Rituals
Maryam Aras, University of Bonn

11 Meditations on the Moderation-Inclusion Hypothesis
Chair: Yaniv Voller, University of Kent
Moderation as Role Conception: The Ascent and Evolution of the “Moderate Arabs”
Yaniv Voller, University of Kent
Being reasonable, being moderate: ‘secular’ subjectivity and the post-Oslo generation
Stacey Gutkowski, King's College London
The ‘Inclusion-Moderation’ Delusion: Reframing the Islamic Movement inside Israel
Craig Larkin, King’s College London
Moderation-Inclusion Hypothesis Revisited: Redefining Islamist Actors in the Post-Arab Uprisings Era
Nur Koprulu, Near East University

13:45 – 15:45

2A Contending Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Sectarian Mobilisation (Toby Dodge/Raymond Hinnebusch/Morten Valbjørn)
Chair: Toby Dodge, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Structure, agency and Bourdieu: rethinking political identities in the contemporary Middle East
Toby Dodge, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Ontologies of Sectarian Identity: the many layers of Sunni-Shia relations
Fanar Haddad, National University of Singapore
Eclectic approaches to understanding the sectarian surge and its consequences: the Syrian case
Raymond Hinnebusch, University of St Andrews
Beyond the Beyond: On the (Many) Third Way(s) Beyond Primordialism and Instrumentalism in the Study of Sectarianism
Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University

2B Transnational Diaspora Mobilisation: Approaches for Understanding Diaspora Political Engagement in the MENA (Gillian Kennedy & Dana Moss)
Chair: Gillian Kennedy, King’s College London
Episodic and sustained diaspora political mobilisation among the Egyptian community in the United Kingdom post-2011
Gillian Kennedy, King’s College London
Diaspora Mobilization for the Arab Spring: Incorporation, Mobility, and Boundary-Spanning Transnationalism
Dana Moss, University of Pittsburgh
The Rise and Fall of Egyptian Diasporic Activism from Nasser to el-Sisi
Gerasimos Tsourapas, University of Birmingham

2C Trauma in the Middle East II: Space, Mobility and Political Mobilisation (Vivienne Matthies-Boon & Una McGahern)
Chair: Vivienne Matthies-Boon, University of Amsterdam
Surmounting fear and coping with collective political trauma: the use of safe spaces by Palestinian protesters in Israel
Una McGahern, Newcastle University
Landscapes of Resilience: Everyday Life in Post-War Beirut
John Hanna, TU Delft
Traumatic and Emotional Spaces: Rethinking the City through its displaced inhabitants
Gehan Selim, University of Leeds  
A Question of Life and Death: Egypt’s Revolution and its Traumatic Aftermath  
Vivienne Matthies-Boon, University of Amsterdam  
Affective Geographies of a Revolution: The Aftermath of Trauma and the Politics of Emotions in Post 2011 Egypt  
Dina Makram-Ebeid, American University in Cairo

2D Arab Economic Thought: Histories and Horizons (Hicham Safieddine)  
Chair: Hicham Safieddine, DMES, King’s College London  
Genealogies of Arab Economic Thought: Men of Capital and Women of Thrift  
Sherene Seikaly, University of California Santa Barbara  
Liberating the Laboring Body: Disease, labor, and national economy in public health discourse in Egypt, 1940-1956  
Jennifer L. Derr, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Farms of the Future: Agrarianism and the Imagination of a Post-Imperial Capitalism in Egypt, 1919-1929  
Ahmad Shokr, Swarthmore College  
Post-WWII Arab Economic Thought: Liberalism, Nationalism, and the Technocratic Imperative  
Hicham Safieddine, DMES, King’s College London

2E West Asia and North Africa in Global International Relations: Advancing Methodologies and Concepts (Jan Wilkens)  
Chair: Jan Wilkens, University of Hamburg  
Actually existing Eurocentrism: International political economy and the Middle East and North Africa  
Hannes Baumann, University of Liverpool  
Translocal activism and the Syrian struggle in global politics – A reflexive research approach to agency in International Relations  
Jan Wilkens, University of Hamburg  
Autocratic participation in military interventions in the Arab world  
Hanna Pfeifer, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg  
State Formation as an Outcome of the Colonial Encounter: the case of Iraq (1918-1921)  
Aula Hariri, London School of Economics  
Sectarianism without Sects? Challenging the Mainstream Analysis of Conflict in Lebanon and the Middle East  
Rima Majed, American University Beirut (AUB)

2F I Love Cinema: Studies in Film and Visual Representation  
Chair: Kay Dickinson, Concordia University, Montreal  
The Labour of Revolutionary Video Collectives  
Kay Dickinson, Concordia University, Montreal  
Cultural cross-references in Middle Eastern conflicts narratives  
Thomas Richard, Centre Michel de l’Hospital Université Clermont-Auvergne  
Brothers-in Arms: Visual Commonalities between US and IS Recruitment Strategies  
Lawrie Phillips and Maha Ghalwash, British University in Egypt  
Hollywood and Israel since 1948: A special relationship?  
Tony Shaw, University of Hertfordshire (co-authored by Giora Goodman, Kinneret College, Israel)  
HD Jurisprudence: Law Enforcement in Egyptian TV Series  
Gianluca P Parolin, Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London

2G Focus on Jordan: Law, Politics, and Sociology  
Chair: Ahmad Abdel-Hadi, Durham University  
Neoliberalism and Public Dissent in Jordan and Morocco: A critical assessment  
Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University (co-authored with Tarik Oumazzane, Nottingham Trent University)  
Jordanian-Palestinian relations and its impact on Identity Formation in Jordan
Ahmad Abdel-Hadi, Durham University
Researching Mobilisation and Repression in the MENA: Reflections on Studying Al-Hirāk Al-Shabābī Al-ʿUrdunī (the Jordanian Youth Movement)

Maria Blanco Palencia, University of Exeter/Alfama International University Centre (MIUC)

Tariq Tell, American University of Beirut

2H Occupation Diaries: Palestinian Life Writing and Testimony
Chair TBC
The narration of suffering and political existence in Palestinian literature
Aarushi Punia, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
Mediating Memory: Oral Histories of the Nakba Online
Christa Blackmon, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies alumni
Discovering the strategy of inversion – learning from self-led responses to deculturalization
Kawthar El-Gasem, Hochschule Düsseldorf University of Applied Sciences
Out of Exile: Imagining the Homeland in Palestinian Return Memoirs
Matthew DeMaio, George Washington University

2I Oil and Natural Resources in the Middle East
Chair: Evaleila Pesaran, Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge
Re-Defining Natural Resource Rents in the Context of the Middle East
Ahmed Mohamed Badreldin, Philipps University of Marburg
Oil, Sovereignty and Hierarchy in the Global Order: Iran in the 1930s
Evaleila Pesaran, Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge
Oil in Saudi-Iranian relations in the post-1979
Sukru Cildir, Lancaster University
Oil and the Drive for the Unification of Sultanate and Imamate in Oman, 1920-1955
Francis Owtram, University of Exeter

2J Propaganda and Sectarianism in the MENA
Chair TBC
From the Middle East of Sykes-Picot to the Middle East of Islam: A study on political philosophy of pan-Islamism in the restoration of Caliphate
Hossein Alizadeh, Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI)
Explaining leftist-Sadrist cooperation in Iraq’s 2015 Reform Protest Movement
Benedict Robin, University of Edinburgh
Conjuring up a Twelver Shi’ite Huthi Imam: Anti-Huthi Propaganda and the Narrative of the Sunni-Shia Conflict
Alexander Weissenburger, Austrian Academy of Sciences

16:15 – 18:15

3A Re-locating Arab and Muslim Worlds in the Global South (Silvia Ferabolli)
Chair: Silvia Ferabolli, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul
Who’s Afraid of Arab Wo(o)lf? Rethinking the Concept of the Arab World in Germany and Beyond
Ala Al-Hamarneh, Center for Research on the Arab World, University of Mainz
Reconsidering Middle Eastern Studies: The Case for Scalar-Spatial Analysis
Fouad Gehad Marei, Freie Universität Berlin
Reshaping the city landscape: Urban Pakistan and a Quest for Dubai
Sanaa Alimia, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient
The GCC-Mercosur Agreement: Reframing the debate on South-South relations
Silvia Feraboli, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

3B The Politics of Identity: Revisiting an Old Debate in a New Middle East (Morten Valbjørn)
Chair: Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University
‘Security and Self’ in the Middle East
Pinar Bilgin, Bilkent University, Turkey
Rethinking Identity Politics in Jordan
Curtis R. Ryan, Appalachian State University
Identity politics in comparative perspective: Israel and the broader Middle East
Raffaella A. Del Sarto, SAIS Europe, Johns Hopkins University, Italy
Role Recognition: A Cultural Explanation of the Saudi Intervention in Yemen
May Darwich, Durham University
Three Ways of Discussing New Identity Politics in Middle East International Relations
Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University

3C Roundtable: Academic Freedom in Peril? Middle East Studies, Israel-Palestine, the Prevent Duty and Accusations of Anti-Semitism (Nicola Pratt)
Chair: Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick
Mark LeVine, University of California, Irvine
Lucia Sorbera, University of Sydney, Australia
Ronit Lentin
Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick
Afaf Jabiri, University of East London

3D Turkey: Contentious Politics, Political Developments
Chair: Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London
Can Martyrdom be Neoliberal? A Case Study of the 15th July Coup in Turkey
Claire Dowling, University of Oxford
Desecularization in a Secular State? Expansion of the Religious Sphere in Contemporary Turkey
Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London
Sectarianised Securitisation in Turkey in the Wake of the 2011 Arab Uprisings
Ceren Lord, University of Oxford
Power and Islam in Turkey: The Relationship Between the AKP and Sunni Islamic Groups
Emrah Celik, Freelance researcher
The İsmailağa Community and its Relationship with The AK Party
Efrat Aviv, Bar Ilan University, Israel

3E Gender, Sexuality and the State
Chair: Rahaf Aldoughli, University of Manchester
Constructing the Nation: Masculinism and Gender Bias in Syrian Nationalism
Rahaf Aldoughli, University of Manchester
Beyond the Sexualization of Syrian Women Refugees
Massarah Dawood, York University
Dana Olwan, Syracuse University and Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
Ethnography of Violence Against Women in Morocco
Katja Žvan Elliott, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco
‘An archaic Law does not govern us today’ – Towards an institutionalisation of gender equality in the Lebanese family code: KAFA civil society as a case study
Ines Devesa Buades, University of Leeds (Alumni)

3F Civil War and Political Order in Lebanon
Chair: Francesco Belcastro
Unsettling the Pact? The National Pact in Lebanese Political Tradition
Borja Wladimiro González Fernández, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Lebanon’s New Electoral Law: Would the newly introduced Proportional Representation be effective in a predominant Majoritarian Context?
Sami Ofeish, University of Balamand, Lebanon
Encountering Local Difference: UNIFIL and political order in South Lebanon
Jan Daniel, Institute of International Relations, Prague
A global movement with local ramifications: The 1968 movement and the inclusion of female militia members during the Lebanese civil war
Jennifer Philippa Eggert, Institute of Advanced Study, University of Warwick
Rethinking the Role of Religion in the Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990)
Lianne Vostermans, Durham University & King’s College London

3G Paths, Places, Positions: Locating Palestine
Chair: Reema Salha Fadda, University of Oxford
The experience economy: Walking the Masar Ibrahim, in the occupied Palestinian West Bank
Patricia Sellick, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University and Jessica Menasce, Abraham Path Initiative
Towards a Transnational Museum? Negotiating the Political Economy of Cultural Production in Palestine
Reema Salha Fadda, University of Oxford
Places That Endure: Palestinian Women’s Spacings in the Occupied Territories
Hazal Ilgaz Dolek, University of Sheffield
Palestine at the UN: Uncovering the PLO-UNRWA relationship
Anne Irfan, London School of Economics
A categorization of extra-state authorities: the Palestinian position
Rosalba Belmonte, Università degli Studi di Perugia (Italy)

3H World-(re)building: Ottoman Literary History
Chair: Peter Cherry, British Institute at Ankara
(Dis)entangling Ottoman Literary Re-form: From Edeb to Edebiyat
Mehtap Ozdemir, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Of Fragrant Minds and Fragrant Spaces: The Olfactory Imagination of Evliya Çelebi’s 17th Century Book of Travels
Rao Mohsin Ali Noor, University of Chicago
Writing Transcultural British and Ottoman Turkish Feminisms: Grace Ellison, Melek Hanim and Zeynep Hanim
Peter Cherry, British Institute at Ankara

3I Cultural production I: literature and literary culture
Chair: Sinéad Murphy, King’s College London/BRISMES Conference Coordinator
Towards Making the Minor Literature: An Analysis of Post Arab Spring Literature
Abida Younas, University of Glasgow
From Silence to Insurgency: Renarrating and Reframing Political Activism in pre- and post-2011 Syria
Mohammad Zabadi, University of Bristol
Toxic Entanglements: Imagining Iraq as a Waste Land or ard al-yabāb
Annie Webster, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Translating Gezi: Political References in Deliduman/The King of Taksim Square
Duygu Tekgül, University of the Free State
Inscribing the Revolution Through the Personal: A Critical Analysis of Ahdaf Soueif and Radwa Ashour’s Life-Writings
May Al Sahib, University of Kent

3J Kurdish Politics in the Middle East
Chair: Robert Lowe, Executive Director, BRISMES & Deputy Director, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Competing Kurdistans: Nation-building versus society-building in contemporary Kurdish politics
Nicola Degli Esposti, London School of Economics
HDP and AKP and the Battle for Democracy in Turkey
Zeynep Kaya, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Is there a ‘Kurdish model’? The Kurds’ discourses on democracy, tolerance and political pluralism
William Gourlay, Monash University
The Rojava Autonomy Model: A Solution to the Conflicts in the Midst of War?
Yasin Duman (co-authored with Ayse Betul Celik), Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR), Coventry University
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**09:00 – 11:00**

**4a Towards Writing a “New” Ottoman Intellectual History: Approaches to Intellectual Traditions, Sources and Historiographical Debates (Tanya Elal Lawrence)**
Chair: Christopher Markiewicz, University of Birmingham

Inscribing Authority in Ottoman Legal Culture: The Afterlife of the Fetvas of Şeyhülislam Zekeriyaзаде Yahya Efendi (d. 1644)
Evren Sünnetcioğlu, Central European University

The Making of an Ottoman Atlas: İbrahim Hamdi Efendi and the Ottoman Production of Geographical Knowledge
İşın Taylan, Yale University

Of Apposition and Opposition: A Study in Interweaving Histories of Iranian Emigré-Dissidents with Late Ottoman History Writing
Tanya Elal Lawrence, Yale University

Writing magical realist history: the miracle of migration and the mundanity of miracles in late Ottoman Palestine
Jacob Norris, University of Sussex

**4B Re-thinking ‘Race’ and the Middle East (Teodora Todorova)**
Chair: Sara Salem, University of Warwick

Theorising Race in the Israeli Settler Colony
Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick

Centring Race in the Study of Palestinians in Israel
Lana Tatour, University of South Wales, Sydney

Forced adoption in Israel: settler reproduction and the politics of race
James Eastwood, Queen Mary, University of London

Lewis Turner, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute

**4C The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood in the aftermath of 2013: Strategic adaptation and ideological change (Doha Samir Mostafa Abdelgawad)**
Chair: Jannis Grimm, Freie Universität Berlin

The discursive conditions of Islamist mobilization: The Muslim Brotherhood’s struggle for ‘legitimacy’ in Egypt after the coup
Jannis Grimm, Freie Universität Berlin

Between depoliticization and radicalization: newly emerging trends within MB youth 2011-2016
Doha Abdelgawad, University of Warwick

Deliberative qualities of framing legitimacy in Egypt – A case study on the Muslim Brotherhood’s Ikwanweb after the Arab Spring
Hanan Badr, Freie Universität Berlin (co-authored by Carola Richter, Freie Universität Berlin)

Young Muslim Sisters on Democracy and Political Pluralism: Reflections from Egypt
Erika Biagini, Dublin City University

In absentia: Nation-state and Ideological revisions among the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood expatriates in Turkey
Shaimaa Magued, American University in Cairo

**4D Digital and social media approaches to studying the Middle East (Anya Evans)**
Chair: Miriyam Aouragh, Oxford University

Cutting the Face: Conflict, Tribalism, and Social Media in Networked Jordan
Geoffrey Hughes, London School of Economics

Who’s watching who? Facebook, surveillance, and conducting research in Occupied Palestine
Anya Evans, London School of Economics

Digital Flanerie: Wandering the Online Archive of the ‘Arab Spring’
Kira Allmann, Oxford University
Camouflaging cybersecurity expertise in Egypt and the Gulf states
James Shires, Oxford University
Counterterrorism and Digital Surveillance in Egypt
Amr Ismaeil, University of Aberdeen (co-authored by Ahmed M. Abozaid)

4E Qabila in the 21st Century: Examining the Role of Tribes in the Arabian Peninsula (Courtney Freer)
Chair: Courtney Freer, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
The Interaction between Tribalism, Rentierism, and Elections
Courtney Freer, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Social Evolution of Tribe and State
Alanoud Alsharekh, London Middle East Institute
The Revival of Tribalism in Qatar & Kuwait
Maryam al-Kuwari, University of Exeter

4F Experiments in the Middle East (Marwa Shalaby)
Chair: Neil Ketchley, King’s College London
Sect, Nation, and Identity after the Fall of Mosul: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment
Christopher Barrie, University of Oxford
Strongmen or Technocrats? Experimental Evidence Testing Leadership Preferences in Afghanistan
Jasmine Bhatia, Nuffield College, Oxford University
Drivers of Tolerance in Post-Arab Spring: Religious, Economic, or Government
Marwa Shalaby, Rice University and Mazen Hassan, Cairo University
Refuge, Trauma and Socio-Economic Behaviour: A Field Study Among Syrian Refugees
Mazen Hassan, Cairo University (co-authored by Sarah Mansou, Cairo University and May Gadallah, Cairo University)

4G ‚An Editing of Life’: Literary Genre and Poetics across the MENA
Chair: Hilary Kilpatrick
Transcending the Nation: Dimensions of Postcolonial Tunisian Identity in the Poetry of Munṣif al-Wahāybi
Hanan Natour, University of Oxford
Crossing Genres: Ahmad Faris al-Shidyaq and the Problem of Classification
Paul Starkey, Durham University
The Khaliya Affair: a case of confessional identity?
Hilary Kilpatrick, Lausanne
To paint and die in Arabic: Code-switching in Rabih Alameddine’s "Koolaid: The Art of War"
Syrine Hout, American University of Beirut

4H Cultural production II: Orientalism in Material Culture
Chair: Dorothy Armstrong, Victoria and Albert Museum/Royal College of Art
Between ‘the me that leaves and the me that returns’: Gertrude Bell’s Persian Gateways and Walls
Julia Szoltek, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
A Transnational Loop: Pakistan’s repossession of the ‘Oriental’ carpet imaginary and its production
Dorothy Armstrong, Victoria and Albert Museum/Royal College of Art
Unimagining Khurasan, Imagining Afghanistan
Elham Bakhtary, George Washington University
4I The MENA in the World: Studies in International Relations
Chair: Marianna Charountaki, University of Leicester
The Nature of the Relationships between Middle Eastern Leaders and China
Roie Yellinek, Bar-Ilan University
The role of China’s Belt Road Initiative in relation to conflict sites in the Middle East
Guy Burton, Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government
Formulating Middle East foreign policy: Patterns of continuity and change
Marianna Charountaki, University of Leicester
The Evolution of Public Opinion Inquiry on the Arab world: Origins and Implications
Kiran K. Phull, London School of Economics
Neoclassical Realism and Israel’s Security Policy in a shifting Regional Order in the Middle East
Philipp O. Amour, Sakarya University

14:30 – 16:30

5A Norm adoption and the role of institutions in the MENA: Uniting constructivist perspectives (Kiran K. Phull & Catherine Baylin Duryea)
Chair: Andrew Delatolla, London School of Economics
Normalising Human Rights in the Arab World: Practices from Morocco, Palestine and Kuwait
Catherine Baylin Duryea, Stanford University
Non-Violence: State Religious Authority and Moderate Islam
Annelle Sheline, George Washington University
Norm transmission through epistemic practices: Analysing public opinion research on the Arab world
Kiran K. Phull, London School of Economics
Conceptualising Democracy in the Arab World: Insights from Survey Data
Barry Maydom, University of Oxford and London School of Economics

5B Foreign Policy in the Gulf: A New Middle East Order and Its Emerging Players (Ismail Numan Telci)
Chair: Ismail Numan Telci, Sakarya University Middle East Institute
An Ambitious Player in Gulf Politics: Understanding the Foreign Policy of the UAE
Ismail Numan Telci, Sakarya University Middle East Institute (co-authored by Nebi Mis, Sakarya University Middle East Institute)
The Role of Domestic Power Struggle in Shaping Iran’s Policy towards Saudi Arabia
Mustafa Caner, Sakarya University Middle East Institute
TBD The Gulf Policy toward Libya in the post-Arab Revolutions Era
Emrah Kekilli, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University

5C Intra- and Inter-Sect Dynamics and the Study of Sunni-Shi’i Relations (Elvire Corboz)
Chair: Elvire Corboz, University of Edinburgh
Between Islamic reformism and sectarian polemics: Muhammad Rashid Ridā on Shi-ism and other non-Sunnite Muslims
Rainer Brunner, CNRS, Paris
Sunnī-Shia Sectarianism and the Puritanization of Sunni Islam
Martin Rixinger, Aarhus University
Shi’i Discourses on Islamic Unity in the UK: Reconfiguring Majority-Minority Relations within Islam
Elvire Corboz, University of Edinburgh
Dynamics of Difference: Intra-Shia Divisions in Kuwait and Bahrain
Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus University
5D Health, Medicine, and Biopolitics in the MENA
Chair: Renee Pappous, Rockefeller Archive Center
The Trauma In-Between: A Phenomenological Account of PTSD as an Intersubjective Psychopathology
Lillian Wilde, Independent Researcher
Majnuna?: Mental Illness among Women in Early 20th Century Egypt
Yasmin Shafei, American University of Beirut
A Finding Aid for Human Atrocity: Lessons from the Near East Foundation Archive
Renee Pappous, Rockefeller Archive Center
Role of Biomedical Technology in the Reform of Personal Status Legislation in the Muslim World
Ayman Shabana, Georgetown University in Qatar
Determinants of Fertility and Population Policies in MENA Countries
Mehmet Serkan Tosun, University of Nevada, Reno

5E How Global Trends in Research, Technology and Development are Transforming Israel-Palestinian Conflict Dynamics (Toufic Haddad)
Chair: Miriyam Aouragh, Oxford University
The Algorithmic Aesthetics of the Occupation in Palestine
Fabio Cristiano, Lund University, Sweden and Emilio Distretti, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Population Data in a Context of Statebuilding and Occupation in the OPT
Weeam Hammoudeh, Institute of Community and Public Health, Birzeit University
Instituting Cement
Samir Harb, University of Manchester
Social Media and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: New Disputed Territories
Marwa Fatafta
Reconstruction: Gaza's New War Frontiers
Toufic Haddad, Council for British Research in the Levant – Kenyon Institute

5F Politics and Society in Tunisia: part 2
Chair: Erin Collins, University of Michigan
Events, spontaneity, and interaction in the 2010/11 Tunisian Uprising
Jann Boeddeling, London School of Economics
The paradox of fundamentalism: Tunisia’s two extremisms
Alessandra Bonci, Laval University
Constitution-making and Democratization: Building Trust and Agreement in Tunisia
Tereza Jermanová, University of Warwick

5G Literature, Language, and Narrative Experiments
Chair: Chana Morgenstern, Cambridge University
Forbidden from Fraternizing or Life-Long Friend? Navigating the perils of omniscient narrator-ship and auto-ethnography in modern Middle Eastern settings
Richard Gauvain, American University of Malta
Fire in the Camp: Arab Marxist Aesthetics in Mizrahi Transit Camp Literature
Chana Morgenstern, Cambridge University
The Written and the Spoken: Ben-Yehuda, Bialik and Scholem and the question of Modern Hebrew
Shai Ginsberg, Duke University

5H Southern-led Responses to Displacement in the MENA Region (Estella Carpi)
Chair: Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, University College London
Keeping the Faith? Examining the roles of faith and secularism in Syrian Diaspora Organisations in Lebanon
Estella Carpi, University College London and Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, University College London
At the holy margins – How a Jordanian Evangelical church juggles the ‘global’ and the ‘local’ in the Syrian refugee response
Ann-Christine Wagner, University of Edinburgh
Debating assistance to refugees in Israel: Ethnocratic-humanitarian tensions and militarized alignments
Itamar Schachar, University of Amsterdam
A Question of Faith? Rethinking the Role of Religion, Spirituality and the Transcendent in Humanitarian Trauma Interventions with Refugees
Vivienne Matthies-Boon, University of Amsterdam (co-authored by Erina Wilson, University of Groningen)

New Perspectives on Settler Colonialism in Palestine
Chair: Ayat Hamdan, University of Exeter
Zionism Before Palestine: Limits to the Settler Colonial Framework
Gabriel Polley, University of Exeter
Settler Colonialism and Knowledge Production: “Primitive Minds” and the Othering of Indigeneity
Monica Alessandra Ronchi, University of Exeter
Settler colonialism and Displacement in Palestine
Ayat Hamdan, University of Exeter
Cycling in Israel, cycling for Israel? The curious case of the 2018 Giro d’Italia
Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby
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09:00 – 11:00

6A Encounters with Archaeology at the Outposts of Empire (Diviani Chaudhuri)
Chair: Julia Szoltypsek, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
Losing Kathleen Kenyon
Heidi J. Miller, Middlesex Community College
Imag(in)ing the Orient: Jane Dieulafoy's Visions of Empires
Anne-Caroline Sieffert, Cornell University
Between ‘the me that leaves and the me that returns’: Gertrude Bell’s Persian Gateways and Walls
Julia Szoltypsek, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
Four Women and Middle-Eastern Archaeology
Diviani Chaudhuri, Indian Institute of Management, Sirmaur

6B New Perspectives on Studying Saudi Arabia: Local, Particular, and Abroad (Nora Derbal)
Chair: Nora Derbal, Freie Universität Berlin
Civil Society in Saudi Arabia Revisited: Charity, Volunteering and Associational Life in Jeddah
Nora Derbal, Freie Universität Berlin
Urban Study Insights into the History of Popular Resistance in Qatif
Claudia Ghrawi, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin
An Ethnography of Women’s Intimate Lives, Conjugal Separation and Divorce in Riyadh
Zina Sawaf, Orient Institute Beirut
The Baqi’ Cemetery in Saudi Arabia: Reflecting on the Esthetics of Orthodoxy
Besnik Sinani, Freie Universität Berlin

6C Politics and Society in Contemporary Egypt: New Debates
Chair: Anthony Gorman, University of Edinburgh
Blurring Cultural Boundaries: the National and the Foreign in 20th century Egypt
Anthony Gorman, University of Edinburgh
Hijacking Religion: The Re- Appropriation of Religious Discourse in Contemporary Post-Coup Egypt
Mohamed Mohamed, George Mason University
Why did the Egyptian revolution fail?
Gianni Del Panta, University of Siena
Prefigurative Juridification of Politics and the Praxis of Activist Lawyers since Egypt’s 2011 Revolution
Mohammad Afshary, University of Kent
Comparative Law and the Law and Religion Issue in the Arab countries: New perspectives for Old Debate
Safa Ben Saad, Université de Sherbrooke

6D Cultural heritage in Iraq: past, present and future (Eleanor Robson)
Chair: Paul Collins, Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford
Introducing the Nahrein Network: researching the future of the Iraqi past
Eleanor Robson, University College London
Sectarian governance, conflict and the pursuit of cultural heritage ownership
Mehiyar Kathem, University College London
Museum displays and the creation of an ancient Middle East
Paul Collins, Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford
Interpretation and storytelling in Iraqi museums: Challenges and opportunities
Rozhen K. Mohammed-Amin, Sulaimani Polytechnic University

6E Identities, Plurality and Diversity in Gulf Museums and Galleries (Serena Iervolino & Sarina Wakefield)
Chair: Sarina Wakefield, Zayed University, Dubai
Gulf Museums, Migration and Cross-Cultural Exchange: 'Back to Msheireb: Shared Streets – Shared Stories' at Msheireb Museums, Doha
Serena Iervolino, King’s College London and Hafiz Ali Ali Abdulla, Msheireb Museums, Doha
Migrant Laborers and the Gulf Museum
Sarina Wakefield, Zayed University, Dubai

6F Feminism, Gender and Politics in Iran
Chair: Mariam Rahmani, University of California, Los Angeles
Reflecting female agency in the face mask: a comparative study in the Persian Gulf
Manami Goto, University of Exeter
Queerness and Untranslatability: The Desiring, Undisciplined Subject in Mahsa Mohebali's ‘Don't Worry'
Mariam Rahmani, University of California, Los Angeles
Women in the public sphere in Iran: Political mobilisation and cultural representation in the Qajar and Pahlavi eras (1794-1979)
Sara Nazer Adl, University of Leeds

6G Power, Politics, and Culture: Law and Human Rights in Palestine
Chair: Karl Cordell, Plymouth University
Veiling Injustice: Palestinian Human Rights in Israel’s Highest Court
Michael T. Samuel, Emory University
The Violence of Culture: the legitimation of the Israeli occupation of Palestine
Aneta Brockhill, University of Exeter and Karl Cordell, Plymouth University
A Refuge-state without Refugees: the Israeli Asylum System and the socio-legal production of “infiltrators”
Shira Havkin, Sciences-Po / CERI
Law and morality in settler-colonialism: the transformations of the Israeli military legal system
Maayan Geva, University of Roehampton

6H Cultural Production III: Media, Language, and Visual Representation
Chair Zeina Maasri, University of Brighton
The Politics of Humour and Satire in Post-Arab Spring Jordan
Yousef Barahmeh, University of Portsmouth
Humour, Virality and the Politics of Internet Memes in the Middle East
Abdulla Saad, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Beirut’s Radical 1960s: Art in the Trenches of “Arab Hanoi”
Zeina Maasri, University of Brighton
From conflict to reconciliation: how native Arabic speakers are harmonising between Standard and Spoken Arabic forms in writing
Saussan Khalil, University of Leeds
Mediatized Literature: Approaching the Iraqi Novel and Mass Cultural Production
Hawraa Al-Hassan, Cambridge University

6I Studying Syria
Chair: Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby
From ‘habitus’ to ‘justification’: conceptual approaches for the study of Syrian Post-2011 intellectual debates
Adélie Chevée, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies  
The Political Economy of Rural Syria: Narrative, Class, and Conflict  
Ahmad A. Borazan, California State University-Fresno  
Microhistory and missionaries: Approaching religious unbelief in nineteenth-century Syria through Protestant sources  
Peter Hill, Christ Church, University of Oxford  
Understanding the Military Utility of Chemical Weapons Use in Syria  
Geoffrey Chapman, King’s College London (co-authored by Hassan Elbahtimy, King’s College London and Susan Martin, King’s College London)  
Iran and Post-Conflict Syria: Politics, Patterns and Paths of Reconstruction  
Gulriz Sen, TOBB University of Economics and Technology

6J Islamic State: Discourse and Ideology  
Chair: TBC  
Young Guns and Lion Cubs – An Examination of Child Soldiers’ Recruitment Pathways in the Middle East  
James Morris, University of Queensland  
Militarist Masculinity, Militarist Femininity: A Gender Analysis of Jordan’s Campaign against the Islamic State  
Ebtihal Mahadeen, University of Edinburgh

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7A Practicing Feminism in Middle Eastern Studies: Epistemic Violence and the Need for a Decolonial Approach (Lucia Sorbera)  
Chair: Lucia Sorbera, The University of Sydney (NSW)  
Shima Shahbazi, The University of Sydney (NSW)  
Decolonial approaches to sexual violence in Egypt: Beyond the universalist-culturalist binary  
Lucia Sorbera, The University of Sydney (NSW)  
Queering Decolonization  
Lana Tatour, The University of New South Wales (NSW)  
A Room of One’s Own: Australian Muslim Women’s Cyber-Activism  
Claudia Maryam Sirdah, The University of Sydney (NSW)  
Gender and Early 20th Century Afghan State Formation: Where Are the Women in the Historiography?  
Marya Hannun, Georgetown University

Chair: Mark LeVine, University of California, Irvine  
Gender, Popular Culture, Revolution and Counter-revolution in Egypt  
Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick  
Reading Gender and Revolution in Egypt: Post-revolutionary Ramadan shows and the political economy of gender  
Sara Salem, University of Warwick  
Egyptian film and social trauma(s): navigating collective and contested memories  
Dina Rezk, University of Reading  
Popular Narratives of the Police in Egyptian Cinema before and after the January 2011 Revolution  
Dalia Mostafa, University of Manchester
7D Rethinking “Liberalisation”: State Strategy and Popular Contestation in Sadat’s Egypt (Reem Abou-El-Fadl)

Chair/discussant: Laure Guirguis, International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam
Labour Migration and Political Power in Neoliberal Egypt
Gerasimos Tsourapas, University of Birmingham
Policing Infitah: Economic Liberalisation, Security and Social Order in Egypt
Michael Farquhar, DMES, King’s College London
‘Patriotism and Popular Contestation in Egypt: The 1972-3 Student Uprising’
Reem Abou-El-Fadl, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

7E Civil Wars in the MENA region: Reevaluating external involvement motivations, strategies and outcomes (Daria Vorobyeva)

Chair: Jasmine K Gani, University of St Andrews
Domestic-external links and external involvement in civil wars
Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby
External Action and Civil Society in the Syrian Conflict
Jasmine K Gani, University of St Andrews
The Battle for Syria: Tribes at War
Haian Dukhan, University of Leicester
‘We were drawn into it’: Hizbullah and the War in Syria
Adham Saouli, University of St Andrews

7F Examining Education, Pedagogy, and Anthropology in the MENA

Chair: Ahmed Medien, University of Strathclyde
Bribery in Egypt’s Secondary Schools
Ahmed Alaa Fayed, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
Towards a Framework for Anthropology-based Teacher Education Programs in the Arab World
Aaf A. Khoshman (Alkhashman), Teachers College, Columbia University
Education Reform in Tunisia: Current Initiatives to Build Innovation-Driven School Curricula
Ahmed Medien, University of Strathclyde
Israel/Palestine: A Critical Textbook Analysis of the Question’s History in Western Universities
Seyed Hadi Borhani, University of Tehran
Medical Students and the Pursuit of Education in Mandated and Monarchic Iraq: A Case Study
Sara Farhan, University of York

7G Refugeeism and Social Care in Jordan

Chair: Beverley Milton-Edwards
Hierarchies of hospitality: Access to assistance for minority refugee groups in urban Amman
Zoe Jordan, Oxford Brookes
Building Social Cohesion in Conflict Affected Countries: A reality check from Jordan
Emad Emam, ActionAid MENA
Whose vulnerability counts? Access to health care for older Syrian refugees in Jordan
Sigrid Lupieri, University of Cambridge
Global Refugee Governance and the Gulf “Outsiders”: Response to the Neighbouring Crises and Human Mobility Crossing Boundaries
Hirotaka Fujibayashi, University of Tokyo
Exploring Wellbeing and Being Well with Syrians in Jordan
Zeina Amro, King’s College London
7H New Approaches to the Ottoman Empire
Chair: Baris Cayli, University of Derby
Europe’s Forgotten Statesmen: Life and time of Ottoman Grand Vizier Mehmed Emin Ali Pasha (1815-1871) in the diplomatic world of the 19th century
Rasim Marz, Ottoman Club
The Power of Violence: Bandits, Public Panic, and Rumors in the Ottoman Empire
Baris Cayli, University of Derby
Eastern Connections: The Iranian Community in Ottoman Istanbul and Mediated Modernisation
Yavuz Tuyologlu, University of Sussex
The Price of Brotherhood: Ottoman Practice of Tax Collection in the Deserts of Syria, Iraq and North Arabia
Talha Cicek, Istanbul Medeniyet Universitesi
Beyond Midye-Enez Line: Reclaiming Edirne during the Balkan Wars
Pinar Odabasi Tasci, University of Akron

7I Communicating the Middle East: Studies in Broadcasting and Media
Chair: Ribale Sleiman Haidar, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Communication Studies in Transformation – Self-Reflections on an Evolving Discipline in Times of Change
Hanan Badr (co-authored by Carola Richter), Freie Universität Berlin
Gendering the Nation: An Audio-Visual Discourse Analysis of Lebanese Tourism Campaigns
Sandra Sfeir, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
The Language of Jordanian Service Programmes: Broadcaster Persona, Publics, and Participation
Jona Fras, University of Edinburgh
Radio, Audio and Theatrical archives for a better understanding of the Lebanese war: the case of Ziad Rahbani
Chloé Kattar, Cambridge University
Palestinian Female Suicide Bombers and U.K. Broadcast News: A Misrepresentation Of Female Agency?
Matthew Kirk, Queen’s University Belfast

7J Politics and Dissent in Iran
Chair: Annie Tracy Samuel, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Reflections on a Fifteen Year Study of Post-revolutionary Iranian Political Elite
Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse University
Narrating and Promoting the Culture of Sacred Defense
Annie Tracy Samuel, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Historical Sociology of Iran’s Post-Revolutionary International Relations: Exploring the International Crisis-State Consolidation
Gulriz Sen, TOBB University of Economics and Technology

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8A GCC Politics in the New Regional (Im)balance of Power (Jessica Watkins)
Chair: Jessica Watkins, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Examining the Rise of State-Sponsored Charity in Saudi Arabia and the UAE
Courtney Freer, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
Title TBD GCC Charitable Activities
Khaled Al-Mezaini, Qatar University
Saudi Arabia and China: Strategic Interests in Evolving Relations
Xiaolin Duan, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) (co-authored by Shafi Aldamer, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM))

From high-level gatherings to the field: the UAE as an actor within the multilateral system of aid
Seila Panizzolo, City University of London

The International Political Economy of Saudi Arabia: Sovereign Fund and Foreign Policy
Curran Flynn, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) (co-authored by Shafi Aldamer, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM))

8B The international and the construction of ideational internal frontiers (Shabnam Holliday)
Chair: Shabnam Holliday, University of Plymouth
Contingent subalternity in IR: Iran’s democracy movement, the Supreme Leader, and the nuclear sanctions regime
Shabnam Holliday, University of Plymouth
Distance and democracy: A critical assessment of the role of the European Union in Levitsky and Way’s regime transition model
Jonathan Hill, King’s College London
Geopolitics of Syrian Refugee Crisis and Turkey’s Grand Strategy in the Middle East
Tunc Aybak, Middlesex University
Redrawing the Political Frontier of Turkey in a Radical Kurdish Politics and the New Middle East
Omer Tekdemir, University of Leicester
Do Refugees Impact Voting Behavior in the Host Country? Evidence from Syrian Refugee Inflows in Turkey
Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University (co-authored by Onur Altındağ, Bentley University)

8C Technologies and Infrastructures in the Making of the Modern Middle East (Mattin Biglari)
Chair: Katayoun Shafiee, University of Warwick
“Tous les egouts” in the Suez Canal Cities: Water and Sewage Management in Port Sa’id, Ismailia, and Suez
Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, Rutgers/ New Jersey Institute of Technology
The Contestation of Expertise: Knowledge Controversies, Resistance and Disruption in the Abadan Refinery, c. 1939-51
Mattin Biglari, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Risky Measures: Assembling Iran’s Waterways in the Infrastructure of International Development in the Middle East
Katayoun Shafiee, University of Warwick
Governing Cairo’s Waters: Urban Contention and Access to the Commons
Noura Wahby, University of Cambridge

8D Syrian civil war: From historic reasons to modern civil society rebuilding (Daria Vorobyeva)
Chair: Daria Vorobyeva, University of St Andrews
Analysis of Lebanese Civil War Terrorism Data 1975 – 1990: Predictive Illustration of Terrorist Activity
Nicholas Bradley, University of St Andrews
The Metamorphosis of Syria’s Civil Society: Beyond a Neo-Liberal Approach to Civil Society
Tamara Al-Ohm, University of St Andrews
Collective Healing After the Civil War: Exploring the Lives of Syrian Refugees in Turkey
Baris Cayli, University of Derby
Redefining integration of forced migrants: impact of economic opportunities in a host country
Daria Vorobyeva, University of St Andrews

8E Revolt in the Square: Spatial modelling of urban stability in modern cities, the case of Beirut’s Martyr’s Square (Beverley Milton-Edwards)
Chair: Craig Larkin, King’s College London
Reclaiming Power: The Politics of critical agency in Beirut’s Martyr’s Square
Beverley Milton-Edwards, Queen’s University Belfast
Mapping Urban Revolts: Spatial Practices of Unrest in Martyrs’ Square, Beirut
Gehan Selim, University of Leeds
Visualising protest and the theatrics of political contestation in Beirut
Konstantin Kastrissianakis, Queen’s University Belfast

8F Politics and Sociology in Morocco
Chair: Beatriz Tome Alonso, University Loyola Andalucía
Influence from Outside-in: international factors and Islamist politics in Morocco
Beatriz Tome Alonso, University Loyola Andalucía
Contested Narratives of Rural Development in Morocco: An Analysis of Privatization of Collective Land in the Gharb
David Baigley, Fulbright Program
Experiences from an ethnographic media study among female members of the Justice and Development Party (PJD) in Morocco
Katharina Schmoll, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
The Creative Economy meets the Youth Bulge: Hikayat, Community, and Youth Economic Precarity in Marrakech
Erin Gould, University of California, Riverside
Islamic educational networks and boundary-drawing in North Africa
Guy Eyre, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

8G The Politics of Time and Memory in the Middle East – 1 (Roberto Roccu)
Chair: Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick
Beyond Democratisation Theory: Time, Place and Democracy in the Middle East after the Arab Uprisings
Roberto Roccu, King’s College London
Third Worldism re-considered: the multiple lives of an (unrealized) political project
Alina Sajed, McMaster University
War as Dissonant Memory
Bassel F. Salloukh, Lebanese American University
The Landscape of Coptic Memory
Nancy Ali, Paris IV La Sorbonne

8H Assembling the Middle East
Chair: Bruce Stanley, Richmond the American International University in London
MENARA: A geo-spatial SWOT analysis for the world: application to the MENA region
Mark Mulligan, King’s College London
Archaeology and the Invention of the Maghreb
Majid Hannoum (Abdelmajid Hannoum), University of Kansas
Assembling the Middle East: Enacting the Multiscalar Urban
Bruce Stanley, Richmond the American International University in London
Palestine/Israel and the Political Life of Infrastructure
Sharri Plonski, London Middle East Institute/University of London (co-authored by Sabrien Amrov, University of Toronto)
Decolonising the study of ideologies and social movements in Middle East Studies
Jasmine Gani, University of St Andrews

8I Protest in Post-2011 Egypt
Chair: Leila Zaki Chakravarti, Goldsmiths, University of London
The rise and fall of the Egyptian revolution: Collective Action Networks and mobilisation spirals
Hugo Leal, University of Cambridge
The Day After: Biographical Consequences of Participation in Collective Protest
Youssef El Chazli, University of Lausanne
Rethinking the Repression-Dissent Nexus: A new approach to understand Islamists’ Response to Regime Repression with Focus on Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood’s after the Coup of 2013

Khalil al-Anani, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

"Ethnographic snapshots" as a new methodology for exploring protest/regime-resilience dynamics: a case study of Cairo’s ‘Taxi wars’

Leila Zaki Chakravarti, Goldsmiths, University of London
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09:00 – 11:00

9A Roundtable: Rethinking Palestine: On the connection between scholarship and struggle, decolonisation and liberation in the Settler Colonial context (Elian Weizman)
Chair: Elian Weizman, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Toufic Haddad, Council for British Research in the Levant – Kenyon Institute
Mezna Qato, King’s College, Cambridge/National Academy of Education (Spencer Fellow)
Sai Englert, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
James Eastwood, Queen Mary, University of London
Sharri Plonski, London Middle East Institute

9B States, Sites and Spaces of Exception in the Middle East (Simon Mabon)
Chair: Simon Mabon, Lancaster University
What’s At Stake in the Exception? The State, The Umma and Sovereignty in the State of Exception
Simon Mabon, Lancaster University
The Politics of Chaos and Abandonment in Contested East Jerusalem
Adel Ruished, Lancaster University
States of Exception and Emergency in the Post Arab Uprisings Middle East: the case of Egypt
Lucia Ardovini, Swedish Institute of International Affairs
Borders and Spaces in Iraq and Syria
Ana Kuramasamy, Lancaster University

9C Trauma in the Middle East Panel III: Contesting Humanitarianism (Vivienne Matthies-Boon and Dr Una McGahern)
Chair: Vivienne Matthies-Boon, University of Amsterdam
Post-Traumatic Coping Among Syrian Women Displaced in Lebanon. Beyond the Trauma: What Makes her Resist?
Kholoud Saber Barakat, Catholic University of Louvain
War Trauma in Lebanon: Humanitarian therapies and the politics of violence and suffering (1982-2012)
Lamia Moghnieh, Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe (EUME)
The effects of trauma on témoignage by local Syrian healthcare Organizations
Sophie Roborgh, University of Cambridge
Precarious journeys: injury, care and war in the Middle East
Craig Jones, Newcastle University

9D The Impact of Changing Identities and Ideologies on Regional Order in the Post-2011 Middle East and North Africa (Katerina Dalacoura)
This panel is sponsored by the MENARA (Middle East and North African Architecture) project, which is sponsored by the European Commission through its Horizon 2020 programme (2016-19).
Chair: Katerina Dalacoura, London School of Economics
The Pluralization of Collective Identities in the MENA and Its Impact on State-Society Relations: The Case of the Amazigh Groups in Morocco
Silvia Colombo, International Affairs Institute (IAI) in Rome
The Shifts in Dijihadists paradigms: From the Peshawar Paradigm to the Idleb and Raqqa Paradigms
Djallil Lounnas, Al Akhawayn University
Global Identities and Universal Democracy and Human Rights Norms: Observations in the Post-2011 MENA Region
Katerina Dalacoura, London School of Economics
“Revolution” as an element of post-Arab Spring national identities
Erzsébet N. Rózsa, National University of Public Service, Budapest

Indigenous Peoples in the Middle East: The Case of the Assyrian People of Iraq
Riva Gewarges, McMaster University

9E Exploring the Blockade: Political and Social Aspects of Qatar’s Crisis Circumvention (Gilla Camden)
Chair: Ahmed Abdullah Baabood, Arabian Research Bureau, Qatar University
Qatar’s Independent Foreign Policy – Changing Directions and Challenges
Zarqa Parvez, Durham University and Qatar University

Turkey-Qatar Relations: Myths and Realities of Political and Economic Cooperation
Betul Dogan Akkas, Qatar University (co-authored by Erhan Akkas, Durham University)

“Promise of Prosperity and Glory”: Discursive Dimensions of the Blockade against Qatar
Gilla Camden, Qatar University

Oman and the Qatar Crisis
Ahmed Abdullah Baabood, Arabian Research Bureau, Qatar University

9F Sunni-Shi’i Relations in the Modern Middle East
Chair: Abir Chaaban, York University

The Hybrid Actors: Transnational Shi’i Factor, Clerical Elites, and the New Middle East
Mohammad R. Kalantari, Royal Holloway University of London

Incoherence in the Process of Transformation of the Metwali into Ja’fari Shi’a and the Consequent Militant Mobilization of the Twelver Shi’i
Abir Chaaban, York University

The impact of Shia rituals on the Sunni and on Shia-Sunni relations in Iraq
Jafar Ahmad, Heriot-Watt University

9G Turkish Foreign Policy
Chair: Robert Lowe, Executive Director, BRISMES & Deputy Director, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics

Identity, Geographical Imagination, and Policy Shifts: Turkish Foreign Policy towards Middle East (2002-2012)
Mehmet Alkış, Marmara University

Foreign Policy Making under Illiberal Populism: The Uses of Anti-Westernism in Turkish Politics
Oguzhan Goksel, Istanbul 29 Mayis University

Turkish-Iranian Security Relations: A Case of Modus Vivendi in Unstable Regional Systems
Aylin Gurzel Aka, Eastern Mediterranean University (co-authored with Eyup Ersoy, Independent Researcher)

Turkish Foreign Policy towards Iran during the Arab Uprisings: The Case of Iraqi Kurds
Cangul Altundas Akcay, Durham University

How Do Those People Make Foreign Policy Decisions? Turkey-Israel Relations from Perspectives of Turkish Policy Makers
Berkay Gulen, University of Washington

9H Revisiting the Gulf with New Approaches to Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman
Chair: Martin Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark

Gulf studies: The anatomy of an emerging scholarly field
Martin Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark

‘The Distinction between Ibāḍīs and Khārijītes: a Comparative Study on the Historical, Political and Theological Differences’
Al Muatasim Said Saif, Sultan Qaboos University

Beyond the Usual Narratives: Bahrain, A Case Study
Enrica Fei, University of Exeter

Gramsci and Arab Nationalism: the 1973 Parliamentary Experiment in Bahrain as an Interrupted Passive Revolution
Hsinyen Lai, Edinburgh University
The delusion of being eco-friendly: The Gulf monarchies’ search for green legitimation
Tobias Zumbrägel, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

9I World-Building in the MENA
Chair: Jörg Matthias Determann, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar
Muslim Worlds: Extraterrestrial Life and Scientific Imagination in the Middle East
Jörg Matthias Determann, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar
Medieval Arabic Singing and Emotions; Text Mining the Book of Songs
Maksim Abdul Latif, Utrecht University
Brotherly or not so Brotherly: Interpersonal Relationships in Early Sufism
Arin Salamah-Qudsi, University of Haifa

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10A The Politics of Time and Memory in the Middle East – 2 (Sara Salem)
Chair: Roberto Rocu, King’s College London
Anti-colonial nationalism as memory: The legacies of Nasserism and the promises of the past
Sara Salem, University of Warwick
In Counterrevolutionary Memory of the Arab Spring
Ibrahim Halawi, Royal Holloway, University of London
Liberal Longings in Republican Egypt (1977-2013)
Hussein A.H. Omar, University of Oxford
The Rise of Israeli ’Fascism’ and the Mythologizing of the Labour Zionist Past
Sai Englert, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

10B Political Authority, Identity, and Representation in Persianate Islamic Societies Through Time (Eyad Abuali)
Chair: Eyad Abuali, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Authority and Mysticism in Medieval Iran and Central Asia: The Politics of Sufi Symbolism and Imagery in Transition
Eyad Abuali, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies
Prerogative of the Princess: Gulbudan Begum and the Political Authority of the Mughal Haram
Lubaaba Al-Azami, University of Liverpool
Geopolitics and Identity: The Discourse of Arab-Iranian Rivalry in Ba’thist Iraq and Pahlavi Iran
Mehdi Beyad, SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies

10C Conceiving of “the international” in the Middle East (Marc Sinan Winrow)
Chair: Alireza Shams Lahijani, London School of Economics
Uses of the international in the Ottoman/Turkish context: 1908 – 1924
Marc Sinan Winrow, London School of Economics
Operating Under Fear? Western NGOs in Egypt and Turkey
Begüm Zorlu, University College London
Exploring the International Dimensions of Legitimacy: A Case Study of Turkey
Balki Begumhan Bayhan, University College London
Iran and the International: Contest of representation, recognition and enterance
Alireza Shams Lahijani, London School of Economics
The Queer State in the Middle East?: The destruction of queer power through European colonisation
Andrew Delatolla, London School of Economics
10D International Solidarity and the BDS campaign (Marwan Darweish)
Chair: Marwan Darweish, Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University
The Role of the Palestinian Diaspora in the West in the BDS Movement
Yousef M. Aljamel, Sakarya University, Turkey
Palestine as not just not Israel
Mezna Qato, King's College, Cambridge/National Academy of Education (Spencer Fellow)
The internationalisation of nonviolent resistance – factors affecting the strength and resilience of transnational solidarity networks: the case of the BDS campaign
Marwan Darweish, Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University
Transnational Activism and Veolia: a dynamic interaction analysis
John Chalcraft, London School of Economics

10E New Perspectives on Medieval Islam and the Qu'ran
Chair: Asaad Alsaleh, Indiana University
New Approaches to Understanding Ridha in the Quran
Asaad Alsaleh, Indiana University
Parenthetical Clauses in the Qur'an
Yehudit Dror, University of Haifa
Body Adornment and Body Modifications in Early Islam: The Legal Discussion
Hadas Hirsch, Oranim Academic Collage of Education, Israel
Creed and Community: Modern Salafi Scholars on Medieval Hadith Commentaries
Mustafa Macit Karagözoglu, Marmara University

10F The Arab Spring: Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Human Rights
Chair: Ondrej Ditrych, Charles University
Being Respectfully Skeptical about Middle East Exceptionalism: What Can Theories of Contentious Politics Tell Us about the “Arab Spring”, and Vice Versa?
Eitan Y. Alimi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Hybrid Revolutionary Actors in the Middle East
Ondrej Ditrych, Charles University
Outsourcing Security, Seeking Legitimacy and Fostering Regime Security in Post-Uprisings Arab Countries
Engy Moussa, University of Cambridge
Opening new avenues within Middle Eastern Studies through Childhood Studies
Chiara Diana, Aix-Marseille Univ, OMAM-MSH Univ Libre de Bruxelles, LabexMed

10G Language Politics and Religious Discourse in the MENA
Chair: Juan A. Maclas-Amoretti, University of Granada
Critical Discourse Analysis: new approach to study the role of religious language in normalising war: the Iran- Iraq War as a case study
Meyyam Tayebipour, Lancaster University
Approaching the Nation in the Maghreb: Language Politics as a Lens
Kaoutar Ghilani, University of Oxford
Sudan: Neo-Sufi Hegemony, Wahhabi Asabiyaa, and the Recycling of the Wahhabi Asabiyaa
Jihad Salih Mashamoun, University of Exeter
Confronting subalterity in Morocco: possibilities and challenges of discourse analysis and post-orientalism
Juan A. Maclas-Amoretti, University of Granada
10H New directions in the anthropology of Egypt (Chihab El Khachab)
Chair: Chihab El Khachab, University of Oxford
#isTHISEgypt?: Concepts of Egypt and Egyptianness in emerging marketing techniques
Karin Ahlberg, University of Chicago
What is Egyptian about Egyptian Cinema?
Chihab El Khachab, University of Oxford
Transcending “Traditions”: A discussion on musical circulation and exchanges in Egypt
Séverine Gabry-Thienpont, CNRS/Paris Nanterre University
The Project: Social creativity, visions of stability, and masculine future making in contemporary Cairo
Carl Rommel, University of Helsinki

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