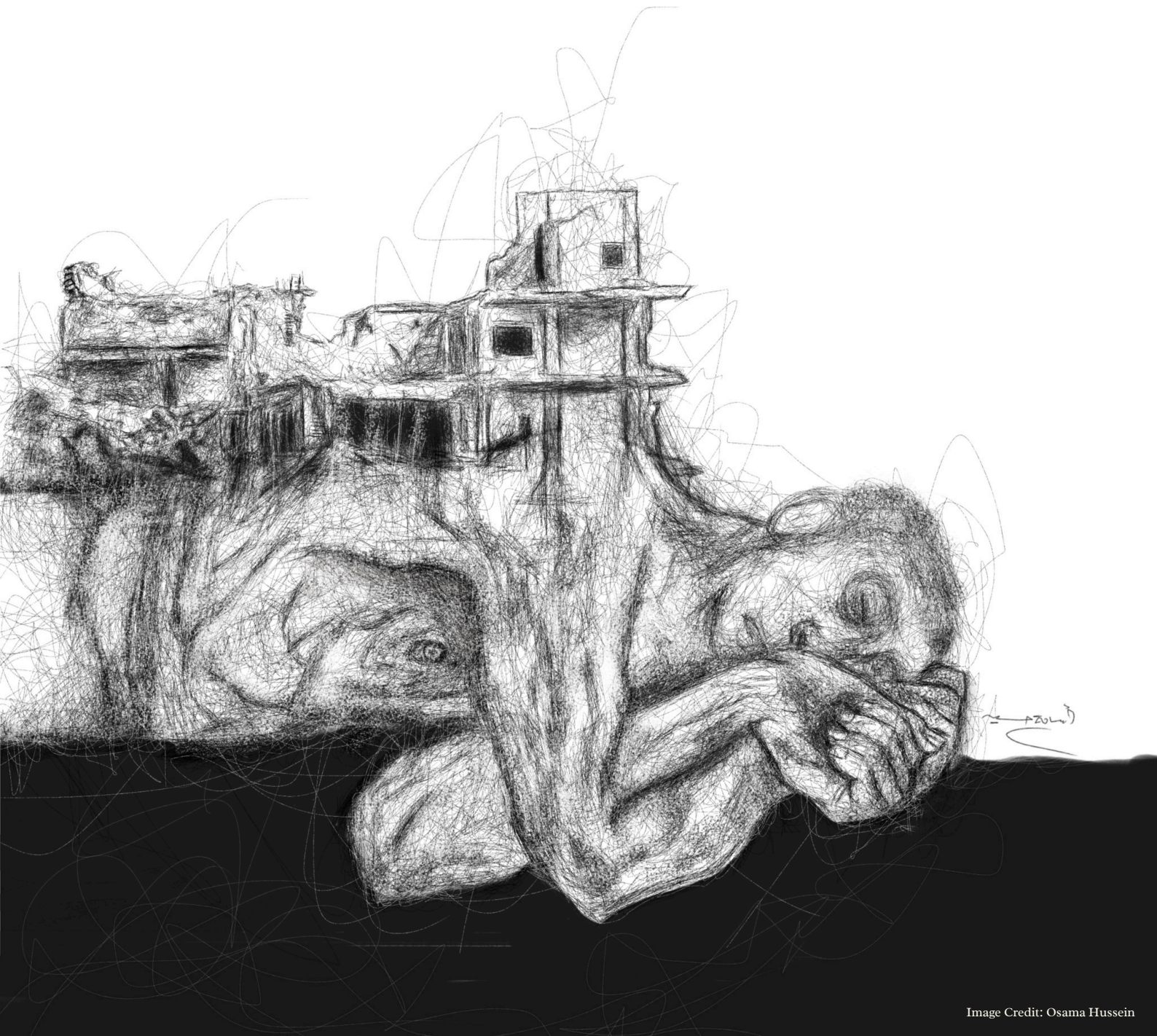


2026 BRISMES CONFERENCE

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Event Agenda

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Tuesday, June 23, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1A) Palestinian Cinema: An Artform against War, Occupation, and Genocide**
Location: BG02
Speakers: Dalia Mostafa, Anastasia Valassopoulos, Farah Aboubakr, Raad Khair Allah ; Chair: Nicola Pratt
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1B) Reconstruction as Liberation and the Politics of (Re)building Gaza**
Location: B204
Speakers: Akram Lijja, Anwar Awadallah, Howayda Al-Harithy, Yara Salem, Abdalrahman Kittana
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1C) Land and Labour**
Location: B205
Speakers: Ignacio Wilhelmi Ferrer, Gabriella Ibba, Chris Harding, Bridge Mcwaid, Michael Mason
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1D) Mobile and Mobilising Diasporas**
Location: B302
Speakers: Aj Al-Kurdi, Neveen Aboueldahab, Sena El Banna, Sevil Çakır
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1E) Violent Discourse: The Framing/Erasing of Palestine**
Location: B301
Speakers: Khaled Ezzelarab, Merve Gönülühoş Elmas, Ruchi Sharma, Yashi Yashi, Rim Saab, Abdulgani Bozkurt
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1F) Education as a Battleground: Inequality, Mobilisation and Transformation**
Location: B304
Speakers: Christine Mussard, Eleanore Hargreaves, Hiba Salem, Hania Sobhy, Farah Ramzy ; Chair: Dima Alsajdeya
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1G) Foreclosed Futurities: Speculative Survival and the Chronopolitics of Crisis**
Location: B305
Speaker: Yasmeen Daher ; Speaker and Chair: Nayera Soliman
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1H) Practices of Governance across State and Society in the Middle East and North Africa**
Location: B306
Speakers: Hendrik Kraetzschmar, Sarah Nagaty, Sebastian Elsässer, Flavia Fusco, Gohar Iskandaryan
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1I) Bread and Power: Food Politics, Contentious Dynamics and Cultural Imaginaries in Post-2003 Iraq**
Location: B401
Speakers: Maria Cristina Paciello, Rossana Tufaro, Daniela Pioppi, Gennaro Gervasio, Alessia Carnevale ; Chair: Taif Alkhudary
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1J) Dramatizing De-Coloniality, Staging the Archive (Workshop)**
Location: B402
Speakers: Ahmed Dardir, Karim El-Haies, Iman Afify
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1K) Mourning and the Politics of Death**
Location: B403
Speakers: Ahmad Abu Monshar, Sergey Salushchev, Mehmet Ali Mert, Anahita Hosseini Lewis
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1L) War, Security, and Political Order in the Middle East: Ideology, Religion, and Authoritarian Governance**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Speakers: Shingo Hamanaka, Satoshi Matsushita, Yuki Habuchi, Masaki Matsuo ; Chair: Kazuto Matsuda
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1M) Ideology, Representation, and Strategy in Iran's International Relations**
Location: B201
Speakers: Mojtaba Mahdavi, Mehdi Beyad, Maksim Zakharov, Angeliki Coletsou, Jan Tomek

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(1N) Session I: Politics of Toxicity: Extractive Ecologies and Hydrologies of Harm**
 Location: BG01
 Speakers: Mattin Biglari, Selma Benyovszky, Haifa Saleh, Emilie Glazer ; Chair: Katharina Grueneisl
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Coffee/Tea Break**
 Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2A) In and about Palestine: Architecture of Control, Destruction, and Resistance**
 Location: B304
 Speakers: Saja Amro, Sabina Tanovic, Ali As'ad, Abdalrahman Kittana, Alessandra Gola ; Speaker and Chair: Nama'a Qudah
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2B) Discursive Battles: Media Power and Propaganda in the Middle East**
 Location: BG02
 Speakers: Mohammed Ramees, Joe Ayach, Ibrahim Alfraih, Hessa AlMohannadi, Ivana Bevilacqua
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2C) Urban Sounds and Street Politics in the Middle East**
 Location: BG01
 Speakers: Susanne Kranz, Michał Moch, Nour Hodeib, Zaidoun Hajjar
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2D) From Iran to the World: Cultures and Connections in Post-Imperial Times**
 Location: B201
 Speakers: Khosrow Tousi, Golbarg Rekabtalaei, Robert Steele, Rowena Abdul Razak ; Chair: Katy Shahandeh
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2E) (Against) Zionism and Hindutva: Global Flows of Coloniality, Capital, Caste and Transnational Resistance**
 Location: B205
 Speakers: Mehroosh Tak, Sarona Bedwan, Somdeep Sen, Rhys Machold, Akanksha Mehta ; Chair: Sophie Chamas
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2F) Empire, Extraction, and Governance in the Modern and Late Modern Middle East**
 Location: B204
 Speakers: Bret Windhauser, Daniel Noon, Pengyu Zhang, Ilia Baskarev
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2G) Insurgent Refusals**
 Location: B301
 Speakers: Manal Shqair, Areej Ja'fari, Chloe Skinner, Melike İşleyen
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2H) Decolonial, Postcolonial and Transcolonial Approaches to Literature**
 Location: B305
 Speakers: Harize Ouissal, Hanan Natour, Abdelmoultalib Chrif El Idrissi, Ahmed Benali
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2I) Navigating Settler Colonial Space**
 Location: B302
 Speakers: Saad Aldin Halawani, Shimaa Hatab, Zarefah Baroud, Beatrice Mortacchi, Naji Safadi
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2J) Rethinking Data Collection in the Middle East: Documentation, Methods, and Epistemic Responsibility**
 Location: B306
 Speakers: Kevin Mazur, Khuloud Alsaba, Zena Agha, Chowra Makaremi ; Speaker and Chair: Motasem Abuzaid
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2K) Revisiting the Middle East (Dis)Order: Why is Change Necessary?**
 Location: B401
 Speakers: Nicola Pratt, Sherzad Ahmed Ameen Al-Najjar, Ziad Majed ; Chair: Marianna Charountaki
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2L) From the Arab Uprisings to the Post-October 7 Era: Knowledge Production on Contemporary Islamism**
 Location: B403
 Speaker and Chair: Carmen Fulco ; Speakers: Doha Samir, Mohammad Affan, Giulia Macario, Giulia Gozzini
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2M) Consumption, Sense-Making, and the Curation of War**
 Location: TBC
 Speakers: Yumna Hamidi, Pınar Akgül, Ahmad Ghosn, Mounira Bouderdabene
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **(2N) Films from UK's Students Encampments + Q&A**
 Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre

- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM** **Lunch Break**
Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM** **Lecture Performance on Speculative Violence: "Ask Me for Those Unborn Promises That Are Unlikely to Happen in the Natural"**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Donatella Della Ratta
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3A) Narratives Against Hegemony: Literature, Film, and Visual Culture in the MENA Region**
Location: BG02
Speakers: Hagar Abdalbar, Ghada Waked, Abir Al-Laham, Ali Sonay, Mardiya Ahmad
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3B) Imperialism, Energy, and Inequality: Contesting Power and Transition in the Middle East and North Africa - PART I**
Location: BG01
Speakers: Muna Dajani, Charlotte Mueller, Philipp Wagner, Elia El-Khazen, Ben Schuetze ; Chair: Sharri Plonski, Hanna Al Taher
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3C) Governance, Conflict, and Regional Order in Lebanon**
Location: B201
Speakers: Serdar Günaydın, Mesrob Kassemdjian, Borja Wladimiro Gonzalez Fernandez, Juliette Le Ménahèze
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3D) Texts, Objects, and Social Worlds in the Pre-Modern Islamic World**
Location: B204
Speakers: Nour Saber, Leena Zahweh Ghannam, Majideh Qazizadeh, Sara Thompson
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3E) Against the Odds: Everyday Imaginaries, Material Conditions and Political Struggles**
Location: B205
Speakers: Diala Lteif, Omar Jabary Salamanca, Lana Judeh, Katharina Grueneisl ; Chair: Aya Nassar
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3F) Academic Freedom, Governance and Student Agency Under Colonial Constraints**
Location: B302
Speakers: Madeline-Sophie Abbas, Ibtihal Ramadan, Layla Aitlhadj, Mohammed Malik ; Chair: Ashjan Ajour
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3G) Applying International Law in Gaza and Palestine: Limits, Violations, and Accountability**
Location: B301
Speakers: Sonia Boulos, Catherine Chiniara Charrett, Johannes Sauerland, Maayan Geva
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3H) Death Dealing Infrastructures**
Location: B304
Speakers: Jop Dispa, Yuki Sawaguchi, Fatema Alfaheem, Alice Filiberto
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3I) Archives of Revolt: Art, Memory, and Political Space in the Middle East**
Location: B306
Speakers: Dina Yunis, Luisa Gandolfo, Rebecca O'Keeffe, Jack McGinn
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3J) Palestine's Witnesses**
Location: B305
Speakers: Shada Shahin, Azmat Mushtaq, Iskandar Abdalla, Wael Salam, Sara Al-Habsi, Omran Al-Abri
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3K) Refugee Timescapes**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Speakers: Henri Onodera, Danyel Büyükasik, Marya Al-Hindi, Ahmad Abu Monshar
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3L) Beyond Individual Coping: Toward Politically and Culturally Responsive Mental Health Care in Academia (Workshop)**
Location: B401
Facilitator: Hebatallah Tolba
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3M) Contested Memories of Wars and Oppression in Iraq: Intifada in 1991 and Anfal in 1988**
Location: B403
Speakers: Keiko Sakai, Yasuyuki Matsunaga, Amir Taha, Alaa Alameri
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3N) Violence and Technologies of Rule in the History of the Middle East**
Location: B402
Speakers: Hüma Yardım, Aleksandar Zlatanov, Mehmet Akgül, Soumaya Louhichi, Işıl Aslı Karacan

- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **(3O) Transnational Movements and Practices of Resistance in the MENA**
Location: TBC
Speakers: Christí Markos, Agata Lisiak, Nora Bairamian, Daniele Paolini
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **Coffee/Tea Break**
Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM** **Plenary: "Overkillability and the Genocide in Gaza: The Expansions of Spaces of Killing and the Logic of Evisceration" by Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM** **Welcome Reception & BRISMES Service Award**
Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
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Wednesday, June 24, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4A) Europe and the Politics of Intervention in the Middle East and North Africa**
Location: BG02
Speakers: Ibrahim Natil, Eva Polonska-Kimunguyi, Hawraman Ali, Clelia Di Piro, Taylan Paksoy
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4B) (Un)Regulated Lives: Governing Bodies, Spaces, and Mobilities in the Middle East**
Location: BG01
Speakers: Salma Shash, Gukha Amin, Soheila Ghaziri, Bayan Arouri ; Chair: Tamara Maatouk
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4C) Unpacking Power Dynamics in Infrastructures across the Middle East**
Location: B204
Speaker and Chair: Dima Alsajdeya ; Speakers: Thomas McGee, Camille Abescat, Aly Tarek Aly Elraggal
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4D) Islam and the State: Comparing Control over Religious Institutions in MENA States**
Location: B205
Speakers: Ceren Lord, Alexander Thurston, Sümeyra Yakar ; Chair: Neil Russell
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4E) Creating the Archive**
Location: B301
Speakers: Asmaa Dwimah, Ahmed Kamal Junina, Saga Hamdan, Çağlar Köseoğlu
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4F) Palestine's Spatial Fixes and Mobile Architectures**
Location: B304
Speakers: Midnight Adams, Una McGahern, Hesham Haddad
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4G) New Challenges and Opportunities in Undertaking Fieldwork in an Ever-tumultuous Middle East**
Location: B305
Speakers: Pengyu Zhang, Dandan Liu, Xiaotong Li, Enas Sergul-Ridha ; Chair: Sharri Plonski
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4H) Ruination, Reconstruction, and Postwar Economies**
Location: B306
Speakers: Omayr Ghani, Ferhat Polat, Dr Mona Jebriil, Lara Torbay, Olivia Palmer
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4I) Palestinian Internationalism in the Twentieth Century: Between Revolution and Anticolonialism**
Location: B402
Speaker and Chair: Jeremy Randall ; Speakers: Marral Shamshiri, Marco Spagnoletti, Kanwal Hameed
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4J) Conflict Governance and the Reordering of Authority in the Contemporary Middle East**
Location: B403
Speakers: Chin-Kuei Tsui, Takuro Kikkawa, Masamichi Iwasaka ; Speaker and Chair: Kota Suechika
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4K) The Militarized Sensorium: State-Sponsored Infrastructures and Affective Politics in the MENA**
Location: B201
Speakers: Maria Frederika Malmström, Rosa Sansone, Ahmad Moradi, Emilie Glazer ; Chair: Marc Michael

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4L) Technologies of Rule and Dissent in Syria**
 Location: TBC
 Speakers: Khuloud Alsaba, Gabriel Garroum Pla, Umit Seven, Uraler Tugce
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4M) Session II: Politics of Toxicity: Toxic Atmospheres and Struggles for Breath**
 Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
 Speakers: Livia Perosino, Taif Alkhudary ; Speaker and Chair: Katharina Grueneisl
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4N) Education Without Chains: A Campaign for Dignity within Gaza's Higher Education System**
 Location: B302
 Speaker and Chair: Sanaz Raji ; Speakers: Mohammed Abuiwaili, Shaker Albuhaishi
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(4O) Gendered Violence, Settler Colonialism, and Anticolonial Feminist Resistance in Palestine (Part 1)**
 Location: B402
 Speakers: Nicola Pratt, Isis Nusair, Hala Shoman
- 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM** **Coffee/Tea Break**
 Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5A) Resistant Ecologies**
 Location: BG01
 Speakers: Arda Bilgen, Silvia Hassouna, Nadine Abdalla, Khamael Al Safi, Ahmad Ashqar, Zainab Mahdi
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5B) The Cultural Politics of the People: Hegemony, Identity, and Knowledge Practices**
 Location: BG02
 Speakers: Wafa Jadallah, Polly Withers, Alison Shan Price, Gianluca Parolin
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5C) Orientalism, Translation, and Historiography**
 Location: B204
 Speakers: Tom de Csilléry, Mohammed Alqarawi, Gavin Herbertson, Farah Alrajeh
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5D) Gendered Violence, Settler Colonialism, and Anticolonial Feminist Resistance in Palestine (Part 2)**
 Location: B301
 Speakers: Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Ashjan Ajour, Sara Ababneh
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5E) Contesting Gender in Islamic Thought and Governance**
 Location: B205
 Speakers: Thulfekar Ali, Neil Russell, Nora Noralla, Laila Makboul
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5F) Matrixes of Power**
 Location: B302
 Speakers: Ambra Suriano, Lucia Ardovini, Emile Badarin, Maram Theodory, Silvia Pasquetti, Daoud Ghoul
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5G) For Land & Life: Resistant Archives & Counter Narratives from Palestine to Lebanon**
 Location: B305
 Speakers: Peter Van Garderen, Hanine Shehadeh, Koki Shigenoi, Jamila Ghaddar, Mariam Karim ; Chair: Ali Alavi
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5H) The Digital Landscape of Genocide**
 Location: B304
 Speakers: Ghadir Awad, Enndiel Mendes, Nael Jebri, Atieh Asadollahi
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5I) Migration Histories**
 Location: B306
 Speakers: Zeynep Tezer, Atsuko Tsubakihara, Beyza Kaya, Eftychia Mylona, Sama AlMaqbali
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5J) Plural Belongings: Spatial, Religious, and Political Identities**
 Location: B401
 Speakers: Mariam Habib Matta, Shima El Sharkawy, Jan Byczkowski, Nicola Di Mauro, Alin Jabbari, Nahla El-Menshaway
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5K) Disquieting Itches: Reckoning with That Which Does Not Compute**
 Location: B402
 Speakers: Noha Fikry, Fayrouz Yousfi, Sophie Chamas, Sharri Plonski, Reem Abuzaid ; Speaker and Chair: Aya Nassar

- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5L) A New Levant? Continuities and Changes in Syrian and Lebanese Politics**
 Location: B403
 Speakers: Morten Valbjørn, Katrine Baunkjær, Anne Kirstine Rønn ; Chair: Simon Mabon
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5M) Geopolitical Manoeuvrings and the New Regional Order**
 Location: TBC
 Speakers: Edoardo Lavezzo, Alexandra Nikopoulou, Zainab Younes, Hala Faissal, Saffet Kürkçü
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(5N) Occupying the Everyday: Transnational Anti-Colonial Feminisms and the Gendered Politics of Militarisation & Colonialism**
 Location: B201
 Speakers: Sabiha Allouche, Kanwal Hameed, Hanna Al Taher, Islam Al Khatib ; Chair: Niharika Pandit, Akanksha Mehta
- 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM** **Annual General Meeting (AGM) with Lunch**
 Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6A) Beyond Representation: Media, Power, and Political Life in the Middle East**
 Location: BG02
 Speakers: Nermin Elsherif, Sulafa Zidani, Mariam Karim, Heather Jaber ; Chair: Omar Al-Ghazzi
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6B) Visual Culture, Resistance, and Artistic Counter-Narratives**
 Location: BG01
 Speakers: Roberto Filippello, Katy Shahandeh, Marina Hamanaka, Reza Tavakoliabandansari, Adelie Chevee
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6C) The Logics of Extraction**
 Location: B201
 Speakers: Fidelia Renne, Selma Benyovszky, Fannie Agerschou-Madsen, Sevde Bolat, Alexandre Caeiro
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6D) Political Responses to the Israel–Palestine Conflict: Diplomacy, Normalisation, and Electoral Politics**
 Location: B204
 Speakers: SaifAlislam Eid, Paul Esber, David Jamieson, Adhila Abdul Hameed
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6E) Governing Through Space: Violence, Borders, and Displacement in the Contemporary Middle East**
 Location: B205
 Speakers: Mona Khechen, Faycal Mallek, Arjin Taş, Lucy Garbett
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6F) Aftermaths - in the Wake of October 7th**
 Location: B301
 Speakers: Gabriel Terrasson, Margaux Gauthier, Aitemad Matar, Aleksandra Ancite-Jepifánova
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6G) Pedagogy, Knowledge Production and Academic Practice in the MENA**
 Location: B302
 Speakers: Azize Cay, Amel Hammami, Zakia Setti, Ruba Ali Al-Hassani, Nour Almazidi
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6H) Power, Scapegoats, and Moral Panics**
 Location: B304
 Speakers: Didem Unal, Reem Abuzaid, Atacan Atakan, Omar Mofeed, Freya Morphett
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6I) Defending Academic Freedom? Joint Roundtable of Academic Freedom Committees**
 Location: B306
 Speakers: Ben Schuetze, Ilyas Saliba, Sevil Çakır, Lewis Turner ; Chair: Hanna Al Taher
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6J) Authoritarian Resurgence and Democratic Backsliding in the MENA**
 Location: B402
 Speakers: Ragnar Weilandt, Valeria Resta, Ahmet Furkan Özyakar, Guy Eyre
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6K) Knowledge, Survival, and Loss: Gazan Students Reflect on Lived Experience during Genocide**
 Location: B305
 Speakers: Israa Saleh, Shaima Abulebda, Wahhaj Abulehia, Yara Shawa, Mohammad Alkafarna, Bahzad Ziyad
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6L) Contesting Authority: Mobilisation, Governance, and Justice in Syria**
 Location: B403
 Speakers: Haian Dukhan, Motasem Abuzaid, Rana Khalaf, Charlotte Al-Khalili, Kevin Mazur

- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM** **(6M) Suppliants of Syria**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Chair: Feras Alkabani
- 4:45 PM - 5:00 PM** **Coffee/Tea Break**
Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM** **Plenary: The Fire Will Never Cease: Seasons of War in South Lebanon (Provisional Title) by Munira Khayyat**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM** **BRISMES Dinner**
Location: Palestine House
- 9:00 PM - 11:30 PM** **BRISMES Music Event**
Location: The Marquis Cornwallis (Drawing Room)

Thursday, June 25, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7A) Miraculous Visions, Pious Observers: The Imperial Production of Palestine as the Holy Land**
Location: BG02
Speakers: Laura al-Tibi, Hazem Fahmy, Ahmad Dardir, Majd Al-Rafie
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7B) Foreign Policy, Hegemony and Governance in Türkiye**
Location: B201
Speakers: Ayla Gol, Kadir Can Çelik, Nesrin Ece Solendil, Faruk Yalvaç, Belçim Öztürk
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7C) Rethinking Race in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Challenges and Future Directions**
Location: B204
Speakers: Mostafa Minawi, Ezgi Cakmak, Ezgi Guner, Yael Navaro, Aysegul Kayagil ; Chair: Zerrin Ozlem Biner
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7D) Anti-Humanitarian Landscapes**
Location: B301
Speakers: Farah Qadi, Saga Hamdan, Islam Almadhoun, Shounak Baidya
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7E) Lived Politics across Scales: Exile, Conflict, and Imaginaries of Transformation**
Location: B205
Speakers: Zina Al-Azmeh, Fatima Dhanani, Ruotian Zhang, Reem Ben Giaber, Jacopo Scudero
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7F) The Political Economy of Witnessing: Sensoriums of Terror, Violent Anticipation, Surveillance, and Occlusion**
Location: B302
Speakers: Sophie Chamas, Omar Al-Ghazzi, Islam Al Khatib, Layal Ftouni, Philip Proudfoot ; Chair: Sara Mourad
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7G) Literature, Resistance, and the Politics of Representation in the MENA**
Location: B304
Speakers: Haodong Bai, Nour Obeid, Tasneem Yousef, Dana Al Shahbari
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7H) Threading Antiblackness in the Afterlife of Slavery in SWANA**
Location: B305
Speaker and Chair: Sheba Abena Wiafe ; Speakers: Amira Zarari, Marta Scaglioni, Sara Al Khashlok
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7I) MERIP Workshop: Writing as Activism in Times of Ongoing Crisis**
Location: B306
Speakers: Sabiha Allouche, Marya Hannun
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7J) Strategies and Technologies of Rule in the Contemporary Middle East**
Location: B401
Speakers: Alharith Ateegalla, Ghita El Hassouni, Jad Baghdadi, Marie Kortam, Guillaume Beaud
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7K) Fragments of Care: War, Health and Survival in the Middle East**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Speakers: Fouad Fouad, Anas Ismail, Khuloud Alsaba, Aida Hassan, Mac Skelton, Craig Jones, Ibrahim Bou Orm ;
Chair: Lamis Qdemat

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7L) Unruly Justice: Revolutionary Futures Beyond Law in the Middle East and Beyond**
 Location: B403
 Speaker and Chair: Emrah Karakus ; Speakers: Charlotte Al-Khalili, Yener Bayramoğlu, Zeynep Kilicoglu, Lara Sarlak
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7M) Rivers, Rocks, Sea, and Soil: Environmental Justice as Method and Critique**
 Location: BG01
 Speakers: Zozan Pehlivan, Owain Lawson, Bridge Mcwaid ; Chair: Rebecca Gruskin
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **(7N) Stuck Imaginaries: Activism and Revolt Between Sanctions, Empire, and State Violence**
 Location: TBC
 Chair: Asma Abdi ; Speakers: Ladan Rahbari, Azita Ranjbar, Ida Nikou, Evaleila Pesaran, Maryam Alemzadeh
- 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM** **Coffee/Tea Break**
 Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8A) Anti-colonial Legacies and the Temporalities of Witnessing and/or Un-witnessing Genocide**
 Location: BG02
 Speakers: Dounia Mahloul, Omar Al-Ghazzi, Azadeh Pourzand, Loreley Hahn-Herrera, Kelly Hagen ; Chair: Dina Matar
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8B) What Remains? Women's and Feminist Mobilisations in Times of Ongoing War**
 Location: B201
 Speakers: Razan Ghazzawi, Manal Hameed, Isabel Kaser, Paniz Musawi, Hala Shoman, Marya Hannun ; Chair: Sabiha Allouche
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8C) Gender and Social Hierarchies in Middle Eastern History**
 Location: B204
 Speakers: Francesca Biancani, Lucia Sorbera, Ikram Bennai, Layla AlAmmar, Şefika Özer
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8D) Infrastructural Thinking: Circuits of Power, Spatial Politics and Temporal Disruptions in SWANA**
 Location: B205
 Speaker and Chair: Sarah El-Kazaz ; Speakers: Safa Joudeh, Azadeh Mashayekhi, Noura Wahby, Mona Harb
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8E) Gaza under Hamas (2007-2023)**
 Location: B301
 Speakers: Tamer Qarmout, Abdalhadi Alijla, Walid Habbas, Dima Alsajdeya ; Chair: Hani Awad, Tarek Hamoud
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8F) The Impact of Language, Art, and Cultural Developments of the Iranian Plateau (3rd–7th Centuries CE) on the Middle East**
 Location: B304
 Chair: Pouran Lashini ; Speakers: Neda Sharifi, Fatemeh Hosseini Mighan, Meysam Labbaf-Khaniki, Farzaneh Farrokhfar
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8G) Silencing Jerusalem: Palestinians Resisting Suppression and Oppression**
 Location: B302
 Chair: Mandy Turner ; Speakers: Rasmieyh Abdelnabi, Aysheh Maslamani, Fatima Jaber, Rawan Nasser
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8H) "Lives in Motion: Migration, Memory, and the Social Experience of Displacement in North Africa and the Middle East"**
 Location: B305
 Speaker and Chair: Mortada Haidar ; Speakers: Farouq El-Maarouf, Sara Hosseini, Reeqa Salem
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8I) The Mundane in Iraq: (Re)making Life and Social Relations in Conflict**
 Location: B306
 Speakers: Arran Walshe, Juliette Duclos-Valois, Bryar Bajalan, Kerem Uşşaklı ; Speaker and Chair: Isadora Gotts
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8J) Decolonising Curriculum, Pedagogical Practice and Reflexive Knowledge Production**
 Location: B401
 Chair: Madeline-Sophie Abbas ; Speakers: Ashjan Ajour, Nama'a Qudah, Yasmin Gunaratnam, Fadoua Govaerts, Giovanna Fassetta, Maria Grazia Imperiale
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8K) Labour as Politics in MENA: Changing Worlds of Work, Changing Terrains of Struggle**
 Location: B402
 Chair: Katharina Grueneisl, Fayrouz Yousfi ; Speakers: Zak Tobias, Asma Abdi, Nasser Al Khalidi

- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8L) Imperialism, Energy, and Inequality: Contesting Power and Transition in the Middle East and North Africa - PART II**
 Location: BG01
 Chair: Hanna Al Taher, Sharri Plonski ; Speakers: Adam Hanieh, Aya Bseiso, Hisham Bustani, Eric Verdeil, Christian Henderson
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8M) Afghanistan and the Afterlives of Empire: Resistance Beyond Occupation and Abandonment**
 Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
 Speakers: Munazza Ebtikar, Mejgan Massoumi, Rashid Salim, Paniz Natanzi ; Chair: Zuzanna Olszewska
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM** **(8N) Violent Landscapes**
 Location: TBC
 Speakers: Osama Diab, Sleman Al-tehe, Livia Perosino, Hèla Yousfi, Tuvaal Klein
- 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM** **Lunch Break**
 Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9A) Transnational Cultural Responses to Empire and Postcolonial Transformations**
 Location: BG02
 Chair: Bayan Arouri ; Speakers: Tamara Maatouk, Claire Begbie, Sarah Dwider, Sara Hussein
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9B) Authoritarian Power, International Relations and Mediated Governance in the Gulf**
 Location: B201
 Speakers: Bushra Alhuzili, Giulia Daga, Eva Ferron, Kazuto Matsuda, Alhala Alkuwari
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9C) Urban Interfaces: Infrastructure, Participation, and Cultural Politics in MENA Cities**
 Location: B204
 Speakers: Jana El Hajj, Hala Ghanem, A.Myriam Abdelhak, Hatem Hegab, Mehdi Ghassemi
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9D) Between Norms and Violence: Law, Rights and Colonial Legacies in the MENA**
 Location: B205
 Speakers: Gelara Fanaeian, Candela Roca Morillas, Passainte Ragab, Sara Al Khashlok, Rania El Rajji
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9E) Childhood, Education, and Spaces of Familiar Loss in the Middle East**
 Location: B302
 Speakers: Feryal Awan, Xuechen Wang, Chiara Mapelli, We'am Hamdan, Sara Mourad
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9F) Religious Authority, Institutions, and Political Change in the Middle East**
 Location: B301
 Speakers: Tine Gade, Ziryab Jamal, Giulia Gozzini, Carmen Fulco, Mustafa Menshawy
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9G) Memory, Heritage, and the Politics of the Past in the Middle East**
 Location: B305
 Speakers: Yunus Yeşil, Sarah Linn, Dina Abdelsalam, Iman Afify
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9H) Bureaucracies of Regulation, Reform, and Justice**
 Location: B306
 Speakers: Gizem Sivri, Sarah Alareqi, Weston Bland, Lama Karame, Enji Matar
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9I) Thorny Matters: Health Politics in Between Ethics, Law and Life in South-West Asia and North Africa (SWANA)**
 Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
 Speaker and Chair: Mazyar Ghiabi ; Speakers: Hannah Cowdell, Ahmad Moradi, Hanan Hammad, Tara Asgarilaleh
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9K) Everyday Civilian Navigation and Practices of Resistance in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria**
 Location: B403
 Speakers: Azad Hasan, Eleri Connick, Marwan Darweish, Yara Zebian
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9L) Roads to Genocide: War, Infrastructural Politics, and Political Failures**
 Location: B401
 Speakers: Vadim Atnash, Matan Kaminer, Hanine Shehadeh, Antea Enna, Munteha Fatima
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9M) Land, Power, Control: Sovereign Intimations**
 Location: BG01
 Speaker and Chair: Jose Martinez ; Speakers: Asmaa Elgamal, Ada Lucia Ferraresi, Salma Abouelhossein

- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9N) Mapping Propaganda, Hegemony/Counterhegemony, and Anticolonial Resistance in/on Palestine in Times of Israeli Settler-Colonial Genocide and Western Imperialist Violence**
Location: B304
Chair: Loyal Ftouni ; Speakers: Miriyam Aouragh, Mandy Turner, Hèla Yousfi
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **(9O) Neglected Traditions of Solidarity**
Location: TBC
Speakers: Zozan Yasar, Enas Sergul-Ridha, Daniel Brown, William Oliver, Pietro Stefanini
- 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM** **Coffee/Tea Break**
Location: Cloisters, SG37/SG38
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10A) Cinema, Film, and the Politics of Representation**
Location: BG02
Speakers: Valentina Villani, Mahmoud Hussein, Emine Sezin Dost, Joy Stacey, Malak Boghdady
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10B) Gendering Spaces: Bodies, Security, and Crisis in the Middle East**
Location: BG01
Speakers: Maha Abdelrahman, Hebatallah Tolba, Vickie Langohr, Derya Curuk, Sara Shaltout
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10C) Empire, Diplomacy, and State Formation in the Modern Middle East**
Location: B201
Speakers: Jonas Nabbe, Muhammed Aslaner, Shaira Vadasaria, Sesil Artuc, Orçun Can Okan
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10D) Intellectual History, Ideology, and Transnational Political Thought in the MENA**
Location: B205
Speakers: Ismail Noyan, Kesmat Taha, Wassim Naboulsi, Marc Sinan Winrow
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10E) Ticking Boxes, Missing Worlds: Rethinking Ethics Beyond the Form**
Location: B305
Speakers: Maryam Fouad, Noha Fikry, Alia Shaddad, Alaa Attia, Mariam Agha
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10F) Urban Narratives and Visualities of Conflict**
Location: B401
Speaker and Chair: Farah Aridi ; Speakers: Gabriel Garroum Pla, Marlies Van Coillie, Dina Yunis, Wiaam Berred
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10G) Neoliberal Exceptionalism in the Contemporary Middle East**
Location: B302
Chair: Simon Mabon ; Speakers: Adel Ruished, Marina Calculli, Maria Kastrinou
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10H) Refugee Landscapes**
Location: B306
Speakers: Muhammed Zeyn, Jessica Sullivan, Eleanor Y.T. Chan, Judith Hoppermann, Reeqa Salem
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10I) Palestine and the Crisis of Academic Freedom in Europe**
Location: B304
Chair: Nicola Pratt ; Speakers: Hèla Yousfi, Amira Abdelhamid, Loyal Ftouni, Zainab Mahdi, Ilyas Saliba
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10J) Gender, Sexuality, Repression, and Resistance in Iran**
Location: B403
Speakers: Nishwa Tasavvar, Sam Louden-Cooke, Beatrice Natale, Shirin Hejazi, Shima Tadrissi
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10K) Discursive Architectures of Killability**
Location: TBC
Speakers: Mairead Smith, Pushpa Devendra, Israa Laidi, Serena Fraiese, Shmailish Anwar
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10M) Palestine and the Global Terrain**
Location: B301
Speakers: Frederic Schneider, Razan Shawamreh, Hrachuhi Turvandyan, Rana Tomaira, Sophia Butt
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **(10N) The Phoenix of Gaza**
Location: SOAS Gallery Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Nael Jebriil