



# EXPLORING AND CONTESTING THE (RE)PRODUCTION OF COLONIALITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

BRISMES CONFERENCE 2022  
4 - 6 JULY





# Welcome

## The 2022 BRISMES Annual Conference

### Exploring and Contesting the (Re)production of Coloniality in the Middle East: Borders, Transnationalism, and Resistance

The British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) warmly welcomes you to our 2022 annual conference, hosted by the Institute of the Middle East, Central Asia and Caucasus Studies (MECACS) at the University of St Andrews. The annual BRISMES conference is the largest and most prestigious annual UK gathering of scholars and practitioners focused on the Middle East and North Africa region. We are grateful to Dr Fiona McCallum Guiney, Dr Jasmine Gani, and Ms Jennifer Halley at the School of International Relations, as well as the Accommodation, Conferences and Events team for their assistance in organising this event.

After almost three years, we are excited to welcome you in person to three days of plenaries and panels covering diverse topics that fall within and beyond the conference's main focus on coloniality. We are honoured to welcome three eminent keynote speakers, Professor Amira K. Bennison (University of Cambridge), Dr Heba Raouf Ezzat (Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul) and Professor Raymond Hinnebusch (University of St Andrews), whose talks will take us from medieval North Africa to contemporary Egypt and Syria through the lens of colonialism, resistance and the political, economic, cultural and urban transformations they have generated. With over 70 panels and roundtables spanning politics, international relations, history, literature, religious studies and other disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches, we look forward to the rich conversations that will emerge throughout the conference and the new collaborations and ideas that they will make possible in the future. We hope that our Graduate Section event on mentoring will give students and Early Career Researchers the opportunity to meet and create a community that continues to offer support for new Middle East Studies scholars after the conference. We are also happy that our schedule this year has three Arabic-language panels as part of a new BRISMES initiative to include panels in non-English languages spoken in the Middle East region. Finally, we hope that you will take the time to visit and enjoy our publishers' exhibition where you will discover some exciting new titles and add even more to those endless reading lists!

Thank you for attending and sharing your research and ideas at our conference this year, but also for joining us here in St Andrews. We cannot guarantee perfect weather, but the landscape is beautiful and the town historic. We are very much looking forward to the conference.

*John Chalcraft, BRISMES Secretary*

*Nadeen Dakkak, 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 around 500 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 relationship 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 develop and expand our website including the Database of Expertise which includes the details of over 600 MENA experts and collaborative research projects. Our aim is to offer a one-stop shop for access to other sites of interest, information on vacancies, calls for papers and other opportunities.

## **Publications**

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

## **Awards**

We offer a number of funding opportunities and prizes to support and recognize outstanding research and contributions to the field of Middle East Studies.

## **Events**

We organise regular events including an annual public lecture from a distinguished scholar or expert within the field of Middle Eastern Studies and events for students and early-career researchers organised by our Graduate Section. We also organise the BRISMES Annual Conference, the largest and most prestigious annual UK gathering of scholars and practitioners focussed on the region. The online BRISMES events calendar lists external MENA-related events taking place in the UK and online.

# About BRISMES

## **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.

# The Conference

## **Exploring and Contesting the (Re)production of Coloniality in the Middle East: Borders, Transnationalism, and Resistance**

From the Napoleonic invasions to the European mandate system; from the Crusades to the current occupation of Palestine; from the founding of ARAMCO to the Iraq War, colonialism has had a deep and lasting impact on the political, economic, and social fabric of the Middle East. Even the modern demarcation of a 'Middle East' region has been shaped by colonial practice and knowledge production. But just as colonialism in the region has a long history, so too does decolonisation, expressed through social movements, states, institutions, intellectuals, and acts of everyday resistance and reimagination. With the global and historic calls for decolonisation, reparations, and justice increasingly being made and heard within the academy, this conference seeks to amplify and deepen the conversation on (de) coloniality within Middle East studies. We especially invite theoretical and empirical engagements on:

1. The historical role that colonialism and racism played in both producing and disrupting networks, geographies, imagined communities, trade, lingua-francas, and transnational/ transborder solidarities, identities, and ideologies in the Middle East (and beyond);
2. The role that borders and transnationalism play in shaping politics and society in the region today, brought into sharp focus via increased migrant and refugee movements; occupation; statelessness; transnational solidarities for justice; and the cross-border spread of authoritarian/ sectarian/ and racial repression;
3. Continuities of pre-colonial identities, communities, networks, and practices, that have remained resilient both within the region, and between the region and other parts of the world, despite the impact of colonialism and capitalism.
4. And finally, the conference seeks to build on the theme of the 2021 BRISMES conference: How does knowledge production uphold or contest coloniality in Middle East studies? How has contemporary scholarship evolved and changed to recognise the impact colonialism has had on the way the Middle East was/is studied, taught, and perceived, both within and outside of the Middle East region? To what extent have non-hegemonic narratives, methods, and theories, been afforded greater prominence in Middle East studies? How truly global is the knowledge exchange in Middle East studies, or will a resurgence of nationalism and restrictions on scholarly mobility have a lasting impact on the nature of knowledge production in Middle East studies?



## **Fruit of Knowledge, Wheel of Learning**

### **Essays in Honour of Carole and Robert Hillenbrand**

edited by Ali Ansari and Melanie Gibson

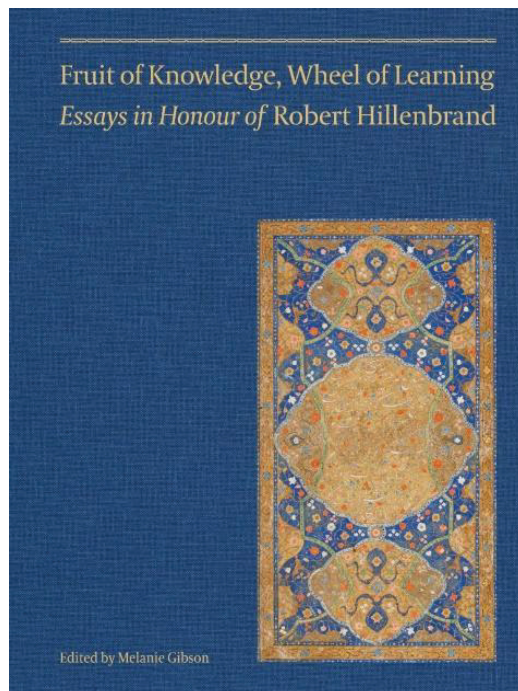
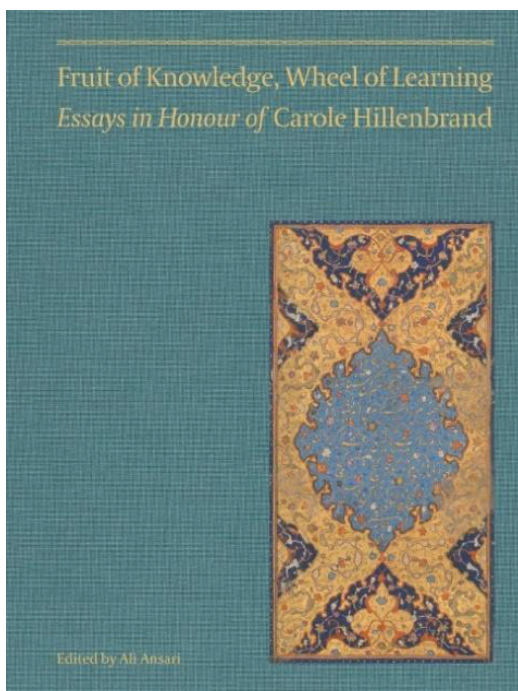
Carole and Robert Hillenbrand are legendary professors—both scholars have made immense contributions to the fields of Islamic history and art history. The academic community is full of respect and affection for them.

In these two volumes of essays, editors Ali Ansari and Melanie Gibson have gathered together an eclectic mix of scholarly contributions by some of Carole and Robert Hillenbrand's most recent students who now occupy positions in universities world-wide, as well as colleagues of long-standing.

BRISMES and Gingko Press are delighted and honoured to host Professors Carole and Robert Hillenbrand and to present them with these two volumes at the reception of the 2022 Annual BRISMES Conference.

**Reception details: 4 July 2022, at 6 pm**

**Location: Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle, University of St Andrews**



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DAY 1, MONDAY 4TH JULY

## Registration Opening (with Tea and Coffee)

11:00 | Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle

## BRISMES Graduate Section Event: Mentoring Programme for PhD Students and ECRs (with Tea and Coffee)

11:15 - 13:30 | Younger Hall Stewarts

### Panel Session 1

14:00 - 16:00

**1A)** BRISMES and BISA Panel: International Relations of the Middle East (*School 1*)

**1B)** Postcolonial Bordering Practices in and of the Middle East (*School 2*)

**1C)** Negotiating Power: Exclusion, 'Resilience', and Resistance of Refugees in Jordan (*School 3*)

**1D)** Islamic Responses to Colonialism and Imperialism (*School 5*)

**1E)** Researching Prison, Hunger Strike, and Resistance/Power in Palestine [Bilingual English-Arabic roundtable] (*School 6*)

**1F)** Resistance and Hope through Alternative Communities and Lifeworlds (*Younger Hall Theatre*)

**1G)** Political, Economic and Military Regional and Transnational Alliances (*Younger Hall Seminar 1*)

**1H)** Tremblings and Inundations: Natural Disasters in SWANA History (*Younger Hall Seminar 2*)

**1I)** Coloniality and Contemporary Forms of Violence and Resistance (*Younger Hall Seminar 3*)

**1J)** Intoxicating Flows: Drug Trafficking across the Eastern Mediterranean, 1908-1940 (*Younger Hall Seminar 4*)

**1K)** Pathways of Reconstruction in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations (*Younger Hall Stewarts*)

**1L)** Reconstructing Histories within the MENA and Beyond (*Upper College Quad Room 30*)

**1M)** Exilic, Cultural and Literary Encounters with Colonial Modernity (*Upper College Quad Room 31*)





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### **Plenary Keynote (1): Professor Amira K. Bennison (University of Cambridge)**

16:15 - 17:45 | *Younger Hall Theatre*

### **Reception**

18:00 - 19:00 | *Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle*

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- 2A)** Ideological and Organisational Restraints and Facilitations: Islamists' Political Pathways in the aftermath of Transformative Events (2011-2020) (*School 1*)
- 2B)** Afterlives of 19th- and 20th-Century Infrastructure in Egypt's Urban Environments and Borderzones (*School 2*)
- 2C)** Feeling Revolution, Feeling Politics (*School 3*)
- 2D)** Negotiating the Everyday: The Question of (B)order(ing)s in Arab Urban Contexts [Arabic-language panel] (*School 5*)
- 2E)** Radical Cosmopolitanism at the Intersection of Solidarity and Migration (*Upper College Quad Room 30*)
- 2F)** Geographies of power and control in the re/production of settler colonialism in Israel-Palestine (*Younger Hall Theatre*)
- 2G)** Syria in its External Environment: Manipulation, Accommodation, and Resistance (*Younger Hall Seminar 1*)
- 2H)** Investigating Power, Language and Control in Political, Media and Public Discourses (*Younger Hall Seminar 2*)
- 2I)** Gender, Non-State Actors, and Politics in the Interwar Middle East and Mediterranean (*Younger Hall Seminar 3*)
- 2J)** Active Citizenship, Everyday Agency and Resistance against Political Structures (*Younger Hall Seminar 4*)
- 2K)** Gender Resistance in and Beyond the Political: The Sensibilities of Everyday Life (*Younger Hall Stewarts*)
- 2L)** Understanding Regional Attitudes and Foreign Policy towards Israel and Palestine (*Lower College Hall*)
- 2M)** Coloniality, Crisis and Revolution in Film and Visual Culture (*Upper College Quad Room 31*)

### Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:30 | Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle

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DAY 2, TUESDAY 5TH JULY

## Plenary Keynote (2): Dr Heba Raouf Ezzat (Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul)

11:30 - 13:00 | Younger Hall Theatre

## Lunch Break

13:00 - 14:00 | Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle

## Panel Session 3

14:00 - 16:00

**3A)** Gender & Creativity in Resistance in the Contemporary Middle East (*School 1*)

**3B)** Rethinking Knowledge Production across Locations and Perspectives (*School 2*)

**3C)** Traveling Populism in the Arab World [Arabic-language panel] (*School 3*)

**3D)** Sovereignty, the State and its Discontents (*School 5*)

**3E)** Israel's Hegemonic Project and the Role of Non-State Actors (*School 6*)

**3F)** Thinking through and Beyond Colonial Border-Making: Mobilities, Spaces and Communities (*Younger Hall Theatre*)

**3G)** Democracy and Practices of Democratization (*Younger Hall Seminar 1*)

**3H)** Medicine and Health in the MENA: Policies in Practice Panel # 1: Imperial and International encounters (*Younger Hall Seminar 2*)

**3I)** Minorities and Religious Communities: Perspectives on History and Present (*Younger Hall Seminar 3*)

**3J)** Creative Subversions in Palestine/Israel: Art, Photography, Writing, Activism (*Younger Hall Seminar 4*)

**3K)** Investigating Historical and Contemporary Dynamics of Nation Building (*Younger Hall Stewarts*)

**3L)** State Legitimacy and Security: Domestic and International Narratives (*Upper College Quad Room 30*)

**3M)** Spaces of War, Displacement and Migration in Literature and Film (*Upper College Quad Room 31*)

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## Tea/Coffee Break

16:00 - 16:30 | Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle

## Panel Session 4

16:30 - 18:30

4A) Conquest and Domination: Colonial Liberalism and Governance in Contemporary Palestine and Beyond (*School 1*)

4B) Between Local Agency and International Pressure: A Political and International History of Debt in the Middle East and North Africa (*School 2*)

4C) Capitalism and Class in the Middle East and North Africa (*School 3*)

4D) Narratives as Spaces of Political Interaction in Egypt (*School 5*)

4E) The Absent-Presence of Migrants and Refugees in Spaces of Precarity and Belonging (*School 6*)

4F) "Teaching to Transgress": Resistance, Solidarity and the University in Middle East Studies (*Younger Hall Theatre*)

4G) The Globalization of Palestinian Audio-Visual Culture (*Younger Hall Seminar 1*)

4H) Contesting Gender Norms: Public Perceptions and Spaces of Agency (*Younger Hall Seminar 2*)

4I) Bringing In The Other Islamists – Comparing Shi'a And Sunni Islamism (*Younger Hall Seminar 3*)

4J) Historical and Contemporary Perspective on Colonialism and Settler-Colonialism in Palestine (*Younger Hall Seminar 4*)

4K) Writing the Middle East and Central Asia outside of the Anglophone Worlds: Scholarship from the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Academia (*Younger Hall Stewarts*)

4L) Knowledge production, know-how and reflexivity: the Mashriq and the Jesuits since 1831 (*Upper College Quad Room 31*)

## Dinner (for delegates who have registered for dinner)

19:30 - 22:00 | Lower College Hall

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09:00 - 11:00

- 5A) Knowledge Production in/about the Arab World: Challenges and Opportunities [Arabic-language roundtable] (*School 3*)
- 5B) Political Economy of Urban and Rural Space in the Middle East (*School 6*)
- 5C) Fugitive Methodologies - Interrogating Methods as Praxis in MENA scholarship (*Younger Hall Theatre*)
- 5D) Digital Inequalities and Horizons: New Approaches to Education and Pedagogy (*Younger Hall Seminar 1*)
- 5E) Medicine and Health in the MENA: Policies in Practice Panel # 2: Maternity And Child Welfare (*Younger Hall Seminar 2*)
- 5F) Forms of Resistance Against Patriarchal Structures of Oppression (*Younger Hall Seminar 3*)
- 5G) Tracing and Contesting Colonial Influences and Legacies (*Younger Hall Seminar 4*)
- 5H) Beyond Vulnerability: Rethinking Agency and Power in the Middle East (*Younger Hall Stewarts*)
- 5I) Gender, Sexuality and Queerness in Literature and Film (*Upper College Quad Room 30*)
- 5J) Islam, Islamic Institutions and the State in Egypt, Morocco and Algeria (*Upper College Quad Room 31*)

### Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:30 | Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle

### BRISMES Annual General Meeting

11:30 - 13:30 | Younger Hall Theatre

### Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:30 | Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle

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## DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY

### **Plenary Keynote (3): Professor Raymond Hinnebusch (University of St Andrews)**

14:30 - 16:00 | *Younger Hall Theatre*

### **Tea/Coffee Break**

16:00 - 16:30 | *Marquee behind St Salvator's Quadrangle*

### **Panel Session 6**

16:30 - 18:30

**6A)** Critical Approaches To Studying Terrorism, Counter Terrorism And Counter Extremism in the Middle East (*School 3*)

**6B)** Women, Islam and Feminist Responses to Religious and Colonial Discourses (*School 6*)

**6C)** Digital Memories, Digital Cultures (*Younger Hall Theatre*)

**6D)** Entangled in a Transnationalised Quagmire: The Global Context of the Syrian Conflict's Late Period. (*Younger Hall Seminar 1*)

**6E)** Feminist Approaches to Gender Issues in Contexts of War, Migration and Political Transition (*Younger Hall Seminar 2*)

**6F)** Colonial and Orientalist Imaginaries between the Past and the Present (*Younger Hall Seminar 3*)

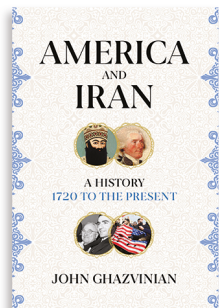
**6G)** Oil Legacies and Socialist Dreams: Baku and Tashkent through Multiple Trajectories of Urban Development in the Twentieth Century (*Younger Hall Seminar 4*)

**6H)** The Politics of Humanitarianism: Local and Transnational Narratives and Networks (*Younger Hall Stewarts*)

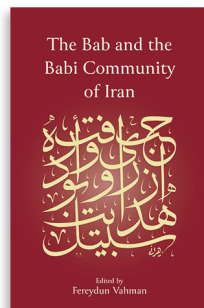
**6I)** Navigating Power in the Pre-Modern Islamic World (*Upper College Quad Room 30*)

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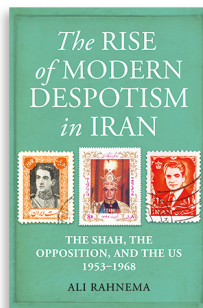
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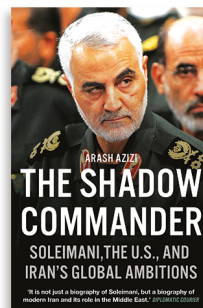
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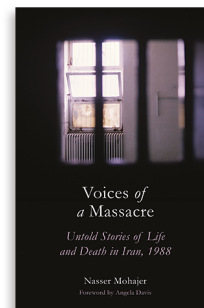
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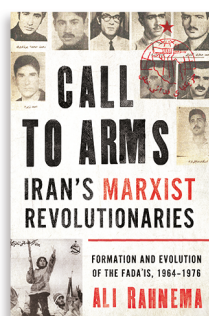


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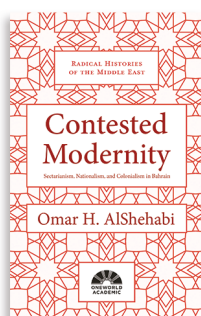


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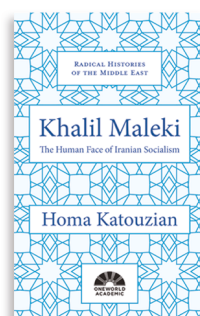
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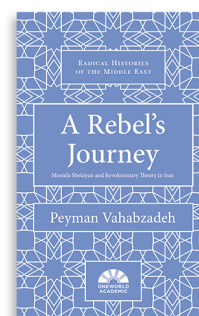
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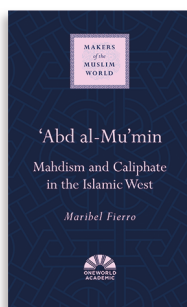


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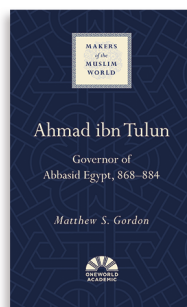


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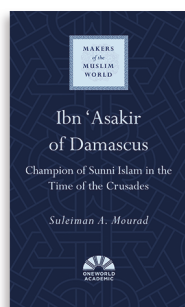
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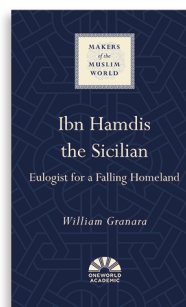
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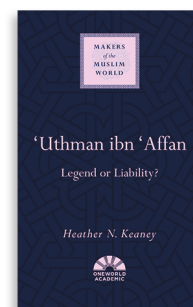
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SESSION 1 (MON 4TH JULY: 14:00 - 16:00)

## **1A) BRISMES and BISA Panel: International Relations of the Middle East**

*Organized by Marianna Charountaki, University of Lincoln, and Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick / Chaired by Marianna Charountaki*

*Discussant: Ajin Saadi, The American University of Kurdistan in Duhok*

PMF as Facilitator of Iranian Foreign Policy in Iraq from 2014 To Present - *Dirwar Zawity, Soran University*

Is Middle East IR Unique? - *Guy Burton, Lancaster University*

Getting it Wrong in Iraq: The Costs of Epistemological Rigidity - *Liam Anderson, Wright State University*

Hegemonic Interventions In Multi Ethnoreligious Conflicts: The Case Of Contemporary Syria - *Joe Macaron, University of Bath*

## **1B) Postcolonial bordering practices in and of the Middle East**

*Organized by Simone Tholens / Chaired by Michelle Obeid, University of Manchester*

State-Sanctioned Border Transgressions as Sovereign Practice: The Case of Morocco and Spanish-controlled Ceuta - *Charlie Price, University of Warwick (co-authored with Yasmine Zarhloule, University of Oxford)*

Intangible artefacts as sites of (B)ordering: The Making of Cyber Security Strategies - *Simone Tholens, Cardiff University (co-authored with Andrea Calderaro, Cardiff University)*

Social and spatial boundaries in Tripoli, Lebanon's 'Sunni City' - *Tine Gade, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs*

From "Useless" Morocco to Technopoles: The Politics of Infrastructure in the Moroccan borderland - *Yasmine Zarhloule, University of Oxford*

"The government of the privileged:" The Experience of South Lebanese Border Communities and the Negligence of the Lebanese State - *Susann Kassem, University of Oxford*



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## 1C) Negotiating Power: Exclusion, 'Resilience', and Resistance of Refugees in Jordan

*Organized by Lewis Turner, Newcastle University, and Melissa Gatter, University of Sheffield/ Chaired by Sarah Tobin, Chr. Michelsen Institute*

Resisting 'Resilience': Children as Biographical Legacies in Azraq refugee camp - *Melissa Gatter, University of Sheffield*

Power and Resistance: The Impact of the Refugee Protection Framework on Women's Rights in Jordan - *Yafa Shanneik, Lund University*

The Politics of Refugee Recognition in Jordan: Hierarchies of Nationality, Race and Labour - *Lewis Turner, Newcastle University*

A Counter-Hegemonic Pedagogy Inside and Outside Za'atri Refugee Camp: Situating the Pedagogy of the Oppressed in Difficult Settings - *Aya Musmar, University of Petra*

Becoming Adults: Negotiating Aspirations as Syrian Refugee Youth in Jordan - *Hiba Salem, University of Oxford*

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## 1D) Islamic Responses to Colonialism and Imperialism

*Chaired by (TBC)*

Rebellious Shiism: Şādiq al-Şadr's counter-hegemonic discourse and his fight against imperialism. - *Pietro Menghini, Scuola Superiore Meridionale - University of Naples "Federico II"*

The Life of Beirut's Grand Mufti Muşţafā Najā Efendi: A Methodological Sunni Response to The French Mandate in Lebanon - *Bakir S. Mohammad, University of Glasgow/University of Birmingham*

The Najafi majālis and colonial resistance in the early twentieth century - *Christopher Cooper-Davies, University of Cambridge*

"How did we become so weak?": Anti-Imperialism and Self-Criticism in the Speeches of Husayn al-Houthi - *Alexander Weissenburger, Institute for Social Anthropology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences*

Encountering Modernity in a Colonial Context: The Intellectual Circle of the Cairene al-Fath - *Meir Hatina, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## 1E) Researching Prison, Hunger Strike, and Resistance/Power in Palestine [Bilingual English-Arabic roundtable]

*Organized by Malaka Shwaikh, University of St Andrews /Chaired by Roxani Krystalli, University of St Andrews*

Ashjan Ajour, University of Leicester

Malaka Shwaikh, University of St Andrews

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## 1F) Resistance and Hope through Alternative Communities and Lifeworlds

*Organized by Catherine Chiniara Charrett, University of Westminster / Chaired by Omar Al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics and Political Science*

*Transcending the Middle East: Anti-colonialism and Ummah - Jasmine Gani, University of St Andrews*

*Queer Abolitionist Futures in Syria: On Sex Workers Prison Strike and Drag Street Protests - Razan Ghazzawi, University of Sussex*

*On the Arab Home as a Site of Revolution in Palestine - Mai Taha, London School of Economics and Political Science*

*Mediating against empire and alternative courts in Palestine - Catherine Chiniara Charrett, University of Westminster*

*“Giving up on the Idea of Home”: A Geopoetics of Home and Ruination in Contemporary Cairo - Aya Nassar, Royal Holloway, University of London*

## 1G) Political, Economic and Military Regional and Transnational Alliances

*Chaired by Jeremy Wildeman, Carleton University/University of Exeter*

*The Chinese Alternative: Beijing’s Evolving Role as Economic Partner and Model for Algeria - Francesco Saverio Leopardi, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice*

*The Iran-China-UAE Oil Triangle: The Role of under-the-surface interdependence in preventing escalation in the Persian Gulf - Jacopo Scita, Durham University*

*Russia’s Foreign Policy Actions and the Syrian Civil War in the United Nations Security Council - Ümit Seven, Middle East Technical University*

*Impact of Transnational Relations on Traditional Alliances: The Case of US-PYD Alliance against ISIS despite Turkey’s Opposition - Musa Akgul, Lancaster University*

*‘Proxy Peace’ in the Midst of a Civil War? How Syria and Iran laid the first Milestone of the AMAL-Hezbollah Alliance - Wassim Mroue, University of Edinburgh*

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## **1H) Tremblings and Inundations: Natural Disasters in SWANA History**

*Organized and chaired by Sarah Irving, Staffordshire University*

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An Age of Heroism or an Age of Woe? Identity, Mythmaking and the Memory of the Famine of World War I in Lebanon - *Tylor Brand, The University of Dublin Trinity College*

'Hunger, Disease, and Turkish Pillage': Locusts and Famine in Palestine through the lens of British Media, 1915-1923 - *Anne E Caldwell, University of Kent*

Contestation and belonging among the disaster displaced in Tripoli, Lebanon: the case of al-Mankubin after 1956 - *Robert Forster, Chr. Michelsen Institute*

## **1I) Coloniality and Contemporary Forms of Violence and Resistance**

*Chaired by Anne de Jong, University of Amsterdam*

Coloniality embodied: An Analysis of the Transnational Use of Torture Strategies - *Omar Aboubakr, The British University in Egypt*

Networks of Violence: the Rise of Paramilitary Groups (Shabbiha) in Aleppo after 2011. - *Ali Aljasem, Utrecht University*

Trans-Imperialism and the Reshaping of Power in the Middle East - *Jihan Zakarriya, Aarhus University*

Sect Identities Securitization during and in the Aftermath of 2011 in Bahrain and Syria - *Aisha Alrashdi, Qatar University*

Coloniality, Sectarianism, and Civil Resistance in Lebanon - *Jinan Al-Habbal, London School of Economics and Political Science*

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## **1J) Intoxicating Flows: Drug Trafficking across the Eastern Mediterranean, 1908-1940**

*Organized and chaired by Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal, British Institute At Ankara*

The Mediterranean trade in Turkish opiates, 1923-1940 - *Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal, British Institute At Ankara*

Opiate Trafficking as Everyday Resistance in the Interwar Eastern Mediterranean - *Mitchell Bacci, Harvard University*

Sailors and Hashish between Italy and British occupied Egypt. The many scales and legal interstices of Mediterranean smuggling - *Andreas Guidi, University of Konstanz*

## **1K) Pathways of Reconstruction in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations**

*Chaired by Adham Saouli, University of St Andrews*

Of Past Maps and Present Ruins: A Postcolonial Critique of Syria's Reconstruction - *Gabriel Garroum Pla, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)*

Rethinking 'Local Ownership' in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Libya's Failed Security Sector Reform (2011-2014) - *Nuri Yesilyurt, Ankara University/University of Kent*

The Iraq War, Migration and the Atomisation of Iraq - *Oula Kadhum, London School of Economics and Political Science/University of Birmingham*

National Liberation Struggle and Modern Arab State - *Shimaa Hatab, King's College London*

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## **1L) Reconstructing Histories within the MENA and Beyond**

*Chaired by Katrina Yeaw, University of Arkansas at Little Rock*

Aspects of the politics of the Arab civil codification movement: ‘Abd al-Razzāq al-Sanhūrī in Baghdad and Damascus, 1935-1936 and 1943-1944 - *Samir Saad, University of Cambridge*

Reconfiguring the Prison: The Emergence of a Middle Eastern Penology? - *Anthony Gorman, University of Edinburgh*

The Tortuous Path of the Incorporation of Yemen into the Ottoman Judicial System (1872-1918) - *Hümeýra Bostan-Berber, Marmara University/University of Cambridge*

Continuities of Pre-Colonial Legal Practices: Law in Crimea After the Russian Annexation at the End of the Eighteenth Century - *Dilyara Agisheva, Independent Scholar*

Legal entanglements: the influence of colonialism on gender-coded law and norms in Muslim contexts - *Maaïke Voorhoeve, University of Amsterdam*

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SESSION 1 (MON 4TH JULY: 14:00 - 16:00)

## **1M) Exilic, Cultural and Literary Encounters with Colonial Modernity**

*Chaired by Kirill Dmitriev, University of St Andrews*

In search of gainful employment: Faris al-Shidyāq and the experience of exile - *Paul Starkey, Durham University*

'Turkification' (Türkçeleştirme) of Musical Terms in Specialized Turkish Lexicography. - *Agata Pawlina, Jagiellonian University*

Deriving Modernity?: Ishtiqaq and al-Badi' in the Work of Aḥmad Fāris al-Shidyāq - *Betty Rosen, University of California, Berkeley*

Resuscitating Arroussiag Iskian: A Life of Transnational Peregrinations - *Gizem Pilavci, British Institute at Ankara*

'Strange Marriage Tangle.' Alimony and Legal Pluralism in Alexandria and Khartoum, 1908-1911 - *Eibhlin Priestley, University of Cambridge*

# PLENARY KEYNOTE 1

MON 4TH JULY: 16:15 - 17:45

## Professor Amira K. Bennison (University of Cambridge) Appropriation, Resistance and the Idea of the Moroccan Centre in the Medieval Maghribi Imaginary

The history of North Africa west of the Nile Valley, like that of many regions, has been marked by numerous phases of imperial and colonial control which have shaped its history and historiography with successive empires sometimes celebrated for cultural and civilisational achievement and sometimes castigated for the oppression of an indigenous population, repeatedly deprived of linguistic, cultural and political autonomy. These imperial powers include the Phoenicians, the Romans, the Vandals, the Byzantines, the Arabs and the French. The naming and mapping of the Mediterranean littoral of the African continent and the mountains beyond had adapted and changed over time to express the perceptions of these different powers from Roman Africa to Arab Ifrīqiya and the Maghrib, to the modern Maghreb, shaped by its largely French colonial past. Although the conference theme relates primarily to the modern post-colonial experience, I shall consider the response of the indigenous population of northwest Africa, the Imazighen or Berbers, to their incorporation into the Arab-Islamic world and their gradual carving out of an independent role within it that adopted, adapted and challenged Arab-Islamic discourses in various ways. This process culminated with the twelfth-thirteenth century Almohad empire whose rulers claimed a centrality for their language, culture and capital city which is only now being fully appreciated by scholars of the wider Islamic world, perhaps due to the collapse of the Almohad empire and its cultural programme. Furthermore, in some parts of the Islamic West, the Almohads themselves were a conquering imperial power and faced contestation from other groups. Through this complicated case study from nearly a millenium ago, I hope to provide perspectives that may have relevance for the ambiguous and complex range of modern and contemporary responses to coloniality.

**Biography:** Amira K. Bennison is Professor in the History and Culture of the Maghrib at the University of Cambridge and a fellow of Magdalene College. Her teaching and research interests include the medieval Islamic West (Islamic Iberia and Morocco), Maghribi modes of legitimation and cultures of power, and 18th-19th century Muslim religio-political discourse and engagement with modernity. Her publications include *The Almoravid and Almohad Empires* (Edinburgh, 2016), *The Articulation of Power in Medieval Iberia and the Maghrib* (Oxford, 2014); *The Great Caliphs: the Golden Age of the 'Abbasid Empire*, (London, 2009); *Cities in the Premodern Islamic World: the urban impact of religion, state and society*, edited with Alison L. Gascoigne, (London, 2007); *Jihad and its Interpretations in Pre-Colonial Morocco*, (London, 2002), as well as numerous articles. She is currently working on a monograph about legitimation in the Maghrib over the *longue durée*, a general history of culture on the two sides of the Strait of Gibraltar, and a history of Muslim Iberia. Amira has led cultural tours to many parts of the Middle East and North Africa and she contributes regularly to television programmes on Islamic history. She is also a frequent guest on BBC Radio 4's 'In Our Time'.



### **2A) Ideological and Organisational Restraints and Facilitations: Islamists' Political Pathways in the aftermath of Transformative Events (2011-2020)**

*Organized by Doha Abdelgawad, Cairo University/University of Warwick, and Carmen Fulco, University of Otago / Chaired by Carmen Fulco*

A Movement in Exile: Framing the Muslim Brotherhood's Internal Disputes and Counter Coup Survival Strategies - *Doha Abdelgawad, Cairo University/University of Warwick, and Carmen Fulco, University of Otago*

The divergent approaches of the two branches of the Islamic Movement in Israel - *Tilde Rosmer, University of Oslo/Zayed University*

The Limitations of Moderation and Pragmatism: Tracing the Ennahda Movement Political Trajectory since the 2011 Uprisings. - *Mohammad Affan, Al Sharq Forum*

### **2B) Afterlives of 19th- and 20th-Century Infrastructure in Egypt's Urban Environments and Borderzones**

*Organized by Marianne Dhenin, Leibniz Institute of European History / Chaired by Alia Mossallam, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*

An Amphibious Reading of the Suez Canal - *Alaa Attiah, University of Toronto*

Transportation Networks in the Margins of the Suez Canal Project, 1859-c. 1930 - *Mohamed Mansy, American University in Cairo*

"To Disinfect an Egyptian Town Means Destroying and Reconstructing It": Cholera and the Reordering of Late 19th-Century Cairo - *Marianne Dhenin, Leibniz Institute of European History*

Towards an Urban History of Suez: Transformations of the Built Environment and Infrastructural Afterlives in an Egyptian Town, 1856-1936 - *Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, Independent Scholar*

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## 2C) Feeling Revolution, Feeling Politics

*Organized by Sophie Chamas, SOAS, University of London / Chaired by Yael Navaro, University of Cambridge*

Feeling Backwards: Militant Cinema and the Political Uncanny - *Sophie Chamas, SOAS, University of London*

The Affective Terrain of Anticolonialism: Haunted pasts and imagined futures in contemporary Egypt - *Sara Salem, London School of Economics and Political Science*

Affect, Temporality and the Haunted History of Resistance in a Steel Town in Egypt - *Dina Makram-Ebeid, American University of Cairo*

Direct Address, Affect, and the Genres of Livestreaming in Revolutionary Times - *Hatim El-Hibri, George Mason University*

## 2D) Negotiating the Everyday: The Question of (B)order(ing)s in Arab Urban Contexts [Arabic-language panel]

*Organized by Farah Aridi, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies / Chaired by Rita Sakr, Maynooth University*

(B)order(ing)s: Theorising the Arab City - *Farah Aridi, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies*

Movement through/within/across the Border as an Act of Decolonial Knowledge Production - *Abdullah Bayyari, Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies*

Imagined and Real: The Intimate Life of Borders and Moving through the City - *Hanna Al-Taher, University of Kassel/TU Dresden*

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## **2E) Radical Cosmopolitanism at the Intersection of Solidarity and Migration**

*Organized by Judith Naeff, Leiden University / Chaired by Maaïke Voorhoeve, University of Amsterdam*

The Civic Poet and International Constellations in the Work of Bouchra Khalili -  
*Judith Naeff, Leiden University*

Shared Tables: Solidaristic World-Building by Youth Activists and Migrants in Turkey  
- *Cihan Erdal, Carleton University*

‘[N]ot by virtue of his being an Arab’: Labour Zionism, Palestinian workers and the  
New Israeli Unions. - *Sai Englert, Leiden University*

## **2F) Geographies of Power and Control in the Re/production of Settler Colonialism in Israel-Palestine**

*Organized and chaired by Mandy Turner, University of Manchester*

Promoting local agency in counterinsurgency: A case study of US-led trade  
facilitation programmes in Hebron - *Nur Arafah, University of Oxford*

Everywhere in the world there is a Chinatown, in China there is a Khaliltown - *Kareem  
Rabie, University of Illinois, Chicago*

Politics of the list: Terrorism designations as counterinsurgency in Palestine - *Lisa  
Bhungalia, Kent State University*

Bordering and immobility: a study of the Palestinian ID card in Israel and the  
Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) - *Chloé Chbat, University of Manchester*

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SESSION 2 (TUE 5TH JULY: 09:00 - 11:00)

## **2G) Syria in its External Environment: Manipulation, Accommodation, and Resistance**

*Organized by Kasia Durkan, University of St Andrews / Chaired by Fiona McCallum Guiney, University of St Andrews*

Russia in the Syrian Conflict: A Colonial Power? - *Kasia Durkan, University of St Andrews*

China's role in the Syrian Civil War: An honest broker or an indifferent role player? - *Dan Wang, Durham University*

Colonial Legacies, US Democracy Promotion, and Syrian Civil Society - *Jasmine Gani, University of St Andrews*

Russia's Soft Power and Networks of Influence in Syria - *Mohamad AlAshmar, University of St Andrews/European University Institute*

Forced displacement policies as a weapon: how did immigration policies in Turkey become drivers of conflict and instability in Syria. - *Zafer Nahhas, Syrian Centre for Policy Research*

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## 2H) Investigating Power, Language and Control in Political, Media and Public Discourses

*Chaired by Hanem El-Farahaty, University of Leeds*

Exploring the neocolonial language in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Zionism and Semitism in Latinamerica - *Alexander Montero, Externado University*

Terror-“east”: Benjamin Netanyahu’s speeches at the United Nations and the construction of “humiliation” - *Jérémy Dieudonné, University of Louvain*

The Politics of Modern Arab Newsroom: Dynamics of Journalism Independence, Control and Reform - *Abeer AlNajjar, American university of Sharjah*

“Every one of you is now a soldier”: War metaphors in Jordanian official discourse against the Covid-19 pandemic - *Yousef Barahmeh, Isra University, and Jona Fras, University of Edinburgh*

Labelling the “others” and representing the “self”: how Iran portrayed itself by naming the West in the Eighties - *Giorgia Perletta, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Milan*

## 2I) Gender, Non-State Actors, and Politics in the Interwar Middle East and Mediterranean

*Organized by Kara A. Peruccio, University of Maine / Chaired by Barbara Spadaro, University of Liverpool*

The Lost Congress: Mediterranean Suffrage and the International Alliance of Women - Athens, 1932 - *Kara A. Peruccio, University of Maine*

Performing the Nation and Gender in Interwar Algeria Through Theater, 1926-1939 - *Elizabeth M. Perego, Appalachian State University/University of North Carolina*

From Integration to Segregation: Girls Missionary Education in Interwar Libya - *Katrina Yeaw, University of Arkansas at Little Rock*

Syro-Lebanese Women and the “Woman Question” in the Interwar Mediterranean - *Nova Robinson, Seattle University*

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SESSION 2 (TUE 5TH JULY: 09:00 - 11:00)

## 2J) Active Citizenship, Everyday Agency and Resistance against Political Structures

*Chaired by Cherine Hussein, Institute of International Relations in Prague*

Generational Identity, Active Citizenship, and Authoritarian Renewal in Jordan: Evidence from Jordan's Regime-Organized Youth Empowerment Sector - *Adam Almqvist, University of Chicago*

The private, the public, and the State. Negotiations of political spaces in international development in Jordan - *Barbara Schenkel, SOAS, University of London*

What is the role of youth in Maghrebi rentier societies? Exploring the dynamics of young people and the Moroccan state - *Meret Jacob-Lakrimdi, Philipps-Universität Marburg*

Theorising Everyday Agency in Contested Urban Spaces: Dahiye as vantage point - *Dima Smaira, American University of Beirut (co-authored with Jeroen Gunning, Aarhus University/London School of Economics and Political Science)*

The Unity Intifada as tipping point: Pillarization as strategy for activism and resistance in Palestine - *Anne de Jong, University of Amsterdam*

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## **2K) Gender Resistance in and Beyond the Political: The Sensibilities of Everyday Life**

*Organized by Afaf Jabiri, University of East London / Chaired by Elena Aoun, Université Catholique de Louvain*

Resisting incoherent G&D discourses from the Souths: A case study from Jordan - *Alena Sander, University of Louvain*

Young Adults in Gaza Strip: Reclaiming Freedom, Justice, Dignity, and Sociopolitical Participation under the Sword of Colonial Oppression - *Gabriella Ibba, University of East London*

Gendering Death: Challenging the labour division and space exclusion in funeral and burial rituals in Egypt as gender resistance - *Hebatallah Tolba, University of East London*

Redefining the Political Sphere: The Choice of Undoing Politics - *Afaf Jabiri, University of East London*

Gendering Egypt's War on Terror: Egyptian Women between the violence of state and Militant Groups - *Shaimaa Hassan, University of East London*

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## 2L) Understanding Regional Attitudes and Foreign Policy towards Israel and Palestine

*Chaired by Lucy Abbott, University of Edinburgh*

Theorizing Qatari Foreign Policy Towards the Israeli Palestinian Conflict (1995-2013): An Identity Perspective - *Sultan Al-Khulaifi, University of Glasgow*

On the counterrevolutionary potential of the Abraham Accords - *Itxaso Domínguez de Olazábal, Universidad Carlos 3 de Madrid*

The Re-Negotiation of Solidarity and Allegiances: Kuwait and the Palestinians - *Jinan Bastaki, United Arab Emirates University*

Understanding a Decade of Syrian-Hamas Relations - *Nasrin Akhter, University of St Andrews*

## 2M) Coloniality, Crisis and Revolution in Film and Visual Culture

*Chaired by Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex*

Tracing the Seeds of Palestinian Revolution Cinema in 1960s Cairo - *Claire Begbie, Concordia University*

TV shows and the dark side of resistance against colonialism in contemporary popular culture - *Thomas Richard, Centre Michel de l'Hospital, Université Clermont-Auvergne*

Ruffling and un-ruffling Feathers: post-colonial and post-theoretical insights into an award-winning Egyptian movie - *Lawrie Phillips, British University in Egypt (BUE)*

Notions of Whiteness in Egyptian Film: The Case of the Khawaga - *Omar Sayfo, Utrecht University/Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies*



# PLENARY KEYNOTE 2

TUE 5TH JULY: 11:30 - 13:00

## Dr Heba Raouf Ezzat (Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul) Beyond Orders and Borders: The Refiguration of the Urban

The study of the Middle East has often started with history and geography, then moved to addressing issues of society, economy and politics. This presentation will attempt to address the urban question, and to highlight how the refiguration of cities is one of the most important dimensions to understand the sweeping changes in the region. The case of Egypt will be highlighted as an example of transforming the urban texture, and changing the balance of power in society through urban segregation. The pattern that is emerging is urban nodality and polycentrism. This will have an impact on governance and security. The regional and strategic consequences will be also explored.

**Biography:** Heba Raouf Ezzat is an assistant professor of political science at the Institute of Alliance of Civilizations at Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul, Turkey. She also teaches at the political science as well as the sociology department at IHU. For almost 30 years she taught political theory at Cairo University. She was also an adjunct professor at the American University in Cairo (2006-2013). She spent two years (2014-2015) at the unit for civil society and human security at London School of Economics (LSE) as a visiting fellow before moving to Istanbul 2016, where she is currently based. Her academic writings as well as teaching cover a wide range of topics that include classic and modern Western political thought, Islamic political theory, women and politics, global civil society, urban politics, cities and citizenships, and Middle East politics.

Besides her teaching and writings, she co-established a Diploma for Public Policy and Child Rights in 2010 that was a project funded by the European Commission and coordinated between 4 Arab Universities and 4 European Universities. For that effort she was awarded the Prize for Outstanding Support of German-Egyptian Collaboration in Science and Innovation.

Since 2015 she supervised and introduced the full translation of the Liquid Modernity series of Zygmunt Bauman into Arabic. She also translated Ziauddin Sardar's book on Mecca: The Holy City to Arabic. Her latest work is a research paper in the "Project on the future of human rights in the Arab world" titled: "The Human rights movement and the Islamist: The Paths of Convergence and Divergence" with the Arab Reform Initiative/ Paris, and a forthcoming chapter titled "Re-imagining Egypt: The State of War" in a book on *Contemporary thought in the Middle East* (Routledge 2021). Her current research is on the reconfigurations of space in the Egyptian urban planning and urban politics, and the recent rise of Egyptian Ultranationalism.

# PANEL DETAILS

SESSION 3 (TUE 5TH JULY: 14:00 - 16:00)

## 3A) Gender & Creativity in Resistance in the Contemporary Middle East

*Organized by Bronwen Mehta, University of Warwick / Chaired by Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick*

Violence against us all! Feminist legal activism and creative disobedience in the post-Arab spring world - *Reem Abuzaid, University of Warwick*

Investigating transnationalism in Egypt's digital anti-sexual harassment activism - *Bronwen Mehta, University of Warwick*

"#Everyday there is Malak": (Cyber)feminism in Iraq, fragmentation and contention - *Balsam Mustafa, University of Warwick*

Iranian women's everyday forms of struggle, resistance and strategising under the sanction regime - *Asma Abdi, University of Warwick*

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## 3B) Rethinking Knowledge Production across Locations and Perspectives

Chaired by (TBC)

The Impact of Syrian Research Centers in the Diaspora on the Syrian Scene - *Dina N. Ramadan, Independent Scholar*

The Syrian Struggle beyond Political Disenchantment; Cultivating Political Imagination, Challenging Liberal Capture - *Yasmine Kherfi, London School of Economics and Political Science*

Decolonizing Knowledge Production on Syrian Identities - *Rahaf Aldoughli, Lancaster University*

Edward Said: On Beginnings, Secular Criticism and the Elaboration of Transformative Conceptions of the World - *Cherine Hussein, Institute of International Relations in Prague*

Exploring (and Contesting) the Reproduction of Technological Imperialism: Adapting Digital Inequalities Research to a Multicultural Arab Environment - *Fahed Al-Sumait, The American University of Kuwait, Ellen J. Helsper, London School of Economics and Political Science, Miriam Rahali, London School of Economics and Political Science*

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## **3C) Traveling Populism in the Arab World [Arabic-language panel]**

*Organized by Bassel Salloukh, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies / Chaired by Abdelkarim Amengay, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies*

*The Elites over There: Populist Discourse and Lebanon's Sectarian Politics - Ammar Shamaileh, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (co-authored with Bassel Salloukh, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)*

*Non-ingérence as a populist discourse in Algeria: Non-ingérence is what politicians make of it? - Mohammed Hemchi, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (co-authored with Abdennour Benantar, University of Paris 8)*

*Why Should Elite Composition Matter? Insights from the MENA Region for Populism Scholarship - Abdelkarim Amengay, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies*

## **3D) Sovereignty, the State and its Discontents**

*Organized by Mustafa Menshawy, Lancaster University / Chaired by John Nagle, Queens University, Belfast*

*Emotions in the sovereignty-Making Process during the Arab Spring - Mustafa Menshawy, Lancaster University*

*Building – and Escaping - Bare Life in Bahrain - Simon Mabon, Lancaster University/SEPAD*

*In Search of Belonging and Sovereignty: Iraq's October Spring - Ruba Ali Al-Hassani, Lancaster University*

### **3E) Israel's hegemonic project and the role of non-state actors**

*Organized and chaired by Neve Gordon, Queen Mary University of London*

Liberal tools advancing an illiberal agenda: the use of legal strategies to defend Israel's hegemonic project - *Neve Gordon, Queen Mary University of London*

A Spatio-Legal Conundrum? Liberalism and Apartheid in Israeli Law Schools - *Michal Rotem, Queen Mary University of London*

Exporting repression: how Israel's apartheid apparatus operates internationally - *Ryvka Barnard, Palestine Solidarity Campaign*

### **3F) Thinking through and Beyond Colonial Border-Making: Mobilities, Spaces and Communities**

*Chaired by David Newman, Ben-Gurion University*

Jewish Arabs, autoethnography and the remaking of colonial selves - *Clive Gabay, Queen Mary University of London*

Middle East Sykes-Picot Partitioning: Taking The Example of The Berlin Conference - *Hossein Alizadeh, Tampere Peace Research Institute-TAPRI*

The Arab Legion and the Architecture of Colonialism, 1921-1948 - *Margaret Freeman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Channelling Illegality: Crime, smuggling and irregular migration across the Palestine-Lebanon border (1920-1948) - *Mattia Serra, Italian Institute for International Political Studies*

Reconsidering boundaries. The use of a trans-colonial approach to reconstruct the history of Sanusiyya in the 1930s and 1940s - *Carlotta Marchi, Università degli Studi di Pavia*

# PANEL DETAILS

SESSION 3 (TUE 5TH JULY: 14:00 - 16:00)

## 3G) Democracy and Practices of Democratization

*Chaired by (TBC)*

How do geo-historical factors affect political preference: the case of Baghdad constituency in Iraqi parliamentary election in 2021 - *Keiko Sakai, Chiba University*

“Modernisation” by “Professionalisation”? Discourse and Practice in Morocco’s political parties - *Giulia Cimini, University of Bologna/Gerda Henkel Foundation, and Beatriz Tomé-Alonso,, National Distance Learning University (UNED)*

Reversing the inclusion-moderation hypothesis: Egyptian Left Under Democratisation - *Talal Alkhadher, University of Edinburgh*

The Role of the Military in Mauritania through Electoral Processes. - *Raquel Ojeda-García, University of Granada (co-authored with Samara López-Ruiz, University of Granada)*

## 3H) Medicine and Health in the MENA: Policies in Practice panel # 1: Imperial and International Encounters

*Organized by Nicole Khayat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Chaired by Benny Nurieli, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

The World Health Organization and the Challenge of Palestinian Refugees, 1948-1949 - *Liat Kozma, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Of Microbes and Men: Fighting Epidemics in the Iraqi Provinces of the Ottoman Empire, 1874-1894 - *Neta Talmud, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

From Ottoman to British Rule: Public Health in Tiberias - *Ahmad Mahmoud, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Internationalization and the Egyptian Medical Sphere during the Interwar Period - *Dan Kedem, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

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SESSION 3 (TUE 5TH JULY: 14:00 - 16:00)

## 3I) Minorities and Religious Communities: Perspectives on History and Present

*Chaired by Fiona McCallum Guiney, University of St Andrews*

The urban Zuhhād and their audiences in the early Abbasid Baghdad: evolution, boundary, and expansion of metropolitan renunciant circles - *Zhicheng Ye, SOAS, University of London*

Monastic Avoidance: Piety and Ambivalence amongst Followers of Fethullah Gülen in Turkey - *Caroline Tee, University of Chester*

From a private community to being on a public stage: challenges of the Ezidi community post-2014 - *Aline Jabbari, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani*

Defending the Nation: Theoretical Perspectives and Divergences in the Lebanese Front - *Borja Wladimiro Gonzalez Fernandez, Necmettin Erbakan University (Konya)*

Baraka without Boundaries: Religious Crossing at Shared Shrines in West Bank Palestine - *Elizabeth Marteiijn, The University of Edinburgh*

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## **3J) Creative Subversions in Palestine/Israel: Art, Photography, Writing, Activism**

*Chaired by Teodora Todorova, University of Warwick*

Humanitarianism, Colonialism and the Photographic image in post World War I Jerusalem - *Abigail Jacobson, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Fidaa Ataya and her artistic struggle with colonialism in Israel/Palestine. New materialistic approach - *Marta Woźniak-Bobińska, University of Lodz, Poland*

A women section under double supervision: Women-writers in an Arabic newspaper in Israel, 1958-1961 - *Sharon Maftsir, The Open University of Israel/University of Haifa*

Remembering the Black Panthers and the Aesthetics of Cooptation - *Mor Cohen, Manchester Metropolitan University*

Co-Liberation through Co-Resistance: Decolonial Love as Freedom - *Jess Notwell, University of Guelph*



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SESSION 3 (TUE 5TH JULY: 14:00 - 16:00)

## **3K) Investigating Historical and Contemporary Dynamics of Nation Building**

*Chaired by Adham Saouli, University of St Andrews*

Bureaucraft: Bakers as State-Makers in Amman - *Jose Ciro Martinez, University of York*

The State Starts When the Tribe Ends: Exploring Tribe and State Dynamics in Jordan - *Taraf Abu Hamdan, Central European University*

Nation Building by Communications: The Communicative Practices of Kemalist Republic in Rural Turkey - *Burce Celik, Loughborough University*

Ties that Bind: Recognition of Difference and “Nation Talk” - *Yesim Bayar, St. Lawrence University*

The Dynamics of the Egyptian Exile Body in Europe During the 1919 Revolution - *Taqadum Al-Khatib, Freie Universität Berlin*

### **3L) State Legitimacy and Security: Domestic and International Narratives**

*Chaired by Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby*

SAVAK and corruption. How Iranian secret services perceived corruption in Iran during the reign of the shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. - *Urszula Pytkowska-Jakimczyk, University of Warsaw*

An outdated narrative? The domestic relevance of the Islamic Republic's narrative of resistance, anti-imperialism & independence - *Olivia Glombitza, Autonomous University of Barcelona*

Ontological Security and Responsibility beyond Borders: A Non-Western Perspective from Iran - *Alen Shadunts, University of Oxford*

A Family Story: The Private Sector and Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund - *Alexis Montambault Trudelle, University of Edinburgh*

Varieties of Nationalism in Saudi Arabia - *Bruno Schmidt-Feuerheerd, University of Cambridge (co-authored with Andrew Leber, Harvard University, and Majed Binkhonein, SOAS, University of London)*

### **3M) Spaces of War, Displacement and Migration in Literature and Film**

*Chaired by Fabio Caiani, University of St Andrews*

"A War for Others": The Dialectics of International Politics and Violence in Rabih Alameddine's Fiction - *Khaled Ghazel, University of St Andrews*

Reconceptualizing Marginalization in the Gulf: Victimization, Disenfranchisement and Class in an Early Migration Narrative - *Nadeen Dakkak, University of Edinburgh*

Decolonial knowledge production in Hasan Blāsim's God 99 - *Rita Sakr, Maynooth University*

"How Long Have You Been Waiting?": Refugees, Cinematography, and Biopolitics in Ben Sharrock's Limbo - *Ghazouane Arslane, Larbi Tebessi University (co-authored with Hiyem Cheurfa, Larbi Tebessi University)*

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## **4A) Conquest and Domination: Colonial Liberalism and Governance in Contemporary Palestine and Beyond**

*Organized by Jeremy Wildeman, Carleton University/University of Exeter / Chaired by Malaka Shwaikh, University of St Andrews*

The Colonial Context of People-to-People Programming in Occupied Palestine - *Nadia Naser, University of Exeter*

Western Intervention and the Denial of Palestinian Self-Determination - *Jeremy Wildeman, Carleton University/University of Exeter*

Neo-colonial Co-optation of Local Practices and Concepts in Palestine and beyond - *Emile Badarin, College of Europe – Natolin*

## **4B) Between Local Agency and International Pressure: A Political and International History of Debt in the Middle East and North Africa**

*Organized and chaired by Francesco Saverio Leopardi, Ca' Foscari University of Venice*

Financial storm clouds gathering over Tunisia». Debt dynamics and economic policies between 1962 and 1969, a new interpretative perspective - *Vittorio Caligiuri, Università Roma Tre*

The Problematic Turn to Neoliberalism of Iran's Islamic Republic - *Seyed Mohammad Houshisadat, University of Tehran*

The 1980s "Debt Crisis" in Middle East and North Africa: Framing Regional Dynamics within the International Stage at UNCTAD - *Massimiliano Trentin, University of Bologna*

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## **4C) Capitalism and Class in the Middle East and North Africa**

*Organized and chaired by Mandy Turner, University of Manchester*

Jamie Allinson - *University of Edinburgh*

Sai Englert, *University of Leiden*

Miriyam Aouragh - *University of Westminster*

Rima Majed - *American University of Beirut*

Rafeef Ziadah - *Kings College London*

## **4D) Narratives as Spaces of Political Interaction in Egypt**

*Organized by Sara Tonsy, Institut d'études politiques- Aix, and Farah Ramzy, European University institute / Chaired by Simon Mabon, Lancaster University*

The Narrative around the 'Reform of Religious Discourse' in Egypt - *Sara Tonsy, Institut d'études politiques- Aix*

Narratives of class distinction among Egypt's Upper Middle classes. - *Farah Ramzy, European University institute*

Narratives in factional battles: the case of MB post-2013 - *Nadia Abou Shady, Philipps-University Marburg – Cairo University*

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## 4E) The Absent-Presence of Migrants and Refugees in Spaces of Precarity and Belonging

*Chaired by Lewis Turner, Newcastle University*

Transient Territories: the Movement of Bodies beyond Borders. The Case of Al Wehdat Camp in Amman, Jordan. - *Nama'a Qudah, Delft University of Technology*

Hearing the Nakba Today: The politics of viscerality in an unending uprooting - *Rawan Nasser, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Negotiating belonging despite exclusion: The case of first-generation and second-generation migrants in Saudi Arabia - *Areej Jamal, University College London*

The choice to belong: securing 'authentic bodies' through memory and community history - *Hannah Owens, Queen Mary University of London*

Desire, disability, and displacement in the Middle East - *Yomna El-Serafy, University of Cambridge*

## 4F) "Teaching to Transgress": Resistance, Solidarity and the University in Middle East Studies

*Organized and chaired by Jasmine K. Gani, University of St Andrews*

Sharri Plonski - *Queen Mary University London*

Aya Musmar - *University of Petra*

Sarah Gharib Seif - *University of St Andrews*

Rabea M. Khan - *University of Edinburgh*

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## **4G) The Globalization of Palestinian Audio-Visual Culture**

*Organized and chaired by Sune Haugbolle, Roskilde University*

An Oppressed People is Always Right: Entangled Histories of Filmmaking, Solidarity, and the Global New Left. - *Pelle Valentin Olsen, Roskilde University*

Redrawing the 'Color Line' Through Palestine: A Visual Politics of Tricontinentalism - *Sorcha Thomson, Roskilde University*

Palestine Magazines of the 1970s - *Sune Haugbolle, Roskilde University*

New Heritage: How Palestinians Relate to Material Heritage Objects & Identity Symbols in Sweden - *Cailin Kwoh, Lund University*

## **4H) Contesting Gender Norms: Public Perceptions and Spaces of Agency**

*Chaired by Sevgi Adak, Agha Khan University*

Singlehood in Bahrain: Attitudes and Perceptions Towards Unmarried Nationals - *Inés Fernández Moral, University of Exeter*

Questioning the (Un)debatable: Gender, Feminism and Public Discourse in Jordan - *Amani Al-Serhan, University of Jordan*

Co-opting Meanings of Gendered Expectations: Young Jordanians' Agency in Disrupting the Country's Gendered Status Quo - *Ivana Cosmano, University of Leeds*

Muslim Marriages in Contemporary Iran; Law and Public Perceptions - *Sahar Maranlou, University of Essex*

Expressions of Sexuality, Identity and Belonging in an Interstitial Locale: The LGBTQ Community of Spanish Ceuta - *Hendrik Kraetzschmar and Andrew Delatolla, University of Leeds (co-authored with Richard Cleminson, University of Leeds)*

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## 4I) Bringing In The Other Islamists – Comparing Shi’a And Sunni Islamism

*Organized by Jeroen Gunning, Aarhus University/LSE / Chaired by Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University*

The Three Sadrs and the Najafi Marja’iyya: Theorizing the Role of Religion in Iraq’s Shi’i Islamist Politics - *Ben Robin, Aarhus University*

The Other Foreign Fighters: the Iran-Iraq War and the Transnationalization of Shia Islamist militancy - *Raphaël Lefèvre, University of Oxford/University of Aarhus (co-authored with Mohammed Ataie, Brandeis University, Jeroen Gunning, Aarhus University/LSE, and Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University)*

Bringing the transnational into the inclusion-moderation debate through Iraq’s Shia Islamists - *Jeroen Gunning, Aarhus University/London School of Economics and Political Science (co-authored with Ben Robin-d’Cruz, Aarhus University, Fanar Haddad, Aarhus University/LSE, Toby Matthiesen, Ca’Foscari University/Stanford University, and Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University)*

Challenging assumptions about Islamist parties: what the Arab Barometer tells us about supporters of Shia and Sunni Islamists - *Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University and Courtney Freer, Emory University (co-authored with Andrew Leber, Harvard University, and Jeroen Gunning, Aarhus University/LSE)*

### **4J) Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Colonialism and Settler-Colonialism in Palestine**

*Chaired by John Chalcraft, London School of Economics and Political Science*

The Racialised (Re)organisation of the Palestinian Orange Industry under the British Mandate - *Chris Harding, University of Cambridge*

Envisioning (In)dependent Palestine: Agrochemicals and National Aspirations in British-Ruled Palestine - *Omri Polatsek, Freie Universität, Berlin*

Forty Years On - The Deep Rootedness of Land Colonisation in the West Bank. - *David Newman, Ben-Gurion University*

Settler-colonialism in Israel-Palestine: empirical applications and critical approaches - *Caterina Bandini, The School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences/CMH, and Marion Lecoquierre, University of Helsinki/CITERES/IREMAM*

Eurovision and the Euro-colonial Spectacle of Israel/Palestine: Hegemonic Constructions and Alternative Mobilizations - *Hilla Dayan, Amsterdam University College (co-authored with Noa Roei, University of Amsterdam)*

### **4K) Writing the Middle East and Central Asia outside of the Anglophone Worlds: Scholarship from the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Academia**

*Organized by Silvia Ferabolli, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil / Chaired by Zayra Badillo Castro, SOAS, University of London*

*Silvia Ferabolli - Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil*

*Soledad Jimenez Tovar - CIDE, Mexico*

*António Eduardo Mendonça - ULisboa, Portugal*



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## **4L) Knowledge production, know-how and reflexivity: the Mashriq and the Jesuits since 1831**

*Organized by Sarah Irving, Staffordshire University / Chaired by Anthony Gorman, University of Edinburgh*

The Jesuits' broken seismograph: earthquake science in the Mandatory Levant - *Sarah Irving, Staffordshire University*

Medicine, Industry, and Architecture: Jesuit and French Colonial Networks of Expertise in Beirut, 1875–1914 - *Yasmina El Chami, Anglia Ruskin University*

Designing a “Christian Orient” or fighting the nationalization of geography? The topographic work of the Jesuit mission in central Anatolia (1881-1914) - *Philippe Bourmaud, Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3*

Knowledge Production, Circulation and Doctrines in Jerusalem and Beyond: The Pontifical Biblical Institute - *Maria Chiara Rioli, Ca' Foscari University of Venice/ Fordham University*

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SESSION 5 (WED 6TH JULY: 09:00 - 11:00)

## 5A) Knowledge Production in/about the Arab World: Challenges and Opportunities [Arabic-language roundtable]

*Organized and chaired by Ahmed Abozaid, University of St Andrews*

Mira Al Hussein - *University of Cambridge*

Mayada Madbouly - *Université Paris Nanterre*

Abeer Rabei - *Cairo University*

Mekia Nedjar - *Oran 2 University*

Sofia Hnezla - *Doha Institute for Graduate Studies*

## 5B) Political Economy of Urban and Rural Space in the Middle East

*Organized and chaired by Rafeef Ziadah, King's College London*

Logistics, food security and geopolitics: the case of the United Arab Emirates - *Rafeef Ziadah, King's College London (co-authored with Christian Henderson, Leiden University)*

Between Romanticization and the Market: Youth Agricultural Cooperatives in the West Bank - *Faiq Mari, ETH Zürich*

The yields of shame: the making of female cheap labour in Morocco's Souss Valley. - *Fayrouz Yousfi, Ghent University*

Beyond the usually destroyed: Palestinian construction and the social life of planning processes in Jerusalem - *Lucy Garbett, London School of Economics and Political Science*

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## **5C) Fugitive Methodologies - Interrogating Methods as Praxis in MENA scholarship**

*Organized and chaired by Sharri Plonski, Queen Mary University of London*

*Jasmine Gani - University of St. Andrews*

*Olivia Mason - University of Glasgow*

*Aya Nassar - Royal Holloway University of London*

*Elian Weizman - London South Bank University*

## **5D) Digital Inequalities and Horizons: New Approaches to Education and Pedagogy**

*Chaired by Abeer Al-Najjar, American University of Sharjah*

*Educational sociology and its effects on poor communities in the Middle East - Fadi Baroud, Al-Hadaf News*

*Decolonize Transnational Higher Education: A Critical Analysis of Middle Eastern and Northern Universities Transnational Partnerships - Ikram Toumi, Kent State University*

*Online learning for all “Arabs”: Examining the learning design of a cross-cultural Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for multicultural “Arab” learners - Amin Marei, University of Pennsylvania*

*The Occupied Jawlan: Developing an Online Open Curriculum - Michael Mason, London School of Economics and Political Science (co-authored with Muna Dajani, Lancaster University, Munir Fakher Eldin, Birzeit University, and Omar Tesdell, Birzeit University)*

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## 5E) Medicine and Health in the MENA: Policies in Practice Panel # 2: Maternity And Child Welfare

*Organized by Nicole Khayat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Chaired by Philippe Bourmaud, Lyon 3 University*

*Haifa's Infant Welfare Association 1924-1952 - Nicole Khayat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

*Gifts and Cleanliness: Palestinian Women and Jewish Nurses under the Military Rule - Adam Anabosi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.*

*Redeemable Children: The Joint-OSE's Mission in North Africa, 1947-1952 - Benny Nuriely, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

*Healthcare Institutions in Algeria: Curing Mothers and Babies During the First Half of the 20th Century - Mayan Lalush, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## 5F) Forms of Resistance Against Patriarchal Structures of Oppression

*Chaired by Bronwen Mehta, University of Warwick*

*The Sextarian Bargain - How Ordinary Lebanese Interact with Sextarian Citizenship - Matthew Heinrichs, Lund University*

*Women and the Algerian Hirak: Negotiation and Resistance of Patriarchal and Authoritarian Structures - Serena Nilsson Rabia, Lund University*

*Digital Feminism in Morocco: Between Resistance and Coloniality - Sanae Ansar Ech-chotbi, University of Erfurt/University of Oslo*

*c Gender Segregation in Responses to Public Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault in Egypt - Caroline Williams, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

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## 5G) Tracing and Contesting Colonial Influences and Legacies

*Chaired by John Chalcraft, London School of Economics and Political Science*

French cultural influence in Baathist thought and politics - *Mauro Primavera, Catholic University of Milan*

The “French colonizer”: The documentation of the French colonial legacy in the Truth & Dignity Commission report in Tunisia - *Nada Ahmed, University of Ulster*

The French Mandate’s alleged protection of Middle Eastern Christianity: a false-flag kidnapping, weak French and angry patriarchs - *Anna Hager, University of Vienna*

What does ‘conspiracy’ mean? The emergence and function of the modern term mu’amara in Arabic - *Jacob Høigilt, University of Oslo*

The Arab world: a region that dare speak its name - *Silvia Ferabolli, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul*

## 5H) Beyond Vulnerability: Rethinking Agency and Power in the Middle East

*Organized by Christine Sargent, University of Colorado Denver / Chaired by Yaffa Shanneik, University of Lund*

The Power of Underprivilege in Heritage Development - *Allison Mickel, Lehigh University*

Relational Vulnerability - *Christine Sargent, University of Colorado Denver*

“I don’t want to go to Europe - I prefer to stay in Jordan:” Syrian refugees contesting resettlement regimes - *Sarah Tobin, Chr. Michelsen Institute*

Colonialism in Disguise: North-Led Humanitarianism in the Levant - *Nof Nasser-Eddin, Center for Transnational Development and Collaboration*

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## 5I) Gender, Sexuality and Queerness in Literature and Film

Chaired by *Sophie Chamas, SOAS, University of London*

“Before” Homosexuality in Ottoman Literature - *Ipek Sahinler, University of Texas at Austin*

Marco (2019): A Queer, Levantine Brief Encounter in London - *Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex*

Liminal Spaces for Nomadic Identities: Internal and External Frontiers in Syrian War Literature - *Beatrice Morlacchi, American University of Beirut*

## 5J) Islam, Islamic Institutions and the State in Egypt, Morocco and Algeria

Chaired by (TBC)

Beyond the ‘Instrumentalization’ Thesis: The Reshaping of al-Azhar-State relationship in Post-Revolution Egypt - *Mohamed Mohamed, George Mason University*

The Scramble for Africa: Islam and the Making of Nasser’s Foreign Policy - *Ibrahim Gemeah, Cornell University*

Hollow statism: Discourse and Praxis in the Nationalization of Islamic institutions in Sisi’s Egypt - *Neil Russell, Glasgow Caledonian University*

The Politics of the Face-Veil: Egyptian Women and Salafi Women - *Maha Ghalwash, British University in Egypt (co-authored with Amany Masod, Cairo University)*

Of friends and foes: Schmitt, shibboleths, and Salafi (anti-)politics in North Africa - *Guy Eyre, King’s College London/SOAS, University of London*

# PLENARY KEYNOTE 3

WED 6TH JULY: 14:30 - 16:00

## Professor Raymond Hinnebusch (University of St Andrews) From Proxy War to Sanctions War: The Later Phases of the Syrian Conflict

Syria's conflict has metamorphized into a hybrid: a partially frozen proxy war over territory combined with a battle over sanctions and reconstruction. This paper will explore three aspects of this contest. The paper will look at the stalemated proxy war; the effort of the regime to use reconstruction to consolidate its power and marginalize opposition and the US effort to obstruct this. Syria is also a test case of the emerging global (dis) order: whether the US can use its dominance of the world financial system to sustain its world hegemony or whether its reinvention as a "sanctions hegemon" is the last episode in the transition to a multipolar world.

**Biography:** Raymond Hinnebusch is professor of International relations and Middle East politics and Director of the Centre for Syrian Studies at the University of St. Andrews. His works include *Egypt Politics under Sadat* (Cambridge 1980) *Authoritarian Power and State Formation in Ba'thist Syria* (Westview 1990) *Syria: Revolution from above* (Routledge: 2001); and *International Politics of the Middle East* (Manchester University Press 2003, 2015). He co-edited *Syria: From Reform to Revolt*, (Syracuse, 2014) *The Syria Uprising: Domestic Factors and Early Trajectory* (Routledge 2018) and *The War for Syria: Regional and International factors in the Syrian Conflict* (Routledge 2019); *Foreign Policies of Middle East States* (Lynne Rienner 2014); *Turkey-Syria Relation: between Enmity and Amity*, co-edited with Ozlem Tur, Ashgate Publishers, 2013; *Sovereignty after Empire: Comparing the Middle East and Central Asia*, Edinburgh University Press, 2011; *The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences*, Lynne Rienner 2006; *The Routledge Handbook to the Middle East and North African States and States System*, Routledge 2019; he edited *After the Arab Uprisings: between democratization, counter-revolution and state failure*, Routledge 2016.

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SESSION 6 (WED 6TH JULY: 16:30 - 18:30)

## **6A) Critical approaches to studying terrorism, counter terrorism and counter extremism in the Middle East**

*Organized by Alice Finden, Durham University / Chaired by (TBC)*

'Preventing Violent Extremism' and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Examining Gender, Race, Faith and Coloniality - *Nicola Pratt, University of Warwick (co-authored with Jennifer Philippa Eggert, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, and Juanita Elias, University of Warwick)*

Tracing the persistence and fragmentation of coloniality within contemporary pre-criminal tools - *Alice Finden, Durham University*

A critical appraisal of Terrorism and Political Violence Writings in Arabic (2001-2021) - *Ahmed Abozaid, University of St Andrews*

## **6B) Women, Islam and Feminist Responses to Religious and Colonial Discourses**

*Chaired by Sahar Maranlou, University of Essex*

Alo Fetva Hotline as a Medium for Governing Marriage and Family: Reinterpretation and Ambivalence in the Female Preachers' Fatwas - *Burcu Kalpaklıoğlu, University of Amsterdam*

A Tale of Two Textbooks: Constructing Afghan Women's Religious Authority through Pan-Islamic Registers - *Marya Hannun, Georgetown University*

Early Iranian Women Writers and the Notion of 'Aql - *Piotr Bachtin, University of Warsaw*



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## **6C) Digital Memories, Digital Cultures**

*Organized by Nermin Elsherif, University of Amsterdam / Chaired by Sara Salem, London School of Economics and Political Science*

*Revolution as an Arabic keyword - Omar Al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics and Political Science*

*Televising Facebook: Remembering the 90s and mourning the cultural capital of the nation - Nermin Elsherif, University of Amsterdam*

*Digital heritage entrepreneurs? Recalling the past in social media - Mayada Madbouly, Université Paris Nanterre/ISP*

*The Life and Death of (photographic) Archiving in the Digital Age - Lucie Ryzova, University of Birmingham*

*Nasser as a meme for Defeat - Nayera A. Soliman, Freie Universitat Berlin*

### **6D) Entangled in a transnationalised quagmire: The global context of the Syrian conflict's late period.**

*Organized by Ferdinand Arslanian, University of St Andrews / Chaired by Jasmine Gani, University of St Andrews*

Are civil wars ever 'civil'? The domestic-international nexus and the case of Syria - *Francesco Belcastro, University of Derby*

Grab Them by the Economy: Assessing the Trump Administration's Maximum Pressure Campaign towards Syria - *Ferdinand Arslanian, University of St Andrews*

Sectarianism in Eastern Syria: how Historical Sociology and Instrumentalism Explain the Extant Political Dynamics - *Haian Dukhan, Central European University/ University of St Andrews*

The Absurdity of Return: The Forced Return of Syrian Refugees - *Tamara Al-Om, University of St Andrews*

Comparative study of forced migrant integration within post-colonial borders of the Middle East: Comparative Analysis - *Daria Vorobyeva, OSCE Academy Bishkek*

### **6E) Feminist Approaches to Gender Issues in Contexts of War, Migration and Political Transition**

*Chaired by (TBC)*

Feminist Resistance and Migrant Voices from Canada and Lebanon: A Transnational Feminist Participatory Action Research Project - *Roxane Caron, University of Montreal (co-authored with Lina Abou Habib, American University of Beirut)*

Gender, situated knowledge and practices in gender training fields: evidence from Tunisia - *Daniela Musina, Scuola Normale Superiore/Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*

Narratives of Transformative Gender Justice: The Case of Syria - *Roua Al Taweel, Ulster University*

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## 6F) Colonial and Orientalist Imaginaries between the Past and the Present

*Chaired by Paul Starkey, University of Durham*

Ta'ziyeh and the Colonial Imaginary: Transporting the Passion of Husayn to Victorian England - *Hawraa Al-Hassan, University of Cambridge*

Western museums exhibiting modern and contemporary artists from MENA: Whose voice is conveyed? - *Farah Taleb, University of Edinburgh*

Resisting Orientalism by "Domesticating" the Orient: Fatma Aliye's Namdaran-ı Zenan-ı İslamiyan - *Doga Ozturk, Independent Researcher*

The Semiotics of Subversion: Iranian Women Artists Contesting Orientalist Tropes - *Katy Shahandeh, SOAS, University of London*

The Wisdom of Camouflage and Yehuda Amichai's Poetics of Forgetfulness - *Tayseer Abu Odeh, Al-Ahliyya Amman University*

## 6G) Oil Legacies and Socialist Dreams: Baku and Tashkent through Multiple Trajectories of Urban Development in the Twentieth Century

*Chaired by Mohamad al-Ashmar, University of St Andrews*

Competing Visions of a Soviet South: Baku, Tashkent and a Project for a Socialist City of Asia - *Zayra Badillo Castro, SOAS, University of London*

Remembering Baku's oil barons - *Leyla Sayfutdinova, University of St Andrews*

Between poetics and politics of social change in contemporary Baku - *Cristina Boboc, Ghent University*

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## 6H) The Politics of Humanitarianism: Local and Transnational Narratives and Networks

*Chaired by Mohamad al-Ashmar, University of St Andrews*

Politics of Familialism, Conservative NGOs and Local Networks in Turkey - *Sevgi Adak, Aga Khan University*

Genealogies of settler colonial humanitarianism in Palestine/Israel - *Pietro Stefanini, University of Edinburgh*

Cultivating regional influence through patronage and philanthropy: Transnational activities of the charitable foundations of the Islamic Republic of Iran - *Andr s Barati, Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies*

Aid Deals, Development, And Differentiation In Turkey: Distinctions In Deserving Refugee Groups - *Shaddin Almasri, Danube University Krems*

Opposing the UN Sustainable Development Agenda: A Subaltern Decolonial Critique? - *Laila Makboul, American University of Cairo/University of Oslo*

## 6I) Navigating Power in the Pre-Modern Islamic World

*Organized by Yusuf Chaudhary, University of Cambridge / Chaired by Andrew Marsham, University of Cambridge*

The Muslim Scholarly Community of Ilkhanid Tabriz and Their Patrons (1258-1334) - *Yusuf Chaudhary, University of Cambridge*

Networks of Power under ‘Uthm n and ‘Al  - *Aliya Abdukadir Ali, University of Cambridge*

Literary methods of depiction in al-Tabari’s account of the First Fitna - *Mohammed Ahmed, University of Cambridge*

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## **6J) Global Jewish Iran in the Twentieth Century**

*Organized by Eirik Kvindesland, University of Oxford / Chaired by Edmund Herzig, University of Oxford*

Reading Bialik in Tehran: Responses to the 'Hebrew National Poet' in the 1940s  
Iranian-Jewish Press - *Daniel Amir, University of Oxford*

"Dealing with certain affairs": Migration, Zionism and the emergence of Iranian  
diplomacy in Mandatory Palestine - *Eirik Kvindesland, University of Oxford*

Competing Visions for Iranian Jewish Education - *Daniella Farah, Rice University*

Contested Alliances: Mobility, Comparison, and the Promise of Jewish Solidarity in  
Global Iran, 1907-1953 - *Nancy Ko, Columbia University*



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