

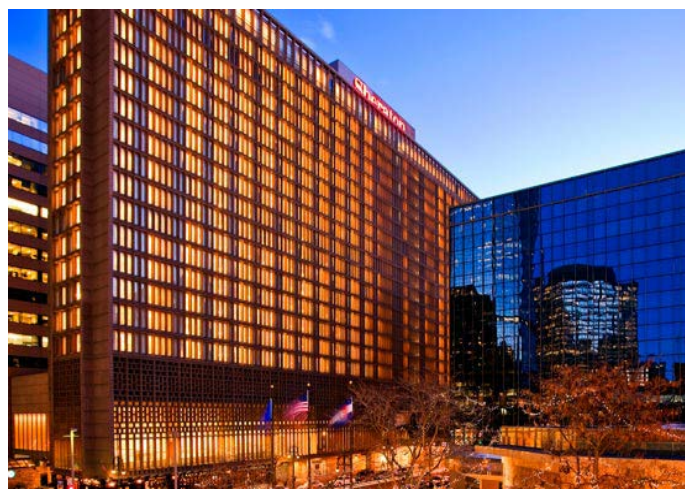
## Preliminary Program MESA's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting November 21-24 Denver, Colorado

Denver is on many academic societies' meeting rotation schedules. A major airline hub, it offers a charming downtown with ample hotels and meeting space, set in a vibrant arts and culture scene. For MESA, 2015 represents the second meeting of a two-meeting contract that also included 2012. The overwhelming response to a survey circulated at the 2012 meeting revealed Denver as a preferred meeting locale.

The Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, our home for four days in November, rests idyllically on the 16th Street Mall, a tree-lined, 16-block pedestrian promenade offering shopping, food, nightlife, and a fun downtown vibe. World class museums, art galleries/districts, theater, music, and splendid examples of Victorian and ultra modern architecture are located just outside the hotel. A program of 220+ sessions, a four-day film festival and a bustling book bazaar await attendees. The American Anthropological Association will hold its annual meeting at the Denver Convention Center November 18-22, slightly overlapping with MESA. A joint session will take place at the AAA venue on Sunday, November 22 (see page 12 for details).



16th Street Mall



### Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

1550 Court Place

Denver CO 80202

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<http://www.sheratondenverdowntown.com/>

### Rates/Reservations

\$189 single/double

\$209 triple

\$219 quad

Cutoff Date  
October 26

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/middle-east>

(plus room tax of 14.85%)

### ALERT: Hotel Booking Scams

Various "housing companies" NOT affiliated with MESA have been contacting attendees/exhibitors to book hotel rooms for the 2015 annual meeting. These companies may actually put people at risk for credit card and identity theft. We do not recommend doing business with them. All housing for the MESA 2015 annual meeting is handled directly by the Sheraton's Group Reservations Department. A link to the Sheraton reservation page for MESA attendees is listed above. For further information, please go to [mesana.org](http://mesana.org), click on the annual meeting logo, and then on hotel.

## Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2015 annual meeting, complete the registration form located on the back page of this program and return it along with payment to the MESA Secretariat. If paying by credit card save a stamp and register online via myMESA (login at <http://mesana.org/mymesa/login.php>). Pre-registration is recommended as onsite registration rates are higher. The preregistration deadline is **October 23, 2015**.

Category	Preregistration	Onsite
full/associate	\$110	\$130
student member	\$70	\$90
student non-member	\$90	\$110
Other non-members	\$140	\$160

## Travel/Ground Transportation

The Denver International Airport (DEN) is a hub for three airlines: United, Southwest, and Frontier. The airport is 30-45 minutes from the downtown. The flat taxi rate to/from downtown Denver and the airport is \$55.57. Shared van service will cost about half that. MESA has partnered with SuperShuttle to offer a discount on their shared van service.

Reservations can be made by calling SuperShuttle at 1-800-258-3826 (group code: MESA1) or going to <https://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GS=MESA1>.

## The Scoop on Thematic Conversations and Roundtables

**Thematic Conversations** offer an alternative place to pose new questions for research, explore new trends and approaches to old questions, meet like-minded scholars, and engage in open academic exchange in an unstructured space. The conversations have a session leader and discussants who set the agenda for the conversation. They are (un)structured to provide for maximum participation from those in attendance, and there are no formal presentations. Seating is limited to 30 people.

**Roundtables** promote informed discussion and debate concerning the current state of scholarship in particular fields, work currently in progress or the particular problems involved in the employment of new approaches, new models, etc. The roundtable format lends itself to open discussion in an atmosphere where participants provide their points of view and engage the audience in active discussion. Participants do not prepare papers and do not lecture to the audience. Seating is restricted to 25-30 maximum.

## Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2015 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESA's website at [mesana.org](http://mesana.org), click on the 2015 logo, and then on "panel chair volunteers." Email your choices to Mark Lowder at [mark@mesana.org](mailto:mark@mesana.org).

Before you volunteer, please note that MESA membership and annual meeting pre-registration are required of all meeting participants.

## Book Bazaar

The MESA Book Bazaar is located in an open area adjacent to registration and meeting rooms. Arguably the largest display of Middle East studies titles anywhere, MESA's annual book bazaar will include old and new friends—university presses, small publishing houses, independent book sellers, and even artisans sharing their talents. All will gather in Denver for a three plus-day festival of books. The book bazaar will be open 9-6 Sunday and Monday (Nov. 22-23) and 8-12 on Tuesday (Nov. 24). Visit MESA's website for a list of exhibitors.

You don't have to rent space to exhibit at the MESA meeting. For \$40 per title, publications can be placed on view in MESA's Cooperative Book Display. This is an ideal arrangement for individuals, independent authors, and small presses with few Middle East studies titles.

If you would like additional information about exhibiting at MESA 2015, please visit MESA's website or contact Rose Veneklasen at [rose@mesana.org](mailto:rose@mesana.org) or 520-621-5850.

## Roommates

If you are interested in sharing a room at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel during the MESA annual meeting, please visit MESA's website at <http://mesana.org/annual-meeting/roommates.html>. MESA maintains a "roommates wanted" page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other.

## Child Care

MESA can help parents find a local provider and will reimburse half of the cost of day care services up to a maximum of \$200 for the conference. Upon request, the Secretariat will be happy to post contact information of parents who want to share sitting services during the meeting. For further information, please contact Rose Veneklasen at [rose@mesana.org](mailto:rose@mesana.org) or 520-621-5850.



## MESA Members Meeting

Monday, November 23 ♦ 1:00pm-2:30pm ♦ Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Room TBA

The members meeting is an annual meeting of the membership open to all members and guests. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. The meeting mainly consists of reports (see agenda at right). Where members play an important role is in voting for the Nominating Committee and on any resolutions that are being presented. A member in good standing can add names to the list of people who will be invited to run for the Nominating Committee, to augment those proposed by MESA's Board.

### Quorum

A minimum of 35 voting-eligible members must be in attendance for votes to be taken. Failing that, the meeting can be held but votes cannot be taken.

### Resolutions

When important issues are before the membership, resolutions are sometimes presented at the business meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA's Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2015 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by **November 6, 2015**. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA's Bylaws which are posted on MESA's website at [mesana.org](http://mesana.org).

### Sample Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Report of the Executive Director
- III. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence
- IV. 2015 Election of Officers Results
- V. Nominating Committee Vote and Call for Names
- VI. IJMES Report
- VII. RoMES Report
- VIII. Committee on Academic Freedom Report
- IX. Unfinished Business (if tabled from last meeting)
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjournment

## Tools for Paper Presenters

### Upload Your Paper to myMESA by Oct. 15

Please upload a copy of your paper to the myMESA system so that your co-panelists, especially the chair/discussant, will have access to it. No one else will be able to view your paper except for your co-panelists. Papers need not be the final copy; drafts are fine. There is no suggested paper length. Your topic and your depth of coverage should determine its length. Plan to present a truncated version of your paper at your panel.

1. Log-in to myMESA (<http://mesana.org/mymesa/login.php>).
2. Click the "Annual Meeting" button.
3. Click the "Paper Abstract" button (shows up once you click the annual meeting button).
4. Click the "Submit/Update full paper" button.
5. Under "Upload your attachment" click the "browse" button.
6. Locate your file on your computer by navigating to the directory where the file is located.
7. Once the name of your file appears in the box next to the "browse" button, click the "Save and back to abstract" button.
8. Your file has now been uploaded.
9. Log-out.

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

### Planning for Your Presentation

The best way to combat nerves is to be prepared. Remember, the people in the audience are there because they want to hear what *you* have to say. Prepare a summary of your paper for your presentation, which should last for no more than 20 minutes. Typically, 10-12 double-spaced typed pages will take 20 minutes to read. Practice and time yourself to make sure your presentation will fit in the allotted time. Be as dynamic as you can; a little humor goes a long way. Shy away from monotone presentations that will put the audience to sleep. A skilled presenter will achieve a balance between reading the text and making eye contact with the audience. Most of all, relax and enjoy your moment.

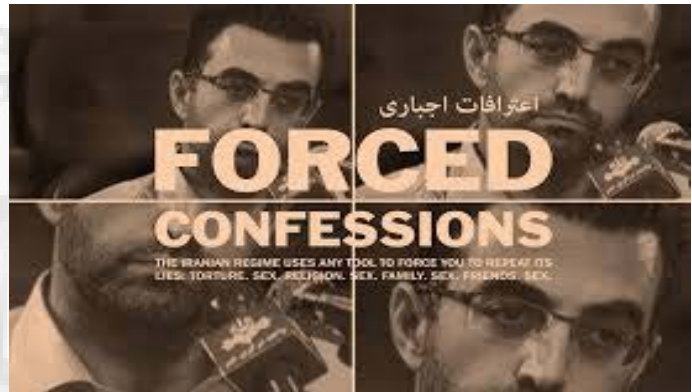
### No Show Policy

We understand that things come up at the last minute that prevent a participant from attending the meeting. As a courtesy to your co-panelists, please notify MESA if you cannot attend the meeting. If you are scheduled to participate in the annual meeting in any capacity and you don't show up and haven't informed the MESA Secretariat, you will be considered a 'no-show' and will not be eligible to participate in the next year's meeting. A no-show is someone who is not physically present at his/her panel at the conference and hasn't notified the MESA Secretariat beforehand.

# FilmFest Preview

The '15 FilmFest committee is busy making selections for the November FilmFest. A sampling of selected films address public shaming in Iran, Arab feminism, child marriage in Yemen, economic discrimination in Israel, the power of social media in the Syrian civil war, and a look at the life of influential Arab writer, Mahmoud Darwish.

## Forced Confessions



## It's Better to Jump



The ancient city of Akka, along the northern coast of Israel, is the home to a melting pot of Muslims, Christians, Jews, and Baha'i. For centuries, its surrounding forty-foot sea wall has protected its citizens and repelled invaders. Today the city is subject to gentrification. As the Old City endures harsh economic pressures and vast social changes, Palestinian families who have lived there for generations are being pressured to leave. Despite the daily challenges they face, the city's youth – sons and daughters of fishermen, school teachers, and artists – continue a perilous inter-generational rite of passage expressing individuality and the right to control their destiny: jumping from the high wall into the tempestuous sea below.

In Iran the practice of public humiliation is an established, highly effective, strategy. Maziar Bahari's chilling film presents a range of Iranians who have been victimized by a process that forces them to confess to non-existent crimes. Although the victims and the public know they are innocent, being subjected to physical and psychological torture has a powerful impact, one that does not end with their release. **Forced Confessions** illustrates the methods employed by the Iranian government, including revealing the accused's intimate secrets, and the culture of fear it engenders.

## Feminism Inshallah

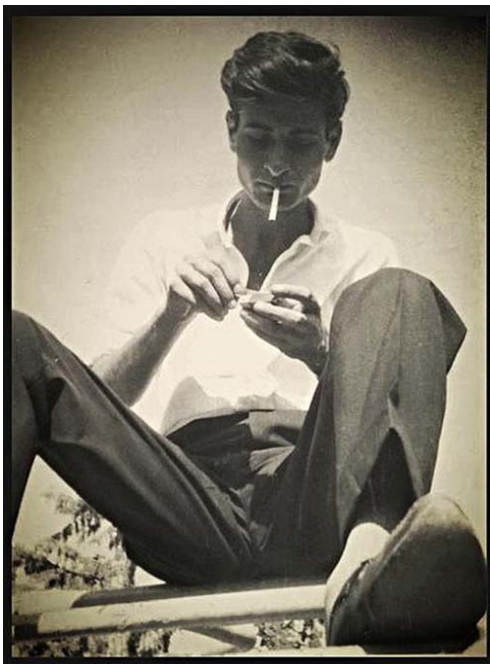


The struggle for Muslim women's emancipation is often portrayed stereotypically as a showdown between Western and Islamic values, but Arab feminism has existed for more than a century. Ferial Ben Mahmoud's documentary recounts Arab feminism's largely unknown story, from its early Egyptian pioneers up to today's Internet campaigns. Drawing on previously unreleased archives and interviews with activists, we see how the history of Arab feminism has been shaped by nationalism and colonialism.

## I Am Nujoom, Age 10 and Divorced



Khadija al-Salami's documentary films on Yemen are familiar to FilmFest goers. This year we hope to screen her first dramatic feature. The story tackles the subject of child marriage. Yemeni law does not set a minimum marriage age, and bridewealth payments at marriage make girls a commodity. When eight-year-old Nujoom's older sister is raped, her father is forced to sell his land and cattle to protect the family's honor. The family moves to the city, but with hardly enough money to survive. To save costs, Nujoom's brother is sent to Saudi Arabia and Nujoom is "sold" to a farmer, who will marry her. She has no idea what marriage is, and reality turns out to be worse than she expected. However, she refuses to behave like a wife. She escapes the tyranny of her husband, and goes to court to seek a divorce.



## #chicagoGirl: The Social Network Takes on a Dictator



In the blur of the 24-hour news cycle it is easy to forget yesterday's headlines and crises. Although today it rarely tops the news, the revolution in Syria is very alive. Surprisingly one participant is a 19-year-old Syrian-American girl. From her Chicago home she coordinates events in Syria. Using Facebook, Twitter and Skype, she is the connection point for a social network of revolutionaries on the ground. She helps organize demonstrations, publicize events, and protect the identities of her rebel network. As this film reveals, there are many ways to fight a dictatorial regime.

## Write Down, I Am an Arab

MESA members need no introduction to Mahmoud Darwish. As one of the most influential Arab writers he was instrumental in shaping Palestinian identity in the years following the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. His poem "Write Down, I am an Arab" led to his imprisonment in Israel and eventual relocation to Beirut where he worked as Yasir Arafat's speech writer. Throughout this period he was intimately involved with Tamar Ben-Ami a Jewish-Israeli. Drawing on Darwish's poetry, love letters and archival materials director Ibtisam Mara'ana-Menuhin situates her film at the nexus of the writer's engaging personal life and his politically important social contribution.

## Meetings in Conjunction

### ♦ATA–American Association of Teachers of Arabic

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Executive Board Meeting**, 9am-12nn, Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

**Panel**, 1-3pm, Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)

**Business Meeting**, 3:30-4:30pm, Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)



### ♦AATP–American Association of Teachers of Persian

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Business Meeting**, 2-3pm, Windows (Tower-2)

**Workshop: Multiliteracies: Language, Culture, Communication and Technology in Today's Persian Classroom**, 3-5pm, Windows (Tower-2)

**Award Ceremony**, 5-6, Windows (Tower-2)

### ♦AAT–American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Business Meeting**, 10-11pm, Tower Court B (Tower-2)

### ♦AIAS–American Institute of Afghanistan Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 10am-12nn, Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)

### ♦AIrS–American Institute of Iranian Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 2-4pm, Plaza Court 8 (Plaza-C)

### ♦AIMS–American Institute for Maghrib Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 9am-2pm, Governor's Square 10 (Plaza-C)

**Business Meeting**, 4-5:30, Director's Row 1 (Plaza-L)



### ♦AMIDEAST–America-Mideast Educational & Training Services

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Education Abroad Academic Consortium Meeting**, 2:30-4pm, Director's Row H (Plaza-L)

### ♦AUC–American University in Cairo

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Reception**, 8-10pm, Tower Court C (Tower-2)

### ♦AUC/AUB–American University in Cairo/American University of Beirut

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Tourism Studies Workshop**, 2-4pm, Governor's Square 15 (Plaza-C)



### ♦AASA–Arab American Studies Association

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 3-4pm, Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

**Business Meeting**, 4-5pm, Plaza Court 5 (Plaza-C)



**AGAPS**  
Association for Gulf  
and Arabian Peninsula  
Studies

### ♦AGAPS–Association for Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 10am-1pm, Plaza Court 7 (Plaza-C)

**Business Meeting**, 2-4pm, Plaza Court 1 (Plaza-C)

**Happy Hour Reception**, 5:30-8pm, Location TBA

### ♦AIS–Association for Israel Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Reception**, 7:30-9pm, Director's Row 1 (Plaza-L)



### ♦AMEA–Association for Middle East Anthropology

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 5:30-6:30pm, Governor's Square 9 (Plaza-C)

**Business Meeting**, 6:30-7:30pm, Governor's Square 9 (Plaza C)



**AMEWS**  
ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE EAST WOMEN'S STUDIES

### ♦AMEWS–Association for Middle East Women's Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 2-3pm, Director's Row F (Plaza-L)

**Members Meeting**, 7:30-8:30pm, Director's Row J (Plaza-L)

*Monday, 11/23*

**Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Director's Row E (Plaza-L)

### ♦EWIC–Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures

*Wednesday, 11/18*

**Board Meeting**, 8:30am-5pm, Director's Row G (Plaza-L)

### ♦Gale, Cengage Learning

*Monday, 11/23*

**"Early Arabic Printed Books from the British Library"**, 12-1pm, Director's Row H (Plaza-L)

### ♦CAORC–Council of American Overseas Research Centers

*Sunday, 11/22*

**CAORC/ORC Meeting**, 8-9am, Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

### ♦IJMES–International Journal of Middle East Studies

*Saturday, 11/21*

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 4-6pm, Tower Court B (Tower-2)

◆ISIS–International Society for Iranian Studies

Saturday, 11/21

**Council Meeting**, 2-5pm, Plaza Court 6 (Plaza-C)

**General Meeting**, 6-8pm, Plaza Court 5 (Plaza-C)

# JMEWS

◆JMEWS–Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies

Monday, 11/23

**Publications Meeting**, 5:45-6:45pm, Director’s Row F (Plaza-L)

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 6:45-8:45pm, Director’s Row F (Plaza-L)

◆MECPD–Middle East Center & Program Directors

Sunday, 11/22

**Annual Meeting**, 9-11am, Governor’s Square 16 (Plaza-C)

◆MELG–Middle East Law and Governance Journal

Saturday, 11/21

**Meeting**, 9-11am, Plaza Court 8 (Plaza-C)

◆MEM–Middle East Medievalists

Saturday, 11/21

**Board Meeting**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Court A (Tower-2)

**Business Meeting**, 2:30-4pm, Tower Court D (Tower-2)

# MELA

◆MELA–Middle East Librarians Association

Thursday/Friday, 11/19-20

**Annual Meeting**, 8am-5pm, Tower Court A (Tower-2)

Saturday, 11/21

**Vendor’s Showcase**, 9am-3pm, Governor’s Square 16 (Plaza-C)

◆MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council

Saturday, 11/21

**Business Meeting**, 5:30-7:30pm, Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)

Sunday, 11/22

**Board Meeting**, 9-10:30am, Plaza Court 4 (Plaza-C)

**Workshop for Outreach**

**Coordinators**, 11am-1pm, Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)



◆MESA–Middle East Studies Association

Sunday, 11/22

**Middle East Center & Program**

**Directors Annual Meeting**, 9-11am, Governor’s Square 16 (Plaza-C)

**Committee on Academic**

**Freedom Meeting**, 12:45-3pm, Plaza Court 6 (Plaza-C)

Monday, 11/23

**Affiliate Officers Meeting**, 7-8:30am, Governor’s Square 9 (Plaza-C)

◆National University of Singapore, Middle East Institute

Saturday, 11/21

**Reception**, 7-9pm, Governor’s Square 10 (Plaza-C)



◆OTSA–Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Saturday, 11/21

**Board Meeting**, 3-5pm, Tower Court A (Tower-2)

**Reception**, 7-8pm, South Convention Lobby (Tower-2)

**Business Meeting**, 8-10pm, Tower Court B (Tower-2)

◆PEP–Political Economy Project

Saturday, 11/21

**Meeting**, 1:30-4:30pm, Plaza Court 7 (Plaza-C)

◆Qatar Foundation International QFI Arabic Study Award

**Professional Development**

**Workshop**, 8:30-5:30pm, Plaza Court 4 (Plaza-C)

◆SAS–Society for Armenian Studies

Saturday, 11/21

**Workshop**, 10am-1pm, Director’s Row I (Plaza-L)

**Executive Council Meeting**, 1:30-3:30pm, Director’s Row G (Plaza-L)

**Membership Meeting**, 4-6pm, Director’s Row J (Plaza-L)



◆TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq

Saturday, 11/21

**Board Meeting**, 1-3pm, Tower Court B (Tower-2)

**Reception**, 4-6pm, Tower Court C (Tower-2)

◆Western Consortium of Middle East Centers

Sunday, 11/22

**Meeting**, 11am-1pm, Governor’s Square 16 (Plaza-C)

◆Yale University, Council on Middle East Studies

Saturday, 11/21

**Reception**, 8-10pm, Windows (Tower-2)

### Key to Room Locations:

FORMAT: Room name (Building-Floor)

The Sheraton is a two-building property: The Plaza Building (location of hotel registration on the Lobby Level) and the Tower Building. MESA’s meeting space is in both buildings:

- Plaza-C = Plaza Building, Concourse Level
- Plaza-L = Plaza Building, Lobby Level
- Tower-2 = Tower Building, 2nd Level



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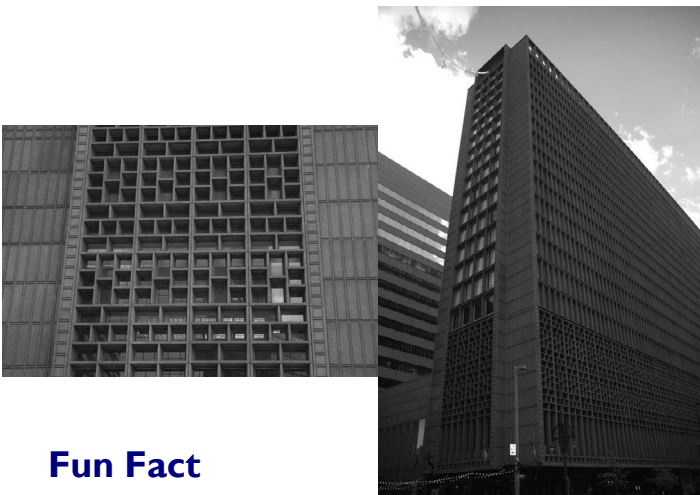
SuperShuttle reservations can be made by calling SuperShuttle at 800 BLUE VAN (258-3826) or online at <http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=B437H>. The group rate code is B437H.

Upon arrival at Denver International Airport:

Take the train from the concourse to the terminal, take the escalator up to Baggage Claim (Level 5). Pick up your luggage and proceed to the SuperShuttle counter (open 24/7). Counter staff will issue tickets and give directions to the vehicle loading area.

Upon return to the Denver Airport:

Meet the van at the hotel entrance at the pre-arranged time, give the driver the confirmation number for your return trip. Shuttles run on schedule through the Sheraton Hotel every 15 minutes between 5:00 AM and 5:00 PM and by reservation only for the rest of the day. You may use your confirmation number to board any of the scheduled vehicles.



### Fun Fact

The Sheraton's Tower Building, completed in 1960, was originally built as part of a 4-building complex called the Court House Square. In 1961, the building, designed by the architect firm headed by the renowned architect, I.M. Pei, won the American Institute of Architects National Honor Award. It is regarded as a pioneering example in precast concrete.





# Program

5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 21

**(4022) Piety in the Turkish Marketplace: Spatiality, Embodiment, and Gender in the Marketing and Consumption of Islamic Lifestyle Commodities**

Organized by **Reina Lewis**

Chair: **Carolyn Goffman**, DePaul U  
Discussant: **Carla Jones**, U Colorado

**Banu Gökarıksel**, UNC Chapel Hill and **Anna Secor**, U Kentucky–Devout Masculinities: Everyday Practices and Moral Geographies of Piety and Consumption in Istanbul and Konya, Turkey

**Ozlem Sandikci**, Istanbul Sehir U–The Halal Nail Polish: Religion and Body Politics in the Marketplace

**Nazli Alimen**, U of the Arts London–Islamic Identities, Spaces, and Consumer Cultures: Male Members of Menzil and Süleymanlı Faith-Inspired Communities in Turkey

**Reina Lewis**, U of the Arts London–Visualizing the Umma in Modest Fashion Marketing in Turkey

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**(4027) Black Market Mobilities: Clandestine Trades and Traffic in the Middle East, 1880-1940**

Organized by **Devi Mays** and **Stacy Fahrenthold**

Chair: **Stacy Fahrenthold**, Williams Col

**Stacy Fahrenthold**, Williams Col–“Enemy Aliens” or “Alien Slackers?” Syrian Ottoman Immigrants on the American Home Front, 1914-1918

**Devi Mays**, U Michigan–The Sephardi Connection: Transnational Sephardic Smuggling Networks between Old and New Worlds

**David E. Gutman**, Manhattanville Col–Social and Spatial Dynamics of Migrant Smuggling Networks in Eastern Anatolia, 1885-1908

**Michael Christopher Low**, Iowa State U–Pauper Pilgrims, Passports, and the Failed Regulation of Indian Ocean Mobilities

**(4035) Arabian Identities and the Nation State**

Organized by **Iain Walker**

Chair: **Iain Walker**, Max Planck Inst

**Amal Sachedina**, Brown U–Reconfiguring Histories as Part of Nation Building: Creating the Foundation of

Ethics and Religiosity in the Sultanate of Oman

**Miriam R. Lowi**, Col of New Jersey–Confronting ‘The Invisible Army’: Identity, Community and Migrant Labor in Gulf States

**Elham Fakhro**, Oxford U–Nationality and the Anatomy of Statelessness in the GCC

**Amin Moghadam**, Sciences Po–Inalco–Building the Nation through Intimate Relationships: The Portrait of a Transnational Love Story in Dubai

**Andrea Wright**, U Michigan–National Identity and Intra-Regional Belonging: Worker Solidarity, Tribal Affiliations, and the Shaping of Identities in the Gulf States

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**(4066) Tunisia’s Progress since the Revolution**

Organized by **Sabina Henneberg**

Chair: **John P. Entelis**, Fordham U  
Discussant: **Eva Bellin**, Brandeis U

**Sabina Henneberg**, Johns Hopkins U–Security State and Islamism in Transitional Tunisia

**Elizabeth R. Nugent**, Princeton U–Collective Memory and the Making of the Political Cleavage Structure in Tunisia

**Elizabeth Young**, U Michigan–Islam and Islamists in the 2014 Tunisian Elections

**Alexander Martin**, Durham U–Agents of Change: The Role of Tunisian Civil Society in Transition from Authoritarianism to Democratization

**(4080) Globalization of Science in the Middle East**

Organized by **Sahar Bazzaz**

**On Barak**, Tel Aviv U–Risk and Rizq Management: The Globalization of Actuarial Science

**Sara Pursley**, Princeton U–“Rending the Veils of Time and Space”: ‘Ali al-Wardi, Decolonization, and the Sciences of the Self

**Mirjam Brusius**, U Oxford–Stories beyond Progress and Modernity: Archaeologies in the Ancient Near East

**William Carruthers**, European U Inst–Messy Knowledge: Science and the (Archaeological) Field in 1950s Egypt

**Jane H. Murphy**, Colorado Col–‘Strange Sciences’: Close Reading Meets Network Analysis of al-‘ulum al-Ghariba in the 18th and Early 19th Centuries

**Sahar Bazzaz**, Col of the Holy Cross–The Arrival of the “Taxonomical Revolution” in the Arabic Speaking World: Al-Āyāt al-bayyināt fī ‘ilm al-nabāt

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**(4093) Arab New Media Theory: At the Intersection of Art, Technology, and Scholarship**

Organized by **VJ Um Amel**

**Marwan M. Kraidy**, U Pennsylvania–Reconsidering the Corpus of/in New Media Theory: From Body-as-Medium to Body-as-Data?

**Laila Shereen Sakr**, U Southern California–Media Praxis: A Hybrid Approach to Studying the Arabic Open Source Movement

**Laura Marks**, Simon Fraser U–Delicate Algorithms, Hand-soldered Networks, and Human Nodes in Arab Media Art

**Adel Iskandar**, Simon Fraser U–Memes as Meaning: Theorizing Authority and Authorship in Arab New Media

**Bassam Haddad**, George Mason U–Knowledge Production between Blogs and Books

## 5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 21

### (4126) Sectarianization in the Middle East

Organized by **Nader Hashemi**

Supported by  
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University of Denver

Chair: **Danny Postel**, U Denver

Discussant: **Nader Hashemi**, U Denver

**Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi**, KFCRIS–Sectarianization and the Aporias of the Islamic Republic’s Pan-Islamist Hegemony: Iran’s Interventions in Iraq and Syria Compared

**George E. Irani**, American U Kuwait–How Regional Sectarianization Threatens Lebanon’s Fragile Balance

**Fanar Haddad**, National U Singapore–Pre-2003 Iraq: Sectarian Relations before ‘Sectarianization’

**Marwa Daoudy**, Georgetown U–The Politicization of Identity:

Sectarianization and the New ‘Struggle for Syria’

**Madeleine Wells**, George Washington U–Sectarianism and Authoritarianism in Kuwait: 2003–2015

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### (4174) Revisiting Ottoman Literary Culture in the Era of Kanunî Sultan Süleyman

Organized by **Christiane Czygan**

Chair: **Selim Kuru**, U Washington

**Selim Kuru**, U Washington–Poets at the Gates: Patrons as Readers of Poetry in the Age of Süleyman I

**Hatice Aynur**, İstanbul Şehir U–Literary Space of Istanbul in Ottoman Texts (1520–1566)

**Zeynep Altok**, İstanbul Bilgi U–Revisiting Latifi’s Biographies of Poets (1546): A Comparative Historical Analysis

**Christiane Czygan**, Hamburg–The Making of an Ottoman Royal Poem Collection

### (4179) Sovereignty, Historiography, and Visual Culture in Middle Eastern Museums

Organized by **Isaac Hand**

Chair/Discussant: **Asli Z. Igsiz**, New York U

**Hannah Scott Deuchar**, New York U–The Palestinian Museum: The Dynamics of Institutionalization and Palestinian Emancipatory Politics

**Jennifer Varela**, New York U–Yad Vashem Museum: Spheres of Influence and Narratives of Pain

**Ilker Hepkaner**, New York U–The Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews in Istanbul: “Narrative of Rescue” at Display

**Isaac Hand**, New York U–Making the Land Legible: Landscape and Sovereignty in the Panorama 1915 Museum

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### (4185) The Sparring of the Pen and the Sword: Arguing Political Legitimacy in the Umayyad and Early ‘Abbasid Periods

Organized by **Aram Shahin**

**Khaled Keshk**, DePaul U–‘Abdallāh b. al-Zubayr and the Precedent of Place: The Locality of ahl al-ḥall wa-l-‘aqd

**Aram Shahin**, James Madison U–The Body of the Muslim Sovereign as Impediment to Legitimate Rule: Blindness and Blinding as a Legal Argument for the Exclusion and Deposition of Rulers

**Abdulahdi Alajmi**, Kuwait U–Al-Ḥarra and the Formation of ‘ulamā’ Views toward the Umayyads

**Hayrettin Yucesoy**, Washington U St. Louis–Dynastic Power as Messianic Promise: Forms of Monotheistic Messianism in the ‘Abbasid Caliphate (ca. 750–850 C.E.)

### (4197) Limitations and Opportunities of Religious Activism in the Middle East

Organized by **Mona Tajali**

Discussant: **Asef Bayat**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Mahmoud Jaraba**, Friedrich-Alexander-U Erlangen-Nürnberg–Debating “Shari‘a Parallel Justice” in Germany

**Lihi Ben Shitrit**, U Georgia–Women in Contested Sacred Spaces: Between Religious Feminism and Conservative Piety

**Sahar Maranlou**, Oxford U–Religion: A Path to Legal Empowerment or a Barrier to Women’s Access to Justice in Plural Iran?

**Mona Tajali**, U Oxford–Internal Criticism: Islamic Women’s Rights Activism in Iran and Turkey

**Sachiko Hosoya**, U Oxford–Non-Governmental Faith-Based Charity Organization in Iran: A Case Study of Kahrizak Charity Care Center

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### (4217) States, Citizens, and Economic Welfare Bargains: Reconsidering Distributive Politics in MENA before and after 2011

Organized by **Anya Vodopyanov**

Chair/Discussant: **Steven Heydemann**, US Inst of Peace

**Anya Vodopyanov**, Harvard U–Reconsidering the Arab Authoritarian Bargain(s), before and after 2011

**Melani Cammett**, Harvard U–Is There a Faith-Based Welfare Advantage? Findings from a Pilot Study on the Quality of Primary Health Care in Lebanon

**(4230) Camps and Occupation  
in Contemporary Palestine:  
Politics, Economics, Literature**

Chair: **Carol Bardenstein**, U Michigan

**Gozde Ege**, U Washington–Palestine  
Calling: Turkish Leftists’ Memoirs of the  
Palestinian Camps

**Ethan Morton-Jerome**, U Arkansas–  
Enforce the Law? Politics and Labor  
Organizing with Palestinians on Israeli  
Settlements

**Neve Gordon**, Ben Gurion U–The Politics  
of Human Shielding

**Olivia Martina Dalla Torre**, U Fribourg  
(Switzerland)–Anthropological Glances  
at the International Community in  
Occupied Palestine

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**(4273) The Long Shadow of the  
Ottoman Legal System**

Chair: **Omar Y. Cheta**, Bard Col

**Tommaso Stefani**, Yale U–The  
Ambassador of the Republic of Venice or  
the Head of the Venetian Taife? On the  
Contested Legal Status of Venice’s Bailo  
in the Ottoman Empire

**Feryaz Ocakli**, Skidmore Col–Institution  
Building in the Middle East: Comparative  
Analysis of Ottoman and British Legal  
Reforms

**M. Safa Saracoglu**, Bloomsburg U–  
Corruption and Markets in 19th Century  
Ottoman Laws

**Kenneth M. Cuno**, U Illinois Urbana-  
Champaign–Claiming Heirship: A  
Litigant Strategy in the Shari‘a Courts of  
Nineteenth-Century Egypt

**Patrick Scharfe**, Ohio State U–The  
Evolution of al-Azhar under Mehmed Ali  
Pasha: New Archival Evidence

**(4288) The Future of the Survey  
Course**

Organized by **James L. Gelvin**

Chair: **James L. Gelvin**, UCLA

**Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U

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**(4291) Effects of the Iraqi  
Invasion of Kuwait**

Organized by **Christopher Ohan**

Session Leader: **Christopher Ohan**,  
Texas Wesleyan U

**Conerly Casey**, Rochester Inst of  
Technology

A joint  
MESA/AAA  
Roundtable

## Sunday November 22

8-9:45AM - Colorado Convention Center (700 14th Street), Mile High 4C

### Mediating on Spaces: The Anthropology of the Environment in the MENA Region Organized by Tessa Farmer

Chair: **Sofian Merabet**, U Texas Austin  
Discussant: **Tessa Farmer**, Whittier Col

**Mandana E. Limbert**, City U of New York  
**Jessica E. Barnes**, U South Carolina  
**Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins**, Bard College  
**Hsain Ilahiane**, U Kentucky

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**CAORC/ORC Meeting**  
Plaza Court 2 (Plaza-C)

9-10:30am

**MEOC Board Meeting**  
Plaza Court 4 (Plaza-C)

9-11am

**Middle East Center & Program  
Directors Meeting**  
Governors Square 16 (Plaza-C)

11am-1pm

**MEOC Workshop for Outreach  
Coordinators**  
Plaza Court 3 (Plaza-C)

11am-1pm

**Western Consortium of Middle  
East Centers Meeting**  
Governor's Square 16 (Plaza-C)

12:45-3pm

**MESA's Committee on Academic  
Freedom Meeting**  
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**Brill Press/NYU Reception for  
Wadad Kadi**  
Governors Square 15 (Plaza-C)

### (4064) Military Insubordination in the Middle East

Organized by **Holger Albrecht**

Chair/Discussant: **Marc Lynch**, George  
Washington U

**Theodore McLaughlin**, Universtie  
de Montréal—Military Revolts beyond  
Coups: Explaining the Origins of Army-  
Splinter Wars

**Dorothy Ohl**, George Washington U—  
Fight, Flee, or Foment: Soldier Responses  
to Iraq's 1991 Uprising

**Kevin Koehler**, American U Cairo—The  
Political Economy of Defection from the  
Syrian Army

**Holger Albrecht**, American U Cairo—  
Build Barracks, Not Schools! The  
Political Economy of Coup-Proofing in  
the Middle East

### (4067) Trans/Nationalism in the Arabian Peninsula: Continuities and Disjunctures

Organized by **Noora Lori** and **Neha  
Vora**

Chair: **Noora Lori**, Boston U  
Discussant: **Waleed Hazbun**, American  
U Beirut

**Neha Vora**, Lafayette Col—Vision 2030  
and Qatar's Trans/National Future:  
Redefining the Terrain of Ethnocracy  
within American Branch Campuses  
**Amelie Le Renard**, CNRS Paris—Western  
Expatriate Participation in Shaping  
Hierarchies of Gender, Class and  
Nationality in Saudi Arabia

**Noora Lori**, Boston U—Maritime Labor  
Traffic in the Indian Ocean and Persian  
Gulf

**John M. Willis**, U Colorado—Burying  
Muhammad Ali Jauhar: The Life and  
Death of the Meccan Republic

### (4082) Making History: From Tabari to Tahrir

Organized by **Heather N. Keaney**

Chair/Discussant: **R. Stephen  
Humphreys**, UC Santa Barbara

**Amr Osman**, Qatar U—The Lesser of Two  
Evils: Sunni Scholars and the Egyptian  
Revolution

**Brian Wright**, McGill U—Khawarij vs.  
Pharaoh: Using Faith to Define Politics  
**Heather N. Keaney**, Westmont Col—  
Shi'ism in the Eyes of al-Azhar

**Aaron Hagler**, Troy U—Sunnifying  
'Alī: Historiography and Notions of  
Legitimacy in Ibn Kathīr's Kitāb al-  
Bidāya wa-l-Nihāya

Roundtable

### (4090) "Innocents Abroad": American Undergraduates and the Middle East in an Age of Uprising

Organized by **Elena D. Corbett**

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Chair: **Kimberly Katz**, Towson U

**Madiha DeRosa**, Council on  
International Educational Exchange  
**Najeh AbuOrabi**, CIEE Amman Study Ctr  
**Koray A. Unur**, CIEE Istanbul Study Ctr  
**Elena D. Corbett**, CIEE Amman Study Ctr

**(4096) The Materiality of Presence and Erasure: The Returns of Memory and Historicity in Palestine and Israel**

Organized by **Alejandro I. Paz** and **Anne Meneley**

Chair/Discussant: **Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

**Jasmin Habib**, U Waterloo–Re/Markable Landscapes: Re-Membering Israel as Palestine

**Amahl Bishara**, Tufts U–Beyond Solidarity: Palestinian Citizens of Israel’s Assertions of Presence and Memory through Protest

**Anne Meneley**, Trent U–Rooting and Uprooting: Olive Trees, Memory and Materiality in Palestine

**Alejandro I. Paz**, U Toronto  
Scarborough–Buying Houses in Silwan: El-Ad and the Historicity of Colonialism

**(4116) Modernism in Turkish Arts**

Organized by **Kaitlin Staudt** and **Kenan Sharpe**

**Elizabeth Nolte**, U Washington–At the Intersection of Modernization, Modernity, and Modernism: Aesthetic Periodicals in Turkey (1950-1965)

**Kaitlin Staudt**, U Oxford–In Her Mirror: Nezihe Muhiddin’s Istanbul’da bir Landru and the Mass Culture/Modernism Divide in Turkish Feminist Writing

**G. Carole Woodall**, U Colorado–Riffing to the Modern: Early Jazz, Modernism, and Interwar Constantinople

**Kenan Sharpe**, UC Santa Cruz–The Second New and 1968: Turkish Poetry, Belated Modernity, and Revolution

**(4118) Rebellion in the Interwar Middle East**

Organized by **Reem Bailony**

Chair/Discussant: **James L. Gelvin**, UCLA

**Reem Bailony**, UCLA–“The Children of the Desert”: The Exiled Rebels of the Syrian Revolt of 1925-1927

**Nathaniel Greenberg**, George Mason U–The Politics of Perception in the Life and Work of Kamil al-Jadriji (1897-1963)

**Fredrik Meiton**, New York U–The Non-Electrification of Nablus

**Matthew K. Kelly**, UCLA–Crime, Nationalism, and the Logic of Empire: The Case of Palestine

**Hilary Falb Kalisman**, UC Berkeley–Subversive Teachers and the Limits of Rebellion: Government Schooling across the Interwar Middle East

**(4121) Appropriating Boundaries: Epistemological Border Crossing in Middle East Studies**

Chair: **Evelyn Alsultany**, U Michigan

**Umayyah Cable**, U Southern California–The Queerston of Palestine: Crossing Theoretical Borders in Palestine Studies

**Lara Deeb**, Scripps Col and **Jessica Winegar**, Northwestern U–Race and Gender Politics in Middle East Studies Careers

**Tahereh Aghdasifar**, Emory U–Interrogating the Banal: Tracing Affect and Pleasure in Female Homosocial Space in Tehran

**Nadine C. Naber**, U Illinois Chicago–Enough Already! Gender and Imperial War from Palestine and Syria to Chicago and Dearborn

**(4132) Imagining the Ummah: Texts, Culture, and the Creation of Community in Early Islam**

Organized by **D. Gershon Lewental**

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**Scott Savran**, Nazarbayev U–So Who Were the Shu’ubis Anyway? Constructing Identity in the Early ‘Abbasid Caliphate

**Elizabeth Urban**, West Chester U–Text, History, and Communal Identity in Exegeses of Qur’an 33:4-6

**D. Gershon Lewental**, U Oklahoma–From Israelites to Muslims: Biblical Paradigms in the Futūḥ Literature

**Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan U–Memory of Iran in Köprülü 01589, a Library in Miniature

**(4137) Restoring Tunisia: Postrevolutionary Repositionings, Unholy Alliances, and Indignified Youth**

Organized by **William Lawrence**

Chair/Discussant: **William Lawrence**, George Washington U

**Yahia Zoubir**, KEDGE Business School, France–Tunisia’s Security: The Democratic Transition’s Achilles Heel

**Azzedine Layachi**, St. John’s U–Tunisia’s Political Economy and the Challenges of Post-2011 Recovery and Reform

**Mehdi Ayari**, U of Tennessee–(Mis) Managing Authoritarian Coalitions in Tunisia: Ministerial Survival since Independence

**Maro Youssef**, George Washington U–An Historical Reflection on Identity in Tunisian Foreign Policy

**Ricardo Rene Laremont**, Binghamton U–Tunisian Youth, Predictors of Regional Instability, and Prospects for the Future

**(4156) War, Revolution, and Exile: ‘Turkey’ and ‘Russia’ after the First World War**

Organized by **Pinar Ure**

Chair: **Yucel Yanikdag**, U Richmond

**Halit Dundar Akarca**, Harvard U–The Relations of the National Liberation Movement of Turkey with the Anti-Bolshevik Forces: 1920-1921

**Pinar Ure**, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U–White Russian Émigrés in Turkish Nationalist Imagination in the 1920s

**Michael A. Reynolds**, Princeton U–The East’s Eastern Front: The Ottoman-Russian Clash in the Great War and Its Legacy

**Erol Ulker**, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U–Bolsheviks, Communists, and Unionists: Formation of the Turkish Resistance Movement in Istanbul under Allied Occupation

**(4192) Shari'a in Flux: Islamic Divorce and the Modern State**

Organized by **Marya Hannun**

Chair: **Anny Gaul**, Georgetown U

Discussant: **Judith E. Tucker**,

Georgetown U

**Noga Malkin**, Georgetown U—When All Else Is Lost: The Expansion of Judicial Discretion in Shari'a Courts in Israel  
**Marya Hannun**, Georgetown U—Islamic Law in US Courts: Sites of Collision or Conformity?

**Samyah Alfoory**, Georgetown U—The UAE's Thirty Year Battle against Citizen Out-Marriage: A Gendered National Project

**Kelli Harris**, Georgetown U—The Politics of Personal Status Law Reform: The Controversy over Khul' in Jordan

**Samia Errazzouki**, Georgetown U—The Neoliberalization of Shari'a: A Political Economic History of Morocco's Personal Status Code Reforms

**(4205) Gender, Sex and Prostitution in Turkey, 1920s-1950s**

Organized by **Hale Yilmaz**

Chair: **Amy Mills**, U South Carolina

**Emine Ö. Evered**, Michigan State U—Seeking Solutions to the Early Turkish Republic's Prostitution Question

**Hale Yilmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale—Changes in Gender Relations in Urban Turkey, 1930s-1950s

**Kyle T. Evered**, Michigan State U—Legible Bodies in Invisible and Contained Spaces: The Turkish State's Construction of Places for Regulated Sex Work

**Roger A. Deal**, U South Carolina Aiken—Sexual Relations in Post-World War Two Ankara

**(4232) Religion, Modernity, and Literature in Modern Iran**

Chair: **Mehdi Khorrami**, New York U

**Aghil Daghighaleh**, Rutgers U—Constructing Differences: How Iranian Arabs' Identity Is Narrativized in Contemporary Iran

**Levi Thompson**, UCLA—A Phoenix in Ashes: Modernist Poetry in Iran and Iraq  
**Ayat Agah**, Claremont Graduate U—Forugh Farrokhzad and the Shaping of Religious Identity and Discourse

**Kaveh Bassiri**, U Arkansas—Whatever Happened to *The Little Black Fish?*: Defanging a Classic Iranian Revolutionary Text

**Amir Khadem**, U Alberta—The Enigma of National Memory in Bahram Beyzaie's *Yazdgerd's Death*

**(4240) Contesting Power in 20th Century Egypt**

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

**Nefertiti Takla**, UCLA—Nationalizing the Working Class: Transnational Criminality and the Expulsion of 'Undesirables' from Alexandria, Egypt, 1926-1935

**Sofia Fenner**, U Chicago—Generation after Generation: Familial Ties and Opposition Resilience in Authoritarian Regimes

**Hussam Raafat Ahmed**, McGill U—Taha Hussein and His Struggle with France over North Africa (1950-1952)

**Gerasimos Tsourapas**, SOAS U London—Nasser's Educators and Agitators across al-Watan al-'Arabi: Tracing the Foreign Policy Importance of Egyptian Regional Migration, 1952-1967

**Gregory Hoadley**, UC Berkeley—Legacies of Statebuilding and the Struggle over Authority in Egyptian Official Statistics

**(4253) Constructing Memory: Archives, Antiquity, and Archaeology**

Chair: **Stefan Peychev**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Jameel Haque**, CUNY Graduate Center—From Jahilliya to Protection: Tanzimat Reforms and Changing Ottoman Attitudes toward Antiquities

**Till Grallert**, Orient-Institut Beirut—Publique, Public, Öffentlich? Historical Semantics of al-'umūm in Late Ottoman Bilād al-Shām (1875-1914)

**Joseph N. Hermiz**, U Chicago—Legitimizing Middle Eastern Lineages through Archaeology: Hormuzd Rassam and the Making of an Assyrian National History

**John Dechant**, Indiana U—Muslim Shrine Graffiti as a Source for the Study of History, Religion, and Society

**(4267) Making and Breaking Boundaries in the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughul Empires**

Chair: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U

**Ferenc P. Csirkes**, U Chicago—A "Panther-Like Poet": Sadiqi Beg's Fall from the Persian Literary Canon

**Conklin Tyler**, Yale U—The Boundaries of Loyalty: Self-Fashioning and the Kurds in the Seventeenth-Century Eastern Anatolian Ottoman Borderlands

**Gregory Aldous**, U Pittsburgh Greensburg—Turk and Persian in the Early Safavid Court: The Case of the Khurasan Campaign of 1512

**Ayelet Zoran-Rosen**, New York U—The Gazi of the Sixteenth-Century: Frontier Warriors in Bosnia and the Imagined Past of the Ottoman Empire



**(4279) Unraveling the Middle East: Global History, Global South, and Futures Past**

Organized by **Sabah Haider** and **Wilson Chacko Jacob**

Session Leader: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**, Concordia U, Montreal

**Sabah Haider**, Concordia U/EHESS

**Andrew K. Arsan**, U Cambridge

**Akram F. Khater**, North Carolina State U

**Michael Gasper**, Occidental Col

**Samera Esmeir**, UC Berkeley

**Will Hanley**, Florida State U

### **(4016) Defining Approaches, Curricula, and Assessment Tools for Advanced Persian Instruction**

Organized by **Samad J. Alavi**

Chair/Discussant: **Blake Atwood**, U Texas Austin

**Anousha Sedighi**, Portland State U–Content-Based Instruction of Persian through Web-Based Modules

**Nahal Akbari**, U Maryland–What Is “Advancedness” in Foreign Language Education and How Do We Get There?: The Case of Persian as an Additional Language

**Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi**, McGill U–Teaching Advanced Persian through Persian Media

**Samad J. Alavi**, U Washington–Teaching Medieval Persian Texts in the Twenty-First Century Classroom

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### **(4043) Authenticity, Memory, and Modernity in Contemporary Moroccan Literature**

Organized by **Alexander Elinson**

Discussant: **Erin Twohig**, Georgetown U

**Alexander Elinson**, Hunter Col CUNY–Writing Orality and Performing Text: Language Change and the Contemporary Moroccan Zajal

**Christina E. Civantos**, U Miami–The Moroccan Take on Al-Andalus: Multi-Layered Conquest in Contemporary Moroccan Narrative

**Brahim El Guabli**, Princeton U–Filmic and Novelistic “Returns” of the Moroccan Jews

**Gretchen Head**, Yale–NUS Col–Between Utopia and Dystopia in Marrakech

### **(4053) Drugs, Gender, Ethnicity, and the Facebook Age: Culture and Communication in the Formation of Afghanistan’s History and National Identity**

Organized by **Felisa (Farzana) Hervey**, U Arizona

Discussant: **Thomas Barfield**, Boston U

**James Bradford**, American Inst of Afghanistan Studies–From Trading to Smuggling: An Historical Perspective of the Evolution of Drug Control in Afghanistan

**Melissa Kerr Chioventa**, U Connecticut–Remembering or Constructing the Past? Hazara Ethnic Identity and the Legacy of a Contested History

**Zuzanna Olszewska**, U Oxford–Online Poetics and Politics: Social Media and Contested Visions of the Afghan Nation

**Andrea Chioventa**, Boston U–“The War Destroyed Our Society”: Masculinity, Violence and Shifting Cultural Idioms among Afghan Pashtuns

**Helena Zeweri**, Rice U–Precarious Progress: The Politics of Fear and Loss in Afghan Women’s Empowerment Programs

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### **Roundtable**

### **(4057) Ethnic Minority or White? Social and Economic Lives of Arab Americans**

Organized by **Rita Stephan**, State Department

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Chair: **Louise A. Cainkar**, Marquette U

**Nadeem Istfan**, Boston U

**Claudia Youakim**, U Florida

**Germine (Gigi) Awad**, U Texas Austin

**Maro Youssef**, George Washington U

### **(4059) Foreign-Policy Making in Authoritarian States of the Middle East**

Organized by **Noa Schonmann**

Chair/Discussant: **Mehran Kamrava**, Georgetown U Qatar

**Jason Pack**, Cambridge/Libya Analysis–Foreign Policy Formation in Muammar Qadhafi’s Libya: When Ideology Trumps Pragmatism

**Noa Schonmann**, U Oxford–Riding the Tiger: The Constraints of Populist Foreign Policy in Nasser’s Egypt

**Russell Lucas**, Michigan State U–Jordanian Public Opinion and Participation in the Anti-ISIS Coalition: Pandering, Predicated, or Peripheral? **Hussein Banai**, Occidental Col–Between Nezam and the National Interest: The Burdens of Arbitrary Rule on Iran’s Foreign Policy

**Victor Kattan**, National U Singapore–Foreign Policy in the Making: Inside Palestine’s Statehood Strategy

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### **(4060) Muslim Rulers, Non-Muslim Subjects (1000-1500 CE): Beyond the Dhimmi Paradigm**

Organized by **Luke Yarbrough** and **Thomas A. Carlson**

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Discussant: **R. Stephen Humphreys**, UC Santa Barbara

**Luke Yarbrough**, Saint Louis U–Nizām al-Mulk, al-Ṭurtūshī, and the Reinvention of Dhimmis

**Eve Krakowski**, Princeton U–Jewish Law and the Islamic Social Order in Geniza Legal Documents

**Uri Shachar**, Ben Gurion U–Multiculturalism Reconsidered: Articulations of Multilingualism in Late Medieval Alexandria

**Thomas A. Carlson**, Oklahoma State U–A Necessary Other: Muslim and Christian Leaders in Medieval Eastern Anatolia and Jazīra

### **(4061) A Century of Women's Rights in the MENA: Where Have the Men Gone?**

Organized by **Katja Zvan Elliott**

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Maghrib Studies**

Discussant: **Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke**, U Oxford

**Nadia Sonneveld**, Radboud U Nijmegen, Netherlands–Women's Injustice to Men? An Analysis of the Most Recent Family Law Reforms in Egypt and Morocco  
**Doris H. Gray**, Al Akhawayn U, Morocco–Gender Equity beyond the Battle of the Sexes in Morocco  
**Katja Zvan Elliott**, Al Akhawayn U, Morocco–Men's Struggle with Personal Status Code Reforms in Morocco: Patriarchy Revisited  
**Fatima Sadiqi**–The Role of the Military Men in the Emancipation of Moroccan Women

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### **(4072) Beyond Orthodoxy and Confessionalization: New Perspectives on Ottoman Sunnism**

Organized by **Vefa Erginbas**

Chair: **Jane Hathaway**, Ohio State U

**Yasir Yilmaz**, Purdue U–Contextualizing Confessionalism: An Historiographical Inquiry into Confessionalization Paradigm's Applicability to Ottoman Sunnism  
**Selim Güngörürler**, Georgetown U–Sunnism, Qizilbashism and Shi'ism in the Context of Ottoman-Safavid Confrontation  
**Vefa Erginbas**, Providence Col–Many Faces of Ottoman Sunnism: Approaches Toward Yazid b. Muawiyah in Ottoman Literary and Historical Writing  
**Aslihan Gurbuzel**, Harvard U–How "Orthodox" Were the Ottoman 'ulama'?: Approaches to Defining the Islamic Community in the Early Modern Age  
**Malissa Taylor**, U Louisville–A Sultan's Sunnism, a Hanified Kanun: The Expansion of the Sultan's Legal Prerogatives (16th and 17th Centuries)

### **(4134) Crossing Local and Global Boundaries: Networks of Representation in Ottoman Empire and Contemporary Turkey**

Organized by **Dzovinar Derderian** and **Neveser Koker**

Chair/Discussant: **Elyse Semerdjian**, Whitman Col

**Neveser Koker**, U Michigan–"Heaven for Women, Heaven for Infidels": Representations of Femininity and Otherness in French Embassy Letters and Persian Letters  
**Dzovinar Derderian**, U Michigan–Crossing Cultural Boundaries: Ottoman and Armenian Marriage Petitions, 1840s-1870s  
**Ashley Dimmig**, U Michigan–The Representation of Tradition: Early Exhibitions of Islamic Art in Turkey and Europe  
**Başak Çandar**, Appalachian State U–Literature beyond the East/West Divide: Orhan Pamuk and Juan Goytisolo

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### **(4163) Rethinking Modernity: Comparative Cases beyond the 19th Century Transformation**

Organized by **Murat Yildiz** and **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**

Chair: **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U

**Murat Yildiz**, UCLA–Performing the Nation: Sports and Modernity in the Late Ottoman Empire  
**Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U–Beyond the Non-State: Bureaucratic Expansion and Political Mobilizations in Early Independence Lebanon  
**Alma Heckman**, UCLA–Moroccan Jews in the Crosshairs of Modernity: Nationalism, Zionism and the Civilizing Mission  
**Ciruce A. Movahedi-Lankarani**, U Pennsylvania–Taming the Machine: Technology in the Political Art of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1979-1988

### **(4173) Art and Politics in the Wake of the Second Intifada: Between Crisis and Transformation**

Organized by **Kiven Strohm** and **Sascha Crasnow**

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Contemporary Art of the Arab  
World, Iran and Turkey**

Chair: **Kiven Strohm**, American U Cairo  
Discussant: **Kirsten Scheid**, American U Beirut

**Nili Belkind**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Mozart at Qalandiya Checkpoint: The Politics and Aesthetics of a Palestinian Musical Intifada  
**Sascha Crasnow**, UC San Diego–After Oslo: Shifting Perspectives in Palestinian Art  
**Alessandra Amin**, UCLA–Contemporary Citizens, Imaginary Cities: Questions of Place and Statehood in Wafa Hourani's *Qalandia 2067* and Larissa Sansour's *Nation Estate*  
**Rania Jawad**, Birzeit U–Locating the Real in Palestine: Art, Politics, and the Museum

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### **(4189) Border Crossings in Arabic Literature: Transnational Identities and Texts in Motion**

Organized by **Allison Blecker**

Chair/Discussant: **William Granara**, Harvard U

**Allison Blecker**, Harvard U–Reading Palestine through Chernobyl: Transnational Crisis in Mohamed Makhzangi's "Memories of a Meltdown"  
**Khaled Al-Masri**, Swarthmore Col–Caught in the Trap of Memory: Trauma, Border Crossing, and Hyperrealism in Hassan Blasim's *The Iraqi Christ*  
**Benjamin Smith**, Swarthmore Col–Where To?: Contesting the Rihla in Yousef al-Mohaimed's *Fikhaakh al-Raa'iha*



Greg Halaby, Harvard U–Al-Jahiz in “Playboy”: The Curious 20th Century Reception of an ‘Abbasid Mufakhara

**(4225) Anthropology in the Arab Gulf: 21st-Century Mobilities, Paradoxes, and Protests, Part I**

Organized by Marcia C. Inhorn

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Chair: Noor Al-Qasimi, U Exeter  
Discussant: Christopher Davidson,  
Durham U

Ahmed Kanna, U of the Pacific–The Anthropologist as Migrant Worker: Encounters of Privilege, Discrimination, and Governmentality in the Gulf

Pardis Mahdavi, Pomona Col–Intimate Mobilities: Migrating Out of the Social Contract in Asia

Beth Kangas, TAARII–Studying Medical Tourism: Lessons from Yemeni Medical Travelers

Marcia C. Inhorn, Yale U–Cosmopolitan Conceptions? IVF Sojourns in Global Dubai

**(4252) Islamist and Professional Activism in Post-Mubarak Egypt**

Chair: Abdullahi A. Gallab, Arizona State U

Sarah S. Eltantawi, Evergreen State Col–Nahda vs. Sunna: Tracing the Genealogy of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Egypt

Ilona Gerbaker, Columbia U–The Islamist Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism: Amr Khaled’s Self-Help Mediascape

Ewan Stein, U Edinburgh–The Jihad Discourse of the Muslim Brotherhood during the Presidency of Muhammad Morsi

Soha Bayoumi, Harvard U–Egyptian Doctors’ Fight for Health and Social Justice: The Paradox of the Activist-Expert

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**(4289) Proposal Writing and Research Design: How To Fund Your Ideas**

Organized by Suad Joseph

Sponsored by MESA GSO, EWIC Outreach Project, Arab American Studies Association, Association for Middle East Anthropology, and the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies

Chair: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Those embarking on academic careers must master the art of writing proposals for research funding. Whether you are conducting research for a dissertation or book or seeking support for a special project–locating and securing funding is critical. This workshop will provide expert guidelines on how to write compelling proposals from the initial phrasing of the research question, step by step, to the research outcomes, significance, dissemination, and public outreach. It will also address such issues as identifying and working with funding agencies, effectively communicating research methodology and goals, preparing budgets, and planning for the dissemination of results. The workshop will be led by Suad Joseph, Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies, University of California at Davis. She has taught proposal writing and lead workshops for students, faculty, administrators, and NGO practitioners for over 30 years. Information about proposal writing may be found on Dr. Joseph’s website at [http://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty\\_Workshop/index.htm](http://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm). Please sign up for the workshop in advance by sending an email message to Mark Lowder at [mark@mesana.org](mailto:mark@mesana.org). Before the workshop, please browse Professor Joseph’s website and read the document, “Components of a social science and humanities research proposal.” Co-Sponsored by the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Outreach Project, the Arab American Studies Association, the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies, and the Association for Middle East Anthropology.

**(4257) Media and Political Expression in Contemporary Turkey**

Chair: Frances Trix, Indiana U

Joshua Hendrick, Loyola U Maryland–The Politics of (Un)Free Speech in ‘Conservative Democratic’ Turkey

Josh Carney, Indiana U–Cynical Valley – Conspiracy Genres in the Turkish TV Drama “Valley of the Wolves”

Sezin Öney, Bilkent U–Losing the Sight of “Truth”: Conspiracy Theories and Turkey’s Newspapers

Didem Oral, European U Inst, Florence–Mobilizing for Peace: Israel and Turkey as Unidentical Twins

Yavuz Yasar, U Denver–Social Policy, Religion and Politics in Turkey

Suncem Kocer, Kadir Has U–New Politics of News Circulation and Reception in Turkey

**(4258) Popular Uprisings in the Early 20th Century**

Chair: Weston F. Cook, Jr., U North Carolina Pembroke

Varak Ketsamian, U Chicago–A Factory of Rebels? The Establishment of the A.R.F. (Dashnak) Military Academy in 1906-1907

William Bamber, U Washington–Anti-Imperialist Intrigue and the South Asian Revolutionary Diaspora in the First World War Middle East

Liora R. Halperin, U Colorado Boulder–Ottoman-Era Violence and Its Mandate-Era Legacies in Palestine: The 1930 Arab Delegation to London and the Zionist Rediscovery of the Past

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**Nazar Bagci**, UC San Diego–War within War: The Maras Uprising and the Turkish War of Independence

**Wilfrid J. Rollman**, Boston U–A Moroccan Perspective on Resistance and Accommodation to French Conquest during the Great War

**Joel Veldkamp**, U Chicago–Sectarian Violence in the 1925 Syrian Uprising

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**(4263) The Political Economy of Oil: Divergent Modes of Rentierism**

Chair: **Hootan Shambayati**, Florida Gulf Coast U

**Veronika Deffner**, National U Singapore–The Omani Way of Modernization and Development After the Oil Boom

**Mojtaba Mahdavi**, U Alberta–Rentier State and Beyond: Problematizing Politics of Petro Populism in Postrevolutionary Iran

**Katayoun Shafiee**, National U Singapore–Petro-Knowledge in the Reassembling of the Iranian State in the Early 20th Century

**Marie Alienor van den Bosch**, Princeton U–The Politics of Economic Diversification in Rentier States. An Expenditure-Centered Framework to Explain Autocratic Survival: The Contrasting Cases of Libya and Saudi Arabia

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Thematic  
Conversation

**(4280) Production of Knowledge on the Middle East: Current Access to the Region**

Organized by **Maggie Nassif**

Session Leader: **Maggie Nassif**, Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt

**Nevenka Sullivan**, Harvard U

**Iman Aziz Soliman**, American U Cairo

**Christopher S. Rose**, U Texas Austin

**Sonia Shiri**, U Arizona

**Ted Purinton**, American U Cairo

**R. Kirk Belnap**, Brigham Young U

## 2-4PM Sunday November 22

### **(4029) Re-Mapping Moroccan History and Culture: Northern Morocco in Transnational Perspective**

Organized by **Janell Rothenberg** and **Eric Calderwood**

**Sponsored by  
American Institute for  
Maghrib Studies**

Discussant: **Susan Gilson Miller**, UC Davis

**David A. McMurray**, Oregon State U–‘You Will Die Here Just as My Sister Died Here’: Themes of Success and Failure in Northern Moroccan Migration Narratives

**Eric Calderwood**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Fraco’s Hajj: Moroccan Pilgrims to Mecca during the Spanish Civil War

**David Stenner**, UC Berkeley–“Dry Fruits” in Cairo: The Moroccan Student Missions and the Failure of Spanish Colonial Policy

**Janell Rothenberg**, UCLA–Global Port, Regional Place: Infrastructure and the Narrative Politics of Region in Northern Morocco

### **(4032) Israeli Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy after the March 17, 2015 Elections**

Organized by **Robert O. Freedman**

**Sponsored by  
Association for Israel Studies**

Chair/Discussant: **Robert O. Freedman**, Johns Hopkins U

**Joshua Teitelbaum**, Bar-Ilan U–Israel and the GCC: The Impact of the Death of King Abdullah

**Rami Ginat**, Bar Ilan U–Israeli-Egyptian Relations in a Changing Middle East

**Eyal Zisser**, Tel Aviv U–Israel and Syria: From War to Peace, from Revolution to Jihad

**Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette Col–Assessing Israel’s Government in the Post-2015 Elections: Continuity and Change

### **(4070) Democratic, Left, Feminist and Liberal Activism in the MENA**

Organized by **John Chalcraft**

**Maha Abdelrahman**, U Cambridge–Social Movements and the Question of Organisation: Egypt and Everywhere  
**Nadje Al-Ali**, SOAS, U London–Feminist Activism in MENA: Iraq and Egypt in Focus

**Cengiz Gunes**, The Open U–Kurdish Activism in Syria: Building a Post-National Consensus in Uncertain Times  
**Toby Matthiesen**, Cambridge U–Leftists in Arabia: Oil Workers, Activists and the Gulf Rentier States

**John Chalcraft**, London School of Economics–The BDS Movement and the Question of Radical Democracy

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### **(4071) Parody, Emulation, and Adaptation: Adab in the Second Degree**

Organized by **Matthew Keegan**

Chair/Discussant: **Bilal Orfali**, Ohio State U

**Jeannie Miller**, U Toronto–Don’t Take It Seriously: Roasting the Patron in the Early Ninth Century

**Kelly Tuttle**, Earlham Col–An Imitation Game: Al-Ṣafadī in Mockery and Flattery

**Matthew Keegan**, New York U–The Indeterminacy of Parody: Ḥadīth Commentary and Grave Robbing

**Max Shmookler**, Columbia U–Bowdlerizing the Past to Shape the Present: Muhammad Abduh’s 1889 Edition of al-Hamadhānī’s Maqāmāt

### **(4077) Towards an Understanding of Identity: Ottoman Armenian Art, Literature, and Music**

Organized by **Barlow Der Mugrdechian**

**Sponsored by  
Society for Armenian Studies**

Chair/Discussant: **Barlow Der Mugrdechian**, CSU Fresno

**Jirair Christianian**, Independent Researcher–Orphaned Armenian Objects in Istanbul: The Patriarchate Museum Collection

**Nora Cherishian Lessersohn**, Harvard U–Armenian Self and Ottoman Society: Christopher Oscanyan’s Oriental and Turkish Museum in London (1853-54)

**Ron Marchese**, U Minnesota–Sociological Implications in Armenian Religious Art in the Late Ottoman Period: Data from the Armenian Churches of Constantinople during the Second Armenian Renaissance - Post 1700

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### **(4098) Texts, Reasoning, and Ethics in the Anthropology of Islam**

Organized by **Fabio Vicini** and **Aria Nakissa**

Discussant: **Andrew J. Shryock**, U Michigan

**Yunus Dogan Telliel**, CUNY Graduate Center–Reformism, Qur’anic Authority, and Evidence-Seeking Muslims

**Nermeen Mouftah**, Northwestern U–Reading for Reform: Amr Khaled’s Hermeneutic of Success

**Aria Nakissa**, Washington U in St. Louis–Human Rights, Bodily Practice, and the Divine Intentions behind Scripture: Views from Egypt

**Nada Moutaz**, Ohio State U–Proof in Islamic Law from Texts to Statistics: Debates on the Family Waqf in the Levant (1918-1945)

**Fabio Vicini**, Istanbul 29 Mayıs U–“Reading the Book of the Universe”: On Modernity, Reflection and Islam in Turkey

## 2-4PM Sunday November 22

### (4101) Radical Bodies: Gender and Sexuality in Arab Digital Performance

Organized by **Sonali Pahwa**

Discussant: **Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech

**Nadia Latif**, Georgia State U—"Syria's Heart Eating Cannibal": Producing and Consuming Incrimination Online

**Lamia Benyoussef**, U Alabama

Birmingham—"Allez, viens voir tonton," Ummah Lolita: Digital Media and the Reframing of the Sexual Politics of the Nation in the 2014 Tunisian Elections

**Sonali Pahwa**, U Minnesota—This Is Not An Advice Column: Satirizing Gender Performance on a YouTube Women's Channel

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### (4120) Arabic Graphic Novels: Schemes, Sensations, and Urban Spaces

Organized by **Anna Ziajka Stanton**

Chair: **Tarek El-Ariss**, U Texas Austin

**Radwa El Barouni**, U Texas Austin—Recollecting the Self: Mapping Practices and Fragmented Landscapes of Cairo and Beirut

**Benjamin Koerber**, Rutgers U—Comics of Conspiracy: Documenting Secret Societies in Zorkany & Nagy's *Istikhdam al-Hayat* (2014)

**Anna Ziajka Stanton**, U Texas

Austin—Getting the Picture: Affects and Aesthetics in the Translation of Arabic Graphic Literature

**Chip Rossetti**, U Pennsylvania—

Translating Cairo's Hidden Lines: The City as Visual Text in Magdy El Shafee's *Metro*

### (4122) Inclusive Growth in the Post Arab Spring Middle East

Organized by **Edward A. Sayre**

Sponsored by  
**Middle East Economic Association**

Chair: **Jennifer Olmsted**, Drew U

Discussants: **Bassam Yousif**, Indiana State U and **Jennifer Olmsted**, Drew U

**Karen Pfeifer**, Smith Col, Emerita—Bottom-Up Elements in an Inclusive Program for Sustainable Development in Egypt

**Zine Barka**, GREFiP U Tlemcen—Tax Challenges Facing MENA Oil Countries and Algeria Specifically

**Hadi Salehi Esfahani**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign—The Role of Institutions and Policies in the Allocation of Female and Male Labor in MENA Countries

**Edward A. Sayre**, U Southern Mississippi—Inclusive Growth and the School to Work Transition of Young People in the Middle East and North Africa

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#### Roundtable

### (4131) Methods and Strategies for Teaching the History of Islam

Organized by **Bland Addison**, Worcester Polytechnic Inst

Sponsored by  
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Chair: **Jeff VanDenBerg**, Drury U

**Stephen E. Tamari**, Southern Illinois U Edwardsville

**John Curry**, U Nevada Las Vegas

**Heather Ferguson**, Claremont McKenna Col

**Jeffrey Macris**, US Naval Academy

**June-Ann Greeley**, Sacred Heart U

### (4140) The Language of Power: Articulating Kingship in the Medieval Islamic World

Organized by **Han Hsien Liew**

Chair: **Ali Asgar Alibhai**, Harvard U

Discussant: **Roy Mottahedeh**, Harvard U

**Zainab Mahmood**, New York U—A Kingly Appointment: Al-Malik, Fir'awn and Concepts of Kingship in Medieval Muslim Exegetical Writing

**Han Hsien Liew**, Harvard U—The Thirty-Year Caliphate: Revisiting Legitimate Authority in Medieval Islam

**Maryam Kamali**, Harvard U—The Ghaznavid Dynasty in Connection to the Iranian Kingdom and the 'Abbasid Caliphate

**Jonathan Brack**, U Michigan—God's Mongol Caliph: Defining Absolute Kingship in Ilkhanid Iran

**Mustafa Banister**, U Toronto—Walking the Political Tight-Rope: Ibn Khaldūn's Dissection of Kingship and Classical Islamic Authority in Mamlūk Egypt

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### (4170) Shi' i (Trans)nationalism in Comparative Perspective

Organized by **Robert J. Riggs** and **Zackery Heern**

Chair/Discussant: **Juan Cole**, U Michigan

**Zackery Heern**, Murray State U—Modern Usuli Shi'ism as a Transnational Movement

**Mina Yazdani**, Eastern Kentucky U—Shi' i Nationalism in the Twentieth Century Iran

**Simon Wolfgang Fuchs**, Princeton U—The Shi' i Regulators of Free Religious Trade: Debating and Importing the Iranian Revolution in Pakistan

**Najam Haider**, Barnard Col/Columbia U—The Houthi Revolt: The Revival of Traditional Zaydism in Republican Yemen (1962-2015)

**Robert J. Riggs**, U Bridgeport—Al-Sadr's Indigenization Strategies and the Emergence of Iraqi Arab Shi'ism

**(4226) Anthropology in the Arab Gulf: 21st-Century Mobilities, Paradoxes, and Protests, Part II**

Organized by **Marcia C. Inhorn**, Yale U

Sponsored by  
**Association for Middle East Anthropology**

Chair: **Christopher Davidson**, Durham U  
Discussant: **Noor Al-Qasimi**, U Exeter

**Sarah Trainer**, Arizona State U–Piety, Glamour, and Protest: Performing Social Identities in the Modern UAE

**Rehenuma Asmi**, Allegheny Col–Majlis Musings: Upper Class Qatari Women Debate Power Paradoxes in the Qatari Majlis

**Behzad Sarmadi**, U Toronto–When Goods Go Bad: Financialization, Crisis and Expatriate Life in Dubai

**Mandana E. Limbert**, City U New York–Road Building and Development Fatigue in Southern Arabia

**(4233) Late Ottoman Invocations of Politics, Education, and Science**

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, U Texas Austin

**Ella Fratantuono**, Michigan State U–Mosque, Mektab and Migrant: Immigrant Petitions for Religious Institutions and Educational Resources in the Late Ottoman Empire

**Melis Hafez**, Virginia Commonwealth U–Hamidian Caliphatism in the Wilsonian Moment: An Indian Intellectual's Defense of the Ottoman Empire, 1919

**Shaadi Khoury**, George Washington U–From Constitution to Canon: The Arab Academy of Science in Damascus in the 1920s

**Thomas Kuehn**, Simon Fraser U–Of Spoken Words and Knowledgeable Men: Ottoman Knowledge Production and Transmission on Yemen Re-Visited, 1872-1919

**Maria Swanson**, US Naval Academy–Russian Influence on the Writings of Mikhail Naimy

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**(4292) Egypt—Intellectuals, Political Tyranny, and the Death of the Public Sphere**

Organized by **Nader Hashemi**

Chair: **Nader Hashemi**, U Denver

Discussants: **Marc Lynch**, George Washington U and **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

**Amr Hamzawy**, Cairo U/American U Cairo

**Emad Shahin**, Georgetown U/American U Cairo

Amr Hamzawy and Emad Shahin are two of Egypt's most prominent and influential scholars and public intellectuals (albeit of different stripes). Both have been active participants in the Egyptian Revolution and outspoken critics of the July 2013 coup d'état and subsequent crackdown. This Special Session will provide an opportunity for scholars of the Middle East to engage directly with these two towering figures of Egyptian intellectual life in a lively and open format. The focus of this session will be on Egypt's failed democratic transition; what went wrong and what lessons should be learned from this experience both for Egypt and for the broader struggle democracy in the Arab-Islamic world.

**(4234) Kurds and Civil Society in Turkey**

Chair: **Giuseppe Acconcia**, Bocconi U

Discussant: **Murat Somer**, Koç U Istanbul

**Muna Guvenc**, Independent Scholar–Local Struggles: Contested Landscapes of Kurdish Cities in Urban Turkey

**Senem Aslan**, Bates Col–Why Do States “Disappear” Their Citizens? Explaining the Variation in Turkey

**Gunes Murat Tezcur**, Loyola U Chicago–Who Governs? Ethnicization and Regionalization of Political Power in Turkey

**Sule Yaylaci**, U British Columbia–State Legitimacy in the Face of Intrastate Violence: The Case of Turkey

**(4250) Social Mobilization and Political Change in the Contemporary Middle East**

Chair: **Dilek Cindoglu**, Mardin Artuklu U

**Nadine Sika**, American U Cairo–Contentious Politics and Youth Political Participation in Egypt

**Emine Deniz**, New York U–Relative Deprivation Theory Revisited: Evidence from Kurdish Insurgency in Turkey

**Hamid Rezai**, UC Riverside–Oppressive State and Authoritarian Opposition: Diffusion and Contraction of Social Protest in Iran, 1979-1989

**Kawther Alfasi**, U Warwick–Political Participation in the Libyan Uprising: Between Strategy and Symbolism

**Nermin Allam**, U Alberta–The Trenches and Fortifications of Women's Engagement in the 2011 Uprising

**(4268) Institutional and Cultural Transformation in the Interwar Middle East**

Chair: **Dennis Sammut**, LINKS (Dialogue, Analysis and Research)

**Paul Tchir**, UC San Diego—Passing the Ball – Britain’s Experiment in Hegemonic Restructuring in Late Colonial Egypt

**Arturo Marzano**, U Pisa—Listening to Arabic Radio Transmissions in the Middle East (1938-43)

**Sami Sweis**, U Chicago—Remembering al-Kura: Contested Space and Memories in Transjordan, 1921-1922

**Ran Levy**, Tel Aviv U—Negotiating Law in Transition: Litigating Criminal Intent under the Colonial Courts in Mandate Palestine

**Israa Alhassani**, James Madison U—John Van Ess’s High Hope and the National Education System in Iraq in the Early Twentieth Century

Thematic Conversation

**(4281) Is There a Medieval Muslim Mediterranean?**

Organized by **Karla Mallette**, U Michigan

**Sarah C. Davis-Secord**, U New Mexico

**Brian Catlos**, U Colorado Boulder

**Camilo Gómez-Rivas**, UC Santa Cruz

**Karen C. Pinto**, Boise State U

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**(4017) Humanitarianism in the Middle East: War and Care Economies**

Organized by **Estella Carpi** and **Lamia Moghnieh**

Discussant: **Ilana Feldman**, George Washington U

**Nell Gabiam**, Iowa State U–Palestinians Displaced by the War in Syria: Governmental Responses and Refugee Networks of Assistance

**Estella Carpi**, U Sydney–Humanitarianism and Chronic Emergencies in Lebanon: From the July War to the Syrian Refugee Influx

**Lamia Moghnieh**, U Michigan–Humanitarian Therapies of Violence in Lebanon during ‘War’ and ‘Peace’

**Omar Dewachi**, American U Beirut–When Wounds Travel

**Bridget Guarasci**, Oberlin Col–Winning Hearts and Minds: Environment as a Form of Humanitarianism in the Recent Iraq War

Roundtable

**(4018) Technology in the Service of Pedagogy**

Organized by **Jeannette E. Okur**

Sponsored by  
**American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages**

Chair: **Jeannette E. Okur**, U Texas Austin

**Funda Derin**, U Wisconsin Madison  
**Jason Vivrette**, UC Berkeley

**(4058) Arabs in the US Census**

Organized by **Rita Stephan**

Sponsored by  
**Arab American Studies Association**

Chair: **Randa Kayyali**, George Mason U

**Rachel Marks**, US Census Bureau and  
**Roberto Ramirez**, US Census Bureau–The Development and Classification of the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Category for the 2015 National Content Test

**Florence Dallo**, Oakland U–Functional Limitations among US and Foreign-Born Arab Americans: Results from the 2009–2013 American Community Survey

**Randa Kayyali**, George Mason U–Ancestry, Ethnicity and Language: Mapping the US Census Bureau’s Classifications of Middle Eastern Americans since 1910

**Rita Stephan**, State Department–Arab Americans as Hard-to-Reach and Hard-to-Count Population

**Kristine Ajrouch**, Eastern Michigan U–Socioeconomic Variation among Arab Immigrants in the United States: Does Gender Matter?

**(4079) Infrastructure and Challenges to Sovereignty in the Ottoman Provinces**

Organized by **Emily Neumeier** and **Zoe Griffith**

Chair: **Dina Rizk Khoury**, George Washington U

Discussant: **Christine M. Philliou**, UC Berkeley

**Zoe Griffith**, Brown U–Bequeathing the Nile: Irrigation Waqfs and Political Challenge in Late-Eighteenth-Century Egypt

**Faisal Husain**, Georgetown U–Ottoman Hydraulic Projects and Condominium Rule in Iraq, 1638–1750

**Michael Polczynski**, Georgetown U–Memâlik-i Mahrûse, Antemurale Christianitatis: The “Well Protected Domains” and the “Bulwark of Christendom” on the Ottoman/Polish-Lithuanian Frontier

**Emily Neumeier**, U Pennsylvania–Rules of Engagement on the Ionian Sea: Conflict and Confrontation over the Construction of Ottoman Coastal Fortresses

**(4110) Rethinking Muharram: Shi’i Muslim Minorities and the Politics of Ashura Performances**

Organized by **Mara Leichtman**

Chair: **Toby Matthiesen**, Cambridge U  
Discussant: **Chiara Formichi**, Cornell U

**Samer El-Karanshawy**, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies–Texts, Interpretation and Commemorating Imâm Husayn  
**Babak Rahimi**, UC San Diego–The Green Ashura: Urban Space, Ritual, and Post-Election Iran

**Mara Leichtman**, Michigan State U–The ‘Africanization’ of Ashura in Senegal  
**Kathryn Spellman Poots**, Aga Khan U–Muharram Rituals and the Making of British Shi’ism

**(4117) Discrepant Itineraries: New Perspectives on the Politics of Travel, Leisure, and Pilgrimage**

Organized by **Timur Hammond**

Discussant: **Michael Gasper**, Occidental Col

**Emily Schneider**, UC Santa Barbara–Jewish Travel to the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Challenging Transnational Ties through Alternative Tourism

**Timur Hammond**, UCLA–Between Islam and the Orient: Shifting Practices of Pilgrimage and Tourism in Contemporary Turkey

**Joana Lucas**, CRIA-FCSH/NOVA–On the Periphery of the Empire: Tourism and Leisure in Mauritania under French Colonial Administration

**Gwenn Okruhlik**, National U Singapore–Displacement, Seclusion and Social Identities: Oman on the Verge

**(4124) Turmoil and Tolerance:  
Unpacking the Current Crisis in  
Yemen**

Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco**

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American Institute for  
Yemeni Studies**

Chair: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U

**Mohammed Sharafuddin**, U Sana'a–  
Yemen and the Culture of Tolerance  
**Najwa Adra**, Independent Researcher–  
Mediating Social Hierarchies in Yemen's  
Highlands

**Marieke Brandt**, Austrian Academy of  
Sciences–Huthis and Tribes: Prospects  
for Tribalism in Huthi-Controlled Areas  
**Waleed F. Mahdi**, U Minnesota–US  
Drones–Houthi Responses: A Critical  
Reading of Ansarullah's Resistance  
Politics in Yemen

**Sam Liebhaber**, Middlebury Col–A New  
Era for Language Diversity in Yemen:  
Mahri and Socotri in the New Yemeni  
Constitution

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**(4143) Focusing Research on  
the Lives of Slave Women in  
Muslim Society**

Organized by **Kathryn Hain**

Chair: **Peter Sluglett**, National U  
Singapore

Discussant: **Lisa Nielson**, Case Western  
Reserve U

**Karen Moukheiber**, American U Beirut–  
Concubines and Qiyān in 'Abbasid  
Biographical Compilations: Revisiting  
the Boundaries of Slave Women's  
Cultural Roles

**Jocelyn Sharlet**, UC Davis–Elegance,  
Eloquence and Obscenity in the Life and  
Work of 'Inan (d. 814), Poet and Slave

**Kathryn Hain**, U Utah–The Chinese  
Connection: T'ang Influence on 'Abbasid  
Royal Household Slavery

**Marina Tolmacheva**, Washington State  
U–Ibn Battuta's Concubines: Mobility,  
Dislocation, and Ownership

**(4148) Banking on Land:  
Agriculture, Capital, and the  
Politics of Empire, 1850-1950**

Organized by **Elizabeth Williams** and  
**Aaron G. Jakes**

Chair/Discussant: **Ahmad Shokr**, New  
York U

**Nora Barakat**, UC Berkeley–Contested  
Credit: The Dynamics of Mortgage in  
Late Ottoman Syria

**Charles Anderson**, Western Washington  
U–What's Credit Got to Do with It?  
Capitalism, Class, and Palestinian Society  
under British Rule, 1919-1939

**Elizabeth Williams**, Georgetown U–  
The Agricultural Bank: From Ottoman  
Institution to French Mandate Crisis in  
Syria

**Aaron G. Jakes**, The New School U–  
Crisis Profiteering and the Nationalist  
Critique of Finance in Egypt, 1907-1914

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**(4157) Identity Politics in the  
Fatimid Ismaili Tradition**

Organized by **Paul E. Walker**

Chair: **Farhad Daftary**, Inst of Ismaili  
Studies

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**Samer Traboulsi**, UNC Asheville–The  
Latter-Day Fatimids: Construction and  
Expression of Identity in the Ṭayyibī  
Ismā'īlī/Bohra Community

**Shainool Jiwa**, Inst of Ismaili Studies–  
Lineage & Legitimacy: Examining the  
Baghdad Manifesto

**Daniel Beben**, Nazarbayev U–The  
Fatimid Legacy and the Foundation of  
the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate

**Paul E. Walker**, U Chicago–Rhetorical  
Methods of Demeaning an Enemy:  
Fatimid References to the 'Abbasids

**(4167) Negotiating the  
Intellectual Legacy of the 1960s  
in Contemporary Cultural  
Production in Morocco**

Organized by **Ahmed Idrissi Alami**

Discussant: **Mohammed Hirchi**,  
Colorado State U

**Mbarek Sryfi**, U Pennsylvania–Sab 'at  
Abwāb: A Renewed Commitment to Life  
**Said Graioui**, U Mohammed V, Rabat,  
Morocco & School for International  
Training–Contemporary Cultural  
Production and Patronage in Morocco  
**Mary B. Vogl**, Colorado State U–The  
Legacy of the Journal *Souffles* for the  
Contemporary Moroccan Cultural Press  
**Ahmed Idrissi Alami**, Purdue U–  
Resisting Neoliberal Subjectification in  
Laila Lalami's *Secret Son*

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**(4186) The Somatics of Reading  
Hoda Barakat**

Organized by **Michal Raizen**

**Drew Paul**, U Tennessee Knoxville–  
The Materiality of Forgetting in Hoda  
Barakat's *A Stranger's Letters*

**Katie Logan**, U Texas Austin–Women of  
the Cloth: Histories of Touch and Illness  
in *Tiller of Waters*

**Johanna Sellman**, Ohio State U–Hoda  
Barakat's *The Stranger's Letters* and  
Shifting Notions of Diaspora in Arabic  
Literature

**Michal Raizen**, Ohio Wesleyan U–  
Debunking Fayruziyat al-hawa: Listening  
as Individual Prerogative in Hoda  
Barakat's *The Stranger's Letters* and  
*Disciples of Passion*



**(4194) Law and Society in Turkey: Courts, Rights and Mobilization**

Organized by **Filiz Kahraman**

Chair: **Resat Kasaba**, U Washington

**Ayse Toksoz**, U Washington—When “Laws Are Important, But Not That Much”: Regulating Reproductive Health in Contemporary Turkey

**Joakim Parslow**, U Washington—Jurisdiction and Prerogative in Turkey’s Single-Party Regime, 1931-1947: Siddik Sami Onar and Ali Fuad Basgil

**Onur Bakiner**, Seattle U—Turkey’s Judiciary during the Kurdish Conflict  
**Filiz Kahraman**, U Washington—A New Avenue for Labor Activists in Turkey? Claiming Labor Rights as Human Rights

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**(4199) Envisioning and Experiencing the Colonial City: Cairo’s Downtown, Its Publics, and Urban Heterotopia**

Organized by **Lucie Ryzova**

Discussant: **G. Carole Woodall**, U Colorado

**Adam Mestyan**, Harvard U—The Club des Princes and the Origins of ‘Imad al-Din Street

**Mohamed Elshahed**, New York U—A Modernist Architect’s History of Downtown Cairo

**Elizabeth Frierson**, U Cincinnati—Pharmacists’ Shops as Outposts of Modern Science in Downtown Cairo  
**Hanan H. Hammad**, TCU—Students and Their Brothel Friends in Underworld Downtown Cairo

**Lucie Ryzova**, U Birmingham—From Darb al-Gamamiz to Ismailiyya: Strolling and Spatial Practices of Efendi Youths

**(4204) Jerusalem’s Landscapes of Loss, 1900-2014: Memory and Spatial Politics**

Organized by **Thomas P. Abowd**

Chair: **Thomas P. Abowd**, Tufts U  
Discussant: **Amahl Bishara**, Tufts U

**Issam Nassar**, Illinois State U—From a Center to a Periphery: The De-Urbanization of Jerusalem in 1948

**Thomas P. Abowd**, Tufts U—Jerusalem’s Post-1967 Landscape of Loss: Spatial Politics at the Site of the Western Wall/Moroccan Quarter

**Paul E. Chevedden**, Independent Scholar—The Crusader Conquest of Jerusalem in 492/1099: Arabic Historiography vs. Historical Reconstruction

**Salim Tamari**, IPS—Carnavalesque Jerusalem (1908-1930)

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**(4236) State Policies of Control in the Contemporary Middle East**

Chair: **Sabri Ciftci**, Kansas State U

**Kevin W. Martin**, Indiana U—“The Voice of Syria”: Mass Media and the Arab World’s First Cult of Personality

**Lisa Blaydes**, Stanford U—Rumors as Resistance in Iraq under Saddam Hussein: Evidence from the Ba`th Party Bureaucracy

**Sean Yom**, Temple U—Diffusion-Proofing after the Arab Spring: New Authoritarian Strategies of Framing and Control

**Killian Clarke**, Princeton U—Fragmented Sovereignty: Authority and Contention in Syrian Refugee Camps

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**(4270) Representation, War, and Media in Contemporary Lebanon**

Chair: **Ghenwa Hayek**, U Chicago

**Kifah Hanna**, Trinity Col—Writing the Body in Lebanese War Literature

**May Farah**, American U Beirut—Gender Representations in Lebanese Television: Inequality on and behind the Small Screen

**Hiba Bou Akar**, Hampshire Col—The Doubleness of Beirut’s Ruins: Between a Past War and Wars Yet to Come

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Conversation

**(4286) BDS and Middle East Studies: Historical, Political and Legal Dimensions**

Organized by **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto

Session Leader: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

**Omar Al-Shehabi**, Gulf Centre for Policy Studies

**Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

**Rima Kapitan**, Kapitan Law Office

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Lisa Anderson, American University in Cairo

John Waterbury, American University of Beirut

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**AMEWS Reception**

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**(4041) Islamic Authority and National Identity: The Evolution of a Dialectic**

Organized by Ari Schriber

Chair/Discussant: **Osama Abi-Mershed**, Georgetown U

**Ari Schriber**, Harvard U—Freedom as Revival: Forging the Salafi Politics of 'Allal al-Fasi in 1930s Morocco

**Youssef Ben Ismail**, Harvard U—Good 'Ulama' and Bad 'Ulama': History (Re-) Writing as Identity Making in Post-Colonial Tunisia

**Laura Thompson**, Harvard U—Who Speaks for the Sacred?: Locating & Punishing Blasphemy in Post-Arab Spring Tunisia

**Mary Elston**, Harvard U—Threatening Seclusion after the Coup: The Limits of al-Azhar's Political and Religious Authority

**(4063) Gendered Spaces in the Arabian Peninsula**

Organized by **Sean Foley** and **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**

Chair: **Sami Hermez**, Northwestern U Qatar  
Discussant: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

**Mary Ann Fay**, Morgan State U—Gender, the Courts and the Law: Challenging the Private Space of the Home in the Public Space of the Court

**Sean Foley**, Middle Tennessee State U—"Women are Killing Us on Instagram": Gender, Social Space, and Saudi Arabia's Online Community

**Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**, Northwestern U Qatar—Qatari Women and the Majlis al-Hareem: Participation and Effects

**Jessie Moritz**, Australian National U—Women in Protest: Bahraini and Omani Women in the Arab Spring

**Vania Carvalho Pinto**, U Brasilia—Emirati Female Intellectuals: On Challenges, Spaces for Advancement and Production of Gendered Discourse

**(4075) Palestinian Childhoods: Negotiating a Place of Their Own**

Organized by **Heidi Morrison**

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Discussant: **Rebecca Granato**, Bard al Quds Col

**Bree Akesson**, Wilfrid Laurier U—The Socio-Spatial Development of National Identity for Palestinian Families and Children: Insights from the Concept of Territoriality

**Mohammed Alrozzi**, U Fribourg—The Everyday Negotiation of Palestinian Children  
**Heidi Morrison**, U Wisconsin La Crosse—Memory, Agency and Palestinian Children of the Second Intifada

**Omri Grinberg**, U Toronto—The Child Witness - Understanding the Key Role of Children in Testimonies Collected by Israeli Human Rights NGOS

Roundtable

**(4091) Researching Lebanon: The Newly Emerging Archival Terrain**

Organized by **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**

Chair: **Nadya J. Sbaiti**, American U Beirut

**Graham Pitts**, Georgetown U

**Linda Sayed**, New York U

**Nada Moumtaz**, Ohio State U

**Tsolin Nalbantian**, Leiden U

**Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U

**(4092) Techniques and Tensions of Power in North African Narrative Epistemologies**

Organized by **Jamiella Brooks**

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**Amy Riddle**, UC Davis—Social Products: A Fictional Account of Martyrdom in Ben Jelloun's *By Fire*

**Charlotte Pardey**, Philipps U Marburg, Germany—Disentangling Fact and Fiction in Times of Turmoil: Kamal al-Riahi's *al-Ghurillā* as a Multilayered Narrative of the Tunisian Uprising

**Jamiella Brooks**, UC Davis—Paroles Mésurées: Creative Agency in Two North African Francophone Narratives  
**Amy Kallander**, Syracuse U—Radhia Haddad: A Political Personal Testimony on the Bourguiba State

**(4094) The View from the Edge: Decentered Histories of Modern Egypt**

Organized by **Hoda Yousef**

**Anny Gaul**, Georgetown U—Kitab Abla Nazira: Egyptian Cuisine in the 1930s

**Wendy Doyon**, U Pennsylvania—The View from Quft: Archaeology and the Making of a Modern, Rural Elite in Upper Egypt

**Aaron Rock-Singer**, Princeton U—Forming a Pious Public: Islamic Magazines and Religious Revival in Egypt, 1976-1981

**Hoda Yousef**, Franklin & Marshall Col—The Three Pleas of Jalila: Negotiating Poverty and Patriarchy, 1908-1913

**(4097) Politics of the Body and Masculinity in Turkey**

Organized by **Zeynep Korkman** and **S. Can Aciksoz**

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Discussant: **Gul Ozyegin**, Col of William and Mary

**Zeynep Korkman**, U Arizona and **S. Can Aciksoz**, U Arizona—Gendering Political Power: Performing and Resisting Sovereign Masculinity

**Sertaç Sehlükoglu**, U Cambridge—Invisible Becoming: Masculinity, Piety, and Transformation in Turkey

**Oyman Basaran**, U Massachusetts—Modernity, the Welfare State and Male Circumcision in Turkey

**Serap Ruken Sengul**, U Michigan—Circumscriptions: Violence, Sovereignty and Identity in the Frontier

**(4133) Law and (Public) Order: Political Science Engages the New Middle East**

Organized by **Jillian M. Schwedler**

**Sarah Parkinson**, U Minnesota—US Law, the “War on Terror,” and Middle East Research

**Jillian M. Schwedler**, Hunter Col, CUNY—Protests are Legal: Law and Public Dissent in Jordan

**Robert P. Parks**, Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie—Law and Disorder: Demonstrations, Riots and the Uncertainty of Property Rights in Algeria

**Laryssa Chomiak**, American Inst for Maghrib Studies—Configurations of Order: Judicial (Re-) Design in Contemporary Tunisia

**(4136) Will the Arab Right Please Stand Up?: History and Politics since 1967**

Organized by **Hussein Omar**, **Sherene Seikaly**, and **Ahmed Dailami**

Chair: **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto

Discussant: **Walter Armbrust**, U Oxford

**Hussein Omar**, U Oxford—Liberal Longings in Republican Egypt (1977-2013)

**Paul Amar**, UC Santa Barbara—Love Curriculum, Passion Infrastructure: Neo Authoritarian Egypt and the Right  
**Ahmed Dailami**, U Oxford—Moderate Arabs: Towards a New History of the Iranian Revolution in the Arab World  
**Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa Barbara—On Bread and Freedom: The Neoliberal Frontier of 1977

**(4147) History and Practices: Social-Cultural Perspectives on Arab Music**

Organized by **Carl Davila**

Chair: **Dwight F. Reynolds**, UC Santa Barbara

**Lisa Nielson**, Case Western Reserve U—The History of Arabian Music: Revisiting the Legacy of Henry George Farmer in Western Musicology

**Carl Davila**, Col at Brockport, SUNY—The Moroccan Andalusian Music Anthologies: Evidence for Orality?

**Philip Murphy**, UC Santa Barbara—Birds Who Sing in Many Trees: Sufi Singers & Professionalization in Fez, Morocco

**Christopher Witulski**, Florida State U—“Because People Will Like It!”: Locating Malhūn and Its Audiences through Musical Flexibility

**(4169) Governing Landscapes: Experts and the Politics of Environmental Management in the Contemporary Middle East**

Organized by **Sarah El-Kazaz** and **Elizabeth Angell**

Chair/Discussant: **Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers U

**Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins**, Bard Col—Managing Waste in the Impossible State: Experts and the Technical-National in Palestine

**Jessica E. Barnes**, U South Carolina—What Does It Mean to “Have Awareness?” Knowledge Narratives in Egyptian Water Management

**Elizabeth Angell**, Columbia U—Governing Risk: Earthquake Preparedness and Urban Transformation in Istanbul

**Sarah El-Kazaz**, Oberlin Col—Etching Socio-Political Change into Stone: The Politics of Urban Transformation in Istanbul and Cairo

**Gokce Gunel**, Columbia U—Spaceship in the Desert: Energy and Climate Change in Abu Dhabi

**(4196) Emerging Voices: Identity, Otherness and Belonging in Mai Al-Nakib's Kuwaiti Narratives**

Organized by **Angelica Maria DeAngelis**

Chair/Discussant: **Nancy L. Stockdale**, U North Texas

**Hanan Muzaffar**, American U Kuwait—Locating Home in the Hidden Light of Objects

**Angelica Maria DeAngelis**, American U Kuwait—Silence and the Agency of Objects: Negotiating Identity, Loss and Belonging in Mai Al-Nakib's *The Hidden Light of Objects*

**Emanuela Buscemi**, U Aberdeen—A Language Held Captive: Transcultural Hybridity, Loss and Belonging

**Viviana Peiretti**, American U Kuwait—Challenging the Hegemonic Narrative of Orientalism: A South-to-South Perspective on Identity and Belonging in Mai al-Nakib's *The Hidden Light of Objects*

**(4201) (Re)Mappings: Zoning Gender Sexuality, and Modernity in Iran**

Chair: **Behzad Sarmadi**, U Toronto

Discussant: **Camron M. Amin**, U Michigan Dearborn

**Lior B. Sternfeld**, Penn State U—Accenting Iranian Femininity: The Story of the Polish Exiles in Iran

**Ida Meftahi**, U Maryland—“Degenerate” Bodies, “Degenerate” Performances

**Leila Pourtavaf**, U Toronto—Gender, Interiority and the City Center: Locating the Golestan Harem during Nasser al-Din Shah's Reign

**Jairan Gahan**, U Toronto—The Making of Shahrinaw: A History of the Formation of the Red-Light District of Tehran, 1921-1979

**(4211) The Ottoman Genocide of Christian Minorities: The Armenians and Assyrians**  
Organized by Doris Melkonian

Chair: Arda Melkonian, UCLA

Arda Melkonian, UCLA—Resisting Attempts to Re-Create Identity by Renaming

Doris Melkonian, UCLA—Tattooed: Boundaries of Inclusion and Exclusion  
Avedis Hadjian, Journalist—Kurds, the Armenian Genocide and the Evolving Relationship between Both Nations  
Nicholas Al-Jeloo, U Melbourne—A Clean Sweep?: The Attempted Purging of Assyrians from Hakkāri

**(4231) Understanding the Iraqi State: Sectarianism and Authoritarianism**

Dr. Nassima Neggaz, National U Singapore—Sunnis, Shi'a, and the State in Iraq since 2003: The Construction of a Sectarian-Authoritarian State

Caroleen Sayej, Connecticut Col—Ayatollahs and the Battle over Religion in Post-Saddam Iraq

Tim Jacoby, U Manchester—(Mis) Representing the Sunni Uprising in Iraq: Culture Talk and the "Islamic State"

Yaniv Voller, U Edinburgh—The Socio-Political Aspect of the Ba'th Government-Sponsored Militias in Northern Iraq: New Archival Findings

**(4247) Reading Islamic Texts: Law, Biography, and Social History**

Chair: Dale J. Correa, U Texas Libraries

Alyssa Gabbay, UNC Greensboro—'And It Is Not the Word of a Poet': Poetical Ambivalence in the Prefaces of Amir Khusraw (d.1325)

Rachel Hagler Schine, U Chicago—The Etiology of the Black-Arab Hero: The Case of 'Abd al-Wahāb

Amir Toft, U Chicago—The Construction and Function of Precedent in Hanafi Jurisprudence

Sharon Silzell, U Texas Austin—Blood on the Text: The Mushaf and the Construction of the Sacred  
Pamela Klasova, Georgetown U—Poets on the Periphery: Tajmīr and Ta'arrub in Umayyad Poetry

**(4265) Migration and Identity: Transnationalisms in Politics and Literature**

Chair: Elise Salem, Lebanese American U

Mary Youssef, Binghamton U—Re-imagining Migration and Gender in Miral al-Tahawi's *Brooklyn Heights* and 'Ala' al-Aswani's *Chicago*

Chelsie May, U Chicago—On A Contemporary Notion of Arab Jewish Identity: Reading Haviva Pedaya Intersectionally

Victoria M. Phaneuf, U Arizona—"We Aren't Hidden!": Material Culture as Communication in French North African, Pied-Noir, and Harki Civic Associations

Leila Tarakji, Michigan State U—Passeurs across Time and Space: Transnational Poetics of Muslim American Poetry

Jeff VanDenBerg, Drury U and Dhia Ben Ali, U Arkansas—All Politics Is (Not) Local: The Regional Impact on Democratization in Tunisia

**(4269) Education, Gender, and Colonial Legacies**

Chair: Mirna Lattouf, Arizona State U

Jonathan Sciarcon, U Denver—Changing the Program: The AIU Girls' School in Baghdad after WWI

Samuel Anderson, UCLA—Domesticating the Médersa: Islamic Education and Colonial Rule in French Algeria

Carine Bourget, U Arizona—Communautarisme or Intégration? Muslim Schools in France

Johanna Peterson, UC San Diego—Nation, Girls' Education, and the Women's Press in Lebanon, 1919-1922

Sarra Hilali, U Chicago—Women and Education in Mamluk Cairo

**(4278) International Law, Sovereignty and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire**

Organized by Michael Christopher Low and Aimee Genell

Session Leader: Aimee Genell, U Miami

Will Smiley, Reed Col

Ryan Gingeras, Naval Postgraduate School

Lale Can, City Col of NY, CUNY

Virginia Aksan, McMaster U

Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U

Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington U

Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U

Linda T. Darling, U Arizona

Will Hanley, Florida State U

**(4014) New Approaches to Christians in the Middle East**

Organized by Febe Armanios and Candace Lukasik

Chair: Akram F. Khater, North Carolina State U

Discussant: Saba Mahmood, UC Berkeley

Alda Benjamin, U Maryland, Col Park—Assyrians in Ba'thist Iraq: From "National Minority" to "Religious Denomination"

Febe Armanios, Middlebury Col—Télé Lumière: Christian Television in Postwar Lebanon

Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman Col—Conversations in Hybridity: Islamicized Armenian Conversos in Contemporary Turkey and Syria

Candace Lukasik, UC Berkeley—Mobilizing Copts: Lay Politics and the Coptic Orthodox Church in Post-2011 Egypt

Anna Dowell, Duke U—Renditions of Christian Citizenship and National Belonging among Protestant Egyptians

**(4024) Muslims, Moriscos, and Christians: Conflictual Encounters, Conversions, and Exchange in the Early-Modern Mediterranean World**

Organized by **Diana Galarreta-Aima**

Chair: **Andrew Devereux**, Loyola Marymount U

Discussant: **Diana Galarreta-Aima**, U Virginia

**Nadia Zeldes**, Ben Gurion U in the Negev—Conversos and the Inquisition in Sicily in the Age of Carlos V

**Aaron Stamper**, U Colorado Boulder—Ambiguous Boundaries: The Córdoba y Válor Family, Christian Concomitants and Muslim Dissenters in Sixteenth Century Granada

**Libby Nutting**, Bates Col—Morisco Corsair Narratives: Between Islam and Christianity in the Early Modern Mediterranean 1610-1631

**Nabil Matar**, U Minnesota—Arab Resistance to Conversion: From Malta to Syria

**Mohamad Ballan**, U Chicago—The 1501 Hispano-Muslim Qasida to Sultan Bayezid II: A Reconsideration

**(4025) Lebanese Writing beyond al-Ahdath**

Organized by **Zaki Haidar**

**Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech—Scandalous Women, Gay Men, and Biracial Children: Exploring Emergent Subjectivities in the Contemporary Lebanese Novel

**Zaki Haidar**, Carleton Col—Tropic Exhaustion and Mountain Modernism

**Ghenwa Hayek**, U Chicago—Everyday Writing in an Extraordinary City: New Perspectives on Beirut

**(4034) States of Imagination: Four Perspectives on Iraqi Political Culture, 1900-2014**

Organized by **Annie Greene** and **Carl Shook**

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Discussant: **Peter Wien**, U Maryland, Col Park

**Annie Greene**, U Chicago—From Baghdad with Love: Negotiating Ottoman-Iraqi Regionalism under the CUP

**Carl Shook**, U Chicago—Rivers and Ruins: The British Imperial Episteme of Iraq's Geo-Space

**Pelle Valentin Olsen**, U Chicago—Idle Days in Baghdad: Coffee Shops and the Dangers of Unsupervised Intellectual Activity

**Omar Sirri**, U Toronto—Seeing, Perceiving and Believing the Spatial Politics of Baghdad

**(4038) Identity and Sectarianism in Modern Syria**

Organized by **Kevin Mazur**

Chair: **Steven Heydemann**, US Inst of Peace

**Max Weiss**, Princeton U—The Idea of Syrian Sectarianism

**Daniel Neep**, Georgetown U—The State as Sectarian Relation? Rethinking Syria in Historical Sociological Perspective

**Annika Rabo**, Stockholm U—Regional Politics and Shawai'a Identities in the Raqqa Province

**Kevin Mazur**, Princeton U—Sectarianism as Social Boundary Activation: The Case of the 2011 Syrian Uprising

**(4052) Ottoman Armenians before 1915: Old Debates, New Questions**

Organized by **Yasar Tolga Cora**

**Toygun Altintas**, U Chicago—Organizing, Framing and Policing Disobedience: Revolutionary Action, and Reactions in Sasoun

**Ohannes Kilicdagi**, Istanbul Bilgi U—Responses of the Ottoman Armenians to Military Service Law of 1909: Idea and Practice

**Mehmet Fatih Uslu**, Istanbul Sehir U—Armenian Provincial Literature in the Ottoman Empire

**Yasar Tolga Cora**, U Chicago—Textile Manufacturing in Yezzinka/Erzincan and the Social Structure of an Armenian Community in the Nineteenth Century

**(4055) Turkey in the First Two Decades of the 21st Century**

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Chair: **Metin Heper**, Bilkent U Ankara

Discussant: **Ahmet O. Evin**, Sabanci U

**Saim Ozcurumez**, Bilkent U—Recent Challenges of Immigration and Asylum in Turkey

**Paul Kubicek**, Oakland U—Turkey in the 21st Century: A Rising, Revisionist Power?

**Ziya Onis**, Koc U—The Political Economy of Turkey in the Age of Emerging Powers: Achievements and Contradictions of the AKP Era

**Metin Heper**, Bilkent U Ankara—Some Notes on Secularism in Turkey

**Alev Cinar**, Bilkent U—Bringing the Ottoman Back In: The New Role Model of Turkish Modernity at the Turn of the Century

**(4089) The Politics of Parody: Satire, Comedy, and Contestation in Arabic Literature and Culture**

Organized by **Emily Drumsta**

Chair: **Emily Drumsta**, UC Berkeley

Discussant: **Elliott Colla**, Georgetown U

**Ian Campbell**, Georgia State U—There Is No Mystery Here: Patriarchy and Superstition in Wajdi al-Ahdal's *A Land without Jasmine*

**Samuel England**, U Wisconsin-Madison—Violent Laughter in Medieval Egyptian Arabic

**Ayelet Even-Nur**, UC Berkeley–Syntactic Satire: Language, Identity and Humor in Arab Labor

**Samer M. Ali**, U of Michigan, Ann Arbor–Wine Satire in the Medieval Islamic Public Sphere: New Money Ahsabis and the Politics and Poetics of the Bacchic

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**(4100) Gender, Erotica and Literature in the Islamicate World**

Organized by **Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora**

Chair/Discussant: **Selim Kuru**, U Washington

**Helga Anetshofer**, U Chicago–How Equal Were Female Converts? The Case of the Medieval Warrior Heroine Efromiya

**Franklin D. Lewis**, U Chicago–The Scintillating Sanā’i, the Prickler Sūzani and the Sexual Lexicon of Persian Poetry

**Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora**, U Chicago–Expanding the Boundaries of Meşnevî: The Narration of Erotic Desires

**Irvin Cemil Schick**–The Visual Codes of Ottoman Erotic Illustrations

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**Roundtable**

**(4123) What’s Happening In Yemen**

Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco** and **Ali Asgar Alibhai**, Harvard U

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Discussants: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U and **Sheila Carapico**, U Richmond

**HE Amat Al-Alim Alsoswa**, Former Yemen Ambassador to The Netherlands

**(4142) Accoutrements of Power: The Portrayal of Kingship in the Medieval Islamicate World**

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Chair: **Han Hsien Liew**, Harvard U  
Discussant: **Wadad Kadi**, U Chicago

**Heba Mostafa**, U Kansas–The Dar al-Imara in Early Islam

**C. Ceyhun Arslan**, Harvard U–Poetics and Politics Reconsidered: Ruins and ‘Imāra in Classical Arabic Qaṣīda

**Ali Asgar Alibhai**, Harvard U–An Aqueduct of Glass: Understanding the Relation of Fatimid Hydraulics and the Legitimacy of Rule

**Cameron Cross**, U Chicago–The Man Inside the Mountain: Architectonics of Power and Kingship in Vis and Ramin

**Dana Brostowsky Gilboa**, Hebrew U Jerusalem–From Mamluk to Sultan: Appropriating Legitimacy by Visual Means – The Case of Badr al-Dīn Lu’lu’

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**(4149) Anthropology of Hope and the Futures of the Middle East, Part I**

Organized by **Daniel Monterescu** and **Noa Shaindliger**, U Toronto

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Chair: **Daniel Monterescu**, CEU  
Discussant: **Benoit Challand**, NYU

**Kristen Waymire-Alhareedi**, American U in Cairo–Shaheed: A New Signifier of ‘Adi

**Daniel Meier**, CNRS/PACTE-Grenoble-France–South Lebanon as a Palestinian Borderscape: The Fidayyin Experience during the 1970s

**Yasmin Moll**, U Michigan–“Despair Is Betrayal”: Practicing (and Losing) Hope on Islamic Television in Egypt

**(4171) Teaching Arabic in the Globalized Arab Societies of the Gulf: Opportunities, Merits, and Challenges**

Organized by **Muhamed Osman Al Khalil**

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**Laila Familiar**, NYU Abu Dhabi–Contemporary Gulf Narrative as a Pedagogical Tool to Promote Language and Culture Proficiency

**Nasser Isleem**, NYU Abu Dhabi and **Khulood J.M. Kittaneh**, NYU Abu Dhabi–Promoting Language Proficiency and Intercultural Competence in Arabic Language through Short Intensive Immersion Program in the City of Al Ain

**Mahmoud Azaz**, U Arizona–Challenges Facing Arabic Language Planning Policies in the Gulf and Their Implications in Teaching Arabic

**Muhamed Osman Al Khalil**, NYU Abu Dhabi–Linguistic and Extra-Linguistic Influences on Language Policy in Globalized Economies: The United Arab Emirates as a Case Study

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**(4172) Economic Development and the Transformation of Gulf Landscapes**

Organized by **Brian Ulrich**

**Brian Ulrich**, Shippensburg U–The Transformation of Gulf Landscapes in the Early Islamic Period

**Noah Haiduc-Dale**, Centenary Col, NJ–Reflecting the Gulf: Arab Views of the Sea in Literature and Song

**Victoria Hightower**, U North Georgia Dahlonga–From Barren Wasteland into Productive Space: Abu Dhabi’s Environmental Development Projects, 1971-2004

**Matthew MacLean**, New York U–Nation-Building and the Commercialization of Agriculture in the Trucial States/UAE: The Case of Digdaga, Ras al-Khaimah

## IIAM-IPM Monday November 23

### (4187) Questioning the Moral in Islamic Education: Modernity and the Reconfiguration of Islamic Knowledge

Organized by **Hasan Azad**

**Sami Emile Baroudi**, Lebanese American U–Sheikh Wahbah al-Zuhaili on International Relations: The Discourse of a Prominent Contemporary Islamist Scholar (1932-)

**Hasan Azad**, Columbia U–Creating a Virtuous Muslim: Ebrahim Col and the Question of Islamic Ethics

**Caitlyn Bolton**, Graduate Center, CUNY–Colonizing Curriculum: Modernity, Morality and Islamic Education in Colonial Zanzibar

**Archana Prakash**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Teaching Egyptians Translation: The Role of Madrasat al-Asun in Indigenizing “Useful” Knowledge

### (4202) Law and Society in Post Revolution Egypt

Organized by **Mahinour El-Badrawi**

Chair: **Amy Shalakany**, American U Cairo

Discussant: **Sherief Gaber**, American U Cairo

**Farida Makar**, American U Cairo–Let Us Legislate Learning: The Dynamics of Law and Education in Egypt

**Amr Abdulrahman**, American U Cairo–Who Really Fears Religious Liberties in Egypt? Religion and the Restrictions of Personal Freedoms in the Post-Brotherhood Egypt

**Mahinour El-Badrawi**, American U Cairo–The Human Rights Movement and the Judiciary in Egypt: An Integrated Development Spanning Two Decades

**Karim Medhat Ennarah**, American U Cairo–On the Margins of the Rule of Law: Protection for Refugees in Post-Revolutionary Egypt

### (4239) Networks of Empire: Money, Pilgrims, and Texts

Chair: **Carter V. Findley**, Ohio State U

**Irena Fliter**, Tel Aviv U–In the Service of Ottoman Diplomats: Prussian Jews as Brokers of Financial Networks and Cultural Exchange in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century

**Tobe Shanok**, Independent Scholar–Economic Largesse to Palestine during WW I Generated New Realities

**Donal Hassett**, European U Inst–Provision and Supervision: The Comité des Amitiés Africaines and Algerian Veterans of the Great War

**Madeleine Elfenbein**, U Chicago–Ottomanism on a European Stage: Ali Suavi and Teodor Kasap in the Pages of the French and British Press

**Assef Ashraf**, Yale U–At the Edge of Empire: Frontier Administration and the Formation of Qajar Iran

### (4262) Populism, Resistance, and Social Media in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Chair: **Susannah Heschel**, Dartmouth U

**Alaa Tartir**, London School of Economics/Graduate Inst of International and Development Studies–Criminalizing Resistance: The Cases of Balata and Jenin Refugee Camps in Occupied Palestine

**Sara Hughes**, UCLA–Land for Lives: Memorializing Violence through West Bank Settlement Construction

**Maia Carter Hallward**, Kennesaw State U–Tweeting Resistance: The Evolution of Engagement

**Maya Rosenfeld**, Hebrew U–The Historical Shift in the PLO’s Political Strategy and Israeli Rejectionism Revisited

### (4272) Women’s Activism: Entrepreneurship, Networking, and the Pursuit of Rights

Chair: **Michela Cerruti**, EHES

**Namie Tsujigami**, U Tokyo–Women’s Networks and Empowerment in Saudi Arabia

**Roksana Bahramitash**, U Montréal–Social Economy, Social Entrepreneurship & Women’s Economic Empowerment: A Case Study from Iran’s Sistan and Baluchistan Province

**Liv Tønnessen**, Chr. Michelsen Inst (CMI)–Women’s Rights and the Women’s Movement in Sudan (1952- 2014): Focus and Strategies for Adopting Legal Feminist Action

**Zahra Ali**, EHES–Post-2003 Iraqi Women’s Rights Activism: Between NGOs, Sectarianism and Rise of Conservatism

**Hanan Nazier**, Cairo U and **Racha Ramadan**, Cairo U –Women’s Participation in Labor Market in Egypt: Constraints and Opportunities

Thematic Conversation

### (4276) State of the Art in Middle East Studies

Organized by **miriam cooke**

Session Leader: **miriam cooke**, Duke U

**Rabab Abdulhadi**, San Francisco State U

**Gunter Meyer**, CERAW Mainz U

**Randi C. Deguilhem**, CNRS, TELEMME-MMSH, France

**Toru Miura**, Ochanomizu U

**Meliha Altunisik**, METU

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**(4030) Population-Based Survey Experiments in the Middle East**  
Organized by **Matt Buehler**

**Matt Buehler**, U Tennessee—Corruption at the Courthouse? Evidence from a List Experiment on Citizen Attitudes of Morocco's Judicial System

**Sarah Bush**, Temple U and **Lauren Prather**, UC San Diego—Gender and Political Communication in the Middle East

**Lindsay J. Benstead**, Portland State U and **Ellen Lust**, U Gotenburg—Traits, Competencies or Policy Signals? Candidate Identity and Electability in Tunisian, Libyan, Egyptian and Jordanian Elections

**Steven T. Brooke**, U Louisville—Measuring Preference Falsification in an Authoritarian Regime: Results from a List Experiment in Egypt

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**(4036) Mobilizing against Sexual Harassment in Egypt: Reconfiguring Public Space and Social Responsibility**

Organized by **Helen M. Rizzo**, **Susana Galan**, **Angie Abdelmonem**, **Nicole Grove**, and **Elisa Wynne-Hughes**

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Chair: **Helen M. Rizzo**, American U Cairo

Discussant: **Nancy E. Gallagher**, UC Santa Barbara

**Nicole Grove**, U Hawai'i—The Cartographic Ambiguities of HarassMap: Crowdmapping Security and Sexual Violence in Egypt

**Elisa Wynne-Hughes**, Cardiff U—Self-Governance in Zero-Tolerance Zones: The Spatial Politics of Stop Street Harassment Campaigns in Cairo

**Susana Galan**, Rutgers U—Fighting Back: Self-Defense Initiatives against Street Sexual Harassment and Assault in Post-Revolution Egypt

**Angie Abdelmonem**, Arizona State U—The Social Is Political: The Politics of Mobilizing Bystanders against Sexual Harassment in Egypt

**(4125) Open Jerusalem! Towards a New Entangled History of Citadinité (1840-1940): Concepts, Methods and Archives**

Organized by **Vincent Lemire**

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Discussant: **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto

**Vincent Lemire**, U Paris-EST/ERC Open-Jerusalem Project—Managing the Open Jerusalem Project : A Transnational, Collaborative and Democratic Attempt

**Michelle U. Campos**, U Florida—Mapping People and Places in Late Ottoman Jerusalem through GIS

**Leyla Dakhli**, Centre Marc Bloch (CNRS)—From Mutual Understandings to Multiple Translations: Languages of Jerusalem at the Turn of the 20th Century

**Anouk Cohen**, CNRS—Shared Uses of Religious Schools, Libraries and Printing Press in the Holy City: Questioning the Concept of “Citadinité” through the Construction of Public Knowledge (1840-1940)

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**(4141) Concealment and Manifestation: A Reappraisal of Ghayba and Satr in Shi'i History**

Organized by **Edmund Hayes**

Discussant: **David B. Hollenberg**, U Oregon

**Daryoush Mohammad Poor**, Inst of Ismaili Studies—Manifestation and Concealment in Ismailism: Hermeneutics of Revival

**Edmund Hayes**, U Chicago—The Political Production of the Twelver Occultation Doctrine in the Late 3rd/9th Century and Early 4th/10th Century

**Omid Ghaemmaghami**, Binghamton U—Notes on Three Curious Reports Concerning the Ghayba

**(4146) Anthropology of Hope and the Future of the Middle East, Part II**

Organized by **Noa Shaindinger**, U Toronto and **Daniel Monterescu**

Chair: **Daniel Monterescu**, CEU  
Discussant: **Ted Swedenburg**, U Arkansas

**Nora Tataryan**, U Toronto—Lingering between Defeat and Hope: Hearing the Stories of Armenian Women Immigrants beyond the Limits of Transnational Migration

**Hosna Sheikholeslami**, Yale U—Navigating Hope and Uncertainty: The Precarious Status of the Publication of Western Social Science in Iran

**Daniel Monterescu**, CEU—“The Right of Return to Old Jaffa”: National, Binational and Postnational Hopes

**Sondra Hale**, UCLA—The Concept of Failure Transformed: Sudan and the New Insurrections

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**(4154) Elites, State Formation, and Post-Colonial Politics in Algeria**

Organized by **Robert P. Parks**

Chair/Discussant: **Robert P. Parks**, Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie

**Hugh Roberts**, Tufts U—Withholding Allegiance, Seeking Recognition: Ait Ahmed and the FFS Revolt, 1963-65

**Malika Rahal**, IHTP (CNRS, France)—Vanguard, Opposition and “Critical Support” to the FLN: the Parti de l'avant-garde socialiste (1966-1989)

**Clement Moore Henry**, National U Singapore—The UGEMA Generation of Algeria's Civilian Leadership

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**(4168) A Birds Eye of View on Code Switching in Modern Arabic**

Organized by **Sahar H. Ramadan**

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**Ghada Abdel Rehim**, American U Cairo—Patterns and Functions of Code Switching: The Case of Egyptian TV Commercials

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**Mona Hussein**, American U Cairo–Code-Switching in Egyptian Advertisement Banners

**Esraa Essa**, American U Cairo–The Functions of Code-Switching in the Written Discourse of Three Egyptian Contemporary Novels: Based on Badawi’s Model

**Sahar H. Ramadan**, American U Cairo–Code Switching in Opinion Columns: A Necessity or a Trend?

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**(4176) Narrative, Nationalism, and the Modern Middle Eastern State**

Organized by **Fadi Dawood**

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Chair/Discussant: **Roberto Mazza**, SOAS U London

**Mariam Georgis**, U Alberta–Nation and Identity in Post-2003 Iraq: Re-inserting the Assyrians

**Fadi Dawood**, SOAS U London–Assyrians and the Narrative of the Simile Massacre  
**David Simonowitz**, Pepperdine U–Arab Artists in Cold War Capitals: Travelogues and Visual Narratives of Moscow and Beijing

**Jacques Rouyer Guillet**, SOAS U London–Lanu Yesh Falafel: Non-State Narratives in the Forming of Israeli National Identity

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**(4178) Theater of Loss: Trauma in Modern and Contemporary Arabic Drama**

Organized by **Hanadi Al-Samman** and **Mohammad Salama**

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

**miriam cooke**, Duke U–Staging Trauma  
**Hanadi Al-Samman**, U Virginia–Witnessing Traumas, Performing Alterity in Heather Raffo’s *9 Parts of Desire*

**Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U–Performing Loss: Tawfiq al-Hakim’s *Ahl al-Kahf (The People of the Cave)*

**(4206) Interpretation and Practice of Maliki Law in the Islamic West**

Organized by **Nina Safran**

Discussant: **Mohammad Fadel**, U Toronto

**Russell Hopley**, Bowdoin Col–The Concept of ‘Amal between the Hijaz and North Africa: Legal Practice in the Muwatta’ of Malik ibn Anas and the Fatwas of Ibn Abi Zayd al-Qayrawani  
**Nina Safran**, Penn State U–Almoravid Rule and the Contested Domain of Maliki Usulis

**Ismail Warscheid**, CNRS–Islamic Law and Legal Practice in Pre-Modern Tuwat (Algerian Sahara)

**Camilo Gómez-Rivas**, UC Santa Cruz–The Islamic Legal Background to Spanish Imperial Protocols of Possession

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**Roundtable**

**(4209) MENA Middle Class Report: Analysis and Critique**  
Organized by **Prof. Hassan Y. Aly**

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Chair: **Hadi Salehi Esfahani**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Aljaz Kuncic**, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)

**Edward A. Sayre**, U Southern Mississippi

**Karen Pfeifer**, Smith Col, Emerita  
**Hassan Y. Aly**, Ohio State U

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**(4220) Local Sources on the Religious History of Central Asia from the Fifteenth to the Nineteenth Century**

Organized by **Jo-Ann Gross**

Chair: **Jo-Ann Gross**, Col of New Jersey

**Ghulam Ayha Hossaini**, Georg-August-U Göttingen–The Religious Boundaries of Khwaja Muhammad Parsa’s Views

**Waleed Ziad**, Yale U–Hazrat Fazl Ahmad Peshawari: Excavating the Bukhara-Peshawar Nexus after Nadir Shah

**Jo-Ann Gross**, Col of New Jersey–Local Expressions of Ismā‘īli Identity in 19th Century Badakhshān

**Devin A. DeWeese**, Indiana U–Local Shrine Guides and Regional Identities in 19th-Century Central Asia: The ‘Description of Khwārazm’ and the Geography of Pilgrimage

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**Thematic Conversation**

**(4228) Orientalisms from the Periphery**

Organized by **Maria Cardeira Da Silva**, CRIA/FCSH-UNL

Session Leader: **Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**, CIDE

**Dale F. Eickelman**, Dartmouth Col  
**Paulo G. Hilu Pinto**, U Federal Fluminense, Brazil

**Francisco Freire**, CRIA/FCSH - Lisbon  
**Laura Mijares Molina**, U Complutense de Madrid

**Angeles Ramirez-Fernandez**, U Autonoma de Madrid

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**(4246) The Maturation of the Turkish Republic**

Chair: **Hale Yılmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

**Seval Yildirim**, Whittier Col School of Law–Development Clothed in Sacred Robes: Neoliberal Religious Parties and the Secular State in Turkey and India

**Jessica Mecellem**, Loyola U Chicago–Disappearances and Individual Criminal Responsibility in Algeria and Turkey  
**Faith J. Childress**, Rockhurst U–Converting Missionaries: Shifting Missionary Perspectives on the Kemalist Regime

**Reuben Silverman**, UC San Diego–People’s Party, People’s Houses: The Origins of Political Polarization in Turkey, 1950-1954

## 2:30-4:30PM Monday November 23

**Ozturk Kart**, Necmettin Erbakan U–“From Fatherland to the Motherland”: A View to the Mass Migration Cases of Turkic Communities from Central Asia to Turkey during the Republican Period  
**William Stroebel**, U Michigan–Testimonial Fiction of the Greco-Turkish War: A Comparative Textual History of Truth-Telling and Myth-Making in the Mediterranean

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### (4248) The Environment: Urban and Rural Biospheres

Chair: **Meriam Belli**, U Iowa

**Jackson Perry**, Georgetown U–Planting the State: The FAO Forestry Division in Mid-20th Century Morocco  
**Yaron Ayalon**, Ball State U–Natural Disasters and Religious Boundaries in the Pre-Tanzimat Ottoman Empire  
**Keiko Iwamoto**, Osaka City U–A Study on Turning Point for the Ottoman Policy Applied to Nomads: The Settlement Policy on Turkish and Kurdish Nomads in the 17th-18th Centuries  
**Robert Greeley**, Middlebury Col–Governed and Ungoverned Territory: Lebanon’s Shouf Biosphere Reserve  
**Tamer Elshayal**, Harvard U and **Dalal Musaed Alsayer**, Harvard U and U Pennsylvania–The Sahara as a Sociotechnical Space: Energy, Urbanization, and the Geographies of Power  
**Suraiya Faroqhi**, Istanbul Bilgi U–Conflicts Involving Sheep-Breeding in an Agricultural District: Gebze in the Mid-1700s

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### (4255) Structures and Transformations of Political Economy

**Michael Siemon**, Cornell U–The Social Structure of Publicly Traded Firms in the Middle East and North Africa  
**Steve Monroe**, Princeton U–Small Business and Collective Inaction in the Arab World  
**Erin A. Snider**, Texas A&M U–The Politics of Economic Change in Sisi’s Egypt

**Mohamed Sallam**, U Minnesota–I Am Not a Farmer, I Value Education: NGOs and the Fashioning of a Provincial, Rural-Urban Dualism in Upper Egypt  
**Brandon Gorman**, UNC-Chapel Hill–Tunisia’s Women Entrepreneurs: Religiosity, Self-Efficacy, and Success  
**Gozde Gurun**, Princeton U–Expert Networks and Economic Governance in Syria

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### (4264) Constructing the Islamic State: Propaganda, Practice, Persecution

Chair: **James F. Goode**, Grand Valley State U

**Quinn Mecham**, Brigham Young U–Is the “Islamic State” a State? Implications of an Emergent Statehood  
**Michael Sims**, U Washington–Yezidi Identity in the Neighbor’s Gaze: Syriac Orthodox and Kurdish Perceptions  
**Seth Cantey**, Washington and Lee U–The Other Battle for Hearts and Minds: A Comparative Study of English-Language Jihadi Magazines  
**Sabah Firoz Uddin**, Merrimack Col–Fashioning the Ummah – A Thoroughly Modern Muslim Movement

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### (4274) Perceptions of Culture and Society in the Ottoman Period

Chair: **Christine Isom-Verhaaren**, Brigham Young U

**Levent Kaya Ocakacan**, Marmara U–Karayazıcı Revolt in Venetian Documents  
**Peter Kitlas**, Princeton U–Infra-Islamic Diplomacy in the Early Modern Mediterranean  
**Hatice Yildiz**, Graduate Theological Union–Understanding The Qizilbash Ritual and the Ritual Space in the Buyruk Manuscripts of the Seventeenth Century  
**Vangelis Kechriotis**, Boğaziçi U–Between History, Geography and Two Nations: The Political Thought of Pavlos Carolidis (1849-1930)

**Nizar F. Hermes**, U Virginia–Recalling al-Andalus in Early Modern Moroccan Diplomatic Writing: Al-Ghassānī’s Riḥlat al-wazīr fī iftikāk al-’asīr (1690-1691) as a Case Study

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### (4275) Language Politics: Liturgy, Discourse, and Space

Chair: **Sabahat Adil**, U Colorado Boulder

**Annette Lienau**, U Massachusetts Amherst–Liturgical Arabic as a World Language and Politicized Symbol: The Case for Comparative Literary Studies beyond the Middle East  
**Touria Khannous**, Louisiana State U–Race and Spatial Politics in Selected Maghrebian Writings  
**Rachel Friedman**, Williams Col–Redefining Terms to Redraw the Boundaries: Al-Bāqillānī’s Interpretation of Muḥkam and Mutashābih  
**Brahim Chakrani**, Michigan State U–Language Commodification in Morocco: An Emerging Discourse

**(4026) Middle Eastern States vs. ISIS: Governance Challenges in Comparative Perspective**

Organized by **Ioannis N. Grigoriadis**

**Gulriz Sen**, TOBB U Economics and Technology–Iran and the ISIS: Challenges and Opportunities for Iran’s Diplomacy

**Ioannis N. Grigoriadis**, Bilkent U–EU and Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East and ISIS: Pragmatism vs. Ideology?

**Yasin Bostanci**, Bilkent U–Allies Divided: Differing Israeli, American and Turkish Understandings of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS)

**(4031) Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism: Illiberalism within the Egyptian Intelligentsia**

Organized by **Dalia Fahmy**

Chair: **Dalia Fahmy**, Long Island U  
Discussant: **Daanish Faruqi**, Duke U

**Mohamad Elmasry**, U North Alabama–When Myth Becomes Reality: The Discursive Construction of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt

**Deina Abdelkader**, U Massachusetts Lowell–Old Wine in New Bottles: On The Limits of Secularism

**Joel Gordon**, U Arkansas–A New ‘Crisis of Orientation’: Egypt’s Liberals after Tahrir and Rab’a

**Ann M. Lesch**, American U Cairo–Advocacy Organizations Struggle against the Authoritarian State

**Sahar Aziz**, Texas A&M School of Law–The Paradox of Egypt’s Judiciary: Independent and Coopted

**(4044) The Shi’ah of Lebanon: Inter-Confessional Discourse and Relations**

Organized by **Lynda Clarke** and **Farah Kawtharani**

Chair: **Max Weiss**, Princeton U  
Discussant: **Sabrina Mervin**, CNRS

**Farah Kawtharani**, U Michigan Dearborn–Shi’is Responding to Lebanon’s Sectarian State: Hizbullah and Jurist Shams al-Din

**Pascal Abidor**, McGill U–The Anti-Sectarian Politics of Ahmad ‘Arif al-Zayn and His Majallat al-‘Irfan

**Linda Sayed**, New York U–Asserting Roots: Muhammad Jabir al-Safa and His Writing of a Shi’a History

**Lynda Clarke**, Concordia U, Montreal–A Shi’ite Clerical View of the Lebanese State: Muḥammad Jawād Maghniyah (1904-1979)

Roundtable

**(4045) Qatar after Sheikh Hamad**

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**(4047) Palestinian Decolonization and the Politics of Self-Representation, 1948-67**

Organized by **Maurice Jr. Labelle**

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Chair: **Shira Robinson**, George Washington U

Discussant: **Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa Barbara

**Leena Dallasheh**, Humboldt State U–Decolonization Interrupted: Nazareth across the 1948 Divide

**Maha Nassar**, U Arizona–Colonial and Anticolonial Discourses Regarding Palestinian Women in Israel

**Maurice Jr. Labelle**, U Saskatchewan–“We Have Right on Our Side”: Izzat Tannous and the Palestinian Politics of Self-Representation in the United States, 1955-64

**Mezna Qato**, U Cambridge–Class Liberations: Schools, Development, and Decolonial Possibility in Jordan, 1955-1958

**(4078) Medieval Ismaili Muslim Thought: Methodology, Hermeneutics and Cosmology**

Organized by **Khalil Andani**

Chair: **Daniel Beben**, Nazarbayev U

**Vignone Joseph**, Harvard U–Esotericism in the Formative Period of Ismailism: A Methodological Intervention

**Aaron Viengkhou**, Harvard Divinity School–The World as Discourse: Natural Science and Exegesis in the Jābirian Corpus and Early Ismā‘īlism

**Khalil Andani**, Harvard U–The Ismā‘īlī Influence on al-Ghazālī: A Reassessment

**Paul Anderson**, Harvard U–Ties of Blood and Water: The Ritualization of Knowledge and the Legitimization of the Dā‘ī Muṭlaq in Ṭayyibī Shi‘ism

**(4085) Women Writers of the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic**

Organized by **James Ryan** and **Kara A. Peruccio**

Chair: **Kathryn Libal**, U Connecticut

**Nazan Maksudyan**, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U–An Unhappy Ending Snow White: Ottoman Women’s Subjectivation and Empowerment in Saibe Örs’ Memoirs

**Kara A. Peruccio**, U Chicago–Pembe Romanlar?: The Politics of Suat Derviş and Nezihe Muhiddin’s Novels in the Early Turkish Republic

**Kathryn Libal**, U Connecticut–Suat Derviş’s Reportage in the Early Turkish Republic: Pioneering an Investigative Journalist Voice

**A. Holly Shissler**, U Chicago–Public Lives Publicly Remembered: Memoirs of Two Women of the Early Turkish Republic

**James Ryan**, U Pennsylvania–“A Turk Named O’Brien”: Bedtime Stories of Childhood in the Early Turkish Republic from the Memoirs of Sevim Sertel O’Brien

## 5-7PM Monday November 23

### (4087) History Making in Tourism and Leisure in Egypt and Lebanon

Organized by Waleed Hazbun and Sandrine Gamblin

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Chair/Discussant: Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden U

**Sandrine Gamblin**, American U Cairo—Manufacturing the Modern City: Tourism and Antiquities in Luxor (Egypt) at the Turn of the 20th Century

**Karin Ahlberg**, SOAS U London—Infrastructures of Image Making in Mubarak's Egypt: Tourism, Authoritarian Conditions and Global Marketing Networks

**Nadya J. Sbaiti**, AUB—Land, Tourism, and Pageantry in 1930s Lebanon

**Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver—Locating “Palestine's Summer Residence”: Mandate-Era Tourism as a Site for National Identity

**Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut—Middle East Airlines and the Making of Beirut as a Regional Travel Hub

### (4095) The Reconfiguration of the Relationship between Civil Society, State, and the Market in Contemporary Turkey

Organized by Hikmet Kocamaner and Zeynep Atalay

Discussant: Damla Isik, Regis U

**Zeynep Atalay**, St. Mary's Col of California—State-Civil Society Partnership in Turkey: Power, Agency, and Co-Optation

**Danielle V. Schoon**, U Arizona—Romani (“Gypsy”) Citizenship and the Changing Nature of the Political in Turkey

**Hikmet Kocamaner**, Brandeis U—Islamic Civil Society, the State, and the Politics of the Family in Turkey

**Kim Shively**, Kutztown U—Social Entrepreneurship and Profit-Making in the Hizmet Movement

### (4099) Symptom of a Crisis or Driver for Change?

### Socioeconomic Protests and Political Transformations in the MENA Region

Organized by Irene Weipert-Fenner

Chair: Ellen Lust, U Gotenburg

Discussant: Melani Cammett, Harvard U

**Nadine Abdalla**, Arab Forum for Alternative Studies (AFA)—The Labor Movement in the Egyptian Transformation: Which Challenges for Driving Socio-Political Change?

**Irene Weipert-Fenner**, Peace Research Inst Frankfurt (PRIF)—Facilitate, Mitigate, Forestall: Tunisia's Labor Union UGTT and Its Role in Formal and Informal Socioeconomic Protests

**Jan-Philipp Vathauer**, Peace Research Inst Frankfurt—Development and Impact of Socioeconomic Protests in the MENA Region: A Quantitative Comparison

**Dina Bishara**, Harvard U—Unions and Transitions in North Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Egypt and Tunisia

### (4108) Narratives of Identity: Conceptualizing and Contesting the Self in Arabic Literature

Organized by Anna C. Cruz

**Pei-Chen Tsung**, UC Berkeley—Figurative Language and the Self in the Wine Poetry of Abū Nuwās and Li Bai

**Linda Istanbuli**, UC Berkeley—I, We, Us and Them: Metamorphosis and Rebirth in Fadwa Tūqān's Published Words

**Douja Mamelouk**, U Tennessee Knoxville—Reinventing Tunisian Identity: Revolution, Violence and Trauma in Emna Rmili-Weslati's *al-Bāqī*

**Anna C. Cruz**, UC Berkeley—One Thousand and One Confessions: The Fractured and Constructed Self in Elias Khoury's *Yalo*

### (4119) Loving the East: Politics and Cross-Cultural Romance after 9/11

**Heather Schell**, George Washington U—Falling in Love with the Neo-Ottoman Harem: The Romance of Magnificent Century

**Stacy E. Holden**, Purdue U—Reconcilable Differences: Post-9/11 Captivity Fantasies in American Sheikh Romance Novels

**Catherine Jean**, U Florida—Romancing Authoritarianism: The Role of the Sheikh in Desert Romance Novels

**Emily A. Haddad**, U Maine—Contemporary Harlequin Novels, Deployed to the Middle East

### (4127) Who's Arab? Where's America?: Interrogating “Arab American”

Organized by Matthew Stiffler, Arab American National Museum

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Chair/Discussant: Nadine C. Naber, U Illinois

**Eid Mohamed**, U Guelph—The Reluctant Fundamentalist: South Asian Subalternity and the Re-framing of Arab American Studies

**Amanda Eads**, North Carolina State U—Lebanese-American in the South: Transition from Diasporic to Hyphenated Identity

**Danielle Haque**, Minnesota State U Mankato—Reading Identity in Arab American Writing

**John Tofik Karam**, DePaul U—Redrawing Area and Ethnic Studies: Arab America Across and beyond the Hemisphere

## 5-7PM Monday November 23

### **(4158) Traveling Knowledge: Psy-Sciences in the Modern Middle East**

Organized by **Ana Maria Vinea**

Chair: **Sara Pursley**, Princeton U

Discussant: **Ahmed Ragab**, Harvard U

**Secil Yilmaz**, Graduate Center CUNY–Unnatural Love: The Pathology of Desire during the Late Ottoman Period

**Kutlughan Soyubol**, Graduate Center CUNY–Diagnostics across Cultures: Translating Psychoanalysis into Turkish

**Selim Karlitekin**, Columbia U–Detoxing Our Souls from the West: Turkish Theology and the Invention of a Psyche for Homo Islamicus

**Ana Maria Vinea**, Graduate Center CUNY –“The Person Who Has Strong Faith Does Not Get Depressed”: Debating Depression in Contemporary Egypt

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### **(4180) As Images Move: Circulation, Appropriation, and Transformation in Contemporary Visual Production**

Organized by **Haytham Bahoora** and **Dina A. Ramadan**

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World, Iran and Turkey**

Chair/Discussant: **Sarah-Neel Smith**, Maryland Inst Col of Art

**Tammer El Sheikh**, Concordia U–Psychoanalysis and the Social Life of Dreams in Hassan Khan’s *Trusted Sources*

**Haytham Bahoora**, U Colorado Boulder–Art after Abu Ghraib: Spectacle and Medium in the Fashioning of Iraqi War Art

**Dina A. Ramadan**, Bard Col–The Straw That Broke the Camel’s Back

### **(4183) Studying the Iraqi Ba‘th Party: Challenges, Opportunities, and New Findings**

Organized by **Michael Brill**

**Samuel Helfont**, Princeton U–War and Regime Entrenchment in Saddam’s Iraq

**Michael Brill**, Georgetown U–“To Strengthen Faith and Commitment”: The Countours of Iraqi-Sudanese Relations, 1979-2003

**Aaron Faust**, Independent Scholar–“Culturalization” in Ba‘thist Iraq

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### **(4193) Captivity and Ottoman Wartime Diplomacy**

Organized by **Will Smiley**

Chair: **Virginia Aksan**, McMaster U

**Kahraman Sakul**, Istanbul Sehir U–Mutiny at Palermo, Diplomacy in Istanbul

**Will Smiley**, Reed Col–Freeing “The Enslaved People of Islam”: Treaty Law and Inter-Imperial Honor, 1739-1815

**Emrah Safa Gurkan**, Istanbul 29 Mayıs U–Captives, Diplomats and Spies: The Extraordinary Career of a Trans-Imperial Go-Between: Bartolomeo Brutti (1560s-1590s)

**Kent F. Schull**, Binghamton U–Ottoman World War I POWs and “Enemy Aliens” in British Hands: Incarceration, Citizenship Status, and Wartime Diplomacy

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### **(4277) Sex and Sexualities in the Middle East and North Africa**

Organized by **Lisa L. Wynn** and **Angel M. Foster**

**Lisa L. Wynn**, Macquarie U

**Paul Amar**, UC Santa Barbara

**Mija Sanders**, U Arizona

**Jess Newman**, Yale U

**Angel M. Foster**, U Ottawa/Ibis Reproductive Health

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**(4037) Contentious Politics in Post-Coup Egypt**

Organized by Neil Ketchley

Chair: **Steven T. Brooke**, U Louisville  
Discussant: **Jillian M. Schwedler**,  
Hunter Col CUNY

**Amy Austin Holmes**, American U Cairo—  
The Military and Mass Mobilization in  
Egypt: Explaining the Ouster of Morsi  
**Neil Ketchley**, U Oxford—When Is  
Protest Repressed? Muslim Brothers and  
Mass Mobilization after the Egyptian  
Coup of July 2013

**Ian M. Hartshorn**, U Nevada Reno—  
Regime Strategy and Protester Response:  
Workers in Sisi's Egypt  
**Yasmine Laveille**, LSE—Local  
Dynamics of Popular Mobilisation and  
Demobilisation in Upper Egypt: Ordinary  
Networks, Brokers and Loyalties in the  
Protests against Deteriorating Public  
Services

**(4068) Drugs and the State in the Modern Middle East and North Africa**

Organized by **Graham H. Cornwell**,  
Georgetown U and **Graham Pitts**

Chair: **Reem Bailony**, UCLA  
Discussant: **Rudi Matthee**, U Delaware

**Graham Pitts**, Georgetown U—Cannabis,  
Corruption, and Criminality in the  
Making of Lebanon: A Political-Ecology  
Approach, 1920-1960

**Ryan Gingeras**, Naval Postgraduate  
School—Ground Zero of an Epidemic:  
Middle Eastern Traffickers in the Heyday  
of the French Connection, 1950-1967

**Zachary Foster**, Princeton U—How Did  
Lod and Ramla Become the Hashish  
Capitals of Palestine/Israel?

**(4084) Methodology and Margins: Studying Jewish Histories of the Middle East and North Africa**

Organized by **Lior B. Sternfeld**

Chair: **Rami Ginat**, Bar Ilan U

**Orit Bashkin**, U Chicago  
**Susan Gilson Miller**, UC Davis  
**Alma Heckman**, UCLA  
**Lior B. Sternfeld**, Penn State U

**(4105) When Class Matters: Interdisciplinary Inquiries on Class in the Middle Eastern Cities**

Organized by **Yasemin Ipek Can**

Chair: **Kristin V. Monroe**, U Kentucky  
Discussant: **Farha Ghannam**,  
Swarthmore Col

**Yasemin Ipek Can**, Stanford U—  
Aspirant Youth and Social Class: Making  
Connections and Upward Mobility in  
Beirut

**Momen El-Husseiny**, UC Berkeley—  
Private Security and the Perception of  
Upper-Middle Class in Cairo's Gated  
Communities

**Feyda Sayan Cengiz**, Mardin Artuklu U,  
Turkey—"She Just Does Not Fit in Here":  
Headscarf and Class in Retail Jobs in  
Turkey

**Dina Makram-Ebeid**, Max Planck Inst  
for Social Anthropology—Wazifa as  
Property: Passing One's Job to Their  
Children and Local Understandings of  
Class in an Industrial Suburb of Cairo

**(4152) Muslims in Europe in the Interwar Years: A Trans-Cultural Perspective**

Organized by **Umar Ryad**

**Umar Ryad**, U Utrecht—Muslim  
Religious Hybridity in Interwar Europe:  
European Converts to Islam in Salafiyya  
and Ahmadiyya Networks

**Sophie Spaan**, Utrecht U—Western  
European Muslim Discourse: The Search  
for Modernity and Rationalism in the  
Interwar Period

**Andrei Tirtan**, Utrecht U—Muslim  
Politics in Post-Great War Europe:  
Laying the Foundations of a Movement  
**Mehdi Sajid**, U Utrecht—Laying the  
Foundations for a European Islam in  
the Modern Age – Islam and Muslims in  
Interwar Germany as a Case Study

**(4159) Pro- and Anti-Safavid Propaganda, 1480-1580**

Organized by **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**

Chair/Discussant: **Sara Nur Yildiz**, St  
Andrews U/Orient-Institut Istanbul

**Christopher Markiewicz**, U Chicago—  
The Evolving Rhetorical Response to  
Shah Ismail: Idris Bidlisi and Ottoman  
Anti-Safavid Sentiment, 1501-1513  
**Matthew Melvin-Koushki**, U South  
Carolina—The Unpatriotic Persian: Fazl  
Allah Khunji as Pioneer of Anti-Safavid  
Propaganda

**Colin Mitchell**, Dalhousie U—F Is for  
Fath: Qazi Mir Husain Maybudi and His  
Model Victory Letter

**Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer**, Ohio State  
U—Turning Kızılbaş, Turning Safavid:  
Pro-Safavid Propaganda in Anatolia  
during the 15th and 16th Centuries

**(4164) Negotiating Fragmentation: The Recent History of Four Islamist Movements**

Organized by **Laurence Deschamps-Laporte**

**Jose Vericat**, U Oxford—The Influence  
of Regional Political and Religious  
Developments on Hamas

**Victor Willi**, U Oxford—The Fourth  
Ordeal: An Organisational History of the  
Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt from 1973  
to 2013

**Laurence Deschamps-Laporte**,  
U Oxford—Da'wa before Politics?  
The Egyptian Da'wa Salafiyya's  
Fragmentation under the Rule of Sisi  
**Rory McCarthy**, U Oxford—Tunisia's  
Ennahdha: Between Preaching and  
Politics

**(4181) Maghrebi Literature and the Re-Appropriation of the Euro-American Figure**

Organized by **Brahim El Guabli** and **Anouar El Younsi**

Chair: **Nizar F. Hermes**, U Virginia  
Discussant: **Gretchen Head**, Yale-NUS Col

**Jill Jarvis**, Princeton U–Doing Justice: Kamel Daoud Cross-Examines Albert Camus

**Anouar El Younsi**, Penn State–Tahar Ben Jelloun and the Limits of “Worlding” Maghrebi Literature

**Nancy Demerdash**, Princeton U–Integration, Exile and Postmemory in the Franco-Maghrebi Graphic Novel

**Nathan H Dize**, U Maryland, Col Park–La Sexualité et l’ethnicité sont des sujets chauds: Intersectionality and Abdellatif Kechiche’s *La Vie d’Adèle*

**(4182) The Social History of the Middling, Petty, and Impoverished Scholars (‘Ulama’) of the Early Modern Ottoman World**

Organized by **A. Tunc Sen** and **Basil Salem**

**A. Tunc Sen**, U Chicago–The Multiple Faces of the 16th Century Ottoman Scholars: The Case of Zaifi (d. 1557) and His Embittered Voice

**Carlos Grenier**, U Chicago–“I Saw Some Subaşı and Asked How They Could Favor Me”: The Making of a Family of Ottoman Popular Litterateurs on the Fifteenth-Century Frontier

**Michael D. Sheridan**, Bilkent U–“So Much for the ‘Ulama’”: Early 17th-Century Ottoman Invective and Tensions within the Learned Classes

**Basil Salem**, U Chicago–The Social Category of ‘Ulama’ in Eighteenth Century Ottoman Damascus

**(4190) Changing Discourses of Nationalism in Contemporary Turkish Politics**

Organized by **Huseyin Levent Koker**

Chair/Discussant: **Neveser Koker**, U Michigan

**Halise Karaaslan Sanli**, Ankara U–Democracy and Nationalism in Political Party Leader’s Speeches: An Assessment with a Focus on 2015 Elections

**Ulku Doganay**, Ankara U–The Discourse of Ottomanism in 2015 General Elections

**Huseyin Levent Koker**, Near East U–The Nationalist Impasse in Turkey’s Constitution Making Process

**Nur Betül Çelik**, Ankara U–Antagonisms, Political Frontiers, and Nationalisms in Turkey

**(4207) Negotiating Authority in Contemporary Shi’ism**

Organized by **David Thurfjell**

Chair: **David Thurfjell**, Sodertorn U, Sweden

**Johan Gärde**, Ersta Sköndal U Col, Sweden–Marginalization and Disappointment? The Socio-economic Conditions of Shi’ite Populations in the Middle East

**David Thurfjell**, Sodertorn U, Sweden–A Charismatic Challenge: The Heyyati-Movement in Contemporary Iran

**Thomas Fibiger**, Aarhus U–Stay Pure: Religion without Politics among the Shi’a in Kuwait

**(4218) Gender Trouble in the Gulf and Palestine: Challenges of Approaching Gender Issues in the Classroom and Society**

Organized by **Jacqueline Armijo**

Chair: **Jacqueline Armijo**, Qatar U  
Discussant: **Judith E. Tucker**, Georgetown U

**Lina Kassem**, Qatar U–Educating Women in the Gulf: Unintended Consequences and Developing New Strategies

**Hatoon Al Fassi**, Qatar U–Teaching “Women in Islam” in the Gulf

**Esraa Al-Muftah**, Qatar U–Teaching a “Women’s Profession”: A Case of Gender Stereotypes at the College of Education, Qatar U

**Islah Jad**, Qatar U–When Gender Meets Colonization and Conservatism: Teaching Gender in Colonized Palestine and Qatar

**(4237) Rethinking Premodern Persian Texts: Poetry, Prose, and Theater**

Chair: **Yaseen Noorani**, U Arizona

**Laurie Pierce**, U Chicago–New Sources for Mahsati: Rethinking the Poet and Her Impact on the Persian Quatrain

**Pouye Khoshkhoosani**, U Arizona–Amorous Depiction of Love: Gender, Religion and Power in Classical Persian Poetry

**Ana Ghoreishian**, U Arizona–Disruption of Constructed Gendered Frameworks of “Properness” in Iraj Mirza’s Arefnameh

**Theodore Beers**, U Chicago–The Baharistan of Jami and Persian Canon Formation

**Hamid Rezaei Yazdi**, U Toronto–Looking Back at the Future: Modern Prose Literature in Iran and the Myth of Translation

**(4242) Contestation in Early Islamic Historiography**

Chair: **Brian Ulrich**, Shippensburg U

**Michael Dann**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Values and Specialization in the Hadith Milieu of the Late 2nd/8th and Early 3rd/9th Centuries

**Brian Dee**, Georgia State U–Reexamining the Berber Revolt

**Alison Marie Vacca**, U Tennessee–“The Year of the Fire”: Muḥammad b. Marwān, the Second Fitna, and the Churches of Naxčawan and Xram

**Florian Schwarz**, Austrian Academy of Sciences–Revisiting the Urbanization of Iran in the Early Islamic Period

**Michael Bonner**, U Michigan–The Ridda in East Arabian Perspective

**Dr. Karim Samji**, Gettysburg Col–Narrative Reconstruction in Early Islamic Historiography: The Case of Dūmat al-Jandal



**(4244) Displacement, Memory, and Identity Construction**

Chair: **Madison Marks**, Qatar Foundation International

**Toni Rouhana**, UC Santa Cruz–Sectarian Imaginations: The Shifting of Sectarian Habitus in Lebanon

**Rawan Arar**, UC San Diego–Placing the Refugee Burden: Refugees Immigration Policy in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon

**Nils Hagerdal**, Harvard U–Ethnic Cleansing as Military Strategy: Lessons from Lebanon, 1975-1990

**Philip Issa**, U Texas Austin–Organizing before the Organization: Palestinian Civic Leadership in Lebanon before 1964

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**(4254) Patterns of Household Formation: Gender, Family, Law**

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, U Texas Austin

**Marion Holmes Katz**, New York U–Who Has to Do the Chores? Domestic Labor as a Key to the Islamic Law of Marriage

**Etienne Paulin**, Université de Moncton (Canada)–Limiting the Growth: Patterns of Household Formation among the Berbers of Southern Morocco in Precolonial Times

**Elizabeth Perego**, Ohio State U–War-Torn Algeria as Woman: Representations of Women during Algeria’s “Dark Decade,” 1991-2002

**Yasser Sultan**, Indiana U, Bloomington–What If She Were the Exegete? A Feminist Critique of the Classical Tafsīrs on the Issue of Interfaith Marriage

**Sara Verskin**, U Rhode Island–Compassionate Conservatives: Medieval Muslim Jurists Imagine the Spiritual Experiences of Women

**(4266) Competing Identities and Diverging Lives: Israel/Palestine after 1948**

Chair: **Rebecca Granato**, Bard al Quds Col

**Noa Shaindlinger**, U Toronto–Point of No Return: The Nakba and the “New Normal” in Jaffa, 1948-1949

**Hillel Gruenberg**, Jewish Theological Seminary–Yesh 1972: The GSS-Abetted Victory of Haifa’s Jewish-Arab Student Left

**Kimberly Katz**, Towson U–Hebron under Jordanian and Egyptian Rule: The “Dual Era” in 1949

**Molly Theodora Oringer**, UCLA–Consuming the Homeland: Luxury Commodities and Diaspora Tourism in Israel



**(4290) Reframing the Debate about Secularism in the MENA Region; or, What We Talk about When We Talk about Religion**  
Organized by **Suzanne Schneider**

Session Leader: **Ajay Chaudhary**, Columbia U

**Gregory Starrett**, UNC Charlotte  
**Suzanne Schneider**, NYU Brooklyn Inst  
**Joyce Dalsheim**, UNC Charlotte

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#### (4033) Iran, the Genre; or, Who Writes Iran?

Organized by **Pardis Mahdavi**, Pomona Col and **Amy Motlagh**, American U Cairo

Chair: **Persis Karim**, San Jose State U

**Zuzanna Olszewska**, U Oxford  
**Roxanne Varzi**, UC Irvine  
**Blake Atwood**, U Texas Austin  
**Shahram Khosravi**, Stockholm U

#### (4042) Conversion, Diaspora and Inquisition in the XVI Century: Conversos and Moriscos in the Spanish Empire's Mediterranean Policies

Organized by **Diana Galarreta-Aima**

Chair: **Mayte Green-Mercado**, U Michigan

**Lisette Balabarca**, Siena Col—The Representation of the Defeated Moriscos through the Portrayal of *El Abencerraje's* Abindarráez

**Conxita Domènech**, U Wyoming—Pedro Manrique's Legacy in Don Quixote: The Moriscos in Catalonia

**Diana Galarreta-Aima**, U Virginia—Zoraida/María: Inclusion of New Christians in the Spanish National Body through Inter-ethnic Marriages

**Zainab Cheema**, U Texas Austin—Poetics of Exile: Examining the Dialogue between Spain's Sixteenth-Century Maurophilic Ballads and North Africa's Malhoun Poetry

**Chad Leahy**, U Denver—"I Am a Moor with the Moors, with the Christians, a Christian": Negotiable Identities in the Early Modern Mediterranean

#### (4048) Political Economies of Upheaval and War in the Middle East

Organized by **Joshua Stacher**

Chair/Discussant: **Joel Beinin**, Stanford U

**Pete W. Moore**, Case Western Reserve U—Jordan's Long War: Iraq, Capital, and Underdevelopment

**Michael Herb**, Georgia State U—The Resource Curse and Civil Conflict in the Arab World

**Joshua Stacher**, Kent State U—Military Inc. and Dividing the Spoils: A Political Economy of Egypt's Uprising

**Max Ajl**, Cornell U—Social Origins of Agricultural Underdevelopment

**Sheila Carapico**, U Richmond—Peripheral Underdevelopment and Upheaval in Yemen

#### (4065) Patriarchy, State and Legitimacy in Turkey

Organized by **Meral Ugur Cinar**

Chair: **Alev Cinar**, Bilkent U

Discussant: **Ozlem Altiok**, U North Texas

**Sezen Yaras**, Bilkent U—Politics of Inclusion and Engendering the Narrations of 'Inclusive Political Authority' in Turkey's Latest Constitution Making Process

**Ozlem Altan-Olcay**, Koç U and **Ayşe Alniacik**, U Pittsburgh—Public Policy Making in Turkey: How Technical Goals of Development Turn into Conservative Gender Politics

**Gizem Zencirci**, Providence Col—Daughters or Wives? Poor Women's Empowerment and Disempowerment in Neoliberal Turkey

**Simten Cosar**, Hacettepe U—Feeling Socially Secure in Turkey: The JDP's Gender Regime in Focus

**Meral Ugur Cinar**, Bilkent U—"Don't Worry Mom, We Are Protesting in the Back Rows": Patriarchy and Its Subversion in the Gezi Movement

#### (4106) Securing and Contesting Middle Eastern Frontiers: Iraq and Palestine

Organized by **Jeremy Siegman** and **Kali Rubaii**

Discussant: **Samera Esmeir**, UC Berkeley

**Dina Omar**, Yale U—Debating Ghosts: An Ethnographic Study of the UC Berkeley Divestment Campaign

**Kali Rubaii**, UC Santa Cruz—Conducted Chaos: Frontiering Iraq's Anbar Province

**Ross Caputi**, Fitchburg State U—Moral Disengagement and the Perception of the Enemy's Use of Human Shields

**Jeremy Siegman**, U Chicago—Securing and Contesting a Settler Frontier: Policing and Politics in Occupied West Bank Commercial Spaces

#### (4107) On the Margins of Ottoman Modernity: Multidimensional Negotiations of Identity

Organized by **Tugce Kayaal**

Chair/Discussant: **Resat Kasaba**, U Washington

**Daniel Fields**, Princeton U—Remapping the Empire: State Imposed Place Name Change in the Late Ottoman Period  
**Canan Bolel**, U Washington—Quest for a Portable Homeland on the Verge of Extraterritoriality: Conceptualization of Ladino as the Affective Linguistic Space in İzmir, 1909-1914

**Onder Eren Akgul**, Georgetown U—Ottoman Imperial Attempts to Build a Local Army: Asakir-i Hamidiye in Yemen 1880-1882

**Tugce Kayaal**, U Michigan—The Emergence of Charity as a Contested Domain: Armenian Orphans of Istanbul during the Hamidian Era 1876-1907

#### (4144) The Islamic Middle East and Memorial Space in the North American Public Sphere

Organized by **Nadeen Kharputly**

Chair: **Babak Rahimi**, UC San Diego

Discussant: **Afshin Marashi**, U Oklahoma

**Sally Howell**, U Michigan Dearborn—Mosques as Sites of Muslim American History Making

**Kate DeConinck**, Harvard Divinity School—Park51: A Vision, a Controversy, and a Path Forward

**Nadeen Kharputly**, UC San Diego—Institutional Narratives of Inclusion and Exclusion at the National 9/11 Memorial

**Nima Rassooli**, UC San Diego—The Marvel Universe as an Islamic Memorialized Site: Exploring the Muslim-American Superhero as a Site of Commemoration and Challenge to Alterity

### **(4155) New Directions in the Study of Charity and Philanthropy**

Organized by **Miriam R. Lowi**

Discussant: **Miriam R. Lowi**, Col of New Jersey

**Jennifer Olmsted**, Drew U–‘Development, Charity and the Social Contract

**Aliaa Remtilla**, Simon Fraser U–Charity as Love: Religion and Development in Post-Soviet Tajik Ishkashim

**El-Sayed el-Aswad**, United Arab Emirates U–Philanthropy and Social Responsibility: A Case Study of the Culture of Giving in the United Arab Emirates

**Damla Isik**, Regis U–Volunteerism, Aid Relief, Entrepreneurship and Pious Economies in Turkey

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### **(4161) Cultural Heritage Destruction: Evidence and Emergency Responses in Syria, Iraq, and Libya**

Organized by **Brian I. Daniels**

Chair: **Brian I. Daniels**, U Pennsylvania Museum

Discussant: **Stephennie Mulder**, U Texas Austin

**Katharyn Hanson**, U Pennsylvania–Efforts in Iraq to Document and Preserve Cultural Heritage in Crisis

**Susan Kane**, Oberlin Col–Libya’s Cultural Heritage under Threat

**Corine Wegener**, Smithsonian Institution–The Plight of Museums in Armed Conflict: A Syria Case Study

**Susan Wolfenbarger**, American Association for the Advancement of Science–Monitoring Cultural Heritage in Conflict Using Satellite Imagery: Syria and Iraq

### **(4162) The Relation of Engineering to Sociopolitical Developments in the Modern Middle East**

Organized by **Sadegh Foghani**

**Stefan Peychev**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Was There an Ottoman City?

Urban Governance and Water Supply Management in Ottoman Sofia

**Selim Tezcan**, Social Sciences U Ankara–Western Technology and Eastern

Morals? Some Perplexing Observations on Ahmet Mithat’s Ideas about the Synthesis of the East and the West

**Abdullah Haris Toprak**, ISAR Foundation–Between Tradition and Modernity: Majmua al-Ulum al-

Riyadiyah of Bash Hoca Ishaq Effendi

**Sadegh Foghani**, U South Carolina–Engineering the Revolution: French

Thermodynamics and the Formation of Religio-Political Thought in Twentieth-Century Iran

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### **(4214) Palestine Letters: Exile, Resistance, Solidarity**

Organized by **Salah D. Hassan**

Chair/Discussant: **Salah D. Hassan**, Michigan State U

**Dina Al-Kassim**, UBC–“Who Will Write the History of the Moss?": 1948, 1971, 1982, 2002, 2008, 2014

**Hosam Aboul-Ela**, U Houston–From the First Well to the Last House: Jabra Ibrahim Jabra’s Exilic Poetics of Nationalism

**Karim Mattar**, U Colorado Boulder–Refusing to Mourn: Gaza and the Language of Resistance

**Yaseen Noorani**, U Arizona–Sacrificial Palestine and Arab Identity

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### **(4241) Culture and Politics in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring**

Chair: **Suncem Kocer**, Kadir Has U

**Nour Halabi**, U Pennsylvania–From Democratic State to Democratic Media: The Case of Egyptian Media After Mubarak

**Kareem Mahmoud Kamel**, Future U in Egypt–Turning the 2011 Revolution on Its Head?: Redefining the Nation and the National Narrative of the Post-July 2013 Egyptian Regime

**Jeffrey Sachs**, Simon Fraser U–Courting Disaster: Judicial Behavior during the Tunisian and Egyptian Transitions

**Claire Cooley**, U Texas Austin–Mobile Phone Camera Revolution? Destabilizing the Authority of the Citizen Journalist Image in Iran and Egypt

**Emily Cury**, Northeastern U–Diasporas and the Arab Spring: Transnational Communities as Drivers of Conflict, Peace, and Reconstruction

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### **(4243) Diaspora, Migration and Identity**

**Cal Margulis**, UCLA–Finding Iranians of African Descent in English-Language Travel Literature

**Menahem Merhavy**, Hebrew U–From Pahlavi Rule to a Iranian Diaspora – Shojaeddin Shafa’ and His Polemics of Iranian Identity

**Hager El Hadidi**, CSU Bakersfield–The Dynamic of Belonging: The Social History of a Yemeni American Settlement

**Calvert Jones**, U Maryland-College Park–Does Diversity Influence Ethical Decision-Making? Experimental Evidence from Middle Eastern Youth

**Ilaria Giglioli**, UC Berkeley–Celebrating Arabness While the Arabs Are Leaving: Cross-Border Cooperation and Tunisian Migration to Sicily

**Ammar Naji**, Colorado Col–Diasporic Inside the Homeland: Black Yemenis and Belonging in Ali Al-Muqri’s *Black Taste... Black Smell*

**Fiona McCallum**, U St Andrews, UK–Homeland Ties, Community Cohesion and Youth Disengagement?: Middle Eastern Christian Diasporic Humanitarian and Political Activism in the UK

**(4249) Public Health: Sex, Birth Control, Stress, and Mental Health**

**Ellen J. Amster**, McMaster U—The Politics of Birth in Morocco: A History between Muslim Midwifery, French Colonial Obstetrics, the WHO, and the Arab Revolutions

**Joanna Wulfsberg**, U Arizona—Madness and Marginality in the Making of a Local Icon: The Case of Bursa's Deli Ayten

**Anat Mooreville**, U Washington—The Mass Trachoma Project: Jews and Global Health in Morocco, 1949–1956

**Monica Alessandra Ronchi**, U Exeter—Psychiatry and the Mental Health System in Colonial and Postcolonial Algeria: A Doomed Institution?

**Yara Asi**, U Central Florida—Quality of Life in Palestine: The Role of Stress, Insecurity, and Sumud

**Gholam R. Vatandoust**, American U Kuwait—Building a Brothel City: Reza Shah of Iran's Social and Health Policies (1926–1945)

**(4251) Identity and Discourse in the Development of Nationalism**

**Huma Gupta**, MIT—The 'Always, Already Hybrid' One: The Diaries of Alexander Svoboda from Baghdad to Paris and Back

**Defne Bilir**, Florida State U—Through the Lens of David Douglas Duncan: Picturing the Palestine Territories of 1946

**Mina E. Khalil**, U Pennsylvania—Magda and Nadia Haroun: Two Jewish Sisters Claiming Their Egyptian Homeland

**Asher Kaufman**, U Notre Dame—“Belonging and Continuity”: Israeli Druze and the First Lebanon War 1982–2000

**(4256) Sufi Texts and Rituals in the Pre-Modern Era**

Chair: **Sebastian Guenther**, U Goettingen

**Aiyub Palmer**, U Kentucky—Rethinking Early Islamic Authority, Contextualizing al-Hakim al-Tirmidhi's Vision of Sainthood

**Roxanne D. Marcotte**, Université du Québec à Montréal—“On the Science of Spiritual Wayfaring”: A 13th Century Treatise

**Zachary Wright**, Northwestern U Qatar—Sufi Selfhood in the Eighteenth Century Ṭarīqa Muḥammadiyya

**John Walbridge**, Indiana U Bloomington—The Content and Transmission of Suhrawardi's “Creed of the Sages”

**Sara Abdel-Latif**, U Toronto—Al-Sulamī's Ḥaqā'iq al-Tafsīr: Interpreting the Qur'an through Lived Mystical Experience

**(4259) Court Systems and Legal Reform: Gender, Family Law, and Terrorism**

**Tara Deubel**, U South Florida—Divorce and Women's Status: Impacts of Family Law Reform in Southern Morocco

**Yüksel Sezgin**, Syracuse U—“Democratizing” Muslim Family Laws: What Explains and the Success or Failure in Family Law Reform

**Samaneh Oladi**, UC Santa Barbara—Religious Activism: Reformation of Women's Legal Status

**Aisha Ghani**, Stanford U—Invocations of Islam in Terrorism Courts: Challenges of and to Secular Law, Categories, and Space

**Brock Cutler**, Radford U—The Man in the Middle: Gender and the Courts in Colonial Algeria

**(4261) Pedagogies of Teaching Arabic Language and Middle East Studies**

Chair: **Madison Marks**, Qatar Foundation International

**Emma Trentman**, U New Mexico—Using the ACTFL Can-Do Statements to Design a Proficiency Based Arabic Curriculum

**Said Hannouchi**, U Wisconsin Madison—Investigating Cultural Awareness of Learners of Arabic as Compared to Moroccan Native Speakers of Arabic

**Cindy Elder**, U Washington—Normalizing Middle East Studies

**Shaimaa Abdel Aziz**, American U Cairo—Arabic, Corpora and Classroom

**David Henen**, American U Cairo—A Corpus Linguistic Exploration of the Particle yā in Five Egyptian Films

Thematic Conversation

**(4287) The Revolution in Palestinian History**

Organized by **Abdel Razzaq Takriti**

Chair: **Karma Nabulsi**, Oxford U

**Karma Nabulsi**, Oxford U

**Abdel Razzaq Takriti**, U Sheffield

**Ilan Pappé**, U Exeter

**Mezna Qato**, U Cambridge

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**(4049) Middle East Primary Resources in Times of Conflict: The Future of Collections and Fieldwork**

Organized by **Dale J. Correa** and **Laila Moustafa**

Chair: **Dale J. Correa**, U Texas Libraries

**Laila Moustafa**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Noah Gardiner**, U Michigan

**Elizabeth R. Nugent**, Princeton U

**David B. Hollenberg**, U Oregon

**James Casey**, Princeton U

**(4050) Judges, Lawyers, and Change in the MENA: When and How Do Judicial Practitioners Challenge or Defend the Status Quo?**

Organized by **Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke**

Chair: **Denis J. Sullivan**, Northeastern U  
Discussant: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

**Rania Maktabi**, U Oslo–Female Lawyers on the Rise in Kuwait: Potential Agents of Reform?

**Monique C. Cardinal**, Université Laval–Dissident Prosecutors, Judges and Courts in Syria since the Revolution of March 2011

**David Mednicoff**, U Massachusetts Amherst–Legal Practitioners in Qatar and the Gulf: Agents of Stability, Change or Both?

**Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke**, U Oxford–Morocco’s Judges Club: Calling for Dignity and Independence in the Name of the King

**Thematic Conversation**

**(4062) Whither the History of Islamic Science**

Organized by **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn**

Session Leader: **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn**, Tel Aviv U

**Glen Cooper**, Claremont McKenna Col

**Gottfried Hagen**, U Michigan

**Robert G. Morrison**, Bowdoin Col

**Daniel Stolz**, Northwestern U

**Elizabeth Frierson**, U Cincinnati

**(4081) Societal Transformations in Contemporary Turkey**

Organized by **Sarah Fischer** and **Seda Demiralp**

Chair: **Timur Hammond**, UCLA

**Sarah Fischer**, American U–Women and the Transformation of Party Politics in Turkey, 2002–2015

**Solen Sanli**, Santa Rosa Junior Col–End of Hegemony? AKP, Neoliberalism and Social Disciplining

**Seda Demiralp**, Işık U–The New Turkey? Urban Renewal and Beyond

**Fulya Apaydin**, Instit Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals–Financialization and the Push for Non-state

Social Service Provision: Philanthropic Activities of Islamic and Conventional Banks in Turkey

**(4109) Subjectivity, Meaning-Making, and Misrecognition in Islamist Discourse**

Organized by **Stacey Philbrick Yadav**

**Murad Idris**, U Virginia–Making Islam Meaningful: Submission and Peace between Islamists and Orientalists

**Ahmed Khanani**, Earlham Col–Decentering the Human: A Moroccan Islamist Articulation of Rights

**Roxanne L. Euben**, Wellesley Col–Rhetorics of Humiliation: The Case of Islamist Discourse

**Stacey Philbrick Yadav**, Hobart & William Smith Cols–Islamist Republicanism, Sectarian Conflict, and International Misrecognition in Yemen

**(4111) Towards an Anthropology of Aftermath - Ethnographic Perspectives from the MENA Region**

Organized by **Karin Ahlberg** and **Carl Rommel**

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Chair: **Karin Ahlberg**, SOAS U London  
Discussant: **Samuli Schielke**, ZMO

**Nora Danielson Lanier**, U Oxford–A Tale of Two Aftermaths: Time, Protest and the Politics of Asylum in Cairo, Egypt

**Alice Elliot**, U Col London–The Aftermath of Return: Revolution, Crisis, and Homecoming in Tunisia

**Fuad Musallam**, London School of Economics–Possible Politics in the Aftermath: The Production of Activist Subjectivities in Lebanon after the Arab Uprisings

**Youssef El Chazli**, U Lausanne–Godot Is Here. Now What? The Biographical Consequences of Revolutionary Activism

**Carl Rommel**, SOAS U London–In the Aftermath of Port Said: Fading Emotionality and Remade Politics within a Ruined Landscape of Egyptian Football

**(4129) Modern Infrastructural Development in Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Mesopotamia**

Organized by **Pauline Lewis**

Discussant: **Fredrik Meiton**, New York U

**Pauline Lewis**, UCLA–Signaling Sovereignty: Ottoman-British Cooperation and Contestation over Telegraphy, 1858–1875

**Samuel Dolbee**, New York U–Ancient Infrastructures, Modern Borders: Roads, Ruins, and Locusts on the 1920s Syrian-Turkish Frontier

**Natasha Pesaran**, Columbia U–Transporting Iraqi Oil: Empire, Internationalism and the Politics of the Iraq-Mediterranean Oil Pipeline, 1928–1931

**(4135) Prisoners, Policing and Policy in Mandate Palestine and Early Israel**

Organized by **Shay Hazkani**

Discussant: **Salim Tamari**, IPS

**Yoav Alon**, Tel Aviv U–Palestinian Attitudes towards the Palestine Police Force, 1921–1936

**Alex Winder**, New York U–Caught in the Middle: Palestinian Policemen between Colonial State and Rebel Counter-State during the 1936–1939 Revolt

**Steven Wagner**, McGill U–British Intelligence and Colonial Control: The Internment and Freedom of Arab “Renegades” during and after the Second World War

**Shay Hazkani**, New York U–“I Think Food Is More Important Than Pictures”: Palestinian POWs Correspond with Their Families under Israel’s Watchful Eye, 1948–1949

**(4139) Challenging ‘Abbasid Dominance: The ‘Other’ Islamic Powers of the Medieval Islamic World**

Organized by **Christine Baker** and **Eric J. Hanne**

Chair: **Jere L. Bacharach**, U Washington

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