



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 Professor Jeroen Gunning
Plenary 1: 'The Harmony of Coexistence in the Modern Middle East'
Professor Ussama Makdisi, chaired by Stuart Laing

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:45 Panel sessions 1

Room	Panel ID and Title
1.16	1A New Approaches to Studying World War I in Lebanon (Catherine Batruni)
1.17	1B Trauma in the Middle East Panel I: Silence and Testimony (Vivienne Matthies-Boon & Una McGahern)
1.20	1C 'My homeland is not a suitcase': Refugees, Migration, and Displacement
1.70	1D Approaching the Geographies and Spatialities of Middle Eastern Border Politics (Richard Schofield & Daniel Meier)
1.71	1E Reconsidering Political Narratives: Architectural and Urban Approaches to Studying Arab Cities (Dena Qaddumi)
2.40	1F (De)coding the MENA: Social Media and Digital Technology
2.80	1G Politics and Society in Tunisia: part 1
2.81	1H Music at the Limits
G.80	1I Meditations on the Moderation-Inclusion Hypothesis

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch*

13:45 – 15:45 Panel sessions 2

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G.79	2A Contending Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Sectarian Mobilisation (Toby Dodge/Raymond Hinnebusch/Morten Valbjørn)
1.16	2B Transnational Diaspora Mobilisation: Approaches for Understanding Diaspora Political Engagement in the MENA (Gillian Kennedy & Dana Moss)
1.17	2C Trauma in the Middle East II: Space, Mobility and Political Mobilisation (Vivienne Matthies-Boon & Una McGahern)
G.80	2D Arab Economic Thought: Histories and Horizons (Hicham Safieddine)
2.81	2E West Asia and North Africa in Global International Relations: Advancing Methodologies and Concepts (Jan Wilkens)
1.71	2F I Love Cinema: Studies in Film and Visual Representation
2.40	2G Focus on Jordan: Law, Politics, and Sociology
2.80	2H Occupation Diaries: Palestinian Life Writing and Testimony
1.70	2I Oil and Natural Resources in the Middle East
1.21	2J Propaganda and Sectarianism in the MENA

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

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16:15 – 18:15 Panel sessions 3

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1.16	3A Re-locating Arab and Muslim Worlds in the Global South (Silvia Feraboli)
1.17	3B The Politics of Identity: Revisiting an Old Debate in a New Middle East (Morten Valbjørn)
1.20	3C Roundtable: Academic Freedom in Peril? Middle East Studies, Israel-Palestine, the Prevent Duty and Accusations of Anti-Semitism (Nicola Pratt)
1.21	3D Turkey: Contentious Politics, Political Developments
1.70	3E Gender, Sexuality and the State
1.71	3F Civil War and Political Order in Lebanon
2.40	3G Paths, Places, Positions: Locating Palestine
2.43	3H World-(re)building: Ottoman Literary History
2.80	3I Cultural Production I: Literature and Literary Culture
2.81	3J Kurdish Politics in the Middle East

19:00 – 21:00 Buffet-style conference dinner @Bush House, King's College London

Due to limited capacity, a ticket will be required to attend this dinner. 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

Room Panel ID and Title

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: ‘Quiet Constraints on Scholarship: Self-Censorship, Refusal, and Topics We Wish Did Not Exist’
Professor Lara Deeb, chaired by Professor Jeroen Gunning

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch*

13:30 – 14:30 BRISMES AGM (room G.79)
All BRISMES members are welcome to attend

14:30 – 16:30 Panel sessions 5

Room Panel ID and Title

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
G.80	<u>Special parallel session: 'How to Get Published'</u> – organised by IB Tauris

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16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 19:00 **Spotlight Panels** (see page 23 for details)

No standard panels will be scheduled alongside these special sessions

- G.79 The Trump Presidency and the Middle East
- 1.71 Cultural Production in the MENA
- 1.70 New Approaches to the Study of Protest in the MENA (organised by the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, King's College London)
- 1.16 Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement & Middle East Studies

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

****All delegates are warmly welcomed to this reception****

The drinks reception will begin with the following announcements:

British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize Shortlist

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 to Professor Charles Tripp

2018 recipients of the Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al Sabah Foundation/BRISMES Scholarships



Wednesday 27 June

07:45 Mentoring Breakfast Workshop: 'Preparing for a Career in Middle East Studies'
Room 1.20 Franklin-Wilkins Building
Organised by Dr Bruce Stanley

8:30 Tea/Coffee

9:00 – 11:00 Panel sessions 6

Room Panel ID and Title

1.16	6A Encounters with Archaeology at the Outposts of Empire (Diviani Chaudhuri)
1.17	6B New Perspectives on Studying Saudi Arabia: Local, Particular, and Abroad (Nora Derbal)
1.20	6C Politics and Society in Contemporary Egypt: New Debates
1.70	6D Cultural heritage in Iraq: Past, Present and Future (Eleanor Robson)
1.71	6E Identities, Plurality and Diversity in Gulf Museums and Galleries (Serena Iervolino & Sarina Wakefield)
1.21	6F Feminism, Gender and Politics in Iran
2.40	6G Power, Politics, and Culture: Law and Human Rights in Palestine
2.43	6H Cultural Production III: Media, Language, and Visual Representation
2.80	6I Studying Syria
G.80	6J Islamic State: Discourse and Ideology

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 Panel sessions 7

Room Panel ID and Title

G.80	7A Practicing Feminism in Middle Eastern Studies: Epistemic Violence and the Need for a Decolonial Approach (Lucia Sorbera)
1.17	7B Politics and Popular Culture in Egypt in the Aftermath of the 25 January 2011 Uprising: Towards New Understandings of Political Dynamics and Transformation (Nicola Pratt)
n/a	7C
1.16	7D Rethinking "Liberalisation": State Strategy and Popular Contestation in Sadat's Egypt (Reem Abou-El-Fadl)
1.20	7E Civil Wars in the MENA region: Reevaluating external involvement motivations, strategies and outcomes (Daria Vorobyeva)
1.21	7F Examining Education, Pedagogy, and Anthropology in the MENA
1.70	7G Refugeeism and Social Care in Jordan
1.71	7H New Approaches to the Ottoman Empire
2.40	7I Communicating the Middle East: Studies in Broadcasting and Media
2.80	7J Politics and Dissent in Iran

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14:30 – 16:30 Panel sessions 8

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1.16	8A GCC Politics in the New Regional (Im)balance of Power (Jessica Watkins)
1.17	8B The International and the Construction of Ideational Internal Frontiers (Shabnam Holliday)
G.80	8C Technologies and Infrastructures in the Making of the Modern Middle East (Mattin Biglari)
1.20	8D Syrian civil war: From Historic Reasons to Modern Civil Society Rebuilding (Daria Vorobyeva)
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: 'Knowledge at Risk: Studying the Middle East in a Disordered World'

Dr Seteney Shami, chaired by Prof Leif Stenberg

Sponsored by The Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations



Thursday 28 June

8:30 Tea/Coffee

9:00 – 11:00 Panel sessions 9

Room Panel ID and Title

G.80	9A Roundtable: Rethinking Palestine: On the Connection Between Scholarship and Struggle, Decolonisation and Liberation in the Settler Colonial Context (Elian Weizman)
1.16	9B States, Sites and Spaces of Exception in the Middle East (Simon Mabon)
1.17	9C Trauma in the Middle East Panel III: Contesting Humanitarianism (Vivienne Matthies-Boon & Una McGahern)
1.70	9D The Impact of Changing Identities and Ideologies on Regional Order in the Post-2011 Middle East and North Africa (Katerina Dalacoura) <i>This panel is supported by the MENARA (Middle East and North African Architecture) project.</i>
1.71	9E Exploring the Blockade: Political and Social Aspects of Qatar's Crisis Circumvention (Gilla Camden)
2.40	9F Sunni-Shi'i Relations in the Modern Middle East
2.81	9G Turkish Foreign Policy
2.80	9H Revisiting the Gulf with New Approaches to Bahrain and Oman
1.21	9I World-Building in the MENA

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 Panel sessions 10

Room Panel ID and Title

1.16	10A The Politics of Time and Memory in the Middle East – 2 (Sara Salem)
1.17	10B Political Authority, Identity, and Representation in Persianate Islamic Societies Through Time (Eyad Abuali)
G.80	10C Conceiving of "the international" in the Middle East (Marc Sinan Winrow)
1.70	10D International Solidarity and the BDS campaign (Marwan Darweish)
1.71	10E New Perspectives on Medieval Islam and the Qu'ran
2.40	10F The Arab Spring: Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Human Rights
2.80	10G Language Politics and Religious Discourse in the MENA
2.81	10H New Directions in the Anthropology of Egypt (Chihab El Khachab)

End of Conference



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10:45 – 12:45

1A New Approaches to Studying World War I in Lebanon (Catherine Batruni)

Chair: Melanie Tanielian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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

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

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

Moroccans towards Europe, a long-term perspective

Nicola Di Mauro, University "L'Orientale" in Naples

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 The Cairene Narrative: Understanding 'Ashwa'iyat 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. Muddassar 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 Aboeazz, 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

1I 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: Jessica Watkins, 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

On Researcher Pain: A Existential Account of a Political Scientist's Vicarious Trauma in (Post)Revolutionary Egypt

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-Ḥirāk Al-Shabābī Al-'Urdunī (the Jordanian Youth Movement)

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



Rents and Royalty: Power, Politics & Uneven Development in Jordan 1974-1989

Tariq Tell, American University of Beirut

2H Occupation Diaries: Palestinian Life Writing and Testimony

Chair Aarushi Punia, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi

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-Qasem, Hochschule Düsseldorf University of Applied Sciences

Out of Exile: Imagining the Homeland in Palestinian Return Memoirs

Matthew DeMaio, George Washington University

'Roaming the Streets without a Leader': Telling the Story of Arab Jerusalem 1948 – 1967

Haneen Naamneh, London School of Economics

2I Oil and Natural Resources in the Middle East

Chair: Evaleila Pesaran, Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge

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 Feraboli)

Chair: Silvia Feraboli, 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

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

Ethnography of Violence Against Women in Morocco

Katja Žvan Elliott, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco

3F Civil War and Political Order in Lebanon

Chair: Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby

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

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

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, BRISMES/King's College London

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, BRISMES/Middle East Centre, London School of Economics

Competing Kurdistan: 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

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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 Zekeriyazade Yahya Efendi (d. 1644)

Evren Sünnetçioğlu, Central European University

The Making of an Ottoman Atlas: İbrahim Hamdi Efendi and the Ottoman Production of Geographical Knowledge

Işın 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

‘Non-African’ Refugee Entrepreneurs: The Racialised Management and Marketing of Syrian Refugees

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 Ikwawweb 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, University of Westminster

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

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 Mansour, Cairo University and May Gadallah, Cairo University)

4G 'An Editing of Life': Literary Genre and Poetics across the MENA

Chair: Hilary Kilpatrick

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 Szotysek, 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, Soran University

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 Eastern foreign policy: Patterns of continuity in transition

Marianna Charountaki, Soran University

The Evolution of Public Opinion Inquiry on the Arab world: Origins and Implications

Kiran K. Phull, London School of Economics

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: Muḥammad Rashīd Riḍā on Shi-ism and other non-Sunnite Muslims

Rainer Brunner, CNRS, Paris

Sunni-Shia Sectarianism and the Puritanization of Sunni Islam

Martin Riexinger, 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

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, University of Westminster

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, University of Cambridge

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, University of Cambridge

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 Shachar, 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)



Who governs migrants' welfare in Morocco? State, donors and NGOs in migration governance

Lorena Gazzotti, University of Cambridge

5I 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

Special Parallel Session: 'How to Get Published'

Sophie Rudland, IB Tauris



Spotlight Panel details: Tuesday 26 June

These special panels will examine key topics affecting the study of the region. The structure is less formal than regular academic panels in order to encourage audience discussion.

Panel I: The Trump Presidency and the Middle East (G.79)

Chair: Professor Raymond Hinnebusch (University of St Andrews)
Professor Toby Dodge (London School of Economics)
Frances Guy (UNDP)
Dr Ian Black (London School of Economics)
Dr Shabnam Holliday (University of Plymouth)
Dr Jasmine Gani (University of St Andrews)

Panel II: Cultural Production in the MENA (1.71)

Chair: Professor Paul Starkey
Dr Cristina Moreno Almeida (King's College London)
Dr Miriyam Aouragh (University of Westminster)
Rachel Dedman (Independent Curator/Palestine Museum)
Dr Saeed Zeydabadi-Nejad (SOAS, University of London)

Panel III: New Approaches to the Study of Protest in the MENA (1.70)

(organised by DMES, King's College London)

Chair: Dana Moss, University of Pittsburgh
Christopher Barrie (Nuffield College, Oxford)
Jalal Imran (St Anthony's College, Oxford)
Professor Jeroen Gunning (co-authored with Dr Ferdinand Eibl, Dr Michael Farquhar & Dr Neil Ketchley) (King's College London)
Dr Neil Ketchley (King's College London) & Thoraya El-Rayyes (London School of Economics)

Panel IV: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement & Middle East Studies (1.16)

Chair: Stuart Laing (BRISMES)
Professor John Chalcraft (London School of Economics)
Dr Rafeef Ziadeh (SOAS, University of London)



Panel session details: Wednesday 27 June

09:00 – 11:00

6A Encounters with Archaeology at the Outposts of Empire (Diviani Chaudhuri)

Chair: Julia Szoltysek, 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 Szoltysek, 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

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 Mohebalí'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 legitimization 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, Sciecnes-Po / CERl

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: Courtney Freer, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics

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

11:30 – 13:30

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)

Alternative Epistemologies in Lived-experience Narratives of Iranian Transnational Women Writers: Dina Nayeri's *Refuge* and Azar Nafisi's *Republic of Imagination*

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

7B Politics and Popular Culture in Egypt in the Aftermath of the 25 January 2011 Uprising: Towards New Understandings of Political Dynamics and Transformation (Nicola Pratt)

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, IREMAM (Aix-en-Provence, France)

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

Afaf 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, Queen's University Belfast

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, Institute of War and Peace Reporting

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

Hiroataka 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 Tuyloglu, 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 Frasc, 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

The Gulf Foreign Aid in the Middle East: Shifting Regional Interests Vs International obligations

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 Saïd, 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-Om, 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

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 Balgley, 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

Martin Keulertz, American University of Beirut (*in absentia*: Mark Mulligan, King's College London)

Archeology 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 (Eliau Weizman)

Chair: Eliau 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 Ardevini, 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)

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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 Jihadists paradigms: From the Peshawar Paradigm to the Idlib 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, Hamad Bin Khalifa 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'a

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: Zeynep Kaya, 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 Mayıs 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: Fahed Al-Sumait, Gulf University of Science & Technology/London School of Economics

Gulf studies: The anatomy of an emerging scholarly field

Martin Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark

'The Distinction between Ibādīs 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 legitimization
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 Roccu, 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 entrance

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. Aljamal, 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 Karagözoğlu, 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. Macías-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

Meysam Tayebipour, Lancaster University

Approaching the Nation in the Maghreb: Language Politics as a Lens

Kaoutar Ghilani, University of Oxford

Sudan: Neo-Sufi Hegemony, Wahhabi Asabiyya, and the Recycling of the Wahhabi Asabiyya

Jihad Salih Mashamoun, University of Exeter

Confronting subalterity in Morocco: possibilities and challenges of discourse analysis and post-orientalism

Juan A. Macías-Amoretti, University of Granada

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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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