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WELCOME

The 2021 BRISMES Annual Conference: Knowledge, Power and Middle Eastern Studies

With great pleasure, BRISMES warmly welcomes you to the annual conference of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), which, for the first time, is being held on-line due to COVID-19 restrictions. The annual BRISMES conference is the largest and most prestigious annual UK gathering of scholars and practitioners focussed on the Middle East and North Africa region. We are grateful to the University of Kent for cohosting this virtual conference and to Ms Louisa Harvey (Senior Events Coordinator), Dr Yaniv Voller (School of Politics and International Relations) and Dr Mohammad Afshary (Law School) for their assistance in organising the event.

With this change of setting in mind, we have created an expansive programme containing speakers situated across the world. This year's conference theme encourages participants to engage with the implications of global calls for decolonizing academia, including the field of Middle East studies. In addition, we have dozens of panels and presentations representing the full range of subjects and disciplines making up the field. We are also honoured to welcome eminent keynote speakers, Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent University, Ankara), Caroline Rooney (University of Kent, Canterbury) and amina wadud (National Islamic University in Jogjakarta), a plenary roundtable addressing the conference theme and a graduate section mentoring event. With events hosted by the newly-launched BRISMES Campaigns and the BRISMES Committee on Academic Freedom, we also invite you to see behind the scenes at some of the projects BRISMES teams are working on and encourage you to get more involved. As well as attending some book launches, be sure to visit the curated exhibition hall to discover more about some of the leading publishers across academic fields.

Finally, and particularly in these challenging times, we thank all participants for contributing and for making the BRISMES conference the stimulating event that it always is.

Enjoy!

Nicola Pratt, BRISMES Vice President Bronwen Mehta, BRISMES Conference Coordinator Kirsty Bennett, BRISMES Conference Coordinator On behalf of the BRISMES Council

ABOUT BRISMES

Founded in 1973, BRISMES provides a forum for educators and researchers in Middle East Studies. Membership is open to all regardless of nationality or country of residence. We currently have more than 400 members drawn from all over the world and are governed by a Council of trustees elected from the membership. We work to promote interest in Middle East Studies and to raise awareness of the region and how it is connected to other parts of the world, including the UK. Middle Eastern Studies is a diverse field, which encompasses all the humanities and social sciences and reaches from the present back to classical antiquity.

The long history of our field of study has made us particularly aware of the connections between knowledge and power. We see connections between research, education, teaching and fundamental questions of social change. We do not believe that research and education should be divorced from the wider social and political context nor that it should exist to serve elites. We believe that a commitment to promote research and education in Middle Eastern Studies involves a duty to consider the conditions under which knowledge is produced and disseminated, and if necessary, to speak out against power structures and interests that prevent the flourishing of research and education in our field.

Database of Academic Expertise

We are continuing to expand our interactive database of academic expertise worldwide. Our aim is to offer a one-stop shop for access to other sites of interest, information on courses, job opportunities, new publications and forthcoming events.

Publications

Since 1974, we have published the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies – now issuing 5 editions a year through Taylor and Francis – which is free to members.

Scholarships and Awards

We offer a number of funding opportunities and prizes to support and recognize the best research, to which all BRISMES members are eligible to apply.

Events

We also organise public annual lectures and the BRISMES Annual Conference, which draws participants from all over the world and attracts the latest research on all aspects of Middle East Studies in Britain and beyond. Members enjoy a reduced attendance rate here, too.

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Graduate Section

The BRISMES Graduate Section is a hub for students and early career researchers to have an active voice in the organisation. The BRISMES Graduate Section provides support and advice to current and prospective graduate students; hosts events and workshops; raises awareness of academic resources, funding opportunities and career opportunities; and plays a vital role in making BRISMES more representative and better equipped to promote Middle Eastern studies.

KNOWLEDGE, POWER AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

The colonial origins of the term Middle East and the historical imbrications of area studies with the exercise of colonial and imperialist power were highlighted many decades ago in the work of Edward Said, amongst others. More recently, the Arab uprisings provoked calls among some scholars and activists to fundamentally rethink prevalent approaches, derived from so-called universal paradigms, particularly in the social sciences. We have asked participants to reflect on the concept of decoloniality and practice of decolonization of knowledge and pedagogy in relation to the study and teaching of the Middle East.

Within this conference, we are particularly interested in providing space for scholars to reflect on their experiences and challenges of writing about the Middle East while adhering to the disciplinary/academic/institutional requirements of their universities. The movement to decolonize academia also raises questions around the boundaries between activism and scholarship. Hence, BRISMES 2021 provides an opportunity to discuss the ethics and practicalities of professional and political solidarity and activism and their relevance to academic work. In this light, we ask:

- In what ways can activism inform the study and teaching of the Middle East and vice versa?
- What are the relationships between decolonization as a political project and as an intellectual project?
- What are the possible dangers of linking activism and scholarship?

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1D) Narrating Upheaval in North Africa

1E) Roundtable: The city and al madina: A bilingual conversation

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6B) Colonial legacies: Borders and Institutions

6C) Decentralization under Neopatrimonialism: Comparative Perspectives from the Arab World

6D) On Arab Urbanism Session 1

6E) Book Launch: The Umayyad Mosque of Damascus. Art, Faith and Empire in Early Islam by Alain George

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3:15pm-5:15pm

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8C) Challenging the domestic/international dichotomy

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11B) Rethinking militaries, militias and non-state armed actors in politics

11C) "The Century of Camps" - Imagining Encampment and Containment in the Middle East

11D) Historiography and the Politics of Memory: Jews from the Muslim World between Assimilation and Self-determination

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13D) How to get published panel

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15C) On Arab Urbanism Session 2
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15E) Roundtable: Innovating and decolonising Arabic language teaching the UK higher education sector

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16C) Mechanics of Authoritarian Coercion

16D) Matters of space in the Middle East

16E) Roundtable: Decolonising Arabic Literary Studies

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17C) Beyond oil fields and the desert: orientalism, decoloniality and the Gulf
17D) Recovering Radical Knowledge Session 2: Radical Knowledge Cultivation across Space and Time
17E: Balancing power: challenges to the Middle East regional system past and present

SESSION 18

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18A) Diversifying Research on the Arab World: Multi-local Perspectives on Twelver Shi'ism in Iraq

18B) The Politics of Translation: Understanding Gender and Sexuality in Arabicspeaking Countries - Language, Power and Hegemony (Session conducted in Arabic)

18C) Reinterpretations of the Gulf: Time for a decolonization of Gulf studies?18D) Challenging Western-Centrism, Orientalism and Colonial Narratives

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3:15pm - 5:15pm

19A) Plenary Keynote - Professor Pinar Bilgin: Nowhere to run? Decolonising the study of the Middle East between Area Studies and International Relations

LIST OF PANELS DAY 5, FRIDAY 9TH JULY

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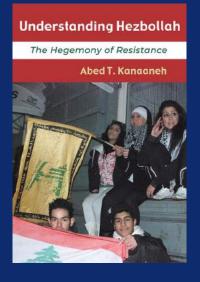
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20A) A journey through literary history
20B) Women's movements and agency across time and space
20C) Critical perspectives on Palestine, Western Sahara and the International Community
20D) Palestine through the lens of decolonial epistemologies
20E) Power, Knowledge and "Oriental" Studies in Europe. Interrogating National Traditions of Middle East Studies
20F) "What is to be done?" - The Arab New Left in the 'long 1960s' - Session 2: Investigating Transnational Entanglements

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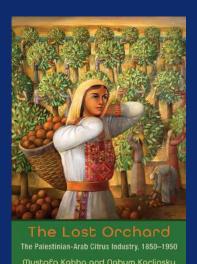
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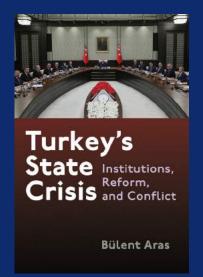
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PANEL DETAILS SESSION 1 (MON 5TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

1A) Decolonising Methodology: Rethinking Approach, Tools and Technique

Chaired by Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, New Jersey Institute of Technology/Rutgers -Newark

Interviewing outside the "interview-society". Limits and challenges of the Westernborn qualitative approach - Odetta Pizzingrilli, Luiss Guido Carli

Knowledge production about Iran and Iranians: beyond inclusion as exclusion - *M. Stella Morgana, Leiden University*

Co-production and co-analysis: the value of academic-artistic collaboration with young people in Lebanon and Jordan - Zoe Jordan, Oxford Brookes; Alexandra Kassir, Centre for Lebanese Studies; Oroub El-Abed, Centre for Lebanese Studies, Jordan

Decolonising Inquiry: Knowledge Production and the Pursuit of "Arab Public Opinion" - Kiran Phull, King's College London

Radical pedagogy and transformative tools for researchers and educators - Kanwal Tareq Hameed Abdulhameed, Exeter University; Amal Khalaf, Serpentine Gallery; Katie Natanel, Exeter University

1B) Theological institutions and actors: Roles and Reforms

Chaired by Irwan Saidin, National University of Malaysia

Brothers Behind Bars: Examining the History of the Muslim Brotherhood's Prison Ordeals, 1948-75 - Mathias Ghyoot, University of Copenhagen

An Informal Political Actor: The Influence of Ayatollah Sistani In Contemporary Iraq -Yousif Al-Hilli, University of Birmingham

The Battle of the Grand Imam and the President: The Right to Islamic Legitimacy in Contemporary Egypt - Andreas Nabil Younan, University of Copenhagen

The Islamic Face of a Pro-western Arab Monarchy, Jordan: An Analysis of Works of Its Royal Hashemite Family - *Fukiko Ikehata, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science*

Al-Shawkānī debates on Christian-Muslim relationships: Accounts, interfaith dialogue and lawful existence of Christians - Awad Nahee, Najran University - Saudi Arabia

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 1 (MON 5TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

1C) The British Influence in the Gulf: Production, Protection, Partnership

Chaired by Abdullah Baabood, Waseda University

Gulf History and Colonial Archives: The Case of Britain and India - James Onley, Qatar National Library

The British, the Advisers and the Institutional Foundations of the State of Kuwait -*Claire Beaugrand, University of Exeter*

The 'Scripts' of the British Diplomat in the Gulf: Human Agency and National Interests - *Clemens Chay*

Orientalism and The Myth of the Reforming Monarch - David Wearing, SOAS

1D) Narrating Upheaval in North Africa

Chaired by Hana Natour, Freie Universität Berlin

Romancing Autocracy: Tunisian Women Writers Yearning for the Dictator - Douja Mamelouk, Le Moyne College

On the Vernacular (Re)turn: The Poetics and Politics of Writing al-Dārija in Tunisia, 2010-2020 - Ben Koerber, Rutgers University

Narrating the Past: Tunisian Prose and the Uprisings of 2010/11 - Hanan Natour, Freie Universität Berlin

Upheavals of Self and Centre: Rethinking Animal Studies through Libya, and World Literature through Animals - *Charis Olszok, University of Cambridge*

Renewing the Left's project through Culture: Leftist Poetics, Memory and Mobilisation in Moroccan literature - *Karima Laachir, Australian National University*

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 1 (MON 5TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

1E) Roundtable: The city and al madina: A bilingual conversation

Chaired by Aya Nassar, Durham University

Noura Wahby, University of Cambridge Nadi Abusaada, University of Cambridge Omar Jabary Salamanca, Ghent University Deen Sharp, London School of Economics

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 2 (MON 5TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

2A) Plenary Keynote: Professor Caroline Rooney 'The Revolution is a Woman': From Woke Culture to the Arab Wakening

This presentation will begin with a consideration of the manifesto launched last year by French scholars that makes the case that woke culture is responsible for extremist terror and that postcolonial studies is responsible for this in its promotion of identity politics. What will be maintained is that extremism and revolutionary radicalism are different formations, and the presentation will further clarify key differences between woke culture and the awakening of the Arab uprisings, particularly with respect to how women were at the forefront of these uprisings, hence the slogan: 'The revolution is a woman.'



Biography

Caroline Rooney is Professor of African and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Kent. She was born in Zimbabwe and studied at the University of Cape Town before taking up a Beit Fellowship to undertake doctoral research at the University of Oxford. She works and publishes mainly in the areas of postcolonial studies and Arab cultural studies, focusing on the cultural expression of liberation struggles and their aftermaths in sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Middle East. She is the author of African Literature, Animism and Politics (2000), Decolonising Gender, Literature and a Poetics of the Real (2007), and Creative Radicalism in the Middle East: Culture and the Arab Left After the Uprisings (2020). Her co-edited publications include: 'Egyptian Literary Culture and Egyptian Modernity', Journal of Postcolonial Writing, 7:4 (2011) and The Ethics of Representation in Literature, Art and Journalism: Transnational Responses to the Siege of Beirut (2013). Her research by practice includes theatre productions and documentary films. From 2009-12 she was a Global Uncertainties Fellow with a programme entitled 'Radical Distrust: A Cultural Analysis of the Emotional, Psychological and Linguistic Formations of Political and Religious Extremism.' From 2012-2015, she held a PaCCS Leadership Fellowship with a programme entitled 'Imagining the Common Ground: Utopian Thinking and the Overcoming of Resentment and Distrust'. She acted as UK PI of 'Egypt's Living Heritage' (Newton, 2016), and is currently the Co-I of 'The Crime-Terror Nexus from Below: Criminal and Extremist Practices, Networks and Narratives in Deprived Neighbourhoods of Tripoli' (ESRC).

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 3 (MON 5TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

3A) The role of Academia in Activism and Critical Pedagogy

Chaired by Denis V. Volkov, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Reflections on conducting research with Palestinian refugees in Lebanon - Perla Issa, Institute for Palestine studies

Are there boundaries between academia and activism in the Arab region? - Sara Jeffar, University of Milan; Amel Hammami, College of Europe-Natolin; Malaka Shwaikh, University of St Andrews

Public Pedagogy in Egypt as Postcolonial Practice - Alaa Badr, European University Institute

Mizrahi Scholar Activism and the Global Middle East: An Asian Americanist Critique -Nancy Ko, Columbia University

3B) Exclusion, Sectarianism and Marginalisation

Chaired by M. Stella Morgana, Leiden University

Football and the Contestation of Iranian Identity - Ehsan Kashfi, University of Alberta

Hezbollah's challenged Leadership over Baalbek: Independents' Political Contest facing the 'Resistance' since the 2016 Municipal Elections - Jean-Baptiste Allegrini, University College London

Itineraries of Opposition. The National Pact and Maronite Opinion in Lebanon (1943-1976) - Borja Wladimiro González Fernández, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

How are the young voting in Tunisia? An approach to the electoral disaffection of the youth in the 2018 Municipal elections - Bosco Govante Pablo de Olavide University; Miguel Hernando de Larramendi, Castilla La Mancha University

Security Vetting and Disposable Citizenship in Turkey - Seckin Sertdemir Ozdemir, University of Turku

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 3 (MON 5TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

3C) Settler Colonialism, power and resistance in Israel-Palestine

Chaired by Alice Panepinto, Queen's University BelfastEconomics

The Functioning of Law in Israeli Settler Colonialism - Michael Samuel, Emory University

Narratives of Human Rights in Israel Palestine: The Construction of Truth - Ibrahim Saïd, Centre on Conflict Development and Peace-building, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

Bringing Class into Indigeneity: Palestine, Rawabi, and the Politics of Recognition -Francesco Amoruso, University of Exeter

The Long 1960s and the Contemporary Palestinian Discourse: The Local versus the Global - Manar Makhoul, Tel-Aviv University

Under Ah Al Ard eyes[i]: settler colonialism and decolonisation in Palestine - *Maisa* Shquier

3D) Decolonizing Middle Eastern Film and Media Studies

Chaired by Terri Ginsberg, The American University in Cairo

Governing through Documentary in the Middle East: Binational University & USIA Contracts during the Early Cold War: The Case of Syracuse Audio-Visual Center -Hadi Gharabaghi, Drew University

Legacies of USIA Information Centers within Contemporary Spaces for Cultural Diplomacy in the Middle East - *Bret Vukoder, University of Delaware*

Towards a Petro-economy of Arab Film Studies - Terri Ginsberg, The American University in Cairo

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 3 (MON 5TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

3E) Recovering Radical Knowledge Session 1: Revolutionary Pasts and Revolutionary Presents

Chaired by Sara Salem, London School of Economics

'Impossible People' in an Impossible Revolution: When Nonviolent and Radical Politics Is Met with Violence - *Birgit Poopuu, Aberystwyth University*

Decolonial memories, colonial circulations? - Omar Al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics

Cuban-Palestinian Women's Entanglements - Sorcha Thomson, Roskilde University

Anticolonialism, Third Worldism, and the Cold War: Writing Transnational Decolonial Histories from Dhufar to Tehran - Marral Shamshiri-Fard, London School of Economics

4A) Cultural Imaginings: Narrating through novels

Chaired by Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

Islamism in modern Arabic literature: a neglected history - Alessandro Columbu, The University of Westminster

Unsettling Stories: The Worldiness of Horror in Post-2003 Iraqi Fiction - *Tasnim Qutait, SOAS*

Amman in the "post-Arab spring" novel in Jordan - Ismael Abder-rahman Gil, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Female Narratives and (Im)mobilities in English – Modern Literature from the Arab Gulf - Alice Königstetter, University of Vienna

The Complexity of Arab Identity in Fiction and Theory: A look through the Lens of Immigrants' Education and Activism - *Eman Alamri, University of Manchester*

4B) BRISMES Committee on Academic Freedom

Chaired by Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick

Lewis Turner, Newcastle University John Chalcraft, London School of Economics Matthew Hedges, Durham University Zahra Tizro, University of East London Stephen Wordsworth, Cara (Council for At-Risk Academics)

4C) Islam Calling - Muslim minorities and da'wa

Chaired by Antonella Straface, University of Naples "L'Orientale"

When the minority is responsible for the majority: the duty of da'wa in Europe -*Chiara Anna Cascino, University of Naples "L'Orientale"*

Migration Aimed at da'wa in Salafi Juridical Thought - Carlo De Angelo, University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Da'wa as Contention. The Islamic Invitation among the Moroccans Abroad - *Nicola Di Mauro, University of Naples "L'Orientale"*

Proselytism and caution: the da'wa in the Ismaili context - Antonella Straface, University of Naples "L'Orientale"

4D) Reflecting on constitution-making: Looking at North Africa after 2011

Chaired by Tereza Jermanová, Charles University

The constitution as the battleground for Sudan's unfinished revolution - Sara Abbas, Freie Universität Berlin

The Constitutional Question at the Heart of Algeria's Political Crisis - Rayane Anser, University of Warwick

There was no alternative: Explaining the cross-partisan constitutional agreement in Tunisia after the 2010/11 uprising - *Tereza Jermanová, Charles University*

Democracy by 'undemocratic' means? Assessing the role of guiding principles in Tunisia's and Egypt's constitutional processes - *Nedra Cherif, European University Institute*

Is constitution-making necessarily about regime change? Egypt 2012 Constitution and alternatives to democratization theory - Alexis Blouët, University of Edinburgh

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 5 (TUE 6TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

5A) Statelessness, self-determination and the struggle for sovereignty

Chaired by Irene Fernandez-Molina, University of Exeter

A Tale of Two Regions: What explains the great divergence between Iraq and the KRG? - Shwan Azeez, University of Kent; Josh P Hill, Montana State University Billings

Bargaining Statehood: Unrecognised States and The Question of Sovereignty -Dilara Ozbek, University of Kent

Syria's Changing Statelessness Landscape: From Protracted Situations to "Ticking time bombs" - Thomas McGee, University of Melbourne

"Decontestation of the essentially contestable": Biopolitics, Ideology and Fantasy in Kurdish Conflict - *Recep Onursal, University of Kent*

Syria's Assyrian Identity and the Political Discourse of Constructing 'Rojava' -Madonna Kalousian, Lancaster University

5B) Islamic networks and Islamist movements

Chaired by Zeina Dowidar, University of Cambridge

The Arab Uprisings and Malaysia's Islamist Movements: Influence, Impact and Lesson - Irwan Saidin, National University of Malaysia

British Salafism and the Middle Eastern Connection: Past, Present, and Future -Iman Dawood, London School of Economics and Political Science

Framing Identities, Shifting the Tactics: Exploring shared perceptions and tactical decisions by the Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine during the Second Intifada (2000-2005) - Antonella Acinapura, Queen's University of Belfast

Sufi orders and their political commitment in contemporary Turkey - Angelo Francesco Carlucci, İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim Üniversitesi

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 5 (TUES 6TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

5C) The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: To thrive, or merely survive, that is the question

Chaired by Rana Sweis, Wishbox Media

Missed Opportunities for Reform and Development in Jordan - Rana Sweis, Wishbox Media

Jordan's Decentralization After 2015: Central control under weak intermediaries -Shun Watanabe, University of Oxford

The Limits of Selective Reformism: Economic neoliberalism and public dissent in Jordan - Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University

Moral Economy, Social Control and Popular Protest in Modern Jordan - Tariq Tell, American University of Beirut

5D) Memory and National(ist) Pasts in Turkey: Reflections Through Oral History

Chaired by Roger Deal, University of South Carolina Aiken

Menemen, 1930: Event, History, Memory - Hale Yilmaz, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Thinking about the Past, Belonging, and the Armenian Citizens of Turkey - Yesim Bayar, St. Lawrence University

Taş Plak Memories: Reconsidering Social History in a Turkish Jewish Community -Maureen Barbara Jackson, Independent scholar

Oral History as a Way of Understanding Reactions to the Reforms in Hatay - Esra Demirci, Bilkent University

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 5 (TUE 6TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

5E) Roundtable: Unlearning/Re-learning Middle East Studies: Challenging Exclusions Through Ally-ship, Connection and Collaboration

Chaired by: Lewis Turner, Newcastle University

Sharri Plonski, Queen Mary, University of London Akanksha Mehta, Goldsmiths, University of London Elian Weizman, London South Bank University

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 6 (TUE 6TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

6A) Creating dissenting narratives through Film and Art

Chaired by Thomas Richard, ESPOL, Université Catholique de Lille

The City in Alternative Arab Film - Nadia Yaqub, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Nationalism after Decolonization in Egyptian Cinema - Mariam Waheed, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Queer Heavens: Articulating Gender Fluidity Through Garden Imagery in Contemporary Middle Eastern Art - *Charlotte Bank, Independent scholar*

Queer Cinema in the Arab World-Changing Trends - Iris Fruchter-Ronen, University of Haifa

Resisting (neo)colonialism in Egyptian cinema - Claire Begbie, AUC

6B) Colonial legacies: Borders and Institutions

Chaired by Yasmine Zarhloule, University of Oxford

The construction of smallness in the British discourse regarding the Gulf region and its effects on state identity - *Máté Szalai, Corvinus University of Budapest*

Towards a Decolonial History of Islamic Law in the Arabian Peninsula - Alexandre Caeiro, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

"No Mines, No Borders": The Experience of the Nakba in South Lebanese Frontier Communities - Susann Kassem, University of Oxford

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 6 (TUE 6TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

6C) Decentralization under Neopatrimonialism: Comparative Perspectives from the Arab World

Chaired by Thomas Demmelhuber, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Formal participation vs informal leverage? Situating institutional petitions in the politics of local Morocco - Francesco Colin, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Decentralization under Neopatrimonialism: Conceptual Reflections - Thomas Demmelhuber, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg, (Co-authored by Roland Strum)

The role of elite networks in decentralization: a comparative perspective - Miriam Bohn, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Decentralization and fiscal policy: a comparative perspective - Erik Vollmann, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Discussant: Irene Fernandez-Molina, University of Exeter

6D) On Arab Urbanism Session 1

Chaired by: Nadi Abusaada, University of Cambridge

Architecture, the State and the Capital City: Investigating the Muqata'a and Arafat's memorial site in Ramallah, Palestine - Anwar Jaber, University of Waterloo

Reasserting Regionalism: The Arab Exhibition in Mandate Jerusalem, 1931-33 -Nadi Abusaada, University of Cambridge

An 'Arab Urbanism'? On regional categories and the articulation of Local Knowledge - Ibrahim Abdou, University of Cambridge

The Increasing Urbanization of Egypt's Nile Delta villages and the Shifting Social Value of Land - *Nada El-Kouny, Rutgers University*

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 6 (TUE 6TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

6E) Book Launch: The Umayyad Mosque of Damascus. Art, Faith and Empire in Early Islam by Alain George

Author Alain George in conversation with Series Editor Melanie Gibson

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 7 (TUE 6TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

7A) Plenary Roundtable: Disrupting, Refusing and Transgressing Knowledge Production in Middle East Studies

Chaired by Sara Salem, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

As scholars of the 'Middle East,' living in a colonial metropole, working in neoliberalised universities, we must confront difficult, challenging, and oftentimes personal questions about our responsibilities and positionalities as producers and disseminators of knowledge. How do we produce scholarship that is neither extractive, nor ordered or disciplined by colonial concepts and categories (including the concept of 'the Middle East')? How do we produce knowledge that is faithful, relevant and accountable to lived experiences of people in the region and to all those we teach? How do we navigate neoliberalised structures of research funding, fieldwork, and academic hierarchies to produce knowledge that is relevant for struggles for liberation and justice? And how do we mobilise and be(come) political - in our classrooms, our universities, our 'field sites', and the wider world. Building on Steven Salaita, how then do we research, write, and teach in these conditions of exploitation?

This roundtable will ask participants to critically reflect on their scholarship and professional practice, as shaped by global and political forces, and to do so in conversation with, and learning from, experts in other disciplines and fields. Aimed at a radical rethinking/redoing of knowledge production in our field(s), it poses questions and challenges for BRISMES members, and BRISMES as an institution. How can we learn and improve when we think through coloniality, racialised capitalisms and other structures and practices of domination, as well as the struggles that challenge the silencing, erasure and replacement of indigenous and racialised others.

Kelly-Jo Bluen, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) Jasmine Gani, University of St Andrews Akanksha Mehta, Goldsmiths Anti-Racist Action Olivia U. Rutazibwa, University of Portsmouth Goldie Osuri, University of Warwick

8A) Questioning the Decolonisation of Middle Eastern Studies Chaired by Kiran Phull, LSE

Decolonising the library, its implications and the role of Middle East librarians -Waseem Farooq, Aga Khan Library

The Rise of the "Global" and Return of Eurocentrism - Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, New Jersey Institute of Technology/ Rutgers - Newark

Knowledge Production and International Relations in the Arab Middle East - *Mekia* Nedjar, Mohamed Benahmed Oran 2 University

Knowledge Decolonization or Critical Epistemology: A Comparative Perspective between Development Studies in the Middle East and Latin America - *Shimaa Hatab, Cairo University*

Pious Agency: Post-Secularist Approaches to Decolonising Middle Eastern Studies - Suraina Pasha, University of Sydney

8B) New Frontiers of Political Struggle: Popular Culture and Media

Chaired by Claire Begbie, AUC

Hegemonic Masculinities and Political Authoritarianism in Turkish Popular Culture -Deniz Zorlu, Izmir University of Economics

Al-Akhbar as a Platform for Interaction between Secularity and Religion: The Resistance as a Synthesis - Abed Kanaaneh, Tel Aviv University

Techno-Islam, Gender, and Saudi Politics in Global Media Discourse - Joel W. Abdelmoez, Stockholm University

The female gaze in Syrian Documentary - Josepha Wessels, Malmö University Sweden

8C) Challenging the domestic/international dichotomy

Chaired by Sam Mace, University of Leeds

Transnational Communist Networks in the Post-WWI Middle East: Anti-colonialism, internationalism and itinerant militancy - *Burak Sayim, Graduate Institute Geneva*

Border-Crossing Collective Action Repertoires: Palestine Activism in a Global Justice Context - Suzanne Morrison, Zayed University

Development: Examining Tunisia's Multiple Horizontalities - Matt Gordner, University of Toronto

Revisiting Khatami's Dialogue among Civilisations: domestic and international political order - Shabnam Holliday, University of Plymouth; Edward Wastnidge, Open University

The State between the Domestic and the External: Algeria, Syria, and Yemen -Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby

8D) In the shadow of border control. Reconsidering humanitarianism as containment in the Middle East and North Africa

Chaired by Elisa Pascucci, University of Helsinki

Humanitarian aspirations "stuck between two chairs": Managing migration on behalf of the EU in south-east Tunisia - Valentina Zagaria, LSE

Resettlement as Containment. Iraqi and Syrian Refugees and the Politics of Accountability - Giulia El Dardiry, Beirut School of Critical Security Studies, Arab Council for the Social Sciences

Vulnerable or Resilient?: Care, control, & containment in Jordan's Syrian refugee camps - *Melissa Gatter, University of Sheffield*

The left hand of the border. Death, humanitarianism and exception in the North-East Moroccan borderlands - Lorena Gazzotti, Lucy Cavendish College and CRASSH, University of Cambridge

8E) Feminist politics in revolutionary times: past struggles and radical futurities

Chaired by Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick

Radical Futures, Haunted Pasts: A Reading of Arwa Salih's The Stillborn - Sara Salem, LSE

What Can Queer and Feminist IR Tell us about the Syrian War? - Razan Ghazzawi, University of Sussex

Right Wing Sisterhood: The everyday politics of Hindu Nationalist women in India -Akanksha Mehta, Goldsmiths

8F) The Politics of Childhood in Palestine/Israel

Chaired by James Eastwood, Queen Mary, University of London

Childhood, Race, and Medicine in the Forced Removal of Mizrahi Children from their Families in Israel - James Eastwood, Queen Mary, University of London

Child Rights in the Service of State Violence: Lessons from Israel/Palestine - Hedi Viterbo, Queen Mary, University of London

Archival Irretrievabilities: Childhood in Exile, Jordan 1948 -1967 - Mezna Qato, University of Cambridge

Childbearing and raising children in the context of military occupation: experiences of Palestinians living on the margins of Jerusalem - *Doaa Hammoudeh, University of Oxford*

8G) Roundtable: Perils of our field: discrimination, censorship, and intimidation

Chaired by Miriyam Aouragh, University of Westminster

Anne Alexander, University of Cambridge Ray Bush, University of Leeds Neve Gordon, QMUL Ala'a Shehabi, UCL Mandy Turner, University of Manchester Lena Salaymeh, University of Oxford



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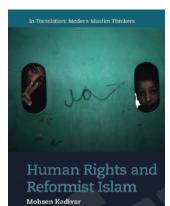


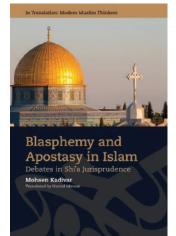
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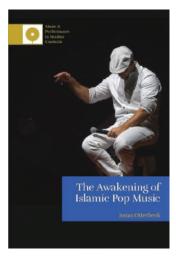
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PANEL DETAILS SESSION 9 (WED 7TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

9A) Plenary Session: Keynote Speaker – Dr amina wadud: Islamic Feminism: What's in a Name?

This presentation will provide a overview of the historical development of a hybrid Islam combined with an intersectional feminism: Islamic Feminism. Islamic Feminism is a conflation of several factors impacting discourse, research and activism by and about Muslim women. Islamic Feminism is distinct from Muslim Feminism as a critical hermeneutical approach to texts in deference to contexts. It creates alternative readings to those canonized throughout Muslim history in order to remove Islam from the centuries long privileging of patriarchy.



Biography

Dr amina wadud is a world renown scholar and activist with a focus on Islam, justice, gender, and sexuality. After achieving Full Professor, she retired from US academia except as Visiting Researcher to the Starr King School for the Ministry, California, USA. After 15 years in retirement, she has recently returned as Visiting Professor at the National Islamic University in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. She migrated to Indonesia in 2018 to avoid the chaos of US politics and ethics first-hand. Author of Qur'an and Woman: Rereading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective (1999), a classic that helped towards the development of epistemology and methodology in Islamic feminism, which is the most dynamic outcome of Islamic reform today. It is 3 decades old and translated over 10 times, most recently into French. Her second manuscript, Inside the Gender Jihad: Women's Reform in Islam (2006), then moved the discussion further and aligned with the mandate for ethics and activism to be in collaboration. After completing a 3-year research grant investigating 500 years of Islamic classical discourse on sexual diversity and human dignity, funded by the Arcus Foundation, she is organizing an International Center for Queer Islamic Theology: the first in the world. Mother of five and Nana to six, she is best known as The Lady Imam.

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 10 (WED 7TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

10A) Exploring Memory through Art and Popular Culture

Chaired by Nadia Yaqub, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

From Mass Media to Social Media: Exploring the multiple co-productions of the nation and its pasts Egyptian Facebook - *Nermin Elsherif, University of Amsterdam*

The chanted memory of the Tunisian Left: protest songs as a dissenting archive -Alessia Carnevale, La Sapienza University, Rome

Memory Activism in Palestinian Performative Arts and Scholarship - Farah Aboubakr, The University of Edinburgh

Redrawing Palestine: Visibility, Humanity, and Counter-Narratives in Joe Sacco's Graphic Novel. - Holly May Treadwell, University of Kent

Colonial imagery and Middle Eastern visual culture: Napoleon in Egyptian eyes -Thomas Richard, ESPOL, Université Catholique de Lille

10B) Conceptualising Revolution

Chaired by Recep Onursal, University of Kent

Decolonising revolutions after the Arab Uprisings - Sandra Pogodda, University of Manchester

Throwing the touchstone into the Nile: Reflections on Reorienting and Decolonising the Study of the Revolution in Egypt - *Mohammad Afshary, University of Kent*

Gramsci in Palebystine: Reflections on beginnings, and theorizing counterhegemony through the praxis of the single democratic state intellectual in Palestine - Cherine Hussein, The Institute of International Relations in Prague

Re-visiting Palestinian Revolutionary Knowledge - Klaudia Wieser, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna; Noura Salah Aldeen, Institute for Social Anthropology at the Austrian Academy of Science

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 10 (WED 7TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

10C) Colonial legacies in education: historic and present

Chaired by Alessandro Columbu, The University of Westminster

International Law and the Middle East: The Challenge of Decolonization - Dina Hadad, Kuwait International Law School

British Women and the Agency of Children in Mandate Palestine - Charlotte Kelsted, European Centre for Palestine Studies, University of Exeter

Do we only have a history as long as we are colonised? The History/Memory Nexus and the challenges of uncovering the postcolonial state in Morocco. - *Yasmine Zarhloule, University of Oxford*

Authenticity and Exceptionalism in Teaching Middle Eastern Languages - Jona Fras, The University of Edinburgh

10D) Cultural Interactions in Arab Diasporic and Globalized Spaces

Chaired by Ala Al-Hamarneh, Orient Institute Beirut (OIB)

Multilingualism in "The Bullet Collection": Contact Zones, Checkpoints, and Liminal Points - Syrine Hout, American University in Beirut

Glocalized linguistic landscapes: (In)visible linguistic borders and identities within institutions of higher education in the UAE - *Afaf Bataineh, Zayed University*

Arab Refugee Aid: What divides Diaspora donors and diminishes the dividend? -Shelley Deane, Brehon Advisory

Lost Compatriots? "Western" Diasporic Spaces in Egyptian Cinema - Ala Al-Hamarneh, Orient Institute Beirut

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 10 (WED 7TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

10E) Roundtable: Decolonising heritage in the Middle East

Chaired by Eleanor Robson, UCL & Nahrein Network

Lina Tahan, Nahrein Network Bijan Rouhani, Oxford University Isber Sabrine, Heritage for Peace Mehiyar Kathem, UCL & Nahrein Network

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 11 (WED 7TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

11A) Decolonizing Feminism: Knowledge and Activism

Chaired by Sara Tafakori, London School of Economics

Decolonizing feminism? A transnational feminist analysis of Jineolojî - Nadje Al-Ali, Brown University; Isabel Käser, SOAS & University of Bern

Decolonial Feminism and Internationalization of Gender Injustices in the Middle East - Jihan Zakarriya, AIAS

"No Free Homeland Without Free Women" The case of Tali'at - Federica Stagni, Scuola Normale Superiore

Majnūna: Women's Madness and the Professionalization of Psychiatry in Egypt Under British Rule - Yasmin Shafei, American University of Beirut

Reproductive Governance & The Migrant Subject: An Ethnographic Critique -Morgen Chalmiers, University of California San Diego

11B) Rethinking militaries, militias and non-state armed actors in politics

Chaired by Burak Sayim, Graduate Institute Geneva

The rise of militiatocracies in the Middle East - Yaniv Voller, University of Kent

What is the role conscription played in producing sustained systematic violence and its employment to support authoritarianism and conflict in post-colonial Egypt? A Case study of conscription of the Central Security Forces (CSF) at the Egyptian Police. - *Hussein Salahaldin, University of Bradford*

EU diplomacy and the 2013 military coup in Egypt - Ragnar Weilandt, KU Leuven

International Relations and Foreign Policy of State-like Actors (SLA) in the Middle East: PLO and Hezbollah - *Zakia Aqra, University of Peloponnese*

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 11 (WED 7TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

11C) "The Century of Camps" – Imagining Encampment and Containment in the Middle East

Chaired by Are John Knudsen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)

Aerial photography and the image of the refugee camp in the Middle East from Baquba to Zaatari, 1918-2018 - Benjamin Thomas White, University of Glasgow

UNRWA, the Refugee and the Camp: Imageries, Representations and Practice - *Kjersti Berg, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)*

The Ghettoization and Densification of Beddawi Refugee camp, Lebanon - Ismail Cheikh Hassan, Independent Researcher

Visualizing the Evolution of Refugees' Housing in the Zaatari Camp, Jordan - Kamel Doraï, Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo-Beirut)

Gaza Buildings: Spatial Archives of Displacement in Sabra, Beirut - Are John Knudsen, Chr. Michelsen Insitute (CMI)

11D) Historiography and the Politics of Memory: Jews from the Muslim World between Assimilation and Self-determination

Chaired by Neophytos Loizides, University of Kent

Iranian Jewish emigration to Israel: an experience between the "East" and the "West" - Alessandra Cecolin, University of Aberdeen

Oriental Jews – European Religiosity? Religious Orthodoxy among Iranian Jewish Communities - Ariane Sadjed, Austrian Academy of Science, Institute for Iranian Studies

Different Perspectives on Jewish and Muslim Relations in Yemen: Between the Jews of Yemen and the Yemenite Diaspora in Israel - *Menashe Anzi, Ben Gurion University of the Negev*

Remembering Jews in Post-Authoritarian Tunisia - Achim Rohde, Free University of Berlin

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 11 (WED 7TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

11E) BRISMES Campaigns: Middle East Studies in Practice and Anti-Colonial Education

Chaired by Hicham Safieddine, King's College London; Jamie Allinson, University of Edinburgh

Omar Barghouti, Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel Sara Salem, LSE John Chalcraft, LSE Marcy Newman, Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel

12A) Academic Freedom and Knowledge Production: The relationship between state and scholarship

Chaired by Matthew Hedges, Durham University

Dancing in the Minefield: Feminism and Critical Pedagogy in Jordanian Academia -Amani Al-Serhan, University of Jordan/Center for Women's Studies

The Death of Critical Pedagogy in Jordanian Universities - Tayseer Abu Odeh, Al-Ahliyya Amman University

Power/Knowledge, the Habitus and the Field: Russian Emigré Orientalists during the Interwar Period - Denis V. Volkov, National Research University Higher School of Economics

State-sponsored academic narratives on Muslims and migration in Hungary - Daniel Vekony, Corvinus University of Budapest

12B) Identities and narratives of the displaced and the diaspora

Chaired by Syrine Hout, American University in Beirut

Diasporic identity and religion: the case of second generation Iraqi youth in London and their transnational spaces of belonging - *Oula Kadhum, University of Birmingham*

Continuum of forced displacement narratives among Palestinian refugees from Syria in Germany - Isis Nusair, Denison University

Remembering the Syrian civil war through the lens of motherhood - Magdalena Suerbaum, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Societal changes in the Syrian national identity during conflict and displacement -Kathrin Bachleitner, University of Oxford

Cypriots in the island and abroad: reunification attitudes and peace prospects -Neophytos Loizides, University of Kent; Isik Kuscu, METU

Disqualified Knowledges in the Refugee and Humanitarian Regimes: War, Displacement and Relief through the Narratives of Syrian Aid Workers - Nadine Hassouneh, Centre for British Research in the Levant; Elisa Pascucci, University of Helsinki

12C) New Perspectives on an Elusive Conflict: A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Conflict in Yemen

Chaired by Alexander Weissenburger, Austrian Academy of Sciences

From Periphery to the Core: an analysis of the Huthi local governance system - *Luca Nevola, University of Sussex*

An 'Empty' Battle Zone: Insights from the Yemeni-Saudi Border - *Lisa Lenz-Ayoob, Austrian Academy of Sciences*

The Hustle of Yemeni State Diplomacy: Material Constraint and Austerity in a Moment of Crisis - Judit Kuschnitzki, University of Cambridge

Between Alignment, Imitation and Autonomy: The Huthi Movement's Ambiguous Relationship with Iran from an Ideological Angle - Alexander Weissenburger, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Social Anthropology

12D) Sufism and Modernity: Alternative Takes on the 19th and 20th Century in Muslim Thought

Chaired by Dženita Karić, University of Tübingen

Bosnian Hajj and Political Propaganda - Dženita Karić, University of Tübingen

Reading Rumi at the University: Abdülbaki Gölpinarlı and the Transformation of Sufi Literature - *Micah Hughes, UNC Chapel Hill*

The Hikam in 1970s Syria: a Call to Political Action - Nadirah Mansour, Princeton University

Mawlids in 19th Century Egypt - Ida Nitter, University of Pennsylvania

12E) Geographies of war-care

Chaired by Neve Gordon, Queen Mary University of London

The meaning of death: ballistic science and search for 'militarily acceptable wounds' - Nisha Shah, University of Ottawa

Legal Exceptions and the Killability of the Wounded Body - Neve Gordon, Queen Mary University of London

Revealed in the Wound - Omar Dewachi, Rutgers University

Repression and Repetition: The Construction of Palestinian Death(s) as an Exceptional Repetition in Israeli Military Courts - *Revital Madar*

Decolonizing Humanitarian Medicine – a Gazan Perspective *- Osama Tanous, Emory University*

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13A) Rethinking Gender and Islam: Comparative Perspectives

Chaired by Demet Gülçiçek, University of Warwick

Grounding Saudi women's rights in local terms of reference: Islamic feminism as a tool for reform - *Nora Jaber, King's College London*

Self-appointed Saviors: Post-9/11 Muslim Women Memoirs - Sepideh Sami, Macquarie University

Post-Islamist Young Women and the Reconfiguration of the Public Sphere - Dina Hosni, Frankfurt University Goethe

The Postcolonial Assemblage of ISIS Brides: The Case of Shamima Begum -Shehnoor Khurram, York University; Fardosa Warsame, York University

13B) Conserving heritage and constructing histories

Chaired by Youssef Choueiri, University of Manchester

The use of past as part of Colonial discourse – a case study of the Jerusalem Archaeological Museum. - *Chloe Emmott, University of Greenwich*

Historian's Craft Between Empire and Nation: The Emergence of Historical Professionalism in the Ottoman Realm between the 1910s and 1920s - Yeliz Cavus, The Ohio State University

Amplifying Local voices: narrating hidden pasts through museums in Jordan - Maria Elena Ronza, Sela for Vocational Training and Protection of Cultural Heritage; Arwa Badran, Independent consultant and researcher

Imagining the Past in the Age of Reform: Ottoman Historical Writing in the Nineteenth Century - Erdem Sönmez, Social Sciences University of Ankara

The Legacy of Enslavement: Representations and Discussions on Slavery and Racism in Qatar - Ameen Omar, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 13 (THUR 8TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

13C) Decolonial critique and the limits of international law

Chaired by Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick

The Question of Indigeneity in Israel-Palestine - Lana Tatour, Columbia University

Theorizing the "Force of Law" in Palestine/Israel - Mark Ayyash, Mount Royal University

Civilians and victims in Palestine: legal terminology shaping realities - Maayan Geva, University of Roehampton, London

'Un-lawyering' international law to see its role in settler-colonialism in Israel-Palestine - Alice Panepinto, Queen's University Belfast

13D) How to get published panel

Chaired by Giulia Guariento, Taylor & Francis Group

Andrea Teti, University of Aberdeen Nora Parr, Freie Universitat Berlin

13E) Roundtable: Decolonizing Islamicate Manuscript Studies

Chaired by Davidson MacLaren, The Islamic Manuscript Association

Sumayya Ahmed, Simmons University Alya Karame, American University of Beirut Dženita Karić, University of Tübingen N.A. Mansour, Princeton University Torsten Wollina, Trinity College Dublin

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 14 (THUR 8TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

14A) Plenary Student Section Session - Writing within and beyond academia

Chaired by Zahra Tizro, University of East London

Have you thought about writing beyond the dissertation and academic audiences? In this event, we bring together a number of academics from an array of disciplines who use their academic research and expertise to engage with public and wider audiences. The event offers an opportunity for graduate students and ECRs interested in pursuing an academic or related career in Middle East studies to engage with established scholars and learn about different writing practices for multiple and varied audiences: engagements with the media; writing in more than one language; accountability to the communities we write for or about; and ethics in writing practices. We invite students to come with questions relating to writing practices beyond academia.

Each panellist will speak for 7-10 minutes on their experiences and expertise. The event will touch upon on a range of themes, including: (1) how to make your research accessible for different audiences; (2) writing in more than one language (3) accountability and ethics in writing for the communities we research; and (4) writing practices broadly.

Dina Rezk, University of Reading Sari Hanafi, American University of Beirut Adam Hanieh, University of Exeter

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 15 (THUR 8TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

15A) Modes, considerations and consequences of International Intervention

Chaired by Kathrin Bachleitner, University of Oxford

When the wrong side wins: What history tells us about the prospect of a US-Syrian reconciliation after civil war - *Christopher Phillips, Queen Mary, University of London*

No Engagement without Recognition? Forms, Causal Mechanisms and Dilemmas of Transnational Recognition in the Libyan Civil War - Irene Fernandez-Molina, University of Exeter

State, Capital and Class in Iran: An Appraisal of Nuclear Sanctions and Their Impact -Gulriz Sen, TOBB University of Economics and Technology

The US Responsiveness towards the Kurdish Strategic Framing of fighting ISIS in Syria during the Obama Administration - *Turgay Demir, University of Leeds, School* of Politics and International Studies

15B) "What is to be done?": The Arab New Left in the 'long 1960s' - Session 1: Counter-hegemony and Legacies for a radical critique of the present

Chaired by Rossana Tufaro, Italian Institute of Oriental Studies, "Sapienza" University of Rome, and Lebanon Support, Civil Society Knowledge Center (Beirut)

An Egyptian 1968? The Season of Students' Discontent - Gennaro Gervasio, University Roma Tre

Plural Perspectives on Revolutionary Hopes: the Multiple Lives of the 1977 Uprising in Egypt - Mélanie Henry-Morin, IIAC & EHESS and member of the ERC-DREAM

The "Che Guevara of the Middle East": The Remembrance of Khalid Ahmad Zaki's failed uprising in Southern Iraq - *Philipp Winkler, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg*

Strangers on the Only Road: Epistemological Hegemony from Egypt's Long 1960s to the Neoliberal Present - Walter Armbrust, University of Oxford

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 15 (THUR 8TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

15C) On Arab Urbanism Session 2

Chaired by Noura Wahby, University of Cambridge

Beyond Quiet Encroachment: Politicising Informality and Infrastructure in Cairo's Districts - Noura Wahby, University of Cambridge

Tafseela: Building in the Arab Region - Wesam Al Asali, University of Cambridge

Political Economy of Light in fin-de-siecle Beirut - Ayse Polat, University of Cambridge

Rewiring Sovereignty - Omar Jabary Salamanca, Ghent University

15D) Analysing activism, resistance and resilience in the everyday

Chaired by Borja Wladimiro González Fernández, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Activism in Dead Time: Politics and the Anticipation of Failure in Lebanon - Sophie Chamas, SOAS, Centre for Gender Studies

Law, settlements and Palestinian resilience in East Jerusalem - Sonia Najjar, Queens University Belfast

"Resilience through place-making" as a model for decolonization: The West Bank case of Battir - Elisa Ferrato, School of Architecture Oxford Brookes University

Resilience in Greater Khartoum and the Sudanese Revolution of 2019 - Josepha Wessels, Schools of Arts and Communication

On Indigenous Resistance against Western-Imposed Models in Historic Palestine -Itxaso Domínguez de Olazábal, Fundación Alternativas

15E) Roundtable: Innovating and decolonising Arabic language teaching the UK higher education sector

Chaired by: Alessandro Columbu, The University of Westminster

Rasha Soliman, University of Leeds Safaa Radoan, The University of Exeter

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 16 (THUR 8TH JULY: 5:30PM-7:30PM)

16A) Deconstructing orientalism through Queer and Feminist theories

Chaired by Tayseer Abu Odeh, Al-Ahliyya Amman University

Decolonial Feminist Possibilities and Responsibilities in Teaching and Learning -Nadine El-Nabli, Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo

The Queer State in the Middle East: Using Queer Theory to Understand Post-Colonial Statehood - Andrew Delatolla, University of Leeds

Decolonial Orientations in Research: Thinking Palestine - Hazal Dolek, University of Sheffield

The State's "Attention to Motherhood" in Twentieth-Century Egypt - Marianne Dhenin, The American University in Cairo

The political economy of research on women and media in Saudi Arabia - Naomi Sakr, University of Westminster

16B) The Politics of Economic Reform, Resource Management and Financial Governance

Chaired by Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University

Algeria's Liberalizing Decade: Debtor-Creditors Relations Reassessed. - Francesco Saverio Leopardi, University of Bologna

The City also Vanishes? Climate Politics & Engaged Scholarship in Alexandria - Dina Zayed, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

Oman's Experience of Islamic Banking - A Juristic Approach to Tackling the Crisis of Miscommunication - Al Muatasim Al Maawali, Sultan Qaboos University

Redefining Natural Resources in the Context of the MENA Region - Ahmed Badreldin, University of Marburg

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 16 (THUR 8TH JULY: 5:30PM-7:30PM)

16C) Mechanics of Authoritarian Coercion

Chaired by Hussein Salahaldin, University of Bradford

The Justification of Punishment in Authoritarian States - Hend Hanafy, University of Cambridge

'Refolutionary' Resistance and Regime Response in a Transitioning Tunisia: The Case of Jendouba's Agrarian Protests - *Matt Gordner, University of Toronto*

It's not postcolonial, stupid! Genealogy of State Aggression, Counterterrorism and Human Rights violations in Egypt - Ahmed Abozaid, University of St Andrews

The friend enemy distinction in coup proofing - Sam Mace, University of Leeds

In Search of "Effective" Elections: The Establishment of the Electoral Amendment 1925 in Iran - Yoshiaki Tokunaga, The University of Tokyo

16D) Matters of space in the Middle East

Chaired by Deen Sharp, LSE

Rethinking place, movement and lines through a walk on the Jordan Trail - Olivia Mason, Newcastle University

Searching for a Place in a Map: War, Urban Space, and the Postcolonial Syrian State - Gabriel Garroum Pla, King's College London

A History of Cairo's Rubbish Hills - Shehab Ismail, Max Planck

Material Geographies, Geopoetic Entanglements and the Space of the Middle East -Aya Nassar, Durham University

16E) Roundtable: Decolonising Arabic Literary Studies

Chaired by Nora Parr, Freie Universitat Berlin

Tasnim Qutait, SOAS Ruth Abou Rached, University of Southampton Annie Webster, SOAS Ouissal Harize, Durham University

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 17 (FRI 9TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

17A) Self-determination and the (re)formation of national identity

Chaired by Dilara Ozbek, University of Kent

An Egyptian Victory: Ottoman-Greek War of 1897 and "Ottoman Consciousness" in Egypt - *Doğa Öztürk, Ohio State University*

State Policies, Minorities and Nationalism: Armenian Citizens of Turkey - Yesim Bayar, St. Lawrence University

'Arabisation' in Morocco: the myth(s) of origins - Kaoutar Ghilani, University of Oxford

Dis-claiming the Orient? Imagined Geographies of cultural Identities between Taha Hussein and Carl Heinrich Becker - *Abdalla Iskandar, FU Berlin*

17B) Forms and Dynamics of Violence and Justice in Israel-Palestine

Chaired by Michael Samuel, Emory University

Israeli Blockade, Hamas and International Dimensions: Deconstructing Gaza's Politics - Yaser Alashqar, Trinity College Dublin-Ireland

Israeli Green Colonialism and the Path to Environmental Justice - Ghada Sasa, McMaster University

Securitization and Victimhood: Israeli Identity in the Shadow of the Second Intifada - Esther Garcia Monreal, Durham University

Revisiting the Conflict over Sacred Places from Social and Economic Perspectives: What Does al-Haram al-Sharif Mean to Palestinians? - *Kensuke Yamamoto, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science*

Football, politics and identity. The case of Israel and Palestine - Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 17 (FRI 9TH JULY: 10AM-12PM)

17C) Beyond oil fields and the desert: orientalism, decoloniality and the Gulf

Chaired by Ahmed Dailami, University of Exeter

Let a thousand consultants bloom: neoliberalism and stagist economic theory in the Arab Gulf states - Ashraf El-Taher, SOAS

Kuwait's Anticolonial and Progressive Agenda in the Gulf: The Case of Bahrain (1960s-1970s) - Wafa Alsayed, Gulf University for Science and Technology

Between postcolonialism and decoloniality in the Khaleeji cultural sphere - Maia Holtermann Entwistle, SOAS

17D) Recovering Radical Knowledge Session 2: Radical Knowledge Cultivation across Space and Time

Chaired by Omar Al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics

The Arab Apocalypse: a queer feminist critique of masculinized politics and disaster - Andrew Delatolla, University of Leeds

Radical understandings of past, present and future: Imagination and anticolonialism in the Islamicate - *Jasmine Gani, University of St Andrews*

Centering the "south" in "decolonizing the university" debates - Aya Musmar, University of Sheffield

17E) Balancing power: challenges to the Middle East regional system past and present

Chaired by Yaniv Voller, University of Kent

Sectarianism vs pragmatism and interest: Turkey and Iran's foreign policy during the Qatar crisis - Olivia Glombitza, Autonomous University of Barcelona

Onward to Jerusalem?: Iran's Decision to Continue the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88) -Annie Tracy Samuel, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Federalism in the Middle East: Past Failures and Prospects - Neophytos Loizides, University of Kent

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 18 (FRI 9TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

18A) Diversifying Research on the Arab World: Multi-local Perspectives on Twelver Shi'ism in Iraq

Chaired by TBC

The Genesis and Influence of Shi'a Islamism within Transnational Networks of Political Islam: Clerical Activism and Ideological Discourses in Republican Iraq (1958-1979) - Oliver Scharbrodt, University of Birmingham

Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr on Islam and Social Justic - Chris Razavian, University of Birmingham

The International Community in the Eyes of Ayatollah Sistani: Attitudes towards the United Nations and the USA Post-2003 - Yousif Al-Hilli, University of Birmingham

Unpacking the Role of Religion in Political Transnationalism: The Case of the Shi'a Iraqi Diaspora Post-2003 - *Oula Kadhum, University of Birmingham*

18B) The Politics of Translation: Understanding Gender and Sexuality in Arabic-speaking Countries - Language, Power and Hegemony (Session conducted in Arabic)

Chaired by Nof Nasser-Eddin, Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration

Translating Queer: Colonial Histories and Discourse Creation - Nour Abu-Assab, Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration

Queer Reading of Fuṣḥā: A Case for Decolonising Language Practices in Knowledge Production - Musa al-Shadeedi, Masaha (Accessible Feminist Knowledge)

Escaping NGOization through Queering Language - Roula Seghaier, Masaha-Accessible Feminist Knowledge

Centralising Kuwaiti-Arabic Articulations of Queerness: Towards Decolonizing Epistemologies - *Nour al-Mazidi, London School of Economics*

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 18 (FRI 9TH JULY: 1PM-3PM)

18C) Reinterpretations of the Gulf: Time for a decolonization of Gulf studies?

Chaired by Marc Owen Jones, Hamad bin Khalifa University

An Empirical Survey of the State of Gulf Studies - Marc Owen Jones, Hamad bin Khalifa University

Rentier State Resilience: What the Qatar Crisis Can Teach Us About Rentierism -Hend Al Sulaiti, University of Southern Denmark

Visa to the world: Egyptian expatriate workers in Qatar and second passports - Mari Norbakk, Chr. Michelsen Institute

Are there really no refugees in Saudi Arabia? A history of refugees in a state not party to the Refugee Convention - *Charlotte Lysa, University of Oslo*

18D) Challenging Western-Centrism, Orientalism and Colonial Narratives

Chaired by Erdem Sönmez, Social Sciences University of Ankara

Narratives of Ottoman anti-colonialism and imperialism in Southeast Asia - *Michael Talbot, University of Greenwich*

Decolonizing Middle East Economic History - Ryan Smith, Independent Scholar

Decolonising Lebanon's History - Youssef Choueiri, University of Manchester

Professionalized Remedies of Early Orientalist Middle Eastern Studies: Colonialist, Patriotic, and Historians' Images of Egypt's Nationalist Party - Ahmed Ali Salem, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates

The Spirit of the Revolt against the West: Anti-Western Political Thought in Turkey -Oguzhan Goksel, Istanbul 29 Mayis University

PANEL DETAILS SESSION 19 (FRI 9TH JULY: 3:15PM-5:15PM)

19A) Plenary Keynote: Professor Pinar Bilgin: Nowhere to run? Decolonising the study of the Middle East between Area Studies and International Relations

For years, we have come to think of the knowledge/power relationship in Middle East Studies in terms of the ways in which knowledge has served power via Oriental or Area Studies. More recently, we have come to understand the ways in which International Relations, too, has been shaped by concerns with ordering the world not only in terms of policy advice but also the shaping of concepts and theories. What does it take to decolonise the study of the Middle East when we are caught between two fields that are deeply implicated in concerns with ordering the world?



Biography

Pinar Bilgin is Professor of International Relations at Bilkent University, Ankara, and an Associate Member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences. She has held visiting positions at the Woodrow Wilson International Center (Washington, DC), King's College London, Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC) at the University of Copenhagen, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies at the University of Southern Denmark, Amsterdam Centre for European Studies at the University of Amsterdam, and The Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). She is the author of many journal articles and books in the field of Critical Security Studies, including Regional Security in the Middle East: A Critical Perspective (2005; 2nd ed. 2019), The International in Security, Security in the International (2016) and is co-editor of Routledge Handbook of International Political Sociology (with Xavier Guillaume, 2017), and Asia in International Relations: Unthinking Imperial Power Relations (with L.H.M. Ling, 2017). She is an Associate Editor of International Studies Quarterly (2019-) and previously served as Associate Editor of Security Dialogue (2008-2013) and of International Political Sociology (2012-2017), an editorial board member of the journals ID:International Dialogue, Global Discourse, Security Dialogue, Contexto Internacional, International Studies Quarterly, Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Political Sociology and Geopolitics, and an international editorial advisory board member of the journals Millennium: Journal of International Relations, Perceptions, and Uluslararasi Lliskiler. She is the co-editor (with Monica Herz) of the Palgrave book series, Critical Security Studies in the Global South.

20A) A journey through literary history

Chaired by Tasnim Qutait, SOAS

Adab and Formation of Canon in Modern Arabic Societies - Nuha Alshaar, The American University of Sharjah/the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London

Immoral Polemics and Moral Politics: Clashing Politico-Moral Visions of the Late Ottoman Period - *Melis Hafez, Virginia Commonwealth University*

The Reconfiguration of the Arabic Literary Canon at the Fin de siècle: Orientalism, Sexuality and the Nahda - Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

De-colonizing Travel Narratives - Sally Abed, Alexandria University (Egypt)

Cultural Decolonization: The Case of Egyptian Nubia - Faten Morsy, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

20B) Women's movements and agency across time and space *Chaired by Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick*

Decolonizing Geographies of Affect: Iranian women's rights and the politics of solidarity - Sara Tafakori, London School of Economics

'Mood of Commitment': Strategic Discourses of Motherhood in Ottoman Muslim Women's Movements - Demet Gülçiçek, University of Warwick

Women, Agency, and the Muslim Brotherhood: Dissecting Dichotomies of Dissent and Delusion - Zeina Dowidar, University of Cambridge

Threads of Resistance and Preservation: Embroidery and the Making of Informal Politics in Women's Spaces - *Rasmieyh Abdelnabi, George Mason University*

Whose Issues? The Jordanian Women's Movement, Intersectionality, and the Battle over Defining Women's Issues in Jordan - Sara Ababneh, Jordan University

20C) Critical perspectives on Palestine, Western Sahara and the International Community

Chaired by Suzanne Morrison, Zayed University

The European Parliament and the Western Sahara conflict - Ragnar Weilandt, KU Leuven

"Can Palestinian Non-Violence Win Over the International Community?": The Case of Britain and the First Intifada - *Colter Louwerse, University of Exeter*

The European Union, Morocco and the Western Sahara Natural Resources - Ángela Suarez-Collado, University of Salamanca; Raquel Ojeda-García, University of Granada

20D) Palestine through the lens of decolonial epistemologies

Chaired by Mark Ayyash, Mount Royal University

Toward a decolonial approach in researching human suffering: On hunger strike in Israeli Prisons - Ashjan Ajour, Leicester University

"Freedom or Death": Hunger Striking through Necroresistance - Malaka Shwaikh, University of St Andrews

Land, Dispossession, and Rights - Heba Youssef, University of Brighton

BDS as decolonial praxis - Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick

20E) Power, Knowledge and "Oriental" Studies in Europe. Interrogating National Traditions of Middle East Studies

Chaired by Paola Rivetti, Dublin City University

Spanish North Africa and Middle East Studies: An analysis of top-ranked publications in Spain and by Spanish scholars (1998-2018) - Beatriz Tomé-Alonso, Universidad Loyola Andalucía

Between Orientalism and Security Studies: the struggle for the development of contemporary North Africa and Middle East studies in Spain - Ana Planet Contreras, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; Alfonso Casani Herranz, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Being a Swedish female dissident voice in a male-Finnish dominated academia: The case of Hilma Granqvist (1890-1972) - Rosanna Sirignano, University of Heidelberg

20F) "What is to be done?" - The Arab New Left in the 'long 1960s' - Session 2: Investigating Transnational Entanglements

Chaired by Gennaro Gervasio, University Roma Tre

Entangled Histories of the Cuban and Palestinian Revolutions: Trajectories of Transnational Revolutionaries - Sorcha Thomson, Roskilde University

Scandinavian Entanglement in the Palestinian Revolution - Sune Haugbølle, Roskilde University

Towards a New Political Geography of the Global 1960s: Algeria, France, Italy, 1957-1975 - Andrea Brazzoduro, University of Oxford

Local Magazines/Global Cultures: Internationalism, Third Worldism and Solidarity in 1960's Journals of the Arab World - *Chana Morgenstern, University of Cambridge, CRASSH*

The "paper comrade": Nidal al-'Ummal and the making of new radical subjectivities in Lebanon's long-1960s (1970-1975) - Rossana Tufaro, Italian Institute of Oriental Studies, "Sapienza" University of Rome, and Lebanon Support, Civil Society Knowledge Center (Beirut)

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