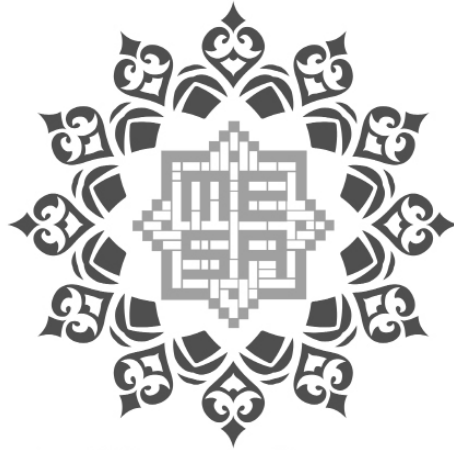


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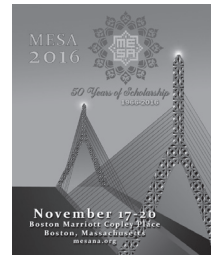
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# MESA Members Meeting

Quorum of 35 voting members needed to vote.

Date: Friday, November 18

Time: 12:00nn-1:30pm

Location: 4-Salon E

The annual meeting of the membership is open to all members. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. Members will be voting for the 2017 Nominating Committee and on the resolution below.

## Resolution to Amend MESA’s Bylaws

*Whereas*, the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) has previously issued statements expressing concern over or opposition to specific policies or developments concerning the Middle East and North Africa region; and

*Whereas*, MESA members have publicly and privately debated the meanings, utility, and practices of the word “non-political” in Article 1, Section 2 of the organization’s bylaws; and

*Whereas*, A number of members of MESA seek to clarify the organization’s self-definition, maintaining consistency with the organization’s 501(c)(3) legal status, nature and objectives, and lived experience; and

*Whereas* the removal of the term “non-political” better protects the organization from potential litigious actions (irrespective of merit or chances of success)

### **Resolved, That the MESA membership**

*Affirms* to eliminate the term “non-political” from Bylaws Article I, Section 2 on MESA’s Nature and Objectives; and

*Affirms* to add the clause, “in accordance with its status as a 501(c)(3) scientific, educational, literary, and charitable organization,” to the end of Bylaws Article I, Section 2 to more precisely correspond to MESA’s organizational legal nature and objectives as a non-profit association; and

*Adopts* the following new language for Article I, Section 2 of MESA’s Bylaws:

“MESA is a non-profit association that fosters the study of the Middle East, promotes high standards of scholarship and teaching, and encourages public understanding of the region and its peoples through programs, publications and services that enhance education, further intellectual exchange, recognize professional distinction, and defend academic freedom, in accordance with its status as a 501(c)(3) scientific, educational, literary, and charitable organization.”

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# Presidential Biography

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There is a MESA tradition of a president writing about her or his path into the field. Although I was very tempted to break with this tradition (writing about one's own intellectual trajectory at a time when the MENA region faces such unprecedented challenges seemed a bit too self-indulgent), I have been persuaded otherwise. It is precisely at such precarious times that we may need to be reminded of why we do what we do—produce scholarship, teach courses, and give public lectures—and how we got here.

Before I had ever heard of Title VI, the federal monies that support Middle East studies across the country, I had become familiar with Title IX, the legislation that prohibits sexual discrimination in education. As a high school athlete who grew up close to New York City, I fought for equal access to playing fields, courts, coaching, and equipment, having learned rather early on that female athletes were considered inferior to male athletes. This battle continued into college, where at Dartmouth, a traditionally all male institution that had recently gone co-ed, I played Division I soccer, fighting once more for fair treatment on and off the field.

Having gone to college with the intention of studying medicine—biology had been a favorite subject—I quickly found that history courses appealed much more than the required ones in chemistry. The smell of the stacks proved intoxicating, the lectures spellbinding, and I got hooked on historical research. For it was through history, particularly social history, that I began to make sense of the gender and other inequities I had experienced or witnessed growing up. Racial conflict had marked my junior high and high school years, and religious discrimination had been a theme in family conversations. Explorations of the past gave these issues historical context and pointed the way to overcoming inequality through social movements.

At college, an early interest in Jewish and Israeli history metamorphosed into an interest in Middle Eastern history writ large. Until then I had not visited the region and only later learned of family ties: a great grandfather had been born in Istanbul in the 1860s. This great grandfather, who arrived in the U.S. in the 1890s, is described in an oral history as “a very dark skinned Turkish looking man with a big black moustache.” He only gave up his Ottoman citizenship when the empire allied with Germany in World War I, and it was probably then that my family created the myth that he was Russian to hide his Ottoman past.

In a world of binaries, I always assumed that I was white, that is until I travelled to London to study for my MA at the School of Oriental and African Studies. There, in the United Kingdom, many people thought of me as something else, not black but not white either. Among other things, I apprehended how fluid and constructed identity could be and saw how a contracting empire that had drawn many of its former colonized people to its shores treated them. Learning to navigate the city and archives at the center of the British Empire, an empire that played such a dominant role in the Middle East, would prove as invaluable as the analytical skills that Malcolm Yapp imparted to his students.

At UCLA, I settled on Egypt as the focus of my studies, in part because of the intriguing questions on gender that presented themselves in modern Egyptian history, in part because it was one of the few places I could conduct research. When I finally got out into the field to study Arabic and collect sources, I often got mistaken for being Egyptian, a mistake that left me in a liminal space, forced to learn and

## Presidential Address

### “From Regional Crisis to Mid-Life Crisis”

Thursday, November 17 · 7:30pm-9pm · Salon E, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

sometimes to follow the codes and expectations for proper gendered behavior. I had gone into the field with a comparative project and the intention of spending two weeks at Dar al-Kutub reading periodicals produced or authored by women. The weeks turned into months, as I changed my research topic—the Arabic women’s press became both the subject and main source of my dissertation.

Following in the footsteps of my teachers Gene Garthwaite and Nikki Keddie, my work has focused on social history. This thread has wound its way through my writing on literary culture and society, gender and representations of the nation, and religion and social welfare. In my research, I have looked for the marginalized or forgotten, arguing that their stories are key to understanding the past. Whether writing about activists and intellectuals, enslaved Africans and Circassians, orphaned and abandoned children, or missionaries and Islamists, I have strived to give voice to those less often heard.

Having moved from London to LA to Cairo in the course of graduate studies, I ended up back in New York with a teaching position at City College, City University of New York. Teaching there, on the frontlines in a public university with limited resources has not been easy. But it has been rewarding: City College prides itself on having the most diverse student body in the country, and its location in the heart of Harlem positions it at the crossroads of fascinating cultural, political, and economic currents. It has been a tremendous privilege to serve students who take nothing for granted, who value an education that they have fought hard to get, and who bring to class discussions incredible experiences and insights. My students and colleagues, as well as the graduate students who have taught alongside me, have inspired me and affirmed the importance of teaching. At the same time, it has pained me to see the ever widening gap in resources between public universities starved of funds and private institutions awash in them.

Working in New York City has also offered a unique perspective on events that have come to define our times: the seeds of the “war on terror” were sown here with the attacks of 9/11 and the drumbeats for the subsequent war in Iraq played out at the UN. In early September 2001, right before the toppling of the towers, the trustees of CUNY approved the launching of a Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center at the CUNY Graduate Center. Building MEMEAC with Anny Bakalian, and having the opportunity to foster a close community of scholars and nurture a generation of talented MA and PhD students, has been enormously gratifying.

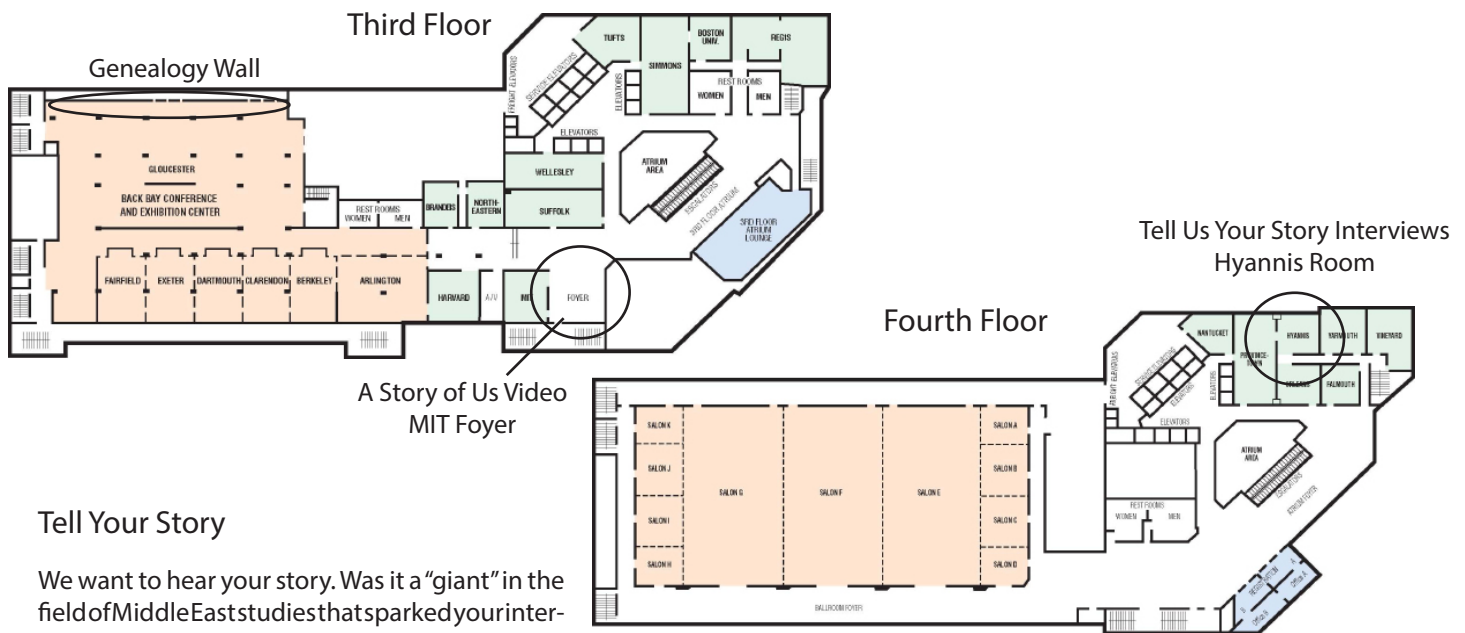
The presence of a vibrant Middle East center made it possible to host IJMES at the Graduate Center. Editing the journal from 2009 to 2014 with Sara Pursley and Jeffrey Culang, the best partners imaginable, was an exhilarating endeavor. It was also exhausting, and life after IJMES was supposed to be more relaxed. I planned to take time off, learn to meditate, and return to my own scholarship, pursuing a new project that brings me full circle (a social history of medicine in Egypt). I’d also hoped for more time on the hiking trail. But that is not quite how it turned out.

The MESA presidency, I thought, was mostly an honorary position. I was wrong. Our international community of scholars and students is under siege, with some in real peril. This is a time of action: of speaking out on behalf of academic freedom and unfettered debate; of striving to create opportunities at universities for those Middle Eastern scholars and students whose work and lives are at risk in Turkey, Syria, and elsewhere; of condemning sexual harassment and violence in the academy and working to end it; and of standing by our commitment to produce the best scholarship that we can and recognize it in new ways.

# The Story of Us

MESA, with funding from the Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies, is creating a video diary of lived experiences on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years of Middle East studies. We have interviewed some founding members along with MESA stalwarts. We wanted to know about the experiences of those who came to the field in its infancy, to hear about how the study of the region has morphed over the years, and to understand the challenges that have confronted scholars over the decades. Where have we been, where are we now, and where are we going?

We invite meeting attendees to have a look at the video presentation that is set up in the foyer off of the MIT room on the 3rd floor (en route to the Book Bazaar). The presentation will be on a continual loop, and there are chairs for those who would like to watch. MESA is also keen to conduct interviews during the meeting of those who want to share their experiences (see below for information).



## Tell Your Story

We want to hear your story. Was it a “giant” in the field of Middle East studies that sparked your interest? Did a relative’s tales inspire you? Maybe you traveled to a wondrous place as a child and it left an indelible impression? Perhaps you were studying to be the next great something-or-other and are required core class caught your attention and changed your life?

On the occasion of MESA’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we invite MESA members to tell the story of how they got into Middle East studies, what their influences have been, and the trajectory of their career path. Which piece of scholarship (other than your own) resonates to this day? What is your favorite Middle East themed piece of fiction whether high brow or low? What have been your greatest challenges? What do you see as the greatest challenge to the next generation of scholars?

Make your story a part of MESA’s 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Drop by the Hyannis room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor to sign-up for a time for a video interview.

## A Intellectual Genealogy of Middle East Studies

Tracing the intellectual genealogy of Middle East studies is a daunting task. At the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century most scholars were imported from Europe or the Middle East although a few home grown who learned about the region on their own popped up here and there. That group played a role training the next generation—the 51 founding MESA members—whosought camaraderie among similarly focused individuals. They in turn trained the next generation, and so on.

With many missing pieces and much to add to it, a “family tree” of this early intellectual genealogy can be found on the back wall of the Book Bazaar. Our starting point was the 51 founding members, and to that we added honorary fellows and former MESA presidents. Data was not available for many.

We encourage those in the field to stop by the wall and have a look. Then, share your intellectual genealogy with us. Send us the name of your dissertation advisor and the awarding institution. Tell us the names and current affiliations of the PhD students you have trained (or are currently training). Maybe you can help fill in the blanks on the founding members, honorary fellows, and former MESA presidents.

We hope to expand the intellectual genealogy through the generations, but much work must be done to fill in the gaps.





# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual FilmFest

November 17-20, 2016 ▾ Boston, Massachusetts



## Thursday

Iraqi Odyssey (3:15pm)

COURTESY OF AFD/TYPECAST FILMS



## Saturday

The Tentmakers of Cairo (1:45pm)



COURTESY OF DOCUMENTARY EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

## Friday

Salam Neighbor (9:40am)

COURTESY OF TUGG EDU



Sonita (8:20pm)



COURTESY OF WOMEN MAKE MOVIES

In the Image: Palestinian Women Capture the Occupation (2:15pm)

COURTESY OF KINO LORBER EDU



## Sunday

My Home (9:20am)



COURTESY OF RUTH DISKIN FILMS

Badge Required  
to watch films  
(Register on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

## Film Schedule

Screening in the  
Suffolk Room  
(3rd Floor)

### Thursday, November 17

- 9:00am The Mad, Mad, P<sup>er</sup>W<sup>orld</sup> (3)  
9:05am A Young Nation: The Future of Oman  
Through the Eyes of Its Youth (22)  
9:30am Sufi Soul: The Mystical Music of Islam (48)  
10:20am BESIEGED BREAD (12)/BESHKARA (14)  
10:50am Voice of the Valley (52)  
11:45am The Price of Kings: Shimon Peres (62)  
12:50pm 50 Feet From Syria (39)  
1:30pm Omnia (9)/Nouran (7)/Caravan (7)  
1:55pm Afghanistan 1979: The War That Changed the  
World (58)  
2:55pm Murad (5)/Bachelors of War (6)/A Broken  
Home (8)  
3:15pm Iraqi Odyssey (93)  
4:50pm Shushala (13)  
5:05pm **THE MAN FROM ORAN** (128)  
↳ Featuring a Cineforum with Lyès Salem  
6:30pm \*\*\*closed for the MESA Presidential Address\*\*\*  
9:00pm Arabic Movie (60)

### Friday, November 18

- 9:00am Semiotics of Islam (7)  
9:10am Bahrain's Stateless People (27)  
9:40am Salam Neighbor (75)  
11:00am Sana'a: Symphony of an Old City (52)  
Featuring a Cineforum with Fuad Abdulaziz Mohamed  
12:00pm \*\*\*closed for the MESA Members Meeting\*\*\*  
1:30pm Pakistan: No Place Like Home (25)/  
FAREWELL EXILE (16)  
2:15pm In the Image: Palestinian Women Capture  
the Occupation (61)  
3:20pm Nefertiti's Daughters (40)  
4:05pm Letters From Baghdad (95) ☆Sneak Preview☆  
↳ Featuring a Cineforum with Elizabeth Chandler  
5:55pm The Crossing (55)  
6:55pm Starving Yemen (23)  
7:20pm Guesthouse (5)/The Ripple Effect (6)  
7:35pm Viva Granî (82)  
9:00pm From Iran, A Separation (52)



As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone before entering the FilmFest screening room. Please note that no photography is permitted during film screenings.

### Saturday, November 19

- 9:00am For a Loaf of Bread (5)/Yemen-Taxi (6)  
9:15am A SEATBELT'S MISSION (8) ☆WORLD PREMIERE☆  
& The Absentees (10)  
9:35am Mystic Mass (69)  
10:45am Razor's Edge: The Legacy of Iranian Actresses (80)  
Featuring a Cineforum with Bahman Maghsoudlou  
12:20pm The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's  
Public Relations War in the United States (82)  
1:45pm The Tentmakers of Cairo (100)  
3:30pm After Spring (101)  
Featuring a Cineforum with Stephanie Ching & Ellen Martinez  
5:25pm Almost Friends (60)  
6:30pm \*\*\*closed for the Plenary Address\*\*\*  
8:00pm The Neighbour (19)  
8:20pm Sonita (91)

### Sunday, November 20

- 8:00am Starless Dreams (76)  
9:20am My Home (52)  
10:15am Berber Wedding Festival (48)  
11:05am The Last Words (34)  
11:40am Jews and Muslims: Intimate Strangers Part 3 (55)  
12:40pm The Tainted Veil (78)



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CAPS = Short Dramas

# Film Descriptions



COURTESY OF THE CINEMA GUILD

*50 Feet From Syria*

**50 FEET FROM SYRIA** (Syria/Turkey) 39 min. In English. Director/Producer: Skye Fitzgerald. **Print Source: The Cinema Guild.** In a hospital on the Turkey-Syria border, Syrian-American doctor Hisham Bismar provides medical help to those Syrians who reach the hospital alive. Victims of barrel bombs and snipers are smuggled across the border by “M”. Amid chaos and calamity, the film presents the heroic efforts of a doctor working in the midst of a brutal, dehumanizing conflict.

**A BROKEN HOME (WAṬAN MUḤAṬṬAM)** (Yemen) 2015 8 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Abdurahman Hussain. Producer: Support Yemen. **Print Source: Yemen Peace Project.** Six months of an ongoing war have left the Yemeni people with a loss that goes beyond the destroyed property and infrastructure. Each day, cracks in the Yemeni social fabric expand; decreasing chances for peace and make Yemen a broken home.

**A SEATBELT’S MISSION (MIHMAH ḤIZĀM ALAMĀN)** (Qatar) 2016 8 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Rouda Al Meghaiseeb. Producers: Ibrahim Al Hashmi, Mohammed Buhmaid and Syed Owais Ali. **Print Source: Syed Owais Ali.** This short film is part of the Qatari government’s effort to increase seatbelt usage by young men. The fictional tale presents the “seatbelt” as alien to cultural norms. Seatbelt fails to convince them to protect their friends until something mysterious changes their attitude.

**A YOUNG NATION: THE FUTURE OF OMAN THROUGH THE EYES OF ITS YOUTH** (Oman) 2016 22 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Hannah Gaber. **Print Source: Hannah Gaber.** Oman has experienced profound growth and development since Sultan Qaboos assumed power in 1970. Oman’s economy is dependent on oil. Half the population is under 30. The plans of Omani youth will determine the course of this young nation.

**THE ABSENTEES** (Myanmar/UAE) 2015 10 min. In Hindi w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Tanya Daud. **Print Source: Image Nation.** The Royingas are a Muslim Indo-Aryan group native to Myanmar. Considered the world’s most persecuted minority, many Royingas have migrated. This film looks at the Royinga sense of identity, discrimination, and yearning for their homeland through the eyes of Raess, a refugee living in Dubai.

**AFGHANISTAN 1979: THE WAR THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** (Afghanistan) 2014 58min. Director: Gulya Mirzoeva. Producer: Vladimir Donn. **Print Source: Icarus Films.** Soviet troops entered Afghanistan in 1979. The Russians viewed it as an operation with a ‘limited contingent’ of soldiers. The war lasted ten years and was a cause for the Soviet Union’s collapse. This film looks at the events from the Russian point of view and provides remarkable historical insights.

**AFTER SPRING** (Syria/Jordan) 2016 101 min. In English, Korean and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors/Producers: Steph Ching and Ellen Martinez. **Print Source: Tugg EDU.** Close to 80,000 Syrian exiles live in the UN’s Zaatari Refugee Camp. More than half of the camp’s inhabitants are children. This documentary gives an intimate portrait of the rhythms of the camp, the role of the aid workers, and the daily lives of two families contemplating an uncertain future. All aspects of refugee camp life are explored, including medical assistance, the self-sustaining economy, martial arts classes and even pizza making. However, it all arcs on bringing purpose and education to the children, often termed the ‘lost generation.’



COURTESY OF HEYMANN BROTHERS FILMS

*Almost Friends*

**ALMOST FRIENDS** (Israel) 2014 60 min. In Hebrew and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Nitzan Ofir. Producer: Barak Heymann. **Print Source: Heymann Brothers Films.** Samar has an Arab Israeli mother and a Palestinian father from the West Bank. She lives in Lod, a mixed Israeli city. Linor was born in an Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip and now lives in a religious settlement. The girls’ homes are only 67 kilometers apart but they live in worlds separated by national, cultural and ideological differences. Both participate in a school education and technology program and first meet through email. Later, they meet face-to-face, an event that reveals the huge differences that exist in their country.

**ARABIC MOVIE (SERET ARAVI)** (Israel) 2015 60 min. In Hebrew and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Eyal Sagui Bizawe and Sara Tsifroni. Producer: Osnat Trabelsi. **Print Source: Go2Films.** It was a 70s Israeli ritual: sitting at home on Friday afternoon, watching the only Israeli TV channel screen an Arabic film. Viewers never wondered how the official television obtained these films when there weren’t relations with Arab states. No one asked how Israelis became addicted fans of Egyptian comedies and melodramas, sharing the same cultural heroes and admiring the same movie stars as their archenemy Egyptians. The Arabic Movie provided a glimpse of a world that was out of reach.



*Bachelors of War*

**BACHELORS OF WAR (‘AZŪBIYAT ḤARB)** (Yemen) 2015 6 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Mohammed Al-Aghbri. Producer: Support Yemen. **Print Source: Yemen Peace Project.** This is a day in the life of two friends forced to send their wives and children abroad because of the war in Yemen. Although lighthearted, this documentary illustrates the underlying frustrations and worries of many young men in the face of unemployment, empty homes, and broken dreams.

**BAHRAIN’S STATELESS PEOPLE** (Bahrain) 2015 27 min. In English. Directors/Producers: Natasha Bowler and Filippo Brachetti. **Print Source: Journeyman Pictures.** For Bahrain’s Shia majority arrests, beatings, harassment and torture are part of daily life. Since 2011, when the population protested for greater political rights from the Sunni regime, life for most Bahrainis had been difficult. Beyond violent repression of dissent, the regime also revokes opponents’ citizenships. Without a passport, dissidents can’t work and lose access to education, medical care and legal support. Moreover, they can’t leave Bahrain.

**BERBER WEDDING FESTIVAL** (Morocco) 2014 49 min. In Arabic and Tamazight w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Deborah Perkin. **Print Source: Films Media Group.** Imilchil is an Amazigh (Berber) village located high in the Middle Atlas Mountains. The annual marriage festival draws thousands of locals and tourists. The festival provides opportunities for prospective grooms and brides to see potential mates and provides a music-filled atmosphere for the marrying couples. The festival is also a huge harvest market.

**BESHKARA** (UAE) 2015 14 min. In English, Filipino and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Abdulrahman Al Madani. Producers: Azalia Ganji and Abdulrahman Al Madani. **Print Source: Abdulrahman Al Madani.** A Filipino woman is the caretaker for a cantankerous, dependent Emirati grandmother. When the caretaker learns her daughter is terminally ill she wants to go home but her employer refuses to return her passport.

**BESIEGED BREAD** (Khubz Al-Ḥṣār) (Syria/Lebanon) 2016 12 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Soudade Kaadan. Producer: Mira Kaf. **Print Source: KAF Productions.** They are somewhere in Syria. She has spent a long day smuggling bread. He has fled the army. A tree is their only shelter. They both know there is no hope.

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*Caravan*

**CARAVAN** (Qatar) 2016 7 min. In Arabic, English, Tagalog and Hindi w/appropriate subtitles. Director: Suzannah Mirghani. Producer: Doha Film Institute. **Print Source: Suzannah Mirghani.** This film narrates the stream of consciousness flowing through a cross-section of Qatari society. In the suspended time and space of a Doha traffic jam, a random group of people creates a temporary urban society – a metaphor for the largely transient Gulf countries.

**THE CROSSING** (Egypt/Italy/France/Netherlands/Belgium/Germany/Sweden) 2015 55 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: George Kurian. **Print Source: The Cinema Guild.** Fleeing war, a group of Syrian refugees embark on a dangerous trek that leads to Europe. There they learn the hardest part lies ahead. Each must battle to stay sane and find their ways in an alien environment. This film shows the lengths to which people go to find safety and forge their own destiny.

**FAREWELL EXILE (SALAM GHOURBA)** (Morocco) 2011 16 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Lamia Alami. Producers: Lamia Alami and Widad Hafda. **Print Source: Lamia Alami.** In a Moroccan neighborhood, Fatima waits to join her migrant husband in France. The absence of the husband, the lack of job and finances, along with the harmful environment that her naïve son is immersed in gives her very little hope. Will the husband’s letter potentially secure a brighter future for her and her son Mohammed or will she have to make a crucial sacrifice?

**FOR A LOAF OF BREAD (ḤAQQ LAQMAT AL-’AYSH)** (Yemen) 2015 4 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Amal Al-Yarisi. Producer: Support Yemen. **Print Source: Yemen Peace Project.** This poignant short film highlights the struggles and dreams of a Yemeni child in a time of war.

**FROM IRAN, A SEPARATION** (Iran) 2013 52 min. In Farsi w/English subtitles. Directors: Kourosh Ataee and Azadeh Maoussavi. Producers: Katayoon Shahabi, Kourosh Ataee and Azadeh Maoussavi. **Print Source: The Cinema Guild.** In 2012, “A Separation” won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar. For the Iranian people this was more than a cinematic award. When threats of war with Iran covered the world headlines, the director talked about Iran’s love for peace and the country’s rich culture when receiving his award. Someone other than government officials expressed Iranians’ voice.

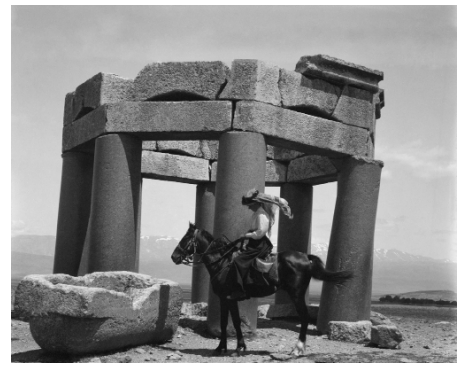
**GUESTHOUSE** (Turkey) 2016 5 min. In English, Turkish, Arabic and Farsi w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Sinan Kadife. **Print Source: Sinan Kadife.** As the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Turkey grew, a local NGO established a guesthouse for single male refugees and asylum seekers. The residents come from different countries, speak different languages and believe in different religions. This short film poignantly describes their lives.

**IN THE IMAGE: PALESTINIAN WOMEN CAPTURE THE OCCUPATION** (Palestine) 2014 61 min. In English, Arabic, and Hebrew w/English subtitles. Directors/Producers: Judith Montell and Emmy Scharlatt. **Print Source: Kino Lorber EDU.** This is a documentary about West Bankers who collaborate with the Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem. Their project provides video cameras and training to young women who use them to capture violations of Palestinian's civil rights by settlers and the military as well as the nuances of their own lives. This video introduces these non-violent activists, humanizes them and sheds light on the complicated situations that have become daily life for Palestinian citizens living in the occupied territories.

**IRAQI ODYSSEY** (Iraq/Russia/New Zealand/Switzerland/United States) 2014 93 min. In English, Arabic, German and Russian w/English subtitles. Director: Samir. Producers: Werner Schweizer and Samir. **Print Source: AFD/Typecast Films.** In this film director Samir recounts the story of his globalized middle-class Iraqi family. Although dispersed, the family's travails provide a short history of Iraq. Often at odds with the Iraqi government, family members emigrated for safer homes but they remained forever Iraqis. Samir's film pays homage to the frustrated democratic dreams of a people successively plagued by dictatorship, war, and foreign occupation. The FilmFest is screening the shorter classroom version.

**JEWES AND MUSLIMS: INTIMATE STRANGERS, PART 3, THE SEPARATION: 1789-1945** (France/Turkey/Palestine) 2014 55 min. In English and French w/English subtitles. Director: Karim Miské. Producers: Jean Labib and Anne Labro. **Print Source: AFD/Typecast Films.** Jews and Muslims are considered archetypal enemies in endless conflict, a perception made of misunderstandings and omissions. Covering the Muslim era, the goal of this balanced and well-researched 4 part-series is to present facts and deconstruct historical misbeliefs. In this episode, European Jews become the protectors of their brethren in Palestine.

**THE LAST WORDS (SON SÖZCÜKLE)** (Turkey) 2015 34 min. In Turkish and Ladino w/English subtitles. Director: Rita Ender. Producer: NewDeas Production. **Print Source: Rita Ender.** Sephardic Jews in Turkey have been speaking the Judeo-Spanish language Ladino for centuries, but today it faces extinction. The disappearance of Ladino is a product of discrimination and the younger generation's lack of cultural connection.



COURTESY OF SABINE KRAYENBÜHL

*Letters from Baghdad*

**LETTERS FROM BAGHDAD** (Iraq) 2016 95 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Zeva Oelbaum and Sabine Krayenbühl. Producer: Zeva Oelbaum. **Print Source: Sabine Krayenbühl.** Gertrude Bell is sometimes called the "female" Lawrence of Arabia. Bell traveled widely in Arabia before being recruited by British military intelligence during WWI to help draw the borders of Iraq. Told entirely in the words of Bell and her contemporaries, this documentary chronicles her extraordinary journey into both the uncharted Arabian Desert and the inner sanctum of British colonial power.

**THE MAD, MAD, DVW WORLD** (Iran) 1975 3 min. No dialogue. Designer/Director: Nureddin Zarrin-Kelk. Producer: Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults, Tehran. **Print Source: Media Resources Center, University of North Carolina.** This black-and-white animated cartoon features a very active symbolic map. It is a tale of "global relations." Taffy Bodman, the FilmFest founder, selected the cartoon which has become the MESA FilmFest signature film. It was shown first in 1991.

**THE MAN FROM ORAN (L'ORANAIS)** (Algeria) 2014 128 min. In French and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Lyès Salem. Producer: Isabelle Madelaine. **Print Source: Dharamsala.** L'Oranais was a nom-de-guerre for a leader of the FLN during Algeria's war for independence. This drama examines the aftermath of that struggle. Two comrades emerge from the struggle and assume important posts in the new government. Over the next 30 years, their idealism wanes. The government they fought for dissipates and they and others fall victim to arrogance and corruption.

**MY HOME** (Israel) 2016 52 min. In Hebrew and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Igal Hecht. Producers: Igal Hecht and Chutzpa Productions. **Print Source: Ruth Diskin Films.** Minorities make up one-fifth of Israel's population. Collectively they are labeled "Arabs". Many consider them hostile to Israel. However, there are "Arabs" who consider Israel a good place. This documentary gives glimpses into Christian, Bedouin, Muslim and Druze communities allowing members to articulate their place in Israel.

**MURAD** (Yemen) 2015 5 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Abdurahman Hussain. Producer: Afro1 Films. **Print Source: Yemen Peace Project.** Yemeni street artist Murad Subay talks about how he has been using his art to inspire collective action to build peace since the 2011 uprising and since the outbreak of war in 2015.



*Mystic Mass*

**MYSTIC MASS** (Lebanon) 2014 70 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Karim B. Haroun. Producers: Karim B. Haroun and Marina Klimoff. **Print Source: Documentary Educational Resources.** Annually, thousands of Shia Muslims gather in Nabatiyyeh, Lebanon, to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussein. It is Shia Islam's most important religious event. The faithful participate in long processions, flagellation and self-mutilation, and strive to reenact Imam Hussein's death with their own blood and flesh. This film presents how the mass begins, achieves the height of mysticism and dissolves – all within 24 hours.

**NEFERTITI'S DAUGHTERS** (Egypt) 2015 40 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Mark Nickolas and Rasha Najdi. Producers: Mark Nickolas, Rasha Najdi, Ramy Francis and Jean Ferreri. **Print Source: Icarus Films.** This documentary demonstrates the critical role of street art during the Egyptian uprisings. Focusing on the role of women artists in the struggle for sociopolitical change, it spotlights how the iconic graffiti of Queen Nefertiti placed her on the front lines in the ongoing fight for women's rights and freedom in Egypt.

**THE NEIGHBOUR** (UAE) 2014 19 min. In English and Arabic w/Arabic and English subtitles. Director: Nayla Al Khaja. Producer: Claudia Corbelli. **Print Source: Emirates Distrib.** Sara has just moved to Dubai. The transition to her new life is not easy. She is lonely until one night her neighbor knocks on the door. An elderly Emirati woman annoyed at her piano playing during prayer time, confronts her.

**NOURAN** (UAE/Syria) 2015 7 min. In English. Director: Nouran Alchalati. Producer: Nora Bin Sahli. **Print Source: Image Nation.** A young Syrian artist describes the difficulties she encountered as a refugee moving to the Emirates to pursue her dreams.

**THE OCCUPATION OF THE AMERICAN MIND: ISRAEL'S PUBLIC RELATIONS WAR IN THE UNITED STATES** (Israel/USA) 2016 85 min. In English. Directors/Producers: Loretta Alper and Jeremy Earp. **Print Source: Media Education Foundation.** The military occupation of Palestinian territory and repeated invasions of the Gaza Strip have triggered a fierce backlash against Israeli policies virtually everywhere in the world – except the United States. This documentary addresses this critical exception by focusing on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S.

**OMNIA** (UAE/Egypt) 2015 9 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Amena Al Nowais. Producer: Fayssal Bin Sahli. **Print Source: Image Nation.** Omnia is a young Egyptian woman living in the Emirates. She suffers from post-traumatic stress from an incident in her childhood. In this film, she recounts the events that left her confused and troubled about the meaning of love, physical and mental senses of self, and sexuality.



*Pakistan: No Place Like Home*

**PAKISTAN: NO PLACE LIKE HOME** (UAE/Pakistan) 2015 25 min. In Urdu, Panjabi and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Syed Owais Ali. Producer: Urooj Kamran Azmi. **Print Source: Syed Owais Ali.** Sharif, a young farmer from a Pakistani village, journeys to the UAE in search of greener pastures. This documentary shows how Sharif, man of influence in his village, deals with his loss of authority and struggles with his new identity. Sharif's story is full of humor, heart and hope.

**THE PRICE OF KINGS: SHIMON PERES** (Israel) 2012 62 min. In English. Directors/Producers: Joanna Natasegara and Richard Symons. **Print Source: Amazon.** The late Shimon Peres spent a lifetime at the seat of power. As a nation builder it's hard to overestimate Peres's achievements, but in the words of the President, "What we call experience the younger generation calls a chain of mistakes." Despite winning the Nobel Peace Prize, the state of Israel he so passionately helped to build remains at war.

**RAZOR'S EDGE: THE LEGACY OF IRANIAN ACTRESSES** (Iran) 2016 128 min. In Farsi w/ English subtitles. Director/Producer: Bahman Magsoudlou. **Print Source: International Film and Video Center.** This comprehensive film examines the often-controversial role of women in Iranian cinema during the secular period - the 1930s to the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Through unprecedented access to the actresses and rare clips from the movies in which they appeared, this film examines the impact when women gain expression in a stridently patriarchal society.

**THE RIPPLE EFFECT** (Pakistan) 2015 6 min. In English and Urdu w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Sarah Jahann Khan. **Print Source: Women's Voices Now.** The Ripple Effect shows how access to safe water has transformed the lives of rural Pakistani women. Adopting methods of conserving rainwater frees women from fetching water and gives them freedom to pursue new opportunities and invest in their children's futures.

**SALAM NEIGHBOR** (Jordan) 2015 75 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Directors: Zach Ingrasci and Chris Temple. Producers: Zach Ingrasci, Chris Temple, Salam Darwaza and Mohab Khattab. **Print Source: Tugg EDU.** Two Americans move into Jordan's Za'atari refugee camp to live among 80,000 Syrian refugees. Filmmakers Zach and Chris plunge into the world's most pressing humanitarian crisis. They uncover inspiring stories of individuals rallying against all odds, to rebuild their lives and those of their neighbors.



*Sana'a: Symphony of an Old City*

**SANA'A: SYMPHONY OF AN OLD CITY** (Yemen) 2016 52 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Fuad Abdulaziz Mohamed. **Print Source: Fuad Abdulaziz Mohamed.** This film tries to feel the pulse of Sana'a, one of the oldest cities in the world, through six prominent artists who live there. Their reverential revelations about their daily lives are in contrast to the video diaries they made, as the city they love has become a victim of a civil war.

**SEMIOTICS OF ISLAM: A PRIMER FOR KUFFAR** (USA) 2014 7 min. In English. Director/Producer: Fouzia Najar. **Print Source: Women's Voices Now.** This film challenges Islamophobia by redefining quotidian items found in a Muslim home. In the process, it reveals that the mainstream media's prevailing narrative of Islam is uninformed and alarmist.

**SHUSHALA** (Palestine) 2016 13 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Hanan Awad. **Print Source: Hanan Awad.** Muhaned Salah was arrested and detained by Israeli authorities because he filed a complaint against settlers who burned his house. The settlers believe they have the divine right to Muhaned's land. Muhaned's story shows that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not a religious conflict but is about the struggle for equality and human rights.

**SONITA** (Iran) 2015 90 min. In English, Farsi and Dari w/English subtitles. Director: Rokhsareh Ghaem Maghami. Producer: Gerd Haag. **Print Source: Women Make Movies.** Sonita is an 18-year-old Afghani illegal immigrant girl living in Tehran. She is high-spirited and fights to live her own life in contrast to Iranian culture and the conservative views of her family. She expresses herself as an artist, singer and musician. This documentary is unusual because the filmmaker plays a major role in Sonita's life.

**STARLESS DREAMS (ROYAHAYE DAME SOBH)** (Iran) 2016 76 min. In Farsi w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Mehrdad Oskouei. **Print Source: The Cinema Guild.** A haunting portrait of stolen childhood, this documentary reveals the lives of seven teenage girls sharing temporary quarters at a rehabilitation and correction center on the outskirts of Tehran. As the New Year approaches, the girls bond and relate with disarming, playful honesty the circumstances that led to their incarceration. This film delivers an unforgettable portrayal of restored innocence.

**STARVING YEMEN** (Yemen) 2016 24 min. In English and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Nawal Al-Maghafi. **Print Source: Journeyman Pictures.** In early 2015, conflict between rebels and the government erupted in civil war. The Saudi's sided with the government against the Iranian supported rebels. Saudi bombing runs have decimated the infrastructure and plunged the state into a food crisis. Two million Yemeni are malnourished. About 350,000 children are starving to death.

**SUFI SOUL: THE MYSTICAL MUSIC OF ISLAM** (Syria/Turkey/Pakistan/India/Morocco) 2015 49 min. In English. Director: Simon Broughton. Producer: Carl Simons. **Print Source: Films Media Group.** This rereleased film documents the musical subcultures of Sufism. In Sufism, music unites consciousness and physical being into a unified presence. This concept is examined in five cultural settings.

**THE TAINTED VEIL** (Denmark/Egypt/UK/Turkey/Syria/Morocco/France) 2015 78 min. In English, Arabic, French, Danish, Turkish and Dutch w/English subtitles. Directors: Nahla Al Fahad, Mazen al Khayrat and Ovidio Salazar. Producer: Alyazia Bint Nahyan. **Print Source: Anasy Media.** To wear the hijab calls attention to the wearers' Muslim religion. This documentary challenges perceptions of the veil. Whether a veil of the soul, the mind or the body; the veil in history and the many meanings behind it are discussed.

**THE TENTMAKERS OF CAIRO** (Egypt/USA/France) 2015 100 min. In English, French and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Kim Beamish. **Print Source: Documentary Educational Resources.** In Islamic Cairo, four tentmakers hand-stitch Khayamiya or appliqué. Khayamiya used to decorate tent interiors but today are most common in tourists' homes. This documentary reveals the craft's techniques at a time when it is gaining international popularity. Filmed between the departure of Hosni Mubarak through the brief reign of Muhammad Morsi, viewers gain insights into local opinions about the uncertain political and economic situation.

**VIVA GRANÎ (HER BIJÎ GRANÎ)** (Turkey) 2016 94 min. In Turkish, Kurmanji and Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: George Mürer. **Print Source: George Mürer.** This film presents young Kurdish wedding musicians in Turkey. Because of state repression, Kurds make their weddings sites of defiance as well as festivity. The role of wedding musicians—predominantly men in their twenties—is to encourage community cohesion, the participation of all age groups and support how hosts and guests want to situate themselves politically.

**VOICE OF THE VALLEY (Jordan)** 2013 52 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director/Producer: Leila Jarman. **Print Source: Women's Voices Now.** This documentary presents two young women from Jordan's impoverished, religious and tribal agricultural hub, the Jordan Valley. Without formal training and unable to get a government license, Asma and Munira broadcast a groundbreaking radio program. Despite threats and backlash from their community, the women expose regional sociopolitical and environmental issues.

**YEMEN – TAXI (AL-YAMAN – UJRAH)** (Yemen) 2015 6 min. In Arabic w/English subtitles. Director: Mohammed Al-Ashwal. Producer: Support Yemen. **Print Source: Yemen Peace Project.** This short film reveals the hopes of a student-turned-taxi-driver. Despite the trials and tribulations of driving in a war-zone, he remains upbeat.

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## Call for Entries

The MESA FilmFest Committee seeks submissions for FilmFest 2017 to be screened during the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, November 18-21. All entries will be reviewed by the committee or selected regional/topical experts. DVD submissions (2 copies) in region free NTSC format should be sent with the entry form to the address below. Links to digital submissions of H.264 files (with .mp4 or .mov extensions) should be provided with the entry form and sent to the email address below. If a digital entry is accepted, the film maker may be asked to send a higher resolution file (not larger than 4-5 GB). Entry forms will be available online. Contact information: Thomas B. Stevenson, FilmFest Director, MESA Secretariat, 3542 N. Geronimo Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705 (520.333.2577; 740.605.0115; tbstevenson@email.arizona.edu).

**Submission Deadline: June 15, 2017**



# Meetings in Conjunction



- ◆AATA–American Association of Teachers of Arabic  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Executive Board Meeting**, 9am-12nn, MIT (3)  
**Panel**, 1-3pm, Regis (3)  
**Business Meeting**, 3:30-4:30pm, Regis (3)



- ◆AATP–American Association of Teachers of Persian  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Executive Meeting**, 3-5pm, Salon I (4)  
**Annual Awards Ceremony**, 5-7, Salon I (4)

- ◆AATT–American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Business Meeting**, 7-8pm, Arlington (3)

- ◆AllrS–American Institute of Iranian Studies  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 3-5pm, Tufts (3)

- ◆AIMS–American Institute for Maghrib Studies  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 9am-1pm, Tufts (3)  
**Business Meeting**, 3-4:30, Wellesley (3)

- ◆AIYS–American Institute for Yemeni Studies  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 4-6pm, Orleans (4)  
Friday, 11/18  
**Business Meeting**, 5:30-6:30pm, Brandeis (3)



- ◆AMIDEAST–America-Mideast Educational & Training Services  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Education Abroad Academic Consortium Meeting**, 4-6pm, Hyannis (4)

- ◆AUC–American University in Cairo  
Friday, 11/18  
**Reception**, 8:30-11pm, Simmons (3)

- ◆AUB–American University of Beirut  
Friday, 11/18  
**Reception**, 7-9pm, Atrium (3)



- ◆AASA–Arab American Studies Association  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 3-4pm, MIT (3)  
**Members Meeting**, 6:30-7:30pm, Salon C (4)  
**Open Reception Honoring Elaine Hagopian**, 7:30-8:30pm, Salon C (4)

- ◆Arabic Collections Online  
Friday, 11/18  
**Advisory Board Meeting**, 1:45-3pm, Yarmouth (4)

- ◆ASI–Arab Studies Institute  
Friday, 11/18  
**Knowledge Production Project, Launching Reception**, 9-10:30pm, Salon D (4)



AGAPS

- ◆AGAPS–Association for Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 11am-2pm, Hyannis (4)  
**Business Meeting**, 3-5pm, Nantucket (4)  
**Happy Hour Reception**, 5:30-8:30pm, Legal Sea Foods, Copley Square, 100 Huntington Avenue

- ◆AIS–Association for Israel Studies  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Reception**, 8:30-10pm, Wellesley (3)



- ◆AMEA–Association for Middle East Anthropology  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 1-2pm, Salon A (4)  
**Business Meeting**, 2-3pm, Salon A (4)



- ◆AMEWS–Association for Middle East Women's Studies  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 5-6:30pm, MIT (3)  
Friday, 11/18  
**Graduate Student Committee Meeting**, 5-6pm, Boston University (3)  
**Members Meeting**, 7-8:30pm, Brandeis (3)  
**Dinner**, 8:30-10:30pm, Provincetown (4)

- ◆ASPS–Association for the Study of Persianate Societies  
Saturday, 11/19  
**Board Meeting**, 2-3pm, Northeastern (3)  
**JPS Editorial Board Meeting**, 3-4pm, Northeastern (3)

- ◆Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies, Northeastern University, Boston University  
Friday, 11/18  
**Reception**, 8:30-10pm, Salon C (4)

- ◆CASA–Center for Arabic Study Abroad  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Governing Board Meeting**, 4-7pm, Haru (55 Huntington Ave.)  
Friday, 11/18  
**Annual Consortium Luncheon**, 12-1:30pm, Post 390 (406 Stuart St.)  
Saturday, 11/19  
**Alumni Reception**, 5-7pm, City Table (65 Exeter St.)

- ◆CAORC–Council of American Overseas Research Centers  
Friday, 11/18  
**Reception**, 7:30-9pm, Yarmouth (4)

- ◆EWIC–Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Board Meeting**, 7:30am-1pm, Orleans (4)

- ◆Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies  
Saturday, 11/19  
**MENA Business History Project**, 11am-1pm, Brandeis (3)  
**Reception**, 4-6pm, Vineyard (4)

- ◆Foundation for Iranian Studies and Women's Learning Partnership  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Meeting**, 2-6pm, Salon J (4)

- ◆Fulbright  
Saturday, 11/19  
**70th Anniversary Reception**, 8-10pm, Wellesley (3)

- ◆Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Middle East Initiative  
Friday, 11/18  
**Reception**, 8:30-10pm, Wellesley (3)

- ◆HIAA–Historians of Islamic Art Association  
Thursday, 11/17  
**Majlis**, 3-5pm, Salon H (4)

♦IJMES–International Journal of Middle East Studies

Thursday, 11/17

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 4-6pm, Simmons (3)

♦ISIS–International Society for Iranian Studies

Thursday, 11/17

**Council Meeting**, 2-5pm, Boston University (3)

**General Meeting**, 6-7pm, Regis (3)

♦JMEWS–Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies

Thursday, 11/17

**Publications Committee Meeting**, 4-5pm, MIT (3)

Saturday, 11/19

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 7-8am, Massachusetts (5)

♦JPS–Journal of Persianate Studies

Saturday, 11/19

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 3-4pm, Northeastern (3)

♦KSA–Kurdish Studies Association

Saturday, 11/19

**Business Meeting**, 11am-1pm, Massachusetts (5)

♦MECPD–Middle East Center & Program Directors

Saturday, 11/19

**Annual Meeting**, 10-11:45am, Vineyard (4)

♦MELA–Middle East Librarians Association

Tuesday, 11/15

**Annual Meeting**, 8am-5pm, MIT Media Lab (E14-674), 75 Amherst St., Cambridge

Wednesday, 11/16

**Annual Meeting**, 8am-5pm, MIT Barlos Theater (E15-00LA), 20 Ames St., Cambridge

Thursday, 11/17

**Vendor Showcase**, 9am-12nn, Simmons (3)

♦MEM–Middle East Medievalists

Thursday, 11/17

**Board Meeting**, 11am-1pm, Yarmouth (4)  
**Business Meeting**, 3-5pm, Vineyard (4)  
**Reception**, 5-7pm, Provincetown (4)

♦MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council

Friday, 11/18

**Workshop for Outreach Professionals**, 1-3pm, MIT (3)

Saturday, 11/19

**Public Business Meeting**, 5-7pm, Boston University (3)

Sunday, 11/20

**Board Meeting**, 9-11am, MIT (3)



♦MESA–Middle East Studies Association

Friday, 11/18

**Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting**, 5:45-7:45pm, Northeastern (3)

Saturday, 11/19

**Middle East Center & Program Directors Annual Meeting**, 10-11:45am, Vineyard (4)

♦New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies and Dept. of Middle East and Islamic Studies

Friday, 11/18

**Celebrating 50 Years of Middle East Studies at NYU Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Regis (3)

♦Oneworld

Friday, 11/18

**Book Launch for Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism: Illiberal Intelligentsia and the Future of Egyptian Democracy**, 8-9pm, MIT (3)



♦OTSA–Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Thursday, 11/17

**Board Meeting**, 2-4pm, Yarmouth (4)  
**Reception and Members’ Meeting**, 5-7pm, Arlington (3)

♦PARC–Palestinian American Research Center

Thursday, 11/17

**Board Meeting**, 12nn-4pm, Brandeis (3)

♦SAR–Scholars at Risk

Saturday, 11/19

**Responding to Academic Freedom Concerns in Turkey: Advocacy and Direct Assistance**, 4-5:30pm, Brandeis (3)

♦SSRC–Social Science Research Council

Saturday, 11/19

**Book Launch Reception: Middle East Studies for the New Millennium: Infrastructures of Knowledge**, 5-6:30pm, Atrium (3)

♦SAS–Society for Armenian Studies

Thursday, 11/17

**Executive Council Meeting**, 9:30-11:30am, Salon A (4)  
**Workshop, “Armenians in America”**, 1-4pm, Salon B (4)  
**Membership Meeting**, 4-6pm, Salon B (4)

♦SSA–Syrian Studies Association

Thursday, 11/17

**Board Meeting**, 3:30-4:30pm, Connecticut (5)  
**Business Meeting**, 5-6pm, New Hampshire (5)  
**Panel**, 6-7:30pm, New Hampshire (5)



♦TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq

Thursday, 11/17

**Board Meeting**, 2-4pm, Massachusetts (5)  
**Reception**, 7-8:30pm, Vermont (5)

♦UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies

Friday, 11/18

**Alumni Reception**, 8:30-10pm, Salon A (4)

♦University of Michigan, Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies

Saturday, 11/19

**Reception**, 7-9pm, Simmons (3)

♦University of Washington

Friday, 11/18

**Reception for Students, Faculty & Alumni**, 7-8:30pm, Salon H (4)

♦Western Consortium of Middle East Centers

Saturday, 11/19

**Meeting**, 11:45am-1:45pm, Orleans (4)

♦WOCMES–World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies

Friday, 11/18

**International Advisory Council Meeting**, 3:45-5:45pm, Yarmouth (4)

♦Yale Council on Middle East Studies

Friday, 11/18

**Reception**, 8:30-10pm, Salon B (4)

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# Art at MESA

Located along  
the corridor  
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## IRAN: WOMEN ONLY THEIR REVOLUTION, THEN AND NOW AN EXHIBIT BY Randy H. Goodman

Photojournalist Randy H. Goodman captured life in the Islamic Republic of Iran during the hostage crisis and the Iran–Iraq war. She recently returned to Iran after thirty-three years to photograph at yet another pivotal time in US–Iran relations: the signing of the Iran nuclear agreement. Her portraits and street scenes of WOMEN ONLY, from both periods, present a unique perspective on that country's past and its future.

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## CELEBRATING

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## RECEPTION

Friday, November 18

8:30pm–10:30pm

Regis Conference Room

3rd Floor

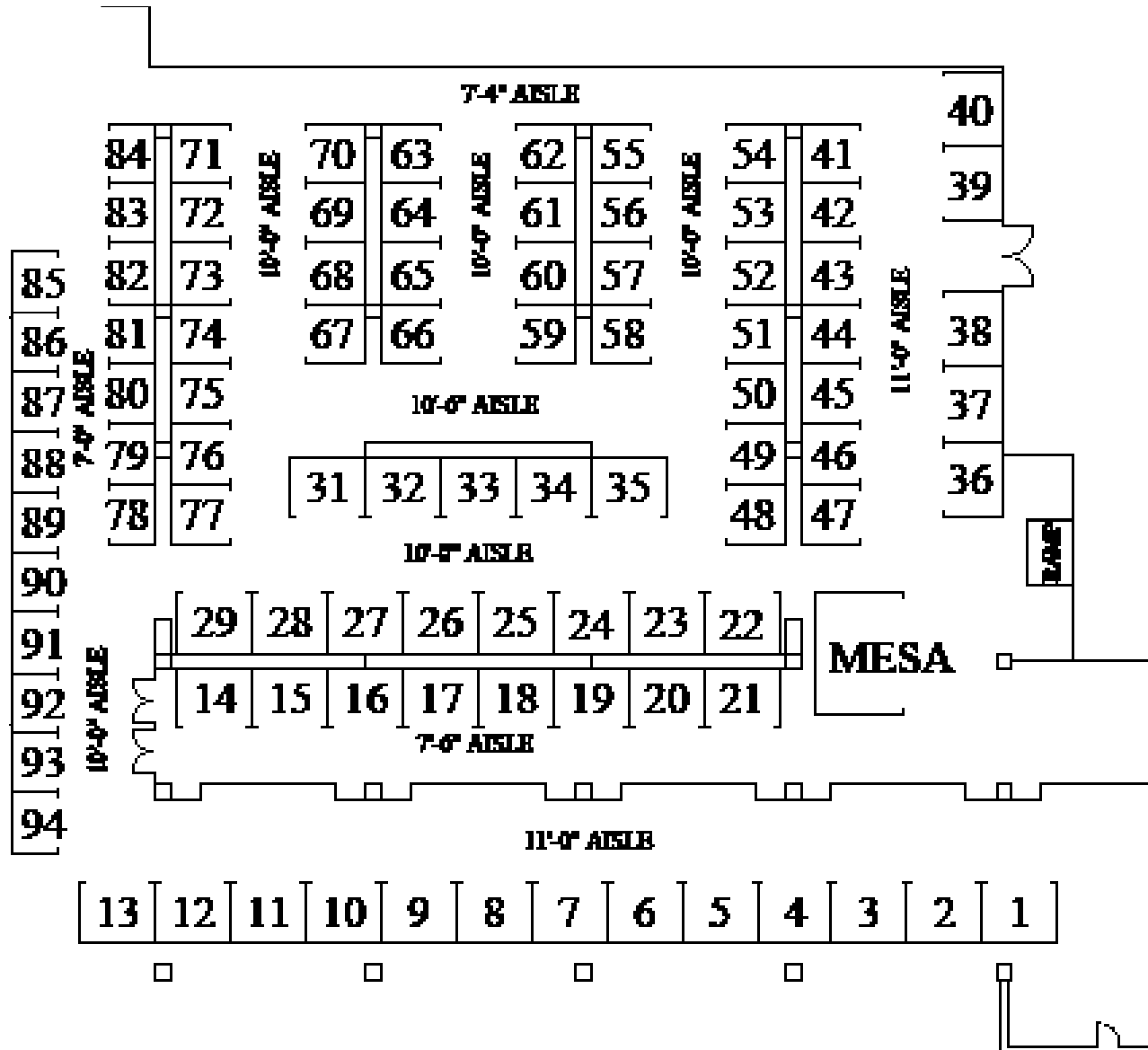
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# Book Bazaar

Back Bay Conference  
& Exhibition Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Thursday 4pm-7pm  
Friday 8:30am-5:30pm  
Saturday 8:30am-5:30pm



## MESA Booth/Cooperative Book Display

In addition to featuring some of the publications available from MESA, the MESA booth includes MESA's Cooperative Book Display, with various exciting titles on view. The MESA booth also features trinkets and souvenirs, many sourced from the Middle East.

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## Workshop for Boston-Area Teachers

Most every MESA annual meeting is accompanied by a K-12 educators workshop sponsored by the **Middle East Outreach Council** and a local university. This year's workshop for Boston-area teachers will be held on Saturday, November 19. The day-long event on "Religious Identity and Expression in the Middle East" will be held at Primary Source in Watertown, MA. Participants will also be able to attend the MESA meeting, where we suspect the Book Bazaar and FilmFest will be of keen interest.

# Calendar of Events

The following is a chronological listing of all events being held during the MESA 2016 anniversary meeting. The number preceding the room name indicates the floor on which the room is located.

## Thursday, November 17

8:30am-7pm	Registration .....	4-Registration Counters
9am-10pm	FilmFest.....	3-Suffolk
4-7pm	Book Bazaar .....	3-Back Bay
7:30am-1pm	EWIC-Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Board Meeting .....	4-Orleans
9am-12nn	AATA-American Association of Teachers of Arabic Executive Board Meeting.....	3-MIT
9am-12nn	MELA-Middle East Librarians Association Vendor Showcase .....	3-Simmons
9am-1pm	AIMS-American Institute for Maghrib Studies Board Meeting .....	3-Tufts
9:30-11:30am	SAS-Society for Armenian Studies Executive Council Meeting .....	4-Salon A
11am-1pm	MEM-Middle East Medievalists Board Meeting.....	4-Yarmouth
11am-2pm	AGAPS-Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Board Meeting.....	4-Hyannis
12nn-4pm	PARC-Palestinian American Research Center Board Meeting .....	3-Brandeis
1-2pm	AMEA-Association for Middle East Anthropologists Board Meeting.....	4-Salon A
1-3pm	AATA-American Association of Teachers of Arabic Panel.....	3-Regis
1-4pm	CUMES-Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop .....	4-Salon C
1-4pm	SAS-Society for Armenian Studies Panel .....	4-Salon B
2-3pm	AMEA-Association for Middle East Anthropologists Business Meeting .....	4-Salon A
2-4pm	OTSA-Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association Board Meeting .....	4-Yarmouth
2-4pm	TAARII-The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq Board Meeting .....	5-Massachusetts
2-5pm	ISIS-International Society for Iranian Studies Council Meeting.....	3-Boston University
2-6pm	FIS/WLP-Foundation for Iranian Studies & Women's Learning Partnership Meeting .....	4-Salon J
3-4pm	AASA-Arab American Studies Association Board Meeting .....	3-MIT
3-4:30pm	AIMS-American Institute for Maghrib Studies Business Meeting.....	3-Wellesley
3-5pm	AATP-American Association of Teachers of Persian Board Meeting .....	4-Salon I
3-5pm	AllrS-American Institute of Iranian Studies Board Meeting.....	3-Tufts
3-5pm	AGAPS-Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Business Meeting .....	4-Nantucket
3-5pm	HIAA-Historians of Islamic Art Association Majlis.....	4-Salon H
3-5pm	MEM-Middle East Medievalists Business Meeting .....	4-Vineyard
3:30-4:30pm	AATA-American Association of Teachers of Arabic Business Meeting.....	3-Regis
3:30-4:30pm	SSA-Syrian Studies Association Board Meeting .....	5-Connecticut
4-5pm	CUMES-Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies Undergraduate Research Poster Session.....	4-Salon D
4-5pm	JMEWS-Journal of Middle East Women's Studies Publications Committee Meeting .....	3-MIT
4-6pm	AIYS-American Institute for Yemeni Studies Board Meeting.....	4-Orleans
4-6pm	AMIDEAST Education Abroad Academic Consortium Business Meeting .....	4-Hyannis
4-6pm	IJMES-International Journal of Middle East Studies Editorial Board Meeting.....	3-Simmons
4-6pm	SAS-Society for Armenian Studies Business Meeting .....	4-Salon B
5-6pm	SSA-Syrian Studies Association Business Meeting .....	5-New Hampshire
5-6:30pm	AMEWS-Association for Middle East Women's Studies Board Meeting.....	3-MIT
5-7pm	AATP-American Association of Teachers of Persian Awards Ceremony.....	4-Salon I
5-7pm	MEM-Middle East Medievalists Reception .....	4-Provincetown
5-7pm	OTSA-Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association Business Meeting/Reception.....	3-Arlington
5:30-8pm	AGAPS-Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Happy Hour Reception.....	TBD
6-7pm	ISIS-International Society for Iranian Studies General Meeting .....	3-Regis



## Thursday, November 17 (cont.)

6-7:30pm	SSA-Syrian Studies Association Business Meeting.....	5-New Hampshire
6:30-7:30pm	AASA-Arab American Studies Association Business Meeting.....	4-Salon C
7-8pm	AATT-American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages Business Meeting.....	3-Arlington
7-8:30pm	TAARII-The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq Reception.....	5-Vermont
7:30-8:30pm	AASA-Arab American Studies Association Open Reception to Honor Elaine Hagopian.....	4-Salon C
7:30-9pm	001 MESA Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony.....	4-Salon E
8:30-10pm	AIS-Association for Israel Studies Reception.....	3-Wellesley

## Friday, November 18

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7:30am-7:30pm	Registration.....	4-Registration Counters
8am-4pm	Prayer Room.....	4-Northeastern
8:30am-5:30pm	Book Bazaar.....	3-Back Bay
9am-10pm	FilmFest.....	3-Suffolk

### 8-9:45am Panel Session I

002	Text and Technology: Exploring the Materiality of Early Arabic Periodicals.....	3-Wellesley
003	Sustainability and Environmentality in the Modern Middle East.....	4-Salon K
004	Language and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa.....	4-Salon A
005	Roundtable-Doing Research in Iran: Strategies and Experiences.....	5-Vermont
006	Intellectual and Legal Culture in the Ottoman Empire.....	4-Salon B
007	Intelligence and Transnationalism in Peace and War.....	4-Salon F
008	Saints and Sultans: Sufi Literature Between Religion and Politics in the Ottoman Empire.....	4-Vineyard
009	Policing and Punishment in the Making of the Modern Middle East.....	4-Provincetown
010	Roundtable-Towards an Egyptian History of the 1970s and 1980s: Research Questions and Sources..	3-Regis
011	Literary Encounters Across the Mediterranean.....	4-Salon G
012	Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Situation of Moriscos in the Iberian Peninsula (16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> Centuries).....	4-Salon D
013	Youth, Education and Democracy in the Middle East.....	3-Harvard
014	Alternative Preservation Practices of 'Cultural Heritage' in the Middle East.....	4-Salon H
015	Being a Syrian Refugee: Representation and Agency in the Syrian Refugee Crisis.....	4-Salon J
016	Historical Comprehension and Moral Judgement of World War II and the Holocaust: The View from North Africa.....	3-Arlington
017	Walls, Borders and Boundaries: Displacement and Confinement in the MENA Region.....	4-Salon I
018	The Gulf Beyond the Arab Spring.....	4-Salon E
019	Symbolic Politics & Cultural Contestation in Turkey.....	5-Maine
020	Urban Traditions & Transformations.....	5-Massachusetts
021	Women and the Economy.....	3-Simmons
022	Performing Identities & Authenticities.....	4-Nantucket
023	Religious Texts, Scholarship, and Interpretation.....	4-Salon C
024	Thematic Conversation-Reframing the Debate About Secularism in the MENA Region: Religious Violence, Secular Violence, and the Question of "Real" Politics.....	5-New Hampshire

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### 10-11:45am Panel Session II

025	Special Session-BDS, MESA, and the Politics of Academic Associations .....	4-Salon F
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027	Roundtable-Teaching Turkish in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: How to Develop a New Curriculum.....	5-Vermont
028	What's Love Got To Do with It? Political Imagination and Discourses of Love.....	3-Simmons
029	Ottoman Seas 1.....	4-Salon B
030	South by East: Decentering and Reorienting Intellectual and Literary Exchanges in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia.....	4-Salon D
031	Is Saudi Foreign Policy 'Islamic'?.....	3-Harvard
032	Israel's Global Arms Economy: Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Post-9/11 Security State.....	4-Salon G
033	Honoring Fatema Mernissi: Personal and Professional Impact .....	4-Salon I
034	Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms: Form, Strategies and Purpose .....	4-Vineyard
035	Experimental Methods in the Middle East.....	4-Salon J
036	The Meaning of Imperial Rule: Evidence From Colonial Morocco.....	3-Arlington
037	The Art Salon in the Middle East: Migration of Institutional Patronage and Its Challenges .....	4-Salon H
038	Roundtable-The Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Yemen and Current Preservation Efforts.....	3-Regis
039	The Crisis of Masculinity in Middle Eastern Literature and Culture.....	4-Provincetown
040	New Perspectives on Late Antique Iran and Iraq.....	4-Salon C
041	Atatürk and the American Missionaries: Resistance and Accommodation in the New Turkish Republic.....	5-Maine
042	Jazz Combos, Reading Circles, Military Bands: Integrating the Auditory into Late and Post-Ottoman Social Histories (1880s-1920s).....	4-Salon A
043	Mass Displacement and Struggles over Identity in the Contemporary Middle East .....	3-Wellesley
044	Political Economy of the Arab Spring .....	3-Tufts
045	Controversies in Twentieth Century Egypt .....	4-Nantucket
046	Socio-Political Developments in Lebanon .....	4-Orleans
047	Thematic Conversation-Is There an Early Modern Muslim Mediterranean? .....	5-New Hampshire

12-1:30pm MESA Members Meeting..... 4-Salon E

1-3pm MEOC-Middle East Outreach Council Workshop for Outreach Professionals..... 3-MIT

1:45-3pm Arabic Collections Online Advisory Board Meeting..... 4-Yarmouth

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049	Arab Jewish Belonging in the Middle East After Israel's War of 1948.....	4-Salon K
050	Assessing the Legacy of Fayz Muhammad "Katib-i Hazarah".....	3-Wellesley
051	Ottoman Seas 2.....	4-Salon B
052	Political and Legal Contestations over Gender-Based Violence in Post-Revolutionary Egypt .....	4-Salon I
053	Roundtable-Ba'thism, Islamism, and ISIS.....	3-Regis
054	Ismaili Thought Through the Medieval and Modern Periods: Gender, Exegesis and Metaphysics ...	4-Vineyard
055	Places and Spaces in Pre-Modern Arabic Writing From the Islamic West.....	4-Salon D
056	Tunisia Five Years After: The Forgotten Structures of Revolutionary Practices? .....	3-Arlington
057	Centennial of What? (Re)Acknowledging the Relationship Between the 1916 Arab Revolt and Mandate Politics .....	4-Salon F
058	New Issues, Perspectives and Sources in Armenian Studies .....	4-Salon H
059	Slave Women and Free Men: Mediating Social Change in the Medieval Middle East.....	4-Salon C
060	Challenging 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Gulf Historical Narratives .....	5-Massachusetts

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	063	Probing the Process: Beyond Outcomes-Based Studies of Contentious Politics .....	4-Provincetown
	064	Creating Jordan: Artistic Production in a Divided Nation.....	4-Salon A
	065	Arabic Study Abroad in Comparative Contexts: Towards an Integrated Approach .....	3-Simmons
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	067	Shifting Patterns of Authoritarianism and Democratization.....	3-Harvard
	068	ISIS and the Regional Dimensions of the Syrian Civil War .....	4-Salon J
	069	The Contemporary State in Turkey .....	5-Maine
	070	Thematic Conversation-Unraveling the Middle East II: The State of Flow, Fixity, & Global Futures .....	5-New Hampshire

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	077	The Multiple Audiences of Ottoman Science: Popularization and Circulation of Medical and Alchemical Theories and Practices .....	3-Harvard
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	081	Kurdish Artistic Expression, Resistance, and the State: Literature .....	4-Salon G
	082	Provincializing the Core: Impact of Provincial History on Egyptian National History 1850s to 1920s .....	4-Salon E
	083	Archival Practices, Violence, and Memory .....	4-Nantucket
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	088	Pedagogy and Language Policies .....	4-Salon H
	089	Arab-Iranian Intellectual Exchanges and Political Encounters .....	4-Salon K
	090	Ottoman Provinces: Commerce and Communities .....	4-Salon B
	091	Palestine: Institutions, Alliances, Resistances .....	4-Vineyard
	092	Thematic Conversation-Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents.....	5-New Hampshire

3:45-5:45pm	WOCMES-World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies International Advisory Council Meeting ....	4-Yarmouth
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5:30-6:30pm	AIYS-American Institute for Yemeni Studies Business Meeting.....	3-Brandeis

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5:45-7:30pm

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096	Roundtable-The Political Theology of ISIS: Beyond the Binary of Politics and Religion .....	3-Regis
097	“Orthodoxy” and “Heterodoxy” in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire.....	4-Salon E
098	Political Parties in the Arab World: Continuity and Change.....	3-Arlington
099	Representation and Elite Behavior in Politically-Polarized Turkey.....	5-Maine
100	Widening the Net: New Sources, Methods, and Insights in the Arabian Peninsula .....	3-Wellesley
101	Networks of Capital: Land, Markets, and Community in the Levant and North Africa .....	3-Harvard
102	A Reassessment of Albert Hourani’s Politics of Notables After 50 Years .....	4-Salon I
103	Conflicting Fieldwork in the Middle East: Feelings, Obligations, Trauma and Theory .....	4-Salon G
104	Dynamics of Sectarianism: The Case of Lebanon .....	4-Salon D
105	Citizenship, Equality and Sovereignty in Post-Revolution Tunisia.....	5-Massachusetts
106	“Islamic Governance”: Constraints and Opportunities .....	4-Salon A
107	Looking Back to Look Forward: North African and Iberian Relations in the 16 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Centuries....	4-Salon F
108	Approaches to Historiography in the Early Islamic World .....	4-Salon C
109	Egypt After January 25, 2011 .....	4-Provincetown
110	Kurdistan and the Ottoman Empire .....	4-Salon B
111	Performance, Media & Public Spaces .....	4-Nantucket
112	Gender and Sexuality in Iran.....	4-Salon K
113	Contested Politics: Libya, Morocco, Syria, Iraq.....	4-Orleans
114	Scenarios of Cosmopolitanism.....	4-Vineyard
115	Thematic Conversation-BDS and Middle East Studies: Historical, Political and Legal Dimensions, Year 2 .....	5-New Hampshire

5:45-7:45pm

CAF-MESA’s Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting .....

3-Northeastern

7-8:30pm

AMEWS-Association for Middle East Women’s Studies Business Meeting .....

3-Brandeis

7-8:30pm

University of Washington Reception.....

4-Salon H

7-9pm

AUB-American University of Beirut Reception .....

3-Atrium

7:30-9pm

CAORC-Council of American Overseas Research Centers Reception.....

4-Yarmouth

8-9pm

Oneworld Book Launch for Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism: Illiberal Intelligentsia  
and the Future of Egyptian Democracy .....

3-MIT

8:30-10pm

BCARS, Northeastern University and Boston University Reception.....

4-Salon C

8:30-10pm

Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Middle East Initiative Reception.....

3-Wellesley

8:30-10pm

NYU-Celebrating 50 Years of Middle East Studies at New York University Reception.....

3-Regis

8:30-10pm

UCLA-University of California, Los Angeles Center for Near Eastern Studies Alumni Reception .....

4-Salon A

8:30-10pm

Yale Council on Middle East Studies Reception .....

4-Salon B

8:30-10:30pm

AMEWS-Association for Middle East Women’s Studies Dinner.....

4-Provincetown

8:30-11pm

American University in Cairo Reception .....

3-Simmons

9-10:30pm

ASI-Arab Studies Institute, Knowledge Production Project, Launching Reception .....

4-Salon D

# Saturday, November 19

7-8am	JMEWS-Journal of Middle East Women's Studies Editorial Board Meeting.....	5-Massachusetts
7:30am-6pm	Registration .....	4-Registration Counters
8:30am-5:30pm	Book Bazaar .....	3-Back Bay
9am-10pm	FilmFest.....	3-Suffolk
8-9:45am	<b>Panel Session VI</b>	
	116 Cities & Histories at the Periphery: Borj Hammoud of Greater Beirut, 1970-2016.....	4-Salon G
	117 Roundtable-Where is Culture Now? The Place of Cultural History in Middle East Studies.....	5-Vermont
	118 Traversing and Transgressing Boundaries in Armenian History.....	4-Nantucket
	119 Thematic Conversation-Teaching History of Islamic Science and Technology .....	5-New Hampshire
	120 Did Economic Inequality Drive the Arab Spring? Quantitative Approaches .....	3-Tufts
	121 Knowledge Production and Ottoman Empire: Travelogues in the Long Nineteenth Century .....	4-Salon B
	122 Moving Homelands: Migrations and Memory in the Twentieth Century .....	3-Simmons
	123 Gulf Politics Beyond Rentierism .....	3-Wellesley
	124 Emotion, Affect and Political Transformations in the Middle East.....	4-Salon D
	125 Leisure and Its Discontents: Contesting Public Practices and Popular Spaces .....	5-Maine
	126 Imperial State Practices and Local Perspectives in Early Ottoman Syria.....	4-Salon A
	127 Roundtable-Reflections on the Reading and Writing of Biography .....	3-Regis
	128 Perspectives on State Formation and Nation Building in Post-Gadhafi Libya: International Influence and Domestic Challenges.....	4-Provincetown
	129 Communicating Politics in the Middle East: Objects, Spaces and Voices in Political Narratives .....	4-Salon K
	130 Public Service & Syndicates in Egypt.....	4-Salon I
	131 Early Modern Turkish Republic.....	3-Harvard
	132 Gender and Activism.....	4-Salon F
	133 Turkish-Iranian Encounters .....	4-Salon J
	134 Re-imagining Literary Works and Concepts .....	4-Salon E
	135 Audiences, Circuits, and Contested Identities in Film and Television From the Middle East .....	4-Salon H
	136 Texts, Acts, and Interpretations in Medieval Islam .....	4-Salon C
10-11:45am	Meeting of Middle East Center and Program Directors.....	4-Vineyard
10-11:45am	<b>Panel Session VII</b>	
	137 Special Session-Explaining Divergent Outcomes: The Arab Spring Five Years On .....	4-Salon E
	138 Yemen: From Zaydi Revivalism to Huthi Expansionism.....	3-Wellesley
	139 The Politics of Time and Material Heritage Through the Museum Framework in the Arabian Peninsula.....	3-Arlington
	140 Technological Zones in the Middle East: Engineering Politics Out of Flows of Energy and Infrastructure .....	4-Provincetown
	141 Exchanges and Encounters in Modern Afghanistan.....	4-Nantucket
	142 Palestine: Capital and Material Culture .....	4-Salon B
	143 Theorizing Clarity and Style: The Development of Bayān Through the Centuries.....	3-Tufts
	144 Roundtable-Breaking the Two Stone Tablets: Experiments in Teaching Outside the Standard Textbooks, Narratives, and Assignments in Survey Courses.....	5-Vermont
	145 State of the Field Session-Opening the Time Capsule: Special Screening and Discussion of the "Lewis-Said Debate" from MESA's 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting .....	4-Salon F
	146 New Directions in the History and Literature of Lebanon: An Interdisciplinary Discussion of Gender and Sexuality .....	5-Maine

## Saturday, November 19 (cont.)

10-11:45am (cont.)	147 Fight and Exit in the Syrian Civil War .....	4-Salon G
	148 Roundtable-Being Social on Social Media: Academia, the Digital Humanities, and the Middle East .....	3-Regis
	149 Ghazali and His Interlocutors .....	4-Salon C
	150 Revolutionary Affects: At the Crossroads of Aesthetics and Politics in the Middle East.....	4-Salon H
	151 Turkish Transnationalisms and the Stakes of Comparison .....	3-Simmons
	152 The Maghrib on Edge: New State and Citizen Strategies in the Face of Regional Turbulence, Turpitude and Retrenchment .....	4-Salon I
	153 Courts, Texts, & Interpretations .....	4-Yarmouth
	154 World War I and the Ottoman Empire.....	4-Salon A
	155 Kurds in Contemporary Politics.....	4-Salon K
	156 Economic and Social Change in 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Egypt .....	3-Harvard
	157 Intellectual and Political Experiences of Middle Eastern Jews.....	4-Salon D
	158 Islamist Discourses in MENA.....	4-Salon J
	159 Thematic Conversation-Funding Opportunities for MENA Region Research .....	5-New Hampshire
11am-1pm	Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies MENA Business History Project Meeting.....	3-Brandeis
11am-1pm	KSA-Kurdish Studies Association Business Meeting .....	5-Massachusetts
11:45am-1:45pm	Western Consortium of Middle East Centers Meeting.....	4-Orleans
12nn-1:45pm	<b>Panel Session VIII</b>	
	160 Success as Subjugation: Palestinian Education Under Settler Colonialism.....	4-Salon H
	161 Challenges of Authoritarian Legitimation in the Middle East.....	3-Arlington
	162 Shaping International Governance: The League of Nations and UN in the Middle East (1920-1985).....	4-Salon B
	163 From Medieval to Longue Durée: South and Central Asia in the 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Centuries .....	4-Salon C
	164 Purpose, Cross-Purpose, Re-Purpose: Performance and Politics in the Classical Arabic Qasida .....	4-Salon G
	165 The Ottoman Roots of Modernity in Middle Eastern and Southeast European Cities.....	4-Salon A
	166 Variation and Change in Modern Written Arabic.....	4-Salon J
	167 Roundtable-Capitalism and Class in the Middle East: Reflections on the Arab Uprisings.....	3-Regis
	168 Roundtable-Knowledge Production, Exclusion, Inclusion: The Repositioning of Armenians in Ottoman and Turkish Historiography .....	5-Vermont
	169 The Production of Space in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Egypt.....	4-Salon I
	170 Europe and Its Others: Historical Perspectives .....	3-Harvard
	171 No Going Back: The Road to Gender Transformation in the Arab World.....	3-Simmons
	172 New Research on Legal Reform in North Africa and the Broader Middle East.....	4-Salon D
	173 Political, Social, and Religious Reform in the Age of Social Media .....	3-Wellesley
	174 Transformation into Multicultural Society in Turkey: Challenges From Old Minorities, Diasporas and New Migrants From Syria .....	4-Salon E
	175 Tunis Capitale: The Historic City and Its Built Environments .....	4-Salon K
	176 Professional Development Workshop: Proposal Writing and Research Design: How To Fund Your Ideas.....	4-Provincetown
	177 Social Protection and Welfare Policies .....	4-Yarmouth
	178 Construction of Scientific Knowledge .....	4-Nantucket
	179 Saudi Arabia: Swords, Slavery, and Origins of ISIS .....	3-Tufts
	180 Thematic Conversation-GCC Higher Education: Its Many Faces and Possible Futures.....	5-New Hampshire
2-3pm	ASPS-Association for the Study of Persianate Societies Board Meeting .....	3-Northeastern

## Saturday, November 19 (cont.)

2-3:45pm

### Panel Session IX

- 181 From Arab-Russian to Arab-Soviet Cultural Encounters: Are There Continuities? ..... 5-Maine
- 182 Hey You, Precarious Worker: Are You Afraid of BDS? Graduate Students,  
Untenured Faculty, and the Politics of Political Commitments ..... 4-Salon E
- 183 Religion and Secularism in Palestine and Israel ..... 4-Salon J
- 184 Beneath and Beyond Gender and Sexuality: Cultures of Friendship, Sociality, and  
the Erotic in the Modern Middle East ..... 4-Salon I
- 185 African Slavery and Its Legacies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Power  
Relations in the Everyday ..... 4-Salon B
- 186 North Africa: A Forgotten Front During the First World War? ..... 3-Simmons
- 187 The Future of Iraq: Lessons of Past Policies ..... 3-Arlington
- 188 Professional Development Workshop: Professional and Career Pathways ..... 4-Provincetown
- 189 Literature and/or History? Analyzing Literary Elements and Narrative Strategies in  
Arab Historical Writing ..... 4-Salon C
- 190 Nasir-i Khusraw and His Associations: Shifting Biographies and Affiliations in  
the Appropriations of the Persian Poet, Philosopher and Fatimid Da'i (Summoner). ..... 3-Harvard
- 191 Competing Epistemologies: Modernizing and Traditionalizing Trends in the Arabian Gulf ..... 4-Salon F
- 192 Roundtable-Non-Traditional Methods for Teaching Traditional Languages ..... 3-Regis
- 193 Political Dissent and Activism in Post-Arab Spring Egypt ..... 4-Yarmouth
- 194 Roundtable-Middle Eastern Cities: New Directions in Urban History ..... 5-Vermont
- 195 Publics and Counterpublics in the Late Ottoman Press ..... 4-Salon A
- 196 Generations, Ruination and Memory in Egypt 1952-2011 ..... 3-Wellesley
- 197 Academic Freedom Under Assault: A Roundtable on Recent Developments in Egypt and Turkey.... 4-Salon G
- 198 Reproduction of Meaning in the Diaspora ..... 4-Salon K
- 199 The Syrian Civil War, Refugees, & Regional Responses ..... 4-Nantucket
- 200 Sociology of Contemporary Turkey ..... 3-Tufts
- 201 Museums, Place, and Memory ..... 4-Salon H
- 202 Thematic Conversation-Evaluating and Incentivizing Digital Scholarship in  
Middle East Studies ..... 5-New Hampshire

3-4pm

JPS-Journal of Persianate Studies Editorial Board Meeting ..... 3-Northeastern

4-5:30pm

SAR-Scholar's at Risk-Responding to Academic Freedom Concerns in Turkey:  
Advocacy and Direct Assistance ..... 3-Brandeis

4-5:45pm

### Panel Session X

- 203 Exploring the Field: New Perspectives on Middle East Studies in the United States ..... 3-Simmons
- 204 The Middle East in Latin America ..... 4-Salon H
- 205 Roundtable-Sykes-Picot at 100: Mapping, Migrants, and Myths ..... 3-Regis
- 206 Reform, Violence and Revolutionary Organizations in the Late Nineteenth-Century  
Ottoman East ..... 4-Salon B
- 207 The Moriscos' Testimonies After Their Expulsion From the Iberian Peninsula ..... 3-Harvard
- 208 Technology and Transnational Networks in the Middle East ..... 3-Arlington
- 209 The Legacy of A.I. Sabra: New Perspectives on the History of Science in Islam ..... 4-Salon C
- 210 Reconfigurations of Modern Space ..... 5-Maine
- 211 Culture and Contention in Modern Iraq ..... 4-Salon F
- 212 Inventions and Reinventions in Modern Twelver Shi'i Islam ..... 4-Salon G
- 213 Women and Politics in MENA: Representation, Participation, and Agency ..... 4-Nantucket
- 214 Whither Turkey? Turkish Authoritarianism in Perspective ..... 3-Wellesley

## Saturday, November 19 (cont.)

4-5:45pm (cont.)	215 Roundtable-Anthropology, Ethics, and Political Engagement on Palestine/Israel .....	5-Vermont
	216 Beyond Nationalism: Clashing Identities Between Islamism and Authoritarianism in the Post-Arab Spring .....	4-Salon I
	217 Developing and Measuring Intercultural Communicative Competence in Study Abroad and At-Home Programs: Insights From Arabic .....	4-Salon D
	218 Politics & Legitimacy in Tunisia.....	3-Tufts
	219 Gender and Conflict: Activism, Resilience, and Disengagement .....	4-Salon K
	220 Representations Respond to History & Trauma.....	4-Salon J
	221 Social and Religious Practices in Ottoman History .....	4-Salon A
	222 Issues in the Profession Workshop: Confronting Sexual Harassment in the Academy .....	4-Salon E
	223 Thematic Conversation-Reading Middle Eastern Literatures Comparatively.....	5-New Hampshire
	224 Kurdish Studies: A 50-Year Retrospective .....	4-Provincetown
4-6pm	Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies Reception .....	4-Vineyard
5-6:30pm	SSRC-Social Science Research Council Book Launch Reception for Middle East Studies for the New Millennium: Infrastructures of Knowledge.....	3-Atrium
5-7pm	MEOC-Middle East Outreach Council Business Meeting .....	3-Boston University
6:30-8pm	225 MESA Plenary Address by Lakhdar Brahimi .....	4-Salon E
7-9pm	University of Michigan Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies Reception .....	3-Simmons
8-10pm	Fulbright 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception .....	3-Wellesley
9pm-1am	DJ Dance Party with DJ Bassam .....	4-Salon F

## Sunday, November 20

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7:30am-2pm	Registration .....	4-Registration Counters
8am-2pm	FilmFest.....	3-Suffolk
8-9:45am	Panel Session XI	
	226 Christian Missionaries in the Post-Colonial Middle East .....	4-Salon F
	227 Gendered Critical Kurdish Studies: Rethinking Nationalism, Conflict and Identity .....	4-Salon A
	228 The 'Alawis and the Origins of Political Confessionalism in Syria, 1908-1963 .....	4-Provincetown
	229 The Individual as the Subject of Historical Inquiry: Four Cases From Egypt and Palestine.....	3-Simmons
	230 Roundtable-Middle Eastern Sports Studies: The State of the Field .....	3-Regis
	231 Women as Agents and Symbols of Change in Early Twentieth Century Turkey.....	4-Salon D
	232 Arab Culture and Politics in Times of Crisis .....	4-Salon I
	233 War, Social Reform and Social Medicine in the Middle East (19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Century).....	4-Salon K
	234 Politics and Piety: Negotiating Subjectivity in Twentieth-Century Salafism.....	5-Maine
	235 Special Session-The Crisis in Turkey.....	4-Salon G
	236 Negotiations of Space in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Writing .....	4-Salon B
	237 50 Years Ago: The 1967 War's Impact on Arab Americans and Arabs in America .....	4-Nantucket
	238 New Forms of Authoritarianism and Social Mobilization in MENA.....	3-Arlington
	239 Ethical Possibilities and Political Imaginaries in the Middle East, Past and Present.....	4-Salon J
	240 Roundtable-State of the Research on Non-State Voluntary Movements in the Post-2011 MENA Region .....	5-Vermont
	241 Power and Institutions in Times of Transition: Case Studies From the Medieval Middle East.....	4-Salon C
	242 Security & Confrontation.....	3-Harvard



## Sunday, November 20 (cont.)

8-9:45am (cont.)	243	Literary Madness and Discipline .....	4-Salon H
	244	Tunisia's Democratic Transition: Progress and Challenges .....	3-Wellesley
	245	Iran: Past and Present.....	4-Salon E
	246	Thematic Conversation-International Law, Sovereignty and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire.....	5-New Hampshire
9-11am		MEOC-Middle East Outreach Council Board Meeting.....	3-MIT
10-11:45am		<b>Panel Session XII</b>	
	247	In the Flesh: Middle Eastern Bodies and the Construction of Power Relations .....	3-Tufts
	248	Coercive Apparatuses After the Arab Spring.....	3-Arlington
	249	The Shi'a of Lebanon: New Approaches to History, Politics, and Religion.....	4-Salon J
	250	Practicing Nationalism Between State and Society in Israel, Turkey, and Iran .....	4-Salon K
	251	What Was New About the Nahda? .....	3-Simmons
	252	Roundtable-Minority Regimes and the Limits of Belonging in Early Republican Turkey .....	3-Regis
	253	Narrative Strategies in Early Islamic Historiography.....	4-Salon D
	254	Deconstructing Al-Manar and the Legacy of Rashid Rida: Transnational Islamic Reformism and Authority in the Early 20 <sup>th</sup> Century.....	4-Nantucket
	255	Roundtable-Media Studies in the Arab World.....	5-Vermont
	256	Taking Control of the Ancient Greeks: Intentionality and Agency in the Transmission of Greek Knowledge.....	4-Salon C
	257	Mapping Complexity with Digital Methods: Untangling Political Challenges in the Mediterranean Basin and Europe.....	4-Salon H
	258	Ottoman Modernization Reconsidered: Complexities of the Transformation of Ottoman Scientific Thought.....	4-Salon A
	259	Teaching and Learning Arabic Language and Culture: Questions and Nuances.....	4-Provincetown
	260	Thematic Conversation-Mediterranean Crossroads: Spanish-Maghribi Relations in Past and Present .....	5-New Hampshire
	261	Legal Contests & Disputes, Part I.....	4-Salon G
	262	Water and Power Politics: Palestine and Lebanon.....	3-Wellesley
	263	Anthropology of Islam & the Family.....	4-Salon F
	264	Labor and Labor Conflicts in Iran and Egypt.....	4-Salon I
	265	Sexuality: Religion, Transgression, and Rights.....	4-Salon B
	266	Changing Spaces: Fluidities, Contests and Ruptures in the Mediterranean Basin .....	5-Maine
	267	Environment, Space & Time in Literature.....	4-Salon E
	268	Women, Work, and Leadership.....	5-Massachusetts
	269	Labor, Commerce, and Taxation in Ottoman Turkey .....	3-Harvard
12-1:45pm		<b>Panel Session XIII</b>	
	270	Salisbury's Legacy: 175 Years of Arabic Studies in the United States .....	4-Salon I
	271	Ibadi Archives: Thinking with Spaces From Manuscript Libraries to Digital Repositories .....	5-Massachusetts
	272	Roundtable-Digitizing Women's and Gender History: A Way Forward for the Field?.....	5-Vermont
	273	Borders and Boundaries in the Mashreq.....	4-Salon H
	274	Generations of Dissent: Cultural Production, Oppositional Aesthetics, and the State .....	4-Salon D
	275	The State and Social Conflict in Egypt Under the Sisi Regime.....	3-Arlington
	276	Law as Social History in the Late Ottoman Era .....	4-Salon A
	277	Controversy, Scandal and Rumor in Modern Algeria and Tunisia: The Role of Public Opinion in Instigating Political and Social Changes .....	4-Salon J

## Sunday, November 20 (cont.)

12-1:45pm (cont.)	278	Global Reactions to ISIS/DAESH: Diversity and Antipathy.....	4-Salon F
	279	Towards a Historiography of Self-Narrative .....	4-Provincetown
	280	Histories of Capitalism in the Middle East.....	3-Simmons
	281	Roundtable-Beyond the Square: Urbanism and the Arab Uprisings.....	3-Regis
	282	Geographical Connotations of the Elections in Turkey .....	3-Wellesley
	283	(Un)Settling Arab Refugees: Regimes of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States.....	4-Salon E
	284	Reception, Interpretation, and Implementation of the Balfour Declaration: Imperial Mindsets and Communal Perspectives .....	4-Nantucket
	285	E. G. Browne and His Iranian Interlocutors: Knowledge Production Beyond Orientalism.....	4-Salon B
	286	Liminal Spaces From Sacred to Urban: The Friday Mosque and the City .....	4-Orleans
	287	Slave Commerce in the Medieval Islamic Middle East.....	4-Salon C
	288	Thematic Conversation-Sex and Sexualities in the Middle East and North Africa.....	5-New Hampshire
	289	Authoritarianism: Persistence and Resistance .....	3-Harvard
	290	Legal Contests & Disputes, Part 2 .....	4-Salon G
	291	Political Economy: Past & Present.....	3-Tufts
	292	Compassion, Morality and Intersubjectivity.....	5-Maine
	293	Sufism in Context .....	4-Salon K

2-3:45pm

### Panel Session XIV

	294	Roundtable-Bleak Prospects? Tourism, Travel, and Heritage in an Era of Regional Upheaval.....	5-Vermont
	295	Experiences of Transnational Institution-Building in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean Regions .....	4-Salon K
	296	Cairo and the Nile: Attitudes Towards Urbanism .....	4-Salon H
	297	Engaging a Fractured Law: Rights, Identities, and Legal Activism in Turkey .....	3-Arlington
	298	Subordinating Religion to the State: How Institutions Shape Islam.....	3-Harvard
	299	Queens, Ghosts, Damsels and Modernity's Distress - Novels and History in Arab and Ottoman Societies.....	4-Salon D
	300	Examining the Role of the Auteur in the Arab World .....	4-Provincetown
	301	What Happened to Waqf in the Long Nineteenth Century? Rethinking the Economic History of the Middle East.....	4-Salon B
	302	Black Palestinian Solidarity and Anti-Blackness: A Way Forward .....	4-Salon G
	303	Infrastructure, Expertise, and Political Authority in the Middle East .....	4-Salon J
	304	Grounds of Comparison: Remapping Arabic Literary and Cultural Studies.....	4-Salon E
	305	Diplomatics, Law and Language Politics in the Early Modern Turco-Persianate World.....	4-Salon C
	306	What Are the Underlying Causes of Violent Conflicts? Syria's War Five Years On .....	3-Simmons
	307	Public Opinion, Policy Making, and Reform: Past and Present .....	3-Wellesley
	308	The Anthropology of Sociability .....	4-Salon F
	309	Minds, Bodies & Cures.....	4-Salon I
	310	Ideological and Intellectual Crosscurrents in the Colonial Maghreb .....	5-Maine
	311	Issues in the Ottoman Empire: Boundaries, Belonging and the Ottoman Way .....	4-Salon A
	312	Thematic Conversation-Orientalisms From the Periphery II.....	5-New Hampshire

**MESA's Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies**  
presents an

**Undergraduate Research Poster Session**

Prior to the poster session, the undergraduate students will participate in a workshop meant to hone their research skills by focusing on placing their work in the academic literature, developing research methods, and exposing students to data, archives, and other primary sources in Middle East studies. MESA 2016 attendees are invited to the poster session to engage these young scholars in a discussion of their research.

**Facilitators**

**Jedidiah Anderson**, Wofford  
**Courtney Dorroll**, Wofford  
**Chantal El Hayek**, MIT

**June-Ann Greeley**, Sacred Heart  
**Somy Kim**, Northeastern  
**Jeff VanDenBerg**, Drury

**Presenters**

**Rend Beirut**, NYU Abu Dhabi-*On Dubai's Baqalas: effects of standardization policy on Baqalas and communities*

**Miguel Angel Fuentes Carreño**, Sciences PO-*Transnational LGBT and activism in Lebanon, Egypt and Iran*

**Emily Edwards**, Loyola New Orleans-*Searching for a room of one's own: rethinking the Iranian diaspora in Persepolis, Shahs of Sunset, and A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*

**Mekarem Eljamal**, Michigan Ann Arbor-*Coptic participation in the Egyptian Revolution and prospects for decreased marginalization*

**Billy Ford**, Holy Cross-*How decentralization in southeastern Turkey could diffuse tension between the Kurds and the Turkish government*

**Christina Go**, Yale-*The Thousand and One Nights: not valid for travel to Iraq*

**Nancy Ko**, Harvard-*In the shadows of change: alliance and Jewish alliances in the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, 1905-1911*

**Margit Lindgren**, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Influences of the "Arab Spring" on the political landscape and leftist movements in the Gulf; a case study of the Kuwaiti Progressive Movement in Kuwait post 2011*

**Josephine Lippincott**, Arcadia-*Parallel authorities in Syria: comparing civil society organizations and armed opposition groups*  
**Meraleigh Randle**, Texas Christian-*Accessing the hidden fifty percent*

**Alyssa Scheiner**, Boston U-*The consequences of demographic aid distribution: the case of Syrian refugees*

**Casey Smith**, Wesleyan-*East bank Jordanian-Palestinian relations and the securitization of humanitarian aid*

**Myung-In Sohn**, NYU Abu Dhabi-*The greater derivation: an exploration of divinity in Arabic philological thought*

**Adam Syed**, Boston U-*Understanding urban development in Amman through social media*

**Guillaume Sylvain**, NYU Abu Dhabi-*National social studies curriculum and historical consciousness in UAE K-12 schools*

**Daniel Waqar**, UNLV-*Modern conflict in the divided city: a history of power imbalances and violence in Hebron, the Israeli-Occupied West Bank*

**Darren Wan**, U Chicago-*Imagining the lands below the winds: Arabic and Persian sources on Southeast Asia in the early modern period*

# Program

7:30-9PM Thursday November 17

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## 2016 Presidential Address

"From Regional Crisis to Mid-Life Crisis"



Beth Baron  
City College and Graduate Center, CUNY

## 2016 MESA Awards Ceremony

*Please join MESA in recognizing the very best in the field in 2016*

### Albert Hourani Book Award

Recognizing outstanding publishing in Middle East studies.

### MESA Mentoring Award

Recognizing exceptional contributions retired faculty have made to the education and training of others.

### Houshang Pourshariati

#### Iranian Studies Book Award

Recognizing outstanding publishing in Iranian studies.

### Jere L. Bacharach Service Award

Recognizing extraordinary service to MESA, other societies, and the field of Middle East studies.

### Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards

Recognizing exceptional achievement in research for and writing of dissertations in Middle East studies.

### Academic Freedom Award

Given in recognition of sustained contributions in support of academic freedom in the MENA and/or North America.

### MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize

Recognizing achievements in research for and writing of a graduate-level paper.

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

1-3pm - MIT (3)  
**MEOC Workshop for Outreach Professionals**

1:45-3pm - Yarmouth (4)  
**Arabic Collections Online Advisory Committee Meeting**

3:45-5:45pm - Yarmouth (4)  
**WOCMES International Advisory Council Meeting**

5-6pm - Boston University (3)  
**AMEWS Graduate Student Committee Meeting**

5:30-6:30pm - Brandeis (3)  
**AIYS Business Meeting**

5:45-7:45pm - Northeastern (3)  
**MESA's CAF Meeting**

7-8:30pm - Brandeis (3)  
**AMEWS Members Meeting**

7-8:30pm - Salon H (4)  
**University of Washington Reception**

7-9pm - Atrium (3)  
**AUB Reception**

7:30-9pm - Yarmouth (4)  
**CAORC Reception**

8-9pm - MIT (3)  
**Oneworld Book Launch**

8:30-10pm - Salon C (4)  
**BCARS/Northeastern University/ Boston University Reception**

8:30-10pm - Wellesley (3)  
**Harvard CMES & Middle East Initiative Reception**

8:30-10pm - Regis (3)  
**NYU Reception**

8:30-10pm - Salon A (4)  
**UCLA Reception**

8:30-10pm - Salon B (4)  
**Yale Reception**

8:30-10:30pm - Provincetown (4)  
**AMEWS Dinner**

8:30-11pm - Simmons (3)  
**AUC Reception**

9-10:30pm - Salon D (4)  
**Arab Studies Institute, Knowledge Production Project, Launching Reception**

8-9:45AM Friday November 18

002 8-9:45am 3-Wellesley

**Text and Technology: Exploring the Materiality of Early Arabic Periodicals**  
 Organizers: Hala Auji, Adam Mestyan

Sponsored by  
 Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair: **Dana Sajdi**, Boston Col  
 Discussant: **Nadia Al-Bagdadi**, Central European U

**Anthony (Antoine) Edwards**, Washington and Lee-*Majmu' Fawayid: miscellany or useful knowledge from nineteenth-century Beirut?*  
**Adam Mestyan**, Harvard-*Technology and Euro-Egyptian imperialism: the first Arabic military journal, 1873-1877*  
**Hala Auji**, American U Beirut-*Al-Tabib and representations of identity in early Arabic medical journals from Beirut*  
**Rana Issa**, U Oslo-*Lughat al-Jarā'id*

003 8-9:45am 4-Salon K

**Sustainability and Environmentality in the Modern Middle East**  
 Organizer: **Chris Gratien**

Chair: **Laura Goffman**, Georgetown  
 Discussant: **Rosie Bsheer**, Yale

**Nancy Y. Reynolds**, Washington U St. Louis-*The stone sustains: disaster anxiety and the Aswan High Dam, 1956-1980*  
**Michael Christopher Low**, Iowa State-*The petro-state and the "saltwater kingdom": expertise, environmentality, and the origins of desalination technology in Saudi Arabia*  
**Zozan Pehlivan**, McGill-20 para per kyye: *state efforts to contain locust infestations in nineteenth century Ottoman Kurdistan*  
**Chris Gratien**, Harvard-*Seeds of resistance: the endurance of Çukurova's local cotton*

004 8-9:45am 4-Salon A

**Language and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa**  
 Organizer: **Nadine Hamdan**

**Francesco L. Sinatora**, George Washington-*Language, identity and participation on a group of Syrian dissidents' Facebook pages*  
**Gareth Smail**, U Penn-*The politics of language pedagogy in provincial Morocco*  
**Nadine Hamdan**, Georgetown-*Nasrallah - salesman of what it means to be Lebanese*  
**Jehan Al Mahmoud**, Georgetown-*Intertextuality & framing in the Saudi Arabian Women2Drive Campaign on Twitter*

005 8-9:45am

5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Doing Research in Iran: Strategies and Experiences**

Organizer: **Beatrice F. Manz**

Sponsored by  
American Institute  
of Iranian Studies (AllrS)

Chair: **Beatrice F. Manz**, Tufts

**Judith A. Lerner**, NYU  
**Candace Mixon**, UNC Chapel Hill  
**Eric Lob**, Florida International  
**Justine Landau**, Harvard  
**Linda Komaroff**, LACMA

006 8-9:45am

4-Salon B

**Intellectual and Legal Culture in the Ottoman Empire**

Organizer: **Jane Hathaway**

Chair/Discussant: **Jane Hathaway**, Ohio State

**Bogac Ergene**, U Vermont; **M. Safa Saracoglu**, Bloomsburg U-Corruption, Ottoman style  
**Yeliz Cavus**, Ohio State-Ottoman historians at work: historiographical debates in academic journals of the late Ottoman period  
**Patrick Scharfe**, Texas Tech-The origins and Ottoman identity of Mehmed Ali Pasha's Turcophone elite

007 8-9:45am

4-Salon F

**Intelligence and Transnationalism in Peace and War**

Organizers: **Steven Wagner**, **Hilary Falb Kalisman**

Chair/Discussant: **Roger Owen**, Harvard

**James Casey**, Princeton-Sacred surveillance: Indian Muslims, Syrian waqf, and the evolution of state surveillance in Syria 1918-1930  
**Steven Wagner**, McGill-British intelligence, the caliphate, and the Arab movements 1914-16  
**Roberto Mazza**, U Limerick-Fabricating a massacre: the evacuation of Jaffa in 1917  
**Hilary Falb Kalisman**, Furman U-"Ruhi the Ingenious:" a transnational agent during the First World War

008 8-9:45am

4-Vineyard

**Saints and Sultans: Sufi Literature Between Religion and Politics in the Ottoman Empire**

Organizer: **Kameliya Atanasova**

Chair: **Jamal J. Elias**, U Penn  
Discussant: **John Curry**, UNLV

**Jonathan Allen**, Maryland College Park-Traversing geographies of power and sanctity: Taha Al-Kurdi's encounters with 18<sup>th</sup> century Ottoman political power and identity  
**Zeynep Elbasan**, Indiana U-From Trabzon to Constantinople: Molla Sheikhzade Yahya Efendi's convoluted route to the top as an Ottoman Sufi master in the 16<sup>th</sup> century  
**Kameliya Atanasova**, U Penn-Metaphysics as political commentary: representations of political power in Ismail Hakki Bursevi's tuhfe works

**Oscar Aguirre Mandujano**, U Washington-Poets, statesmen, and mystics: poetry and political networks at the fifteenth-century Ottoman court

009 8-9:45am

4-Provincetown

**Policing and Punishment in the Making of the Modern Middle East**

Organizer: **Michael Farquhar**

Chair: **Kent F. Schull**, Binghamton  
Discussant: **Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

**Will Hanley**, Florida State-The police and the people in turn-of-the-century Egypt  
**Michael Farquhar**, King's Col London-Historicising the politics of law and order in neoliberal times: Egyptian police discourse on crime, security and economic transformation  
**Golnar Nikpour**, Wisconsin Madison-The humanist prison: scholarly and state discourses on crime and punishment in Pahlavi Iran  
**Jeff Eamon**, NYU-Policing the Bahrain Islands: labor, race, and the historical origins of foreign recruitment

010 8-9:45am

3-Regis

Roundtable

**Towards an Egyptian History of the 1970s and 1980s: Research Questions and Sources**

Organizers: **Hanan Hammad**, **Relli I. Shechter**

Chairs: **Hanan Hammad**, TCU; **Relli I. Shechter**, Ben-Gurion U

**Lucie Ryzova**, U Birmingham, UK  
**Zeinab A. Abul-Magd**, Oberlin  
**Vivian Ibrahim**, U Mississippi

011 8-9:45am

4-Salon G

**Literary Encounters Across the Mediterranean**

Organizers: **Cameron Cross**, **N. Ipek Huner-Cora**

Chair/Discussant: **Franklin D. Lewis**, U Chicago

**N. Ipek Huner-Cora**, U Chicago-Deceit and dishonor: the Widow of Ephesus in the Ottoman context  
**Karla Mallette**, Michigan Ann Arbor-The travels of Kalila and Dimna: Dīn goes west  
**Cameron Cross**, Michigan Ann Arbor-Love, death, and conversion in Damascus and Córdoba: The case of Varqa & Golshāh and Floire & Blanche-flor  
**Alexandra Hoffmann**, U Chicago-The Sindbād-nāma and The Seven Sages: A comparative look at "the moral of the story"

012 8-9:45am

4-Salon D

**Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Situation of Moriscos in the Iberian Peninsula (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

Organizer: **Lisette Balabarca**

Chair: **Lisette Balabarca**, Siena Col  
Discussant: **Chad Leahy**, U Denver

**Jillian Williams**, U Bristol-Eating like Muslims: Moriscos and the Valencian Inquisition  
**David Freidenreich**, Colby Col-Moriscos as Jews in Spanish Christian rhetoric  
**Elizabeth Ashcroft Terry**, Austin Col-A Morisco's application for knighthood: the opinions of twenty-four theologians on behalf of Don Pedro de Granada Venegas (1607)

013 8-9:45am 3-Harvard

**Youth, Education and Democracy in the Middle East**

Organizers: **Ayca Alemdaroglu, Daniele Cantini**

**Mohamed Sallam**, U Minnesota-*The last great hope for transforming the lives of girls: the rhetorics of girls' education in upper Egypt*

**Amanda Tho Seeth**, U Marburg-*Democratizing academia: new concepts of socialization at Tunisia's universities*

**Daniele Cantini**, Orient-Institut Beirut-*Youth in (higher) educational spaces – researching university students in Jordan, ethnographically*

**Roozbeh Shirazi**, U Minnesota-*Examining the education of uncertain citizens: youth negotiations of higher education in Jordan*

014 8-9:45am 4-Salon H

**Alternative Preservation Practices of 'Cultural Heritage' in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Mirjam Brusius**

Chair: **Mirjam Brusius**, Oxford

**Trinidad Rico**, Texas A&M Qatar-*Islam, vernacularization and cultural heritage*

**Ian Straughn**, Brown-*Spirits of heritage, spectres of ruins: treasure hunting, archaeology and the influence of the jinn*

**Stephennie Mulder**, Texas Austin-*Local or universal?: imagining antiquity and its localities in Islamicate societies*

**Katharina Galor**, Brown-Jerusalem: *archaeologists versus residents?*

015 8-9:45am 4-Salon J

**Being a Syrian Refugee: Representation and Agency in the Syrian Refugee Crisis**

Organizer: **Cecilia Baeza**

Discussant: **Paulo G. Hilu Pinto**, U Federal Fluminense

**Ching-An Chang**, U Edinburgh-*The economic elites of Syrian refugees: a neglected group of crisis alleviator*

**Thomas Vladimir Brond**, Roskilde U-*Contentious labels through time and space: refugees and revolutionaries in Lebanon and Europe*

**Maai Youssef**, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne-*Syrian refugees in Egypt, a common voice to face propaganda and uncertainty in exile*

**Cecilia Baeza**, PUC-SP-*Syrian refugees in Brazil: negotiating identity in times of economic crisis*

016 8-9:45am 3-Arlington

**Historical Comprehension and Moral Judgement of World War II and the Holocaust: The View From North Africa**

Organizer: **Samir Ben-Layashi**

Chair: **Daniel J. Schroeter**, U Minnesota

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

**Samir Ben-Layashi**, Hebrew U Jerusalem-*Towards a multidirectional history and memory of WWII in North Africa*

**David Stenner**, Christopher Newport U-*Looking towards the future: Morocco's Arab-language press, the Holocaust, and post-European memory after 1945*

**Abdelilah Bouasria**, U Montana-*Between gratitude and exactitude: the Moroccan monarchy and its Jews during the Holocaust*

**Joshua Schreier**, Vassar Col-*The polemics of Muslim-Jewish relations in the wake of Vichy*

017 8-9:45am 4-Salon I

**Walls, Borders and Boundaries: Displacement and Confinement in the MENA Region**

Organizer: **Randa R. Farah**

Discussant: **Randa R. Farah**, Western U Canada

**Zeinab McHeimech**, Western U Canada-*Between the readable and unreadable: crossing borders through graffiti scrawls*

**Abdulla Majeed**, Western U Canada-*Belonging and the imperial reconfiguration of Baghdadi memory through space*

**Berke Torunoglu**, Wisconsin Madison-*Displacement and citizenship: Ottoman plans for deportation of Greeks 1868-69*

**Susann Kassem**, Graduate Inst Geneva-*UNIFIL's "Blue Line," sovereignty, and spatial contestation in southern Lebanon*

018 8-9:45am 4-Salon E

**The Gulf Beyond the Arab Spring**



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Chair: **Marianne Laanatza**, Lund U

**Jessie Moritz**, Australian National U-A *transnational opposition: Bahraini human rights networks in the international sphere*

**Patricia Ward**, Boston U-*Beyond dollar signs?: Gulf states, UNHCR and shifting refugee relief practices*

**Susanne Dahlgren**, National U Singapore-*The state crisis in Yemen: the quest for the Republic of South Arabia, other statutory solutions and the fight for power*

**Hae Won Jeong**, SOAS London-*Nation branding and soft power strategies in post-Arab Spring Bahrain*

019 8-9:45am 5-Maine

**Symbolic Politics & Cultural Contestation in Turkey**

Chair: **John M. VanderLippe**, SUNY Delhi

**Torsten Janson**, Lund-*Inventing sacred spaces: Islamic symbolism in Turkish visual politics*

**Sezin Öney**, Bilkent-*Autonomy and symbolic power of the 'intellectual' and the political power in Turkey: from the desired 'wise people' to undesired 'academic signatories for peace'*

**Didem Ünal-Abaday**, CUNY-*Exploring pious women fashion designers' positionalities in the contemporary gender regime in Turkey*

020 8-9:45am 5-Massachusetts

**Urban Traditions & Transformations**

Chair: **Pinar Batur**, Vassar

**Eliana Abu-Hamdi**, UC Berkeley-*Public housing as an agent of social transformation in Amman, Jordan*

**Azat Gundogan**, Cornell-*The end (or beginning?) of Istanbul as we knew it: peripheral urbanization and experiences from the margins*

**Alison B. Snyder**, U Oregon-*The imported passage, now an authentic expression of Istanbul's urban tradition, must not disappear*

**Sanket Desai**, Arkansas Fayetteville-A suburb for Christians: the Daura Project and the dissonance in Iraqi urbanization, 1950-1958

021 8-9:45am

3-Simmons

**Women and the Economy**

Chair: **Madeline C. Zilfi**, Maryland College Park

**Crystal A. Ennis**, Leiden U-*The gendered complexities of promoting female entrepreneurship in the Gulf*

**Leyla Keough**, Massachusetts Amherst-*A desirable domestic in Istanbul: Moldovan maids and their employers*

**Gail Buttorff**, U Kansas; **Bozena**

**Welborne**, U Nevada Reno; **Nawra Al**

**Lawati**, Sultan Qaboos U-*Oil and its impact on female labor force participation in the GCC*

022 8-9:45am

4-Nantucket

**Performing Identities & Authenticities**

Chair: **Hilary Kalmbach**, U Sussex

**Cal Margulis**, UCLA-*Playing race: representations of blackness in the comedies of Ya' qūb Ṣannū' a*

**Michael O'Toole**, U Cincinnati-*From Zeybek to Zeybreak: reimagining Anatolian dance in diaspora*

**Andrea Shaheen Espinosa**, Texas El Paso-*Negotiating tradition: Syrian performers and the right to play in Buenos Aires, Argentina*

**Ali Almajnooni**, Binghamton-*Riddled performances: history and memory in the tribal poetry of Saudi Arabia*

**Carolyn Ramzy**, Carleton U-*"The revolution did not happen": the hidden transcripts of Cairo's post-revolution rock music*

023 8-9:45am

4-Salon C

**Religious Texts, Scholarship, and Interpretation**

Chair: **Dale J. Correa**, Texas Austin

**Carl Sharif El-Tobgui**, Brandeis-*Revelation and sound inference (husn al-nazar) in Ibn Taymiyya's Dar' Al-Ta'arud*

**Holly Robins**, UCLA-*Al-Awza'i's letters to 'Abbasid authorities: a new source for understanding the role of an eighth-century religious scholar*

**Russell Hopley**, Bowdoin Col-*Conversion, false conversion, and deportation: the Christian community of Seville under Almoravid rule*

**Hussein Abdulsater**, American U Beirut-*The essence of the human being in classical theology*

024 8-9:45am

5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Reframing the Debate About Secularism in the MENA Region: Religious Violence, Secular Violence, and the Question of "Real" Politics**  
Organizer: **Suzanne Schneider**

Chair: **Gregory Starrett**, UNC Charlotte

**Liora R. Halperin**, Colorado Boulder  
**Suzanne Schneider**, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research

**Ajay Chaudhary**, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research

**K. Soraya Batmanghelichi**, Brooklyn Inst for Social Research



025 10-11:45am

SPECIAL SESSION

4-Salon F

**BDS, MESA, and the Politics of Academic Associations**Organizers: **Samera Esmeir**, Joshua Stacher, Kent State, **Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa BarbaraChair: **Samera Esmeir**, UC Berkeley**Michelle Hartman**, McGill**Charles Hirschkind**, UC Berkeley**Mary N. Layoun**, Wisconsin Madison**Judith E. Tucker**, Georgetown

The Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement began over a decade ago as a Palestinian initiative that made three demands: ending the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, the full and equal rights of Palestinian citizens in Israel, and the implementation of the Palestinian right of return. Since then, BDS has been widely discussed in academic circles in North America and Western Europe. Across universities throughout North America and Europe, undergraduate and graduate students, alongside faculty, have critically engaged this strategy. Numerous student unions, scholars, and academic associations adopted BDS. In turn, there was significant political pressure on academic institutions to disavow the strategy. The engagement with BDS has given rise to various questions of who has “academic freedom”; what is “free speech”; and what is “objectivity.” These questions unfolded just as the erosion of higher education, the corporatization of the university, the adjunctification of academic labor, and the general precarity of academic work took hold in new ways. At this critical juncture and as several hundred MESA members have signed calls for academic boycott, this panel explores BDS as a political and intellectual strategy as it relates to academic associations in general, and to MESA in particular. The panel reflects on the relationship between producing knowledge and practicing politics in Middle East studies. The panelists, representing different areas of expertise in Middle East studies, offer insights on the practice of BDS, its significance and interventions in the contemporary higher education system, the relationship between politics and scholarship, and question of responsibility. They also reflect on the role of and the pressures on MESA in particular and academic associations more broadly. This panel contributes to an important and unfinished conversation that has been taking place among MESA members, affording them access to a wide range of opinions within their organization.

028 10-11:45am

3-Simmons

**What's Love Got To Do with It? Political Imagination and Discourses of Love**Organizer: **Amy Kallander**Discussant: **Irvin Cemil Schick**

**Vivian Solana**, U Toronto—“*There is no romance in the desert*”: on love and revolution in the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic  
**Amy Kallander**, Syracuse U—*What is love?: how romance and courtship crafted the modern Tunisian subject*

**Asli Zengin**, Brandeis—*Politics of love/ loving politics: notes on the LGBTQ movement in Turkey*

**Secil Yilmaz**, Graduate Center, CUNY—*Negotiating love in the late Ottoman period*

029 10-11:45am

4-Salon B

**Ottoman Seas 1**Organizer: **Murat Cem Mengüç**Chair: **Virginia Aksan**, McMasterDiscussant: **Palmira Brummett**, Brown

**Michael Polczynski**, Georgetown—*Steppe as sea: the Black Sea and the figurative littorals of the deşt-i kıpçak*

**Michael Talbot**, U Greenwich—*Protecting the Mediterranean: Ottoman legal and naval responses to maritime violence in the eighteenth century*

**Isacar Bolanos**, Ohio State—*Beyond the Hindiyya Barrage: Ottoman hydraulic works on the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers during the nineteenth century*

**Emily Neumeier**, U Penn—*The “image value” of Ottoman fortifications*

026 10-11:45am

4-Salon K

**Nationalism and Its Alternatives: Minorities and Their Material Culture in the Middle East**Organizer: **Fadi Dawood**

Organized under the auspices of  
 ModernAssyrianResearchArchive(MARA)

Chair/Discussant: **Irene Markoff**, York U

**Fadi Dawood**, NATO Association of Canada—*Minorities by any other name: Asiri and the status of Christians in the Middle East*

**Alda Benjamen**, Maryland College Park—*Between negotiation and resistance: Assyrian press and popular culture in the 1970s*

**Nadia Younan**, U Toronto—*Assyrian traditional dance, stateless nationalism, and the body as material object*

**Tala Jarjour**, Yale—*Music, materiality, intangibility, and survival in religious minority traditions of the Middle East*

027 10-11:45am

5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Teaching Turkish in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: How to Develop a New Curriculum**Organizer: **Funda Derin**

Sponsored by

American Association of  
 Teachers of Turkic Languages (AATT)

Chair: **Funda Derin**, Wisconsin Madison**Sylvia W. Önder**, Georgetown**Deniz Tat**, Leiden U**Guliz Kuruoglu**, UCLA**Nilay Sevinc**, Michigan Ann Arbor**Burcu Karahan**, Stanford

030 10-11:45am

4-Salon D

**South by East: Decentering and Reorienting Intellectual and Literary Exchanges in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia**

Organizer: **Levi Thompson**

Organized under the auspices of  
the University of California  
Humanities Research Institute

Chair: **Stephen Sheehi**, William and Mary  
Discussant: **Kamran Rastegar**, Tufts

**Alexander Jabbari**, UC Irvine-*Flipping the Persianate script: Urdu in 20<sup>th</sup> century Iran*  
**Levi Thompson**, UCLA-*Badr Shākir Al-Sayyāb's transnational turn*  
**Ghada Mourad**, UC Irvine-*Mohamed Leftah's unruly masculinity and modernity*  
**Suleiman Hodali**, UCLA-*Aḥmad Fāris Shidyāq in Malta and modern Arabic philology*

031 10-11:45am

3-Harvard

**Is Saudi Foreign Policy 'Islamic'?**

Organizer: **Anna Viden**

Discussant: **Robert Vitalis**, U Penn

**Anna Viden**, U Penn-*Theorizing the Salman Doctrine Within the context of the increased Saudi-Iran/'Sunni-Shia' hegemonic rivalry*  
**Brandon Friedman**, Tel Aviv U-*The origins of Saudi nuclear energy research and facilities*

032 10-11:45am

4-Salon G

**Israel's Global Arms Economy: Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Post-9/11 Security State**

Organizer: **Shimrit Lee**

Discussant: **Noura Erakat**, George Mason

**Mtanes Shihadeh**, Mada al-Carmel-*The political/diplomatic role of the Israeli military and high-tech industry*  
**Shimrit Lee**, NYU-*Making violence consumable: professionalism and technofetishism at the Israeli arms expo*  
**Jimmy Johnson**, Independent Researcher-*The Kibush HaShmira and the violence of settler sovereignty*

033 10-11:45am

4-Salon I

**Honoring Fatema Mernissi: Personal and Professional Impact**

Organizer: **Nawar Al-Hassan Golley**

Chair: **Nawar Al-Hassan Golley**, American U Sharjah

Discussant: **miriam cooke**, Duke

**Mary Ann Fay**, Morgan State-*Where will the troubled women go: Fatema Mernissi's memoir of growing up in the harem of her childhood*

**Nayereh Tohidi**, CSU Northridge-*Reading Fatema Mernissi in Iran: Mernissi's impact on Iranian feminist debates*

**Doris H. Gray**, Al Akhawayn-*Fatema Mernissi: A Sufi wanderer and women's rights pioneer*

**Nimat Hafez Barazangi**, Cornell-*Fatema Mernissi and the Hadith: agent of social change*

034 10-11:45am

4-Vineyard

**Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms: Form, Strategies and Purpose**

Organizer: **Nicola Carpentieri**

Organized under the auspices of  
the University of Manchester

**Kamran Karimullah**, U Manchester-*Pain, embodiment, ensoulment: a post-classical (ca. 1100-1900 CE) medical debate on pain between Abū Al-Faraj Ibn Al-Quff (d. 1286 CE) and Fakhr Al-Dīn Al-Rāzī (d. 1209 CE)*

**Nicola Carpentieri**, U Manchester-*Classification and concepts of phrenitis in Arabic commentaries: on the meaning of birsām and sirsām*

**Peter E. Pormann**, U Manchester-*Rhazes the commentator?: fragments of Muḥammad ibn Zakarīyā Al-Rāzī's lost commentary on the hippocratic aphorisms*

**Elaine van Dalen**, U Manchester-*Rhetorical strategies in the medieval commentaries on the hippocratic aphorisms: Arabic metadiscourse in Ḥunayn Ibn Ishāq and Ibn Abī Sādiq*

035 10-11:45am

4-Salon J

**Experimental Methods in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Dana El Kurd**

Discussant: **Luai Allarakia**, U Houston

**Ekrem KaraKoç**, Binghamton-*How foreign policies of other nations affect domestic policy attitudes: the case of Lebanon*

**Kimberly Guiler**, Texas Austin-*Coups, conspiracies, and credibility: experimental evidence from Turkey*

**Elizabeth R. Nugent**, Princeton-*The politics of repression: experimental evidence from Cairo University*

**Dana El Kurd**, Texas Austin-*The effect of international involvement on state-society relations: the case of the Palestinian Territories*

036 10-11:45am

3-Arlington

**The Meaning of Imperial Rule: Evidence From Colonial Morocco**

Organizer: **Etty Terem**

Sponsored by  
American Institute  
for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair/Discussant: **Adria Lawrence**, Yale

**Eric Calderwood**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*What is Spanish colonialism in Morocco, and why does it matter?*

**Itzea Goicolea-Amiano**, European U Inst-*Performing and constraining colonization in the Spanish occupation of Tetouan (1860-62)*

**Etty Terem**, Rhodes Col-*Constructing the modern Muslim woman in colonial Morocco*

**Adam Guerin**, Eckerd Col-*"Civilizing" the countryside: environmental myth, agricultural development and the reinvention of rural Morocco, 1924-1940*

037 10-11:45am 4-Salon H

**The Art Salon in the Middle East: Migration of Institutional Patronage and Its Challenges**

Organizers: **Nadia von Maltzahn, Monique Bellan**

Sponsored by  
Association for Modern and Contemporary Art of the Arab World, Iran & Turkey (AMCA)

Discussant: **Kirsten Scheid**, American U Beirut

**Dina A. Ramadan**, Bard Col-*Society of the lovers of the fine arts and the formation of an Egyptian artistic "awareness"*

**Monique Bellan**, Orient-Inst Beirut-*The Egyptian avant-garde defying the salon*

**Nada M. Shabout**, U North Texas-*The Baghdad avant-garde's unofficial salons*

**Nadia von Maltzahn**, Orient-Inst Beirut-*Guiding the artist and the public?: Salon d'Automne at Beirut's Sursock Museum*

038 10-11:45am 3-Regis

Roundtable

**The Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Yemen and Current Preservation Efforts**

Organizer: **Daniel Mahoney**

Sponsored by  
American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: **Daniel Mahoney**, Austrian Academy of Sciences

**McGuire Gibson**, U Chicago

**Krista Lewis**, Arkansas Little Rock

**Lamya Khalidi**, CNRS

**David B. Hollenberg**, U Oregon

039 10-11:45am 4-Provincetown

**The Crisis of Masculinity in Middle Eastern Literature and Culture**

Organizer: **Nicole Fares**

Chair: **Nicole Fares**, Arkansas Fayetteville  
Discussant: **Hanadi Al-Samman**, U Virginia

**Jedidiah Anderson**, Wofford Col-*Exotic and benighted, or modern yet victimized?: the predicament of the Arab queer*

**Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech-*"I get to deflower at least one. It's my right!": revealing the precariousness of hegemonic masculinity in Rashid Al-Daif's writings*  
**Nicole Fares**, Arkansas Fayetteville-*Of swords and pigeons: emasculation and power play in Lebanese culture*

**Kaveh Bassiri**, Arkansas Fayetteville-*From revolutionary to reformist: Masud Kimiai and the transformation of masculinity*

040 10-11:45am 4-Salon C

**New Perspectives on Late Antique Iran and Iraq**

Organizer: **Michael Pregill**

Organized under the auspices of  
ILEX Foundation

Chair: **Michael Pregill**, Boston U

Discussant: **Richard W. Bulliet**, Columbia

**Rahim Shayegan**, UCLA-*On diachrony in Sasanian studies*

**Jason Mokhtarian**, Indiana U  
Bloomington-*Religious polemics in Sasanian writings*

**Thomas A. Carlson**, Oklahoma State-*The long shadow of Sasanian Christianity: the limits of Iraqi Islamization to 950*

**Mimi Hanaoka**, U Richmond-*Authority and identity in early Medieval Persianate Islamic historiography: methodologies for reading hybrid identities and imagined histories*

041 10-11:45am 5-Maine

**Atatürk and the American Missionaries: Resistance and Accommodation in the New Turkish Republic**

Organizer: **Carolyn Goffman**

**Michael Limberg**, U Connecticut-*Trusting the terrible Turks: the YMCA in Turkey, 1923-1939*

**Carolyn Goffman**, DePaul U-*Toppling the walls and lifting the veil: the American College for Girls, Atatürk, and the new Turkish Republic*

**Kent F. Schull**, Binghamton-*From Aintab to Aleppo: Joseph Booth and the exodus of the Mormon-Armenian community post-WWI*

**Faith J. Childress**, Rockhurst U-*From "upstart" to "savior": changing views of Ataturk at American missionary schools*

042 10-11:45am 4-Salon A

**Jazz Combos, Reading Circles, Military Bands: Integrating the Auditory into Late and Post-Ottoman Social Histories (1880s-1920s)**

Organizer: **Maureen Jackson**

Chair: **G. Carole Woodall**, U Colorado Colorado Springs

Discussant: **Senem Aslan**, Bates Col

**Maureen Jackson**, U Washington-*Ottoman brass bands: the militarization of a global amateur phenomenon*

**Nicholas Tochka**, U Maryland-*From subject to citizen?: national agency and auditory culture in the Albanian diaspora, c. 1880-1910*

**G. Carole Woodall**, U Colorado Colorado Springs-*Jazz combos: defining a district, defining a sound to a post-Ottoman era*

**Pelin Kadercan**, Brown-*Re-imagining a marginalized identity: music and Alevi youth in Istanbul (1930s to the present)*

043 10-11:45am 3-Wellesley

**Mass Displacement and Struggles over Identity in the Contemporary Middle East**

Organizers: **Shamiran Mako, Noora Lori, Emily Cury**

Chairs: **Augustus Richard Norton**, Boston U; **Denis J. Sullivan**, Northeastern  
Discussant: **Kevan Harris**, UCLA

**Shamiran Mako**, Northeastern-*External intervention, state weakness, and forced displacement in post-2003 Iraq*

**Emily Cury**, Northeastern-*Violence, memory and the construction of sectarianism in the Syrian civil war*

**Noora Lori**, Boston U-*Statelessness through state-building: the impact of identity management upgrades on displaced populations in the UAE*

**Sarah Tobin**, Brown-*Sectarianism and identity among Syrian refugees in Jordan*

10-11:45AM Friday November 18

044 10-11:45am

3-Tufts

### Political Economy of the Arab Spring

Chair: **Clement Moore Henry**, Texas Austin

**Gerasimos Tsourapas**, U Birmingham-*Labor migrants as political leverage?: population mobility and coercion in the Arab world*

**Hayat Alvi**, US Naval War Col-*The jasmine economy: Tunisia's post-revolution economic status*

**Isabel Schäfer**, Humboldt U Berlin-*(Youth)Unemployment in Tunisia: coping with the (skill) mismatch between job offer and job demand on the labour market*

045 10-11:45am

4-Nantucket

### Controversies in Twentieth Century Egypt

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

**Mitch Bacci**, Texas Austin-*Smugglers and state-builders: heroin trafficking and institutional development in interwar Egypt*

**Heba Arafa**, Georgetown-*Dreams of alternative modernities on the Nile*

**Yasser Sultan**, Georgetown-*The legacy of Al-Bannā: between gradualism and radicalism*  
**Weston Bland**, Wisconsin Madison-*Re-envisioning the communal sphere: the contestation of Coptic institutions, 1943-1955*

046 10-11:45am

4-Orleans

### Socio-Political Developments in Lebanon

Chair: **Elise Salem**, Lebanese American U

**Hicham Safieddine**, Rice U-*Beirut's developmental institutionalists: towards a history of post-WWII Arab economic thought*  
**Magnus Dolerud**, U Bergen-*The nonviolence movement in the Lebanese peace movement*

**Jennifer Philippa Eggert**, U Warwick, UK-*Women and war in Lebanon: non-state political violence, female combatants and organisational decision-making*

047 10-11:45am

5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

### Is There an Early Modern Muslim Mediterranean?

Organizers: **Andrew Devereux**, Loyola Marymount; **Mayte Green Mercado**

Session Leader: **Mayte Green Mercado**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Gillian Weiss**, Case Western Reserve U  
**Nabil Matar**, U Minnesota  
**Daniel Hershenzon**, U Connecticut  
**Eric Dursteler**, Brigham Young U  
**Cornell H. Fleischer**, U Chicago

12:00-1:30pm

## MESA Members Meeting

4-Salon E

All MESA members are invited to participate in the 2016 members meeting. Provided there is a quorum (35 voting-eligible members) votes will be taken on a resolution to amend MESA's Bylaws and on the composition of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Reports will be given by MESA's Executive Director, the Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom, and the editors of the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* and the *Review of Middle East Studies*.

Please attend, provide your input, and cast your vote.

Your input and vote is needed on

- | a proposed Bylaws Amendment
- | 2017 Nominating Committee

048 1:45-3:30pm

5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Ethics of Researching Middle East Politics**

Organizer: **Jillian M. Schwedler**

Chair: **Jillian M. Schwedler**, Hunter Col, CUNY

**Marc Lynch**, George Washington  
**Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton  
**Laurie Brand**, U Southern California  
**Lisa Wedeen**, U Chicago  
**Sarah Parkinson**, Johns Hopkins  
**Jason Brownlee**, Texas Austin

049 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon K

**Arab Jewish Belonging in the Middle East After Israel's War of 1948**

Organizers: **Bryan Roby**, **Chelsie May**

Discussant: **Orit Bashkin**, U Chicago

**Aviv Ben-Or**, Brandeis-*Shaping Hebrew culture in Arabic: Sami Michael's Arabic fiction of the 1950s*

**Bryan Roby**, Michigan Ann Arbor-*Expressions of belonging and identity in Mizrahi social justice protests 1948-1958*

**Chelsie May**, U Chicago-*Intersectionality, belonging and the immigration of Arab Jewish women: reading Louise Cohen, Shoshana Levy and Shoshana Almoslino between Iraq and Israel*

**Aziza Khazzoom**, Indiana U Bloomington-*Identification patterns of Francophile Iraqi Jews in Israel*

050 1:45-3:30pm

3-Wellesley

**Assessing the Legacy of Fayz Muhammad "Katib-i Hazarah"**

Organizer: **Robert D. McChesney**

**Mehdi Khorrani**, NYU-*The evolution of stylistics and aesthetics in Siraj Al-Tawarikh: the emergence of Fayz Muhammad "Katib" as a modern storyteller*

**Shah Mahmud Hanifi**, James Madison U-*European capital and the environment in Fayz Muhammad's Siraj Al-Tawarikh*

**Amin Tarzi**, Marine Corps U-*The relationship between Fayz Muhammad and Mahmud Tarzi*

**Robert D. McChesney**, NYU-*Fayz Muhammad Khan as historian of Afghanistan*

051 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon B

**Ottoman Seas 2**

Organizer: **Murat Cem Mengüç**

Chair: **Palmira Brummett**, Brown  
 Discussant: **Nabil Al-Tikriti**, Mary Washington

**Christine Isom-Verhaaren**, Brigham Young-*Establishing an Ottoman naval vision: reforming admirals Hayreddin Pasha and Mezemorta Pasha*

**Murat Cem Mengüç**, Seton Hall-*Memories of the war in the sea, Safai's history of the Ottoman conquest of Naupaktos and Methoni*

**Sona Tajiryan**, UCLA-*From Surat to Izmir and Venice: Armenian diamond and gem merchants in early modern global trade*

**Joshua White**, U Virginia-*The Kadi of Malta: piracy, captivity, and law in the Ottoman Mediterranean*

052 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon I

**Political and Legal Contestations over Gender-Based Violence in Post-Revolutionary Egypt**

Organizer: **Hind Ahmed Zaki**



Chair: **Mariz Tadros**, Inst of Development Studies

Discussant: **Helen M. Rizzo**, American U Cairo

**Hind Ahmed Zaki**, U Washington-*Survivors and not victims: the movement against public sexual violence beyond the politics of recognition*

**Marta Agosti**, SOAS London-*Five hundred mob-sexual assaults and one FGM case: whose laws rule women's rights in Egypt?*

**Angie Abdelmonem**, Arizona State-*"Social" and "political" fissures: anti-sexual harassment activism in Egypt*

**Susana Galan**, Rutgers-Al-Shawāri' *Limīn? whose streets?: on public space, sexual violence, and the memory of the revolution in post-revolution Cairo*

053 1:45-3:30pm

3-Regis

Roundtable

**Ba'thism, Islamism, and ISIS**

Organizer: **Michael Brill**

Chair: **Joseph Sassoon**, Georgetown

**Craig Whiteside**, Naval War Col Monterey  
**Kevin M. Woods**, Inst for Defense Analyses

**Cole Bunzel**, Princeton

**Aaron Faust**, Independent Scholar

**Ibrahim Al Marashi**, CSU San Marcos

**Michael Brill**, Georgetown

054 1:45-3:30pm

4-Vineyard

**Ismaili Thought Through the Medieval and Modern Periods: Gender, Exegesis and Metaphysics**

Organizer: **Khalil Andani**

**Khalil Andani**, Harvard-*The monorealism of Aga Khan III: echoes of Ismā'īlī neoplatonism and Akbarī ontology*  
**Shahrad Shahvand**, Harvard-*Ismailism under the influence of Ibn 'Arabī: some metaphysical views of Āqā Khān Maḥallātī (d. 1881)*

**Paul Anderson**, Harvard-*Projections: gendering the spiritual in Ismā'īlī cosmology*  
**Aaron Viengkhou**, Harvard-*The true path (satpanth): narrative hermeneutics (ta'wīl) in the Ismā'īlī Gināns*

055 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon D

**Places and Spaces in Pre-Modern Arabic Writing From the Islamic West**

Organizer: **Sabahat Adil**

Discussant: **Zayde Antrim**, Trinity

**Nizar F. Hermes**, U Virginia-*"It eclipsed Cairo and outshone Baghdad.": Ibn Rashīq's forgotten city-elegy for Qayrawān*

**Rosemary Admiral**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Space, mobility, and gender in medieval Fez*

**Sabahat Adil**, Colorado Boulder-*Seeking baraka in Tlemcen: knowledge production, circulation, and saintly piety in the Islamic west*

**Gretchen Head**, Yale NUS Col-*Space, identity, and genre in 17<sup>th</sup> century Morocco*

056 1:45-3:30pm

3-Arlington

**Tunisia Five Years After: The Forgotten Structures of Revolutionary Practices?**  
Organizers: **Sami Zemni, Benoit Challand**

Chair: **Emel Akcali**, Swansea U  
Discussant: **Sami Zemni**, Ghent U

**Benoit Challand**, New Schl for Social Research-*The revolutionary praxis of civility in Tunisia and its legacies*

**Ester Sigillo**, Scuola Normale Superiore-*The Islamic associative system in post-revolutionary Tunisia: which links between social development and social cleavages?*

**Fabio Merone**, MENARG-Islamism and Salafism confronting the revolution: the cost of governing through consensus

**Joachim Ben Yakoub**, Ghent U-Art as subversive practice: the aesthetics of the Tunisian revolution

057 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon F

**Centennial of What? (Re) Acknowledging the Relationship Between the 1916 Arab Revolt and Mandate Politics**

Organizers: **Carl Shook, Sami Sweis**

Discussant: **Yoav Alon**, Tel Aviv U

**Carl Shook**, U Chicago-*The state-building function of border outposts along the Iraq-Najd frontier, 1918-1932*

**Yoni Furas**, Hebrew U-Pedagogic impossibilities in mandate Palestine: greater Syria and the colonials syllabus

**Joel Veldkamp**, U Chicago-*The 1926 elections in Aleppo: a crystallizing moment*

**Sami Sweis**, U Chicago-*From revolt to mandate: locating the Arab nationalist project in Transjordan 1916-1925*

058 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon H

**New Issues, Perspectives and Sources in Armenian Studies**  
Organizer: **Umit Kurt**

Sponsored by

Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)

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

Discussant: **Umit Kurt**, Harvard

**Emre Can Daglioglu**, Clark U-*Revisiting the Ottoman courts-martial of 1919-1920 under the light of new archival documents*

**Arda Melkonian**, UCLA-*"Human trafficking" during the Armenian genocide*  
**Varak Ketsamian**, Princeton-*The Hunchakian Revolutionary Party from 1891-1895*

**Anna Aleksanyan**, Clark U-*Ritualized rapes and body destruction of the Armenian women during the genocide*

059 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon C

**Slave Women and Free Men: Mediating Social Change in the Medieval Middle East**

Organizer: **Karen Moukheiber**

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Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Leslie Peirce**, NYU

Discussant: **Karen Moukheiber**, American U Beirut

**Pernilla Myrne**, U Gothenburg-*Free women and slave women in premodern Arabic erotic literature*

**Lev Weitz**, Catholic U America-*Concubinage and Christians in the Abbasid Caliphate*

**Maryam Kamali**, Harvard-*Transformations in the social status of the slave women in Iran from the Khwarazmshah to the Mongols*

**Mustafa Banister**, U Bonn-*Princesses born to concubines: a first visit to the women of the Abbasid household in Mamluk Cairo*

060 1:45-3:30pm

5-Massachusetts

**Challenging 19<sup>th</sup> Century Gulf Historical Narratives**

Organizers: **Kristi N. Barnwell, Victoria Hightower**

Chair/Discussant: **Fahad A. Bishara**, NYU

**Noah Haiduc-Dale**, Centenary Col, NJ-*Piracy in the Gulf and the exploitation of environmental knowledge*

**Kristi N. Barnwell**, Illinois Springfield;  
**Jane Bristol-Rhys**, Zayed U-*Revisiting Shaykh Shakhbut's legacy: a lexicon of difficult shaykhs*

**Victoria Hightower**, U North Georgia-*Maritime violence: re-thinking claims of piracy in the lower Gulf*

061 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon G

**Crossing Borders: Transnational Histories of the Colonial-Era Maghrib**

Organizer: **Samuel Anderson**

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for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: **Samuel Anderson**, UCLA

Discussant: **Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale

**Chris Silver**, UCLA-*Musical censorship and the politics of listening across the interwar Maghrib*

**Sara Rahnema**, Johns Hopkins-*The international dimensions of the interwar Algerian debates over "the woman question"*

**Graham Cornwell**, Georgetown-*Feeding the indigènes: diet and colonial policies in French North Africa*

**Samuel Anderson**, UCLA-*From Algiers to Atar: Algerian teachers, Mauritanian students, and "Franco-Muslim" education, 1910s-1950s*

062 1:45-3:30pm

4-Nantucket

**Between Folklore, Literature, and Politics: Circulation of Narratives in the Eastern Mediterranean**  
Organizer: **Tsolin Nalbantian**

Chair: **Tsolin Nalbantian**, Leiden U  
Discussant: **Nader K. Uthman**, NYU

**Marcela Garcia Probert**, Leiden U-*The mobility and use of saints and sanctuaries in Palestinian historical, folkloric and political narratives*

**Eftychia Mylona**, Leiden U-*A presence without a narrative: the Greeks in Egypt, 1961-1976*

**Haneen Omari**, Leiden U-*Beyond spatial-temporal narratives in Palestinian literature: the case of Hussein Barghouti*

063 1:45-3:30pm

4-Provincetown

**Probing the Process: Beyond Outcomes-Based Studies of Contentious Politics**

Organizer: **Yasmina Abouzzohour**

Chair: **Lisa Anderson**, NYU Abu Dhabi  
Discussant: **Asef Bayat**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Lisel Hintz**, Cornell-*Sticks and stones revisited: satire and insult in the escalation of Turkey's Gezi protests*

**Dina Bishara**, Harvard; **Elliott Colla**, Georgetown-*Downtime contention: the daily politics of sit-ins in Egypt*

**Trevor Johnston**, Harvard Kennedy Schl-*When cooptation fails: the spatial dynamics of protest and repression in Bahrain*

**Yasmina Abouzzohour**, Oxford-*Outsmarted, co-opted, and repressed: understanding the Moroccan monarchy's strategic manipulation of protesters*

064 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon A

**Creating Jordan: Artistic Production in a Divided Nation**  
Organizer: **George Potter**

Chair: **Jamil Al-Thawahrih**, U Utah  
Discussant: **Samer Al-Saber**, Florida State

**Rory Sykes**, Northwestern-*"We are all fedayeen": Palestinian and Jordanian representations of the Battle of Karameh*  
**George Potter**, Valparaiso-*Imagining Amman: social space in "When Monaliza Smiled"*

**Rayya El Zein**, Graduate Center, CUNY-*Class, concerts, cosmopolitanism: Amman as emerging "cultural hotspot"*

065 1:45-3:30pm

3-Simmons

**Arabic Study Abroad in Comparative Contexts: Towards an Integrated Approach**

Organizer: **Ahmed Idrissi Alami**

*American Association of Teachers of Arabic*



Chair: **Brahim Chakrani**, Michigan State  
Discussant: **Mohammad T. Alhawary**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Brahim Chakrani**, Michigan State-*Increasing the sociolinguistic competency of heritage Arabic speakers in study abroad programs*

**Ahmed Idrissi Alami**, Purdue-*Learner-generated content as/in experiential learning in Arabic summer study abroad programs*

**Mohammed Bounajma**, Al-Akhwayn-*Arabic culture and literature courses through blended learning for advanced students in study abroad programs*

**Dris Soulaïmani**, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Study abroad and service learning: the view from the global campus*

066 1:45-3:30pm

4-Orleans

**Beyond the Theater: Renegotiating Iranian Cinema Through Technological and Industrial Adaptation**  
Organizer: **Laura Fish**

Chair: **Karin Wilkins**, Texas Austin

**Claire Cooley**, Texas Austin-*Hearing Layli and Majnun on screen: Persian talkies come to Iran from India*

**Kelly Houck**, Texas Austin-*Kanun films from 1965 - 1978: experimenting with revolutionary ideas in Pahlavi Iran*

**Blake Atwood**, Texas Austin-*What will the neighbors think?: Iran's underground video clubs, 1982-1993*

**Laura Fish**, Texas Austin-*Resurrecting the Iranian film industry: diasporic distribution networks of Iranian popular film*

067 1:45-3:30pm

3-Harvard

**Shifting Patterns of Authoritarianism and Democratization**

Chair: **Azzedine Layachi**, St. John's

**Nimah Mazaheri**, Tufts-*No Arab bourgeoisie, no democracy?: the entrepreneurial middle class and democratic attitudes since the Arab Spring*

**Kristen Kao**, U Gothenburg-*Rigging democracy: maintaining power through authoritarian electoral institutions in Jordan*  
**Sabina Henneberg**, Johns Hopkins-*Governance after authoritarian breakdown in North Africa: the first provisional governments in Tunisia and Libya in 2011-2012*

**Kourosh Rahimkhani**, Binghamton-*Mapping the incumbency disadvantage in electoral authoritarian regimes: the case of Iranian parliamentary elections*

068 1:45-3:30pm

4-Salon J

### ISIS and the Regional Dimensions of the Syrian Civil War

Chair: **Geoffrey D. Schad**, U Penn

**Didier Leroy**, Royal Military Academy of Belgium; **Elena Aoun**, Catholic U Louvain  
*-Fighting for our own: the involvement of Lebanese non-state actors in the Syrian conflict and the sources of the power of identity politics*

**Curtis R. Ryan**, Appalachian State  
*Crossfire: Jordanian policy between ISIS and the Syrian Civil War*

069 1:45-3:30pm

5-Maine

### The Contemporary State in Turkey

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

**Jessica Doyle**, Ulster-*State control of civil society organizations: the case of Turkey*

**Kyle T. Evered**, Michigan State-  
*Erasing the place of dissent: democratic authoritarianism and the inscription and elimination of Gezi Park graffiti*

**Yesim Arat**, Boğaziçi-*The decline of democracy in Turkey: authoritarian bargain and institutional decay*

070 1:45-3:30pm

5-New Hampshire

Thematic  
Conversation

**Unraveling the Middle East II: The State of Flow, Fixity, & Global Futures**  
Organizer: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**

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

**Michael Gasper**, Occidental  
**Cyrus Schayegh**, Princeton  
**Mohammed A. Bamyeh**, U Pittsburgh  
**Andrew Arsan**, U Cambridge



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071 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon A

**Postcolonial Shame**

Organizer: **Anna C. Cruz**

**Molly Theodora Oringer**, UCLA-*Othering Palestine: tourism as a discourse of conquest in the postcolonial*

**Douja Mamelouk**, Tennessee Knoxville-*Colonial feminism and the shaming of Tunisian women*

**Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State-*Reclaiming Quranic exegesis: Amīn Al-Khūlī and the new methods of tafsīr*

**Anna C. Cruz**, Tufts-*Contemporary Moroccan odalisques: employing colonialist fantasies to contest postcolonial shame*

072 3:45-5:30pm

5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Electrifying Middle East and North African Studies**

Organizers: **Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Janell Rothenberg**

Chair: **Laleh Khalili**, SOAS London

**Pauline Lewis**, UCLA

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

**Omar Jabary Salamanca**, Columbia

**Nida Alahmad**, Ghent

**Gokce Gunel**, Columbia

**Janell Rothenberg**, George Washington

073 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon C

**Networked Texts: New Ways of Seeing the Arabic Textual Tradition (750-1500)**

Organizers: **Maxim Romanov, Sarah Bowen Savant**

Chair: **Matthew S. Gordon**, Miami U

**Maxim Romanov**, Leipzig-*Of a network and a node: "The History of Islam" of Al-Dhahabi (d. 1348) and its place in the premodern Arabic textual tradition*

**Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan-Khurasan and its literary networks in the late 10<sup>th</sup>-early 11<sup>th</sup> centuries: Arabic letters at the rise of Persian literature

**Najam Haider**, Barnard Col/Columbia-*The myth of margins: mapping Shi'i historiography*

**Majied Robinson**, U Edinburgh-*Text reuse and nasab: outlining by genre*

074 3:45-5:30pm

3-Simmons

**Rethinking the "Saddle Period:" Concept History and New Temporalities for Modern Middle Eastern History**

Organizers: **Susanna Ferguson, Angela Giordani**

Chair/Discussant: **Samera Esmeir**, UC Berkeley

**Nir Shafir**, UC San Diego-*Nasihāt and the politics of morality in the early modern Islamic world*

**Susanna Ferguson**, Columbia-*Tracing Tarbiya: educating children across the nineteenth century divide*

**Hoda Yousef**, Denison-*Recasting ignorance and illiteracy in the nineteenth century*

**Angela Giordani**, Columbia-*Making philosophy in interwar Egypt: towards a genealogy of falsafah in the twentieth century*

075 3:45-5:30pm

3-Regis

Roundtable

**Negotiating Activism in Academia**

Organizer: **Marie Grace Brown**

Chair: **Eve Troutt Powell**, U Penn

**Stephen Sheehi**, William and Mary

**Marie Grace Brown**, U Kansas

**Michelle Hartman**, McGill

076 3:45-5:30pm

4-Provincetown

**The Causes and Consequences of Political Participation and Social Movements in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Peter Krause**

Chair/Discussant: **Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton

**Yael Zeira**, U Mississippi-*Civil society institutions and participation in anti-regime resistance in Palestine*

**Nadya Hajj**, Wellesley-*Women, information ecology, and political participation in the Middle East*

**Richard Nielsen**, MIT-*The circumscribed authority of female preachers in the Salafi movement*

**Peter Krause**, Boston Col-*Strength in weakness: how weak radical flanks drive the success of social movements*

077 3:45-5:30pm

3-Harvard

**The Multiple Audiences of Ottoman Science: Popularization and Circulation of Medical and Alchemical Theories and Practices**

Organizer: **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn**

Chair/Discussant: **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn**, Tel Aviv U

**Sara Nur Yildiz**, Orient-Inst Istanbul-*Şīrvānī's Arabic and Turkish regimen of health guides: popularizing medical knowledge in the Turkish vernacular in the early Ottoman realm*

**Robert G. Morrison**, Bowdoin Col-*The interest in Latin medical texts at Beyazit II's court*

**Tuna Artun**, Rutgers-*An anonymous notebook from seventeenth-century Istanbul and the popularization of alchemy*

**Rainer Broemer**, IU Istanbul Medical Faculty and **Ayman Atat**, Istanbul U/ *BETIM-Alchemy in Ottoman medicine: Galen, Paracelsus, Ömer Şifai (d. 1742)*

078 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon J

**Islamic Religious Authority Between the Arab World and Europe: Multi-Tasked and Multi-Tasking Imams**

Organizer: **Mohammed Hashas**

Chair: **Deina Abdelkader**, Massachusetts Lowell

Discussant: **Ayse Almila Akca**, Free U Berlin

**Jan Jaap De Ruiter**, Tilburg U-*The making of Muslim authority in the Netherlands*

**Sara Borrillo**, U L'Orientale in Naples-*Islamic female religious authority between agency and governmentality: from the Moroccan model to "multicultural" Europe*

**Niels Valdemar Vinding**, U Copenhagen-*Imams of the west: between Islamic authority and Muslim leadership*

**Mohammed Hashas**, LUISS Guido Carli U of Rome-*The European Imam: negotiating a religious authority in crisis*

079 3:45-5:30pm

3-Wellesley

**A Tribute to the Work of Mary Ann Tétreault (1942-2015)**

Organizer: **Farah Al-Nakib**



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Chair/Discussant: **Gwenn Okruhlik**, National U Singapore

**Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**, Northwestern Qatar-*Gender and the public/private sphere: insights from Mary Ann Tétreault*

**Geoff Martin**, U Toronto-*Institutional autonomy and economic change in small states: Mary Ann Tétreault's contribution to the study of oil politics*

**Farah Al-Nakib**, American U Kuwait-*The politics of occupation: Mary Ann Tétreault's take on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait*

**Claire Beaugrand**, Inst Français du Proche Orient/WAWAF-*From stories of democracy to histories of the margins: enlarging the spectrum of Kuwaiti voices*

080 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon D

**Egypt Is Not Algeria Is Not Iran: The Politics of Comparison in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Aaron G. Jakes**

Chair/Discussant: **Matthew Hal Ellis**, Sarah Lawrence Col

**Arthur Asseraf**, Oxford-*Mirror colonies: comparisons between French Algeria and Italian Libya, 1911-1939*

**Aaron G. Jakes**, New Schl for Social Research-*Peaceful wars and unlikely unions: the vernacular politics of comparison in colonial Egypt*

**Ahmed Dailami**, Oxford-*So that they may never return: militancy and monarchy in Arabia after the Islamic Revolution*

**Hussein Omar**, Oxford-*Colonialism by comparison: Christians, Muslims and empire in Egypt, 1882-1911*

081 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon G

**Kurdish Artistic Expression, Resistance, and the State: Literature**

Organizer: **Christian Sinclair**

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Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)

Chair: **Christian Sinclair**, Moravian Col

**Mahroo Rashidirostami**, Exeter-*Kurdish theatre of resistance under the Baath, 1975-1991*

**Francesco Marilungo**, Exeter-*"I carved my name on Diyarbakir's walls": literary representations of Diyarbakir as a castle of Kurdish resistance*

**Joanna Bochenska**, Jagiellonian U-*Between honour and dignity: Kurdish modern literature's attempt to rethink identity and resistance*

**Amir Sharifi**, CSU Long Beach-Kobani, *literary hermeneutics of Kurdish resistance literature*

**Alana Levinson-LaBrosse**, Exeter/American U Iraq, Sulaimani-*Comrade to critic: the rift between Kurdish poets and the Kurdish state*

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4-Salon E

**Provincializing the Core: Impact of Provincial History on Egyptian National History 1850s to 1920s**

Organizer: **Stephanie Boyle**

Chair: **Liat Kozma**, Hebrew U  
Discussant: **Paul Sedra**, Simon Fraser

**Mohamed Gamal-Eldin**, New Jersey Inst of Technology/Rutgers-*Watering the urban: canals, irrigation, water and the growth of Suez Canal cities*

**Hanan Hammad**, TCU-*Political instability of interwar Egypt from a local edge: the Al-Mahalla Revolt of 1925*

**Stephanie Boyle**, New York City Col of Technology, CUNY-*The province as anecdote: cholera, Tanta and Egyptian national history 1848-1907*

**Peter Gran**, Temple U-*Biographical dictionaries as a source for the study of the history of Asyut from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century onward*

083 3:45-5:30pm

4-Nantucket

**Archival Practices, Violence, and Memory**

Organizer: **Seth Anziska**

Chair: **Seth Anziska**, U Col London  
Discussant: **Khaled Fahmy**, Harvard

**Katherine Maddox**, Texas Austin-*A place in time and space: memory at a private archive in Lebanon*

**Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa Barbara-*Palestine as archive*

**Shira Robinson**, George Washington-*The promise and limitations of Israel's archives*

**Rosie Bsheer**, Yale-*The archive question: politics, power, and the violence of history in Saudi Arabia*

084 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon I

**Moving Tastes: Food Memories in Motion**

Organizer: **Anne T. Meneley**



Chair: **Anne T. Meneley**, Trent U  
Discussant: **Nefissa Naguib**, U Oslo

**Ari Ariel**, Boston U-*"There the food was more tasty": Yemeni Jewish food, movement and memory*

**Sara Hefny**, Brown-*Cibus Nostrum: refugee commensality in Italy's "migrant crisis"*

**Farha Ghannam**, Swarthmore-*Memory and social mobility: taste, class, and gender in urban Egypt*

**Jennifer Dueck**, U Manitoba-*The foods they carried: the journey of Lebanese cuisine to North America*

085 3:45-5:30pm

4-Orleans

**Fractures Within Historiographies of the Urban**

Organizer: **Huma Gupta**

Organized under the auspices of  
Aga Khan Program  
for Islamic Architecture (MIT)

Chair: **Nasser O. Rabbat**, MIT  
Discussant: **Sibel Bozdogan**, Harvard

**Chantal El Hayek**, MIT-*Historiography of Levantine Beirut (1830-1930): questioning modernist and postcolonial narratives*

**Iheb Guermazi**, MIT-*Spaces of sexuality in the Islamic city: a history of the Karti: the brothel of Tunis*

**Huma Gupta**, MIT-*Picturing Sha'biyyah on the margins of Baghdad: Kamil Chadirji and Al-Ahali in the 1930s*

**Sarah Rifky**, MIT-*Urban myth of Jeddah: a story of sculptures*

086 3:45-5:30pm

5-Maine

**Masculinities, Conservatism and Power Relations in Contemporary Turkey**

Organizer: **Asli Cirakman**

**Asli Cirakman**, Middle East Technical-*How conservative are the conservative businessmen in Turkey*

**Betul Eksi**, Marmara U-*Public policing and multiple police masculinities in Turkey*

**Selin Akyuz**, Bilkent-*Becoming a master: masculinities and entrepreneurship in Turkey*

087 3:45-5:30pm

3-Arlington

**Vestigial Revolutions, Malleable Messaging, and Illiberal Democracy: Failures and Resilience in Maghribi State and Society**

Organizer: **William A. Lawrence**, George Washington

**Jacob Mundy**, Colgate-*Towards a political economy of state failure in Libya*

**Yahia Zoubir**, KEDGE Business Schl, France-Algeria at fifty-five: authoritarian rule by other means

**Monica L. Marks**, Oxford-*Between dragons and dinosaurs: youth participation in Tunisia's Ennahda party*

**Azzedine Layachi**, St. John's-Of constitutionalism, liberalism and democracy in Morocco: the limits that work

088 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon H

**Pedagogy and Language Policies**

Chair: **Muhammad S. Eissa**, Eissa & Associates

**Hanan Hassanein**, American U Cairo-*Assistive technology for reading to dyslexic students learning Arabic as a foreign language*

**Olivia Martina Dalla Torre**, U Lumière Lyon 2-*Decoding multilingual language practices within a Palestinian NGO*

**Nilay Sevinc**, Michigan Ann Arbor-*Conceptualizing and designing a Turkish language course*

**Afaf Bataineh**, Zayed U-*Language policy in federal institutions of higher education in the UAE*

**Hanada Al-Masri**, Denison U-*Digital pedagogy and developing oral proficiency: a case of Arabic students at the beginning and intermediate levels*

089 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon K

**Arab-Iranian Intellectual Exchanges and Political Encounters**

Chair: **James F. Goode**, Grand Valley State

**Arash Reisinezhad**, Florida International-*Pre-revolutionary Iran and Shia Lebanese 1958-1979*

**Gholam R. Vatandoust**, American U Kuwait-*Pan-Iranism, pan-Arabism and pan-Islamism: the dispute between the Shah of Iran and Gamel Abdul Nasser of Egypt*

**Amirhossein Teimouri**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Round-the-clock revolution of 1979: divergent perceptions of the Arab revolts in Iran*

**Yusuf Unal**, Emory-*Sayyid Qutb in Iran: translating the Islamist ideologue in the Islamic Republic*

090 3:45-5:30pm

4-Salon B

**Ottoman Provinces: Commerce and Communities**

Chair: **Robert Zens**, Le Moyne Col

**Jameel Haque**, Graduate Center, CUNY-*Conflict and cooperation: American trade in late Ottoman Baghdad and Basra*

**Hania Abou Al-Shamat**, U Florida-*Rethinking commercial practices and laws in Ottoman Syria: merchants' interactions with the Islamic courts*

**Alex Schweig**, U Arizona-*Remaking the old city: the Anatolian railroad and Eskişehir's late nineteenth century urban transformation*

091 3:45-5:30pm

4-Vineyard

**Palestine: Institutions, Alliances, Resistances**

Chair: **Abigail Jacobson**, Van Leer Jerusalem Inst

**Tamir Sorek**, U Florida-*The Palestinian flag is back: 'Arab soccer in a Jewish state' revisited*

**Rebecca Granato**, Al Quds Bard Col-*Model prisoners: the emergence of an alternative Palestinian leadership*

**Katherine Natanel**, Exeter-*Apathy and the politics of resistance in Israel-Palestine*

**Harel Chorev**, Tel Aviv U-*Between a Palestinian integration and disintegration: the case of the Hebron alliance*

**Lyndall Herman**, U Arizona-*Being Gazan: identity, institutions, and internationality in the Gaza Strip*

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5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents**

Organizers: **Pauline Homsy Vinson**, **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

Chair: **Pauline Homsy Vinson**, Diablo Valley Col

**Carol Fadda-Conrey**, Syracuse U  
**Sarah Gualtieri**, U Southern California  
**Bassam Haddad**, George Mason  
**Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

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5-Vermont

Roundtable

**The Middle East and Global Environmental Historiography**  
Organizer: **Chris Gratien**

Chair: **Chris Gratien**, Harvard

**Alan Mikhail**, Yale  
**Nukhet Varlik**, Rutgers  
**Jennifer L. Derr**, UC Santa Cruz  
**Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers  
**Graham Auman Pitts**, Georgetown  
**Faisal Husain**, Georgetown

094 5:45-7:30pm

3-Simmons

**In the Neighborhood of War: Everyday Specters of (Dis-)Order in Jordan**  
Organizer: **Yazan Doughan**

Chair: **Yazan Doughan**, U Chicago/GIGA  
Discussant: **Jillian M. Schwedler**, Hunter Col, CUNY

**Sara Ababneh**, U Jordan-Troubling the political: women in the Jordanian day-waged labor movement

**Andre Bank**, GIGA Inst of Middle East Studies, Hamburg; **Yazan Doughan**, U Chicago/GIGA-In the neighborhood of the Syrian war: local political economy and meaning-making in northern Jordan  
**Mary Pancoast**, U Virginia-Rights in exile: the vernacularization of rights discourses by Syrians in Amman  
**Zachary Sheldon**, U Chicago-On the uses of disorder in Amman: young Iraqis and the urban "garden"

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4-Salon J

**Regimes for Handling the Palestinians**  
Organizer: **Jacob Hoigilt**

Chair: **Jacob Hoigilt**, Peace Research Institute Oslo

**Kjersti Berg**, U Bergen-A catch 22: Palestinian refugees and the politics of humanitarianism

**Jacob Hoigilt**, Peace Research Inst Oslo-Handled without care: social breakdown in east Jerusalem

**Marte Heian-Engdal**, U Oslo-Searching for an "antithesis" to repatriation: international efforts to (dis)solve the Palestinian refugee problem

**Jorgen Jensehaugen**, U Col Lillehammer-Palestinian autonomy without the Palestinians

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3-Regis

Roundtable

**The Political Theology of ISIS: Beyond the Binary of Politics and Religion**  
Organizer: **Amal Ghazal**

Chair: **Shahzad Bashir**, Stanford

**Ahmad Salim Dallal**, American U Beirut  
**Suleiman A. Mourad**, Smith Col  
**Amal Ghazal**, Dalhousie U  
**Sohaira Siddiqui**, Georgetown

097 5:45-7:30pm

4-Salon E

**"Orthodoxy" and "Heterodoxy" in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire**  
Organizer: **Jane Hathaway**

Chair/Discussant: **Gottfried Hagen**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Vefa Erginbas**, Providence Col-Reappraising religiosity in the reign of Murad III: Mustafa Darir's Siretun Nebi and its unspoken content

**Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer**, Binghamton-One word, many implications: the term "Kızılbaş" in the early modern Ottoman context

**John Curry**, UNLV-Formation of a Sunni orthodoxy or an ongoing negotiation?: making sense of the works of Cemal El-Halveti (d. 1499) and Karabaş 'Ali Veli (d. 1686)

**Jane Hathaway**, Ohio State-El-Hajj Beshir Agha and Ottoman attitudes toward Sufism and Shi'ism

098 5:45-7:30pm

3-Arlington

**Political Parties in the Arab World: Continuity and Change**  
Organizer: **Lise Storm**

Chair: **Michael J. Willis**, Oxford

**Anne Wolf**, Oxford-'Dégagé RCD!' regime breakdown and the rise of internal dissent in Ben Ali's Constitutional Democratic Rally Party (1987-2011)

**Lise Storm**, Exeter-Parties and elections in the Arab world: continuity and change

**Francesco Cavatorta**, U Laval-Clientelistic or programmatic voting in the Arab world  
**Manal A. Jamal**, James Madison U-Party politics in the Palestinian Territories

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5-Maine

**Representation and Elite Behavior in Politically-Polarized Turkey**  
Organizer: **Sabri Ciftci**

Chair: **Ekrem KaraKoç**, Binghamton  
Discussants: **A. Kadir Yildirim**, Rice U; **Ekrem KaraKoç**, Binghamton

**David Wiltse**, South Dakota State-Ideal point estimation and parliamentary behavior in the Turkish Grand National Assembly

**Marwa Shalaby**, Rice U-From town councils to the grand national assembly: women's electoral representation in Turkey  
**Michael Wuthrich**, U Kansas-Campaign priorities and polarization in elections in Turkey

**Sabri Ciftci**, Kansas State; **Tevfik Murat Yildirim**, U Missouri -Representation and ethnic conflict: Kurdish insurgency and parliamentary behavior in Turkey

100 5:45-7:30pm

3-Wellesley

**Widening the Net: New Sources, Methods, and Insights in the Arabian Peninsula**  
Organizers: **Sean Foley**, **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**

Chair: **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**, Northwestern-Qatar  
Discussants: **Elizabeth Derderian**, Northwestern; **Raihan Ismail**, Australian National U

**Matthew MacLean**, NYU-Infrastructure, spatial transformation, and the emergence of the UAE citizen in the 1970s

**Dylan Baun**, U Alabama Huntsville-Exploring "sectarianism from below" in Bahrain

**Sean Foley**, Middle Tennessee State-"Brought to you by the House of Benson and Hedges in Arabia": how big tobacco used modernity and Islam to conquer Saudi Arabia  
**Callie Jones**, Maryland College Park-Doing the right thing: gender and ethical decision-making in Kuwait

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3-Harvard

**Networks of Capital: Land, Markets, and Community in the Levant and North Africa**

Organizers: **Kristen Alff, Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky**

Chair: **Joel Beinin**, Stanford

Discussant: **Aaron G. Jakes**, New Schl for Social Research

**Basma Fahoum**, Stanford-Remembering subterfuge among Arab Palestinian tobacco cultivators under the British rule 1920-1948

**Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky**, Stanford-Refugees and capitalism: land and investment in Ottoman Transjordan, 1890-1914

**Rebecca Gruskin**, Stanford-Phosphates: local dissidence and global agriculture in Gafsa, Tunisia, 1890s-1970s

**Kristen Alff**, Stanford-The business of land: Levantine joint-stock companies, land, law, and Greek-Orthodox networks, 1838-1925

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4-Salon I

**A Reassessment of Albert Hourani's 'Politics of Notables' After 50 Years**  
Organizer: **Benjamin Smuin**

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

**M. Talha Cicek**, SOAS London-Negotiating empire in Hijaz: politics of notables and Ottoman tribal governance

**Benjamin Smuin**, UC San Diego-Doctors, lawyers, and extremists: 'Abd Al-Rahman Al-Kayyali and a new politics of notables in interwar Syria

**Harrison Guthorn**, U Virginia-Notable compromise: the Legislative Council of Transjordan and elite rights during the British mandate

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4-Salon G

**Conflicting Fieldwork in the Middle East: Feelings, Obligations, Trauma and Theory**

Organizers: **Anne De Jong, Marina de Regt**

Chair: **Sheila Carapico**, U Richmond

**Marina de Regt**, Vrije U Amsterdam-*"Ittassilli, ya Marina"*: friendship, frustration and despair in Yemen

**Anne De Jong**, U Amsterdam-*Shaped by the field: shaping the field: on how political, ethical and personal dilemmas of doing 'fieldwork under fire' shape/deform scholarly knowledge*

**Erika Alejandra Cortes**, Independent Scholar-*Between nostalgia and despair: reflections on fieldwork among Syrians in Turkey*

**Vivienne Matthies-Boon**, U Amsterdam-Narrating trauma in Egypt: on being human and human beings in political science

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4-Salon D

**Dynamics of Sectarianism: The Case of Lebanon**

Organizer: **Barea Sinno**

Chair: **Melani Cammett**, Harvard

Discussants: **Sarah Parkinson**, Johns Hopkins; **Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl**, Harvard Kennedy Schl

**Nils Hagerdal**, Princeton-*Ethnic cleansing as military strategy: lessons from Lebanon, 1975-1990*

**Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl**, Harvard Kennedy Schl-*Patterns of fighting in the Lebanese Civil War: contrasting logics of sectarianism and political power*

**Amanda Rizkallah**, UCLA-*Wartime territorial control and local politics in post-war Beirut*

**Melani Cammett**, Harvard-*The perils of power-sharing: public goods provision in Lebanon in comparative perspective*

**Barea Sinno**, Rutgers-*Sectarian mental models*

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5-Massachusetts

**Citizenship, Equality and Sovereignty in Post-Revolution Tunisia**

Organizer: **Nadia Marzouki**, CNRS

**Corinna Mullin**, U Tunis-*Neoliberalism, higher education and national security: (re) producing and contesting hierarchies of sovereignty and citizenship in post-uprising Tunisia*

**Habib Ayeb**, Paris 8 U-France-*From Sidi Bouzid to Kasserine: food sovereignty, land rights and social uprisings in Tunisia*

**Hamza Meddeb**, European U Inst-A hijacked democracy?: extraversion and sovereignty in post Ben Ali Tunisia

**Max Ajl**, Cornell-*Technical aid to big wheat: the Green Revolution in Tunisia*

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4-Salon A

**"Islamic Governance": Constraints and Opportunities**

Organizer: **Gianluca P. Parolin**

Chair: **David Taylor**, AKU-ISMC

**Gianluca P. Parolin**, Aga Khan

U-*(Reluctantly) embracing legal positivism? Al-Tahtawi on the 1814 French constitution*

**David H. Warren**, U Edinburgh-*Republicanism, authoritarianism, and the Egyptian nation-state: the ambiguous legacy of Rifa'a Al-Tahtawi*

**Asifa Quraishi-Landes**, U Wisconsin Law School-*Not your father's Islamic State: Islamic constitutionalism for today's Sharia-minded Muslims*

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4-Salon F

**Looking Back to Look Forward: North African and Iberian Relations in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries**

Organizer: **Veronica Menaldi**

Sponsored by  
American Institute  
for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

**R. Scott Hussey**, U Florida-*Christian captivity in Tetouan, Morocco: A post-Reconquista nexus of Iberian Christian, Muslim, and Jewish interactions*

**Robert Hultgren**, U Minnesota-*The beginnings of an "other"*

**Veronica Menaldi**, U Minnesota-*Prophesizing the future Iberian/North African relations: a case study of one set of understudied 16<sup>th</sup> century Iberian pliegos*

**Carol Ready**, U Minnesota-*"Una lengua extranjera": language policy in the Spanish city of Ceuta*

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4-Salon C

**Approaches to Historiography in the Early Islamic World**

Organizer: **Richard Heffron**

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Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Fred M. Donner**, U Chicago

Discussant: **Elizabeth Urban**, West Chester U

**Kyle Longworth**, U Chicago-*Dionysius of Telmahre and Syriac perspectives of the early Islamic period*

**Ilkka Lindstedt**, U Helsinki-*Historiography and hadiths*

**Richard Heffron**, U Chicago-*The transmission and compilation of knowledge in Abbasid Syria*

**Antoine Borrut**, U Maryland/Inst for Advanced Study-*The cultural memory of early Islamic Egypt*

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4-Provincetown

**Egypt After January 25, 2011**

Chair: **Yoram Meital**, Ben-Gurion U

**Clarissa C. Burt**, US Naval Academy-*Hassan Teleb's "Anjiil Al-Thawra wa Qur'aanuhaa": from Idaa'ah to the poetry of the January 25 Revolution*

**Shimaa Hatab**, Cairo U-*Ruling elites, producing Islam and transition predicament in Egypt*

**Somaia M. El Sayed**, Cairo U-*Egyptian youth: a retreat to abstention?*

**Solava Ibrahim**, U Cambridge-*The revolution of rising expectations: how the uprisings affected deprived communities in Egypt*

**Asya R. El-Meehy**, United Nations-*Popular committees in Cairo: analyzing urban activism post-Mubarak*

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4-Salon B

**Kurdistan and the Ottoman Empire**

Chair: **Stefan Winter**, Quebec Montreal

**Barbara Henning**, Bamberg U-*Of passionate Ottomans and republican homemakers: marginalized narratives and mnemopolitical agendas in the history of the Ottoman-Kurdish Bedirhani family*

**Nilay Ozok Gundogan**, Binghamton-*Census-making as a social process in Ottoman Kurdistan, 1840-1850*

**Emine Rezzan Karaman**, UCLA-*The making of the Ottoman-Persian border and the imposition of Osmanlilik in the majority Kurdish frontier in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries*

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4-Nantucket

**Performance, Media & Public Spaces**

Chair: **Shouleh Vatanabadi**, NYU

**Vika Gardner**, Hampshire Col-A Muslim televangelist preaches science: **Zakir Naik** constructs authority through science

**Anas Alahmed**, Indiana U Bloomington-*Internalized Orientalism in media representation following the 2011 Egyptian revolution*

**Vit Sisler**, Charles U in Prague-*Who is listening to your fatwas?: social network analysis of Islamic sites' audiences on Facebook*

**Fatima El Issawi**, London Schl of Economics/Essex U-*Towards an alternative public space?: A Moroccan case study*

**Suncem Koçer**, Kadir Has U-*Framing a new national framework: Turkish and Armenian media on constitutional changes*

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4-Salon K

**Gender and Sexuality in Iran**

Chair: **Fatemeh Hosseini**, Georgetown

**Samaneh Oladi**, UCSB-*Women's interpretive possibilities and constraints*

**Norma Claire Moruzzi**, Illinois Chicago-*Commodifying ourselves: transgender and neoliberalism in contemporary Iran*

**Mostafa Abedinifard**, MacEwan U-*Hegemonic masculinity and the policing of heterosexuality: gender and transgender in two Iranian films—"Be Like Others" and "Facing Mirrors"*

113 5:45-7:30pm

4-Orleans

**Contested Politics: Libya, Morocco, Syria, Iraq**

Chair: **Ghassan E. El-Eid**, Central Connecticut State

**Brynjar Lia**, U Oslo-*Rebel governance by Jihadi militant groups in the Middle East*

**Matteo Capasso**, Durham U-*'Narratives of a revolution' and 'fantasies of a good life': what happened and what could happen in Libya since 2011*

**Fouad Gehad Marei**, Free U Berlin-*Governing in the meanwhile?: understanding justice and governance in the Syrian insurgency*

**Tara Deubel**, U South Florida-*Urbanizing the Sahara: the politics of settlement and urban development in El-Ayoum*

**Riva Gewarges**, McMaster-*A postcolonial perspective on Iraqi nationalism: the erasure of Assyrian people's identity*

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4-Vineyard

**Scenarios of Cosmopolitanism**

Chair: **Samy Ayoub**, Texas Austin

**Robert Landau Ames**, Harvard-*Modernizing Sufism: Safi 'Ali Shāh's Mīzān Al-Ma'rifah and late Qajar epistemic culture*

**Keren Zdafee**, Tel Aviv U/Talpiot Col-*Cosmopolitan gaze, Egyptian caricatures: the role of foreign local artists in the making of Egypt's satirical repertoire during the 'cosmopolitan era' (1882-1936)*

**Tanya Lawrence**, Yale-*An age of vernacular cosmopolitanisms: the Iranian community of the late Ottoman Empire*

**Saghar Sadeghian**, Willamette U-*A socio-historical approach to Claude Anet's "La Perse en Automobile"*

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5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**BDS and Middle East Studies: Historical, Political and Legal Dimensions, Year 2**

Organizer: **Abdel Razzaq Takriti**

Session Leader: **Abdel Razzaq Takriti**, U Houston

**Rima Kapitan**, Kapitan Law Office

**Omar AlShehabi**, Gulf U for Science and Technology

**Jens-Peter Hanssen**, U Toronto

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**JMEWS Editorial Board Meeting**

10-11:45am - Vineyard (4)

**Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting**

11am-1pm - Brandeis (3)

**Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies MENA Business History Project**

11am-1pm - Massachusetts (5)

**Kurdish Studies Association Business Meeting**

11:45am-1:45pm - Orleans (4)

**Western Consortium of Middle East Centers Meeting**

2-3pm - Northeastern (3)

**ASPS Board Meeting**

3-4pm - Northeastern (3)

**JPS Editorial Board Meeting**

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**Scholars at Risk-Responding to Academic Freedom Concerns in Turkey: Advocacy and Direct Assistance**

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**Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies Reception**

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**SSRC Book Launch Reception-Middle East Studies for the New Millennium: Infrastructures of Knowledge**

5-7pm - Boston University (3)

**MEOC Public Business Meeting**

7-9pm - Simmons (3)

**University of Michigan Reception**

8-10pm - Wellesley (3)

**Fulbright 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**

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4-Salon G

**Cities & Histories at the Periphery: Borj Hammoud of Greater Beirut, 1970-2016**  
Organizer: Joanne Nucho

Organized under the auspices of  
American University of Beirut

Chair/Discussant: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

**Jared McCormick**, Harvard-Of cars, bridges, rivers, and borders: Syrian (Kurdish) men in Naba'a

**Joanne Nucho**, Pomona Col-The end(s) of informality in Borj Hammoud

**Mona Fawaz**, American U Beirut-Narrating Beirut from its peripheries: a view from Nab'ah/Bourj Hammoud (1950-1975)

**Tsolin Nalbantian**, Leiden U-The 1958 (Armenian) Civil War in Beirut

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5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Where Is Culture Now?: The Place of Cultural History in Middle East Studies**  
Organizer: Dylan Baun

Chair: **Dylan Baun**, Alabama Huntsville

**Kevin W. Martin**, Indiana U

**Hoda Yousef**, Denison

**Sherene Seikaly**, UC Santa Barbara

**Farzin Vajdani**, Ryerson U

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4-Nantucket

**Traversing and Transgressing Boundaries in Armenian History**  
Organizers: **Richard Antaramian**, **Dzovinar Derderian**

Chair: **Asbed Kotchikian**, Bentley U

Discussant: **Gerard Libaridian**, Cambridge, Mass.

**Houri Berberian**, UC Irvine-Crossing imperial and ideological frontiers: Armenian revolutionaries and ideas in motion

**Dzovinar Derderian**, Michigan Ann Arbor-Transgressing legal and communal boundaries: marriage and Ottoman Armenians, 1840s-1870s

**Sebouh Aslanian**, UCLA-Boundary crossing, identity, and early modern mobility: letters of raccomandazione and the eighteenth-century travels of an Armenian gem merchant from Istanbul

**Richard Antaramian**, U Southern California-Traversing ecclesiastic boundaries, or how Mkrtich Kefszian tried to break the Armenian millet

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5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Teaching History of Islamic Science and Technology**

Organizer: **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn**

Chair: **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn**, Tel Aviv U

**Ahmed Ragab**, Harvard

**Justin Stearns**, NYU Abu Dhabi

**Daniel Stolz**, Northwestern

**Kutlughan Soyubol**, Graduate Center, CUNY

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3-Tufts

**Did Economic Inequality Drive the Arab Spring?: Quantitative Approaches**  
Organizer: **Djavad Salehi-Isfahani**

Chair/Discussant: **Melani Cammett**, Harvard

**Caroline Krafft**, St. Catherine

U-Inequality of opportunity in higher education in the Middle East and North Africa

**Ragui Assaad**, U Minnesota-Inequality of opportunity in income and consumption in Egypt  
**Djavad Salehi-Isfahani**, Harvard-Equality of human opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa

**Ishac Diwan**, Harvard Kennedy Schl-Who are the democrats?: opinion changes in the wake of the Egyptian uprisings of 2011

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4-Salon B

**Knowledge Production and Ottoman Empire: Travelogues in the Long Nineteenth Century**

Organizer: **Zeinab Azarbadegan**

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

Discussant: **Nir Shafir**, UC San Diego

**Zeinab Azarbadegan**, Columbia-Ruler of the roads: Nasir Al-Din Shah and Iranian sovereignty in Ottoman Iraq  
**Mostafa Minawi**, Cornell-An officer and a gentleman in East Africa

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**Selim Karlitekin**, Columbia-*Unjamming the ummah: Ottomans traveling to India in the long 19<sup>th</sup> century*

**Tania Bhattacharyya**, Columbia-*From Bombay to Basra: between empire and self-determination in the Persian Gulf, 1916-1918*

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3-Simmons

**Moving Homelands: Migrations and Memory in the Twentieth Century**  
Organizer: **Beeta Baghoolizadeh**

Chair: **Reem Bailony**, Georgetown  
Discussant: **Akram F. Khater**, North Carolina State

**Edward Falk**, UC San Diego-*The imaginary mountain: Lebanon in the mahjar memory*

**Alma Rachel Heckman**, UC Santa Cruz-*Divided dreams: Moroccan Jewish migrations and politicized identities in the 1960s*

**Lindsey Stephenson**, Princeton-*Preserving their place in Kuwaiti history: Iranian migrants and the history market*

**Beeta Baghoolizadeh**, U Penn-But, *where are you really from?: mapping a racial homeland in Iran, 1928-1980*

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3-Wellesley

**Gulf Politics Beyond Rentierism**  
Organizer: **Sofia Fenner**

Chair: **Sofia Fenner**, U Chicago

**Tyler Schuenemann**, Massachusetts Amherst-*The public life of natural disasters: solidarity, expertise, and development in Oman*

**Andrew Leber**, Harvard-*Decoding the Kefala: understanding variation in Gulf migrant labor*

**Benjamin N. Smith**, Florida International-*On the dune grass frontier?: Suburbanization and the imagined geographies of urban desirability in the Gulf*

**Courtney Freer**, London Schl of Economics (LSE) Kuwait Programme-*Tribalism and hydrocarbon wealth: examining dynamics of the rentier bargain in Kuwait*

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4-Salon D

**Emotion, Affect and Political Transformations in the Middle East**  
Organizer: **Cilja Maren Harders**

Discussant: **Amy Austin Holmes**, American U Cairo

**Cilja Maren Harders**, Free U Berlin-*"Midan-moments": affective solidarity and emotional liberation in mass protests in Egypt and Turkey*

**Bilgin Ayata**, U Basel, Switzerland-*Kurdish-Turkish relations after the Gezi protests: affective estrangement or affective solidarity?*

**Dina Wahba**, Free U Berlin-*Affect, emotions and the production of new gendered political subjectivities in the Egyptian Revolution*

**Derya Özkaya**, Free U Berlin-*Affective politics of the Gezi Park protests and their aftermath*

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5-Maine

**Leisure and Its Discontents: Contesting Public Practices and Popular Spaces**  
Organizers: **Haggai Ram**, **Lior B. Sternfeld**

Chair/Discussant: **Ted Swedenburg**, Arkansas Fayetteville

**Lior B. Sternfeld**, Penn State-*Cafe Polonia and cabaret: reinventing nightlife in Tehran in the 1940s*

**Alon Tam**, U Penn-*Cairo's coffee-houses, 1860-1960: between leisure and friction*

**Avner Wishnitzer**, Tel Aviv U-*"Meet me by the lantern on Jaffa Street:" A nocturnal history of late Ottoman Jerusalem*

**Haggai Ram**, Ben Gurion U of the Negev-*The dawn of imperial and international control: the (under)world of hashish consumers in interwar Palestine*

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4-Salon A

**Imperial State Practices and Local Perspectives in Early Ottoman Syria**  
Organizer: **Charles L. Wilkins**

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Chair: **Abdul-Karim Rafeq**, William and Mary

Discussant: **Stefan Winter**, U Quebec Montreal

**Linda T. Darling**, U Arizona-*Resource extraction in a conquered province: the changing role of Ottoman Syria in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century*

**Charles L. Wilkins**, Wake Forest-*Ottoman elite recruitment and the case of Janbulad Bek b. Qasim (d. ca. 1575)*

**Abdulahim Abu-Husayn**, American U Beirut-*Seeking the house of felicity: Arab encounters with the new capital-city Istanbul*  
**Malissa Taylor**, Massachusetts Amherst-*Suleyman the Magnificent in the eyes of early modern Damascene writers*

127 8-9:45am

3-Regis

Roundtable

**Reflections on the Reading and Writing of Biography**

Organizer: **Yoav Alon**

**Yoav Alon**, Tel Aviv U

**Liora R. Halperin**, Colorado Boulder

**Joel Parker**, Tel Aviv U

**Peter Wien**, Maryland College Park

128 8-9:45am

4-Provincetown

**Perspectives on State Formation and Nation Building in Post-Gadhafi Libya: International Influence and Domestic Challenges**

Organizer: **Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux**

Chair/Discussant: **Jacob Mundy**, Colgate

**Kumru Toktamis**, Pratt Inst-(Re-)entrenchments in Libya

**Haala Hweio**, Northern Illinois U-*The role of Libyan women in the state building process: opportunities and challenges*

**Irene Costantini**, U York-*When state formation meets statebuilding: external actors and the Libyan transition*



## 8-9:45AM Saturday November 19

**Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux**, Brandeis-  
*Challenges and failures of the military  
intervention and state-building efforts in  
Libya*

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4-Salon K

**Communicating Politics in the Middle  
East: Objects, Spaces and Voices in  
Political Narratives**  
Organizer: **Bilge Yesil**

Chair/Discussant: **Bilge Yesil**, Col of  
Staten Island, CUNY

**Will Youmans**, George Washington-  
*Political mobilities and smartphones in  
MENA: a case study of AJ+ Araby*  
**Ece Algan**, CSU San Bernardino-*The  
politicization of rape as a consequence of  
western modernity and conservative Islamism:  
Competing media narratives in Turkey*  
**Pelin Kivrak**, Yale-*A car movie without  
a racing scene?: negotiating modernity in  
Iranian new wave films*

130 8-9:45am

4-Salon I

**Public Service & Syndicates in Egypt**

Chair: **Arthur E. Goldschmidt**, Penn State

**Rachel A. Sternfeld**, Indiana U  
Pennsylvania-*Egypt's professional  
syndicates: opinion aggregators or captured  
institutions?*

**Claire Perez**, UC Berkeley-*A medical  
revolution? the politics of health care in post-  
Mubarak Egypt*

**Gregory Hoadley**, UC Berkeley-*Knowing  
measures: the evolving concept of "statistical  
awareness" and the political economy of  
official data in Egypt*

**Soha Bayoumi**, Harvard-*"The dignity of  
doctors": socio-professional mobilization and  
political activism in post-Mubarak Egypt*

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3-Harvard

**Early Modern Turkish Republic**

Chair: **Serpil Atamaz**, TOBB U of  
Economics and Technology

**Murat Metinsoy**, Istanbul U-*Rural crimes,  
violence and banditry as peasants' everyday  
politics in early republican Turkey*

**Emine Ö. Evered**, Michigan State-*Yeşilay  
and Turkey's past and present politics  
of temperance, prohibition, and alcohol  
regulation*

**Roger A. Deal**, U South Carolina Aiken-  
*The everyday life of a policeman in late  
Ottoman Istanbul*

**Caner Yelbaşı**, SOAS London-*Civil war at  
the end of the empire; Circassian opposition to  
the nationalists of Ankara in 1920*

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4-Salon F

**Gender and Activism**

Chair: **Marianne Bøe**, U Bergen

**Michela Cerruti**, EHESS-*New visibilities of  
female bloggers in the Syrian virtual public  
space*

**Gizem Turkarlan**, Koç U-*Acts of  
citizenship; a comparative study of women's  
movement and gender regimes in Tunisia and  
Turkey*

**Wajeeha Choudhary**, Drexel-*How does the  
Pakistani subaltern subject speak?: a visual  
discourse analysis of Malala Yousafzai*

**Emma Sundkvist**, Lund-*Making or  
breaking resistance: women's rights activism  
in contemporary Egypt*

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4-Salon J

**Turkish-Iranian Encounters**

Chair: **Mehrzad Boroujerdi**, Syracuse

**Sevil Cakir Kilincoglu**, Leiden-*Women in  
radical left in Iran and Turkey during the 1970s*

**Navid Fozi**, Middle East Technical-  
*Diasporic counterpublics: Iranian asylum  
seekers in Turkey*

**Alyeh Mehin**, U Arizona-*The influence of  
Turkish soap operas on middle class working  
women of Mashhad*

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4-Salon E

**Re-imagining Literary Works and  
Concepts**

Chair: **Esra Tasdelen**, North Central Col

**C. Ceyhun Arslan**, Harvard-*Redefining the  
Ottoman literature: Ziya Pasha's Harabat and  
comparative Middle Eastern literatures*

**Hannah Scott Deuchar**, NYU-*Writing  
'nahḍa': a term and its transformations, 1850-1914*

**Jocelyn Wright**, Texas Austin-*Spectres of  
l'Étranger: (re)imagining Camus in Algerian  
literature*

**Shaikha Almubarak**, UC Berkeley-*The  
cinematic Cairene house and its context in the  
"Cairo Trilogy"*

**Alya ElHosseiny**, NYU-*The Orient: a  
phenomenology of strangeness in early Arabic  
novels*

135 8-9:45am

4-Salon H

**Audiences, Circuits, and Contested  
Identities in Film and Television From  
the Middle East**

Chair: **Pelin Basci**, Portland State

**Nadia G. Yaqub**, UNC Chapel Hill-*Shaping  
the future of Arab cinema: the sinima badilah  
movement of the early 1970s*

**Josh Carney**, U South Florida-*Cases of  
death: performative mourning among the  
publics of Turkish TV drama*

**Yaron Shemer**, UNC Chapel Hill-*The  
Egyptians are coming: cinematic and literary  
incursions from Israel's southern neighbor*

**Reem M. Hilal**, Allegheny Col-*Otheling  
Muslims: the depiction of Islamists in the  
series Ad-Dā'iyah and Duniyaa Jadidah*

136 8-9:45am

4-Salon C

**Texts, Acts, and Interpretations in  
Medieval Islam**

Chair: **Andrew Magnusson**, U Central  
Oklahoma

**Alison Marie Vacca**, U Tennessee-  
*Connectivity and power in Caliphal Armenia  
and Albania*

**Nassima Neggaz**, Oxford-*The Baghdad  
neighborhoods of Bab Al-Basra and Al-Karkh:  
a micro history of Sunni-Shi'i episodes of  
violence in medieval Baghdad (945-1258 AD)*

**Christian Mauder**, U Göttingen-*The  
birth and early life of the Mamluk Sultan  
Qānṣawh Al-Ghawri (r. 1501-1516): literary  
and historical analysis of an unpublished late  
Mamluk manuscript*

137 10-11:45am

SPECIAL SESSION

4-Salon E

**Explaining Divergent Outcomes: The Arab Spring Five Years On**Organizer: **Shamiran Mako**, NortheasternChair: **Val Moghadam**, Northeastern**Joshua Landis**, Oklahoma U**Bassam Haddad**, George Mason**Lisa Anderson**, NYU Abu Dhabi**Amaney A. Jamal**, Princeton

The events that culminated in the Arab uprisings of 2011 markedly altered analyses of Arab-region politics. While countries that constitute the Middle East and North Africa have—and continue to be - home to some of the world's longest standing authoritarian regimes, the uprisings and revolutions challenged previous notions of authoritarian durability as republics, monarchies, secular, and theocratic countries across the region experienced varying degrees of instability sparked by protest movements calling for socio-economic and political change to the authoritarian status quo. Beginning in Tunisia late 2010 and quickly spreading to Egypt, and Morocco, Bahrain, Libya, Syria, and Yemen, the uprisings differed greatly in degree and scope resulting in divergent outcomes for the people and places of the region. Although the events initially created a shockwave throughout the region as governments, previously impervious to change, grappled with containing domestic threats to their stability from their citizens, responses varied drastically. While some regimes were overthrown following decades of rule, others acquiesced to citizen demands by engaging in various concession-making processes, others heavily suppressed the protest movements in order to maintain their hold on power, and in the case of Egypt, experienced re-emergent authoritarianism following regime change. A critical question remains: What explains divergent outcomes? This Special Session gathers leading experts in order to explain the processes and dynamics of change and stagnation of the Arab Spring.

138 10-11:45am

3-Wellesley

**Yemen: From Zaydi Revivalism to Huthi Expansionism**Organizer: **Marieke Brandt**

Sponsored by  
American Institute  
for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U  
Discussant: **Najam Haider**, Barnard Col/  
Columbia

**David B. Hollenberg**, U Oregon-*The curriculum and channels of knowledge for contemporary Zaydi 'ulama' in the Yemeni highlands*

**Marieke Brandt**, Austrian Academy of Sciences-*Itineraries of expansion: the Sa'dah Wars revisited*

**Peter Salisbury**, Chatham House-*Antiauthoritarianism, outreach and misdirection: unpacking the Houthis' march to Sana'a and beyond*

**Adam C. Seitz**, Marine Corps U-*Strategic implications of Huthi expansionism, perpetual insecurity and internal war in Yemen*

139 10-11:45am

3-Arlington

**The Politics of Time and Material Heritage Through the Museum Framework in the Arabian Peninsula**Organizer: **Amal Sachedina**Chair/Discussant: **Karen Exell**, UCL Qatar

**Thomas Fibiger**, Aarhus U-*Proper religion in the glocal Gulf museum: questions of inclusion and exclusion*

**Amal Sachedina**, National U Singapore-*The Nizwa Fort: refiguring the politics of Ibadi religiosity through a museum narrative in the Sultanate of Oman*

**Sarina Wakefield**, Open U-Museum development in Abu Dhabi: hybrid processes and cross-border relations

**Elizabeth Derderian**, Northwestern-*Representing the cosmopolitan UAE: citizenship and temporality in exhibitionary practice*

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4-Provincetown

**Technological Zones in the Middle East: Engineering Politics Out of Flows of Energy and Infrastructure**Organizer: **Katayoun Shafiee**Chair/Discussant: **Gokce Gunel**, Columbia

**Natasha Pesaran**, Columbia-*Aligning interests: the Iraq Petroleum Company and the dispute over the route of the Iraq-Mediterranean oil pipeline, 1925-35*

**Fredrik Meiton**, Northwestern-*Dual and relational: Palestine as technological zone*  
**Katayoun Shafiee**, National U Singapore-*Properties of petroleum: Anglo-Iranian oil and the 1901 D'Arcy Oil Concession*

141 10-11:45am

4-Nantucket

**Exchanges and Encounters in Modern Afghanistan**Organizer: **Akbar Rahel**Chair: **Robert D. Crews**, Stanford

**Hakeem Naim**, UC Davis-*Afghanistan and the Ottoman Empire: trans-regional responses to modernity and state formation*

**Mejgan Massoumi**, Stanford-*The sound of Kabul: Ahmad Zahir, Radio Afghanistan and the politics of popular culture, 1960-79*

**Akbar Rahel**, U Washington-*Scholarly exchanges between the Azhar and Kabul: Islamic education in modern Afghanistan*

142 10-11:45am

4-Salon B

**Palestine: Capital and Material Culture**  
Organizer: **Toufoul Abou-Hodeib**

Chair/Discussant: **Beshara Doumani**, Brown

**Dina Matar**, SOAS London-*The PLO's culture work: culture capital and activism in the making of a revolutionary movement*  
**Toufoul Abou-Hodeib**, U Oslo-*Work and labor: Palestinian embroidery in exile*  
**Hanan Toukan**, Free U Berlin-*Too close for comfort?: On Lebanon's Palestine, (in) visibility, and art*

143 10-11:45am

3-Tufts

**Theorizing Clarity and Style: The Development of Bayān Through the Centuries**

Organizer: **Rachel Friedman**

Chair: **Pamela Klasova**, Georgetown  
Discussant: **Lara Harb**, Princeton

**Rachel Friedman**, Williams Col-*Theorizing clarity across disciplines: Al-Bāqillānī's explanations of bayān in his Uṣūl Al-Fiḥ and I'jāz Al-Qur'ān texts*  
**Abdallah Soufan**, Georgetown-*Revisiting Ḡurḡānī's concept of bayān*  
**Avigail Noy**, Harvard-*Bayān and 'ilm al-bayān*  
**Nora Kalbarczyk**, Ruhr U Bochum-*Systematizing the hermeneutical toolbox: Fakhr Al-Dīn Al-Rāzī's conception of bayān*

144 10-11:45am

5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Breaking the Two Stone Tablets: Experiments in Teaching Outside the Standard Textbooks, Narratives, and Assignments in Survey Courses**  
Organizer: **Heather N. Keaney**

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Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

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

**Brian J. Ulrich**, Shippensburg U  
**Nancy L. Stockdale**, U North Texas  
**Jessica Hunter-Larsen**, Colorado Col  
**Heather N. Keaney**, Westmont Col  
**Jane H. Murphy**, Colorado Col

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STATE OF THE FIELD SESSION

4-Salon F

**Opening the Time Capsule: Special Screening of the "Lewis-Said Debate" from MESA's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Roger Owen**, Harvard (Emeritus)  
**Nadim Shehadi**, Tufts

Thirty years ago, at its twentieth anniversary meeting also held in Boston, MESA featured a debate entitled "The Scholars, the Media, and the Middle East." The participants in the debate were, in order of presentation: Bernard Lewis, Cleveland E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Emeritus, Princeton University; Edward W. Said, Parr Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University; Leon Wieseltier, literary editor of the *New Republic*; and Christopher Hitchens, Washington correspondent for *The Nation*. The chairman was Professor William H. McNeil, University of Chicago. The session was organized by Professor Leila Fawaz and sponsored by Tufts University. Recently, a recording of the debate surfaced after being thought lost. The disc copy of the original videotape is slightly damaged; some 9 minutes are missing. However, an unofficial transcript of the proceedings can be found in the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Vol. 16, no. 2 (Winter, 1987), pp. 85-104.

After the screening the session will continue with a discussion between Roger Owen and Nadim Shehadi. In the face of recent dramatic shifts in the region and the disintegration of the twentieth century order, the panelists will reflect on the state of the discipline and the research agenda of the next decades. They will consider the question: do we have the intellectual tools and institutional frameworks to be able to study the next stage?

146 10-11:45am

5-Maine

**New Directions in the History and Literature of Lebanon: An Interdisciplinary Discussion of Gender and Sexuality**

Organizer: **Christine B. Lindner**

**Dima Ayoub**, Middlebury-*Gender, dialect, and translation in post Civil-War Lebanese literature*

**Christine B. Lindner**, Murray State-*The "very peculiar trials" of Susan Wortabet: an intersectional study of an entangled history in late Ottoman Syria*

**Kathryn Kalemkerian**, McGill-(E)merging masculinities: the case of three Ottoman-Beirut men and the challenge of methodology  
**Kifah Hanna**, Trinity-*Writing the body in Lebanese war literature*

147 10-11:45am

4-Salon G

**Fight and Exit in the Syrian Civil War**  
Organizer: **Holger Albrecht**

Chair: **Holger Albrecht**, American U Cairo  
Discussant: **Steven Heydemann**, Smith Col

**Nazek Jawad**, U South Florida-*Revolution or retaliation: contested meanings in the Syrian uprising*

**Amy Austin Holmes**, American U Cairo-*State-building, gender, and the Kurdish militias of northern Syria*

**Yasser Munif**, Emerson Col-*Nation against state: popular nationalism and the Syrian uprising*

**Kevin Koehler**, American U Cairo-*Flee or fight: how grievances drive military insubordination in violent domestic conflict*

148 10-11:45am

3-Regis

## Roundtable

**Being Social on Social Media: Academia, the Digital Humanities, and the Middle East**Organizer: **Christine D. Baker**

**Rustin Zarkar**, NYU  
**Amanda Rogers**, Georgia State  
**Beeta Baghoolizadeh**, U Penn  
**Juan Cole**, Michigan Ann Arbor  
**Christine D. Baker**, Indiana U Penn

149 10-11:45am

4-Salon C

**Ghazali and His Interlocutors**Organizer: **John Walbridge**Discussant: **Elizabeth R. Alexandrin**, U Manitoba

**Seyed Asghari**, Indiana U-*The Maktab-i Tafkik and its opponents in the contemporary Shi'a seminary in Iran*

**John Walbridge**, Indiana U Bloomington-*Is God really light?*

**Eiyad Al-Kutubi**, Indiana U-*Al-Fayḍ Al-Kāshānī and Al-Ghazālī: reclamation of the "Iḥyā' 'Ulūm Al-Dīn"*

**Yasin Basaran**, Indiana U-*Taking Avicenna seriously: reevaluation of Al-Ghazali's objections on creation*

150 10-11:45am

4-Salon H

**Revolutionary Affects: At the Crossroads of Aesthetics and Politics in the Middle East**Organizer: **Baran Germen**Chair: **Ahmad Nadalizadeh**, U Oregon

**Daniel Carnie**, UC Irvine-*Flat death: necropolitics of photography in paradise now*  
**Ahmad Nadalizadeh**, U Oregon-*Abbas Kiarostami, repetition, and the affective politics of event*

**Kenan Sharpe**, UC Santa Cruz-*Between modernism and realism in the Turkish 1960s: the stakes of a literary debate*

**Baran Germen**, U Oregon-*Melodramatics of Turkish modernity: Vurun Kahpeye (1926) and the affective politics of narratives of victimhood*

151 10-11:45am

3-Simmons

**Turkish Transnationalisms and the Stakes of Comparison**Organizers: **Etienne Charriere**, **Kristin Dickinson**Chair: **Etienne Charriere**, Michigan Ann ArborDiscussant: **Kristin Dickinson**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Ilker Hepkaner**, NYU-*Following Atatürk in Israel: public spaces dedicated to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in Israel and the possibility of "Turkish-Jews"*

**Duygu Ula**, Michigan Ann Arbor-*Viewing gender: politics of comparison in Mustang, Zenne and Conscience*

**Jason Vivrette**, UC Berkeley-*National literature defi(n)ed: writing beyond Turkish in the work of Mehmet Yaşın and Yılmaz Odabaşı*

**Babak Çandar**, Appalachian State-*Transnational Turkish(es) in Murat Yuurkulak's Tol*

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4-Salon I

**The Maghrib on Edge: New State and Citizen Strategies in the Face of Regional Turbulence, Turpitude and Retrenchment**Organizer: **William A. Lawrence**

**Haizam Amirah-Fernandez**, Real Inst Elcano-*The Maghreb and Spain: from conflicting neighbors to pragmatic partners*

**Bruce Maddy-Weitzman**, Tel Aviv U-*Challenging the state, redefining the nation: the contemporary Amazigh movement in turbulent times*

**Karima Benabdallah**, UCL-*Jihadist competition and the quest for stability in an era of uncertainty*

**William A. Lawrence**, George Washington-*Subaltern economics in the turbulent Maghrib: state and civilian strategies in an age of retrenchment*

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4-Yarmouth

**Courts, Texts, & Interpretations**Chair: **Sebastian Guenther**, U Goettingen

**Peter Kitlas**, Princeton-*Defining balad al-Sūdān in Mālikī fiqh*

**Jessica Mutter**, U Chicago-*Evolving representations of religious conversion in Syrian historical writing, 640-850 CE*  
**Youcef Soufi**, U Toronto-*Whose disputation? which rationality?: the purpose of 10<sup>th</sup> century Islamic legal disputations*  
**Sharon Silzell**, Arkansas Monticello-*Reading an "unreadable" book: Kufic Qur'ans and the articulation of Islam*  
**Sohail Hanif**, Oxford-*Arguing the law: unravelling the dialectic of Al-Marghīnānī's (d. 593/1196-7) Al-Hidāyah*

154 10-11:45am

4-Salon A

**World War I and the Ottoman Empire**Chair: **Carter V. Findley**, Ohio State

**Jeffery Dyer**, Boston Col-*Ottomans abroad in a world war: Ottoman consulates in the western Indian Ocean during World War One*

**Charalampos Minasidis**, Texas Austin-*Mobilizations, mass politics, and total war: the radicalization & politicization of Ottoman veterans during the "war decade" (1911-23)*

**Önder Akgül**, Georgetown-*The war upon the desert: engineering landscapes in the Sinai Desert during the Ottoman military expeditions in the First World War*

**Kate Dannies**, Georgetown-*Total war in Ottoman Beirut, 1914-1918*

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4-Salon K

**Kurds in Contemporary Politics**Chair: **Hamid Rezai**, Pitzer Col

**Susan Benson-Sokmen**, U Toronto-*The poetics of political violence: women of the Kurdistan Workers' Party and feminism's forgotten history of armed struggle*

**Murat Yuksel**, Nisantasi U, Turkey-*Local militias and peace processes: the case of the village guard system in Turkey*

**Peyman Asadzadehmamaghani**, U Central Florida; **Gunes Murat Tezcur**, U Central Florida-*Ethnic rebels, religious loyalties: the Kurdish insurgency in Iran*  
**Kutbettin Kilic**, Indiana U Bloomington-*Ethnic category and ethnic group: a conceptual approach to the Kurdish issue in Turkey*

156 10-11:45am

3-Harvard

**Economic and Social Change in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Egypt**

Chair: **Sarah Ghabrial**, Columbia

**Tamer Elshayal**, Harvard-*"The Solar Empire" that never was*

**Bård Kårtveit**, U Oslo-*Tales from the barracks: social positioning and self-presentation among former conscripts in the Egyptian military*

**Yosra Moussa Sultan**, NYU-*Nineteenth century Cairo: encounters and conflicts*

**Ahmed Dardir**, Columbia-*(Discursive) crowd control and the birth of the licentious space*

**Evan Murphy**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*The second agricultural revolution in nineteenth century Egyptian thought*

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4-Salon D

**Intellectual and Political Experiences of Middle Eastern Jews**

Chair: **Yaron Ayalon**, Ball State

**Shelly Shaul**, Tel Aviv U-*From immigration to re-colonization: deconstructing competing narratives in the life-stories of Moroccan Mizrahi immigrants in 1950's Dimona*

**Kamilia Rahmouni**, U Arizona-*Between socialism and communism: an intellectual history of Tunisian Jews from 1910 to 1956*

**Dario Miccoli**, Ca' Foscari U, Venice-*The 'Exit and Expulsion of Jews from Arab Lands and Iran Day' in today's Israel: memory, ethnicity and politics*

**Zachary Smith**, U Penn-*Depoliticization, repoliticization and Mizrahi politics in Israel*

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4-Salon J

**Islamist Discourses in MENA**

Chair: **Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver

**Caroleen Sayej**, Connecticut Col-*The Ayatollahs of Iraq: the politics of the post-Saddam era*

**Mohamed Daadaoui**, Oklahoma City U-*Islamism and the state in Morocco: between Al-'Adl's rejectionism and PJD's "refo-lution"*

**Sami Emile Baroudi**, Lebanese American U-*Contemporary Islamist perspectives on international relations: the discourse of Sheikh Muhammad Abu Zahra (1898-1974)*

**Menderes Çinar**, Baskent U-*Islamist de-moderation: the case of Turkey's Justice and Development Party*

**Vish Sakthivel**, Oxford-*The Algerian MSP: Islamist relevance and rethinking the local*

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5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Funding Opportunities for MENA Region Research**

Organizer: **Maggie Nassif**

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

**Zeinab Mohamed Ibrahim**, Carnegie Mellon U Qatar

**Maysa Abou-Youssef Hayward**, Ocean County Col

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4-Salon H

**Success as Subjugation: Palestinian Education Under Settler Colonialism**

Organizer: **Mai Abu Moghli**

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Discussant: **Yamila Hussein**, Harvard

**Maha Shuayb**, Ctr for Lebanese Studies-*Inclusive exclusion: education of Palestinian refugee students in Lebanon*

**Mai Abu Moghli**, UCL Inst of Education-*Violence in Palestinian Authority boys schools in the Occupied West Bank*

**Nadim Nashif**, Baladna-Association for Arab Youth-*Israeli control over Palestinian schools within the Green Line*

**Joshua Stacher**, Kent State-*Occupation's consequence: struggles for academic freedom in Palestinian universities*

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3-Arlington

**Challenges of Authoritarian Legitimation in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Noa Schonmann**

Chair/Discussant: **Noa Schonmann**, Oxford

**Jason Brownlee**, Texas Austin-*"Dumb wars": explaining America's powerlessness in the Middle East*

**Allison Hartnett**, Oxford-*Give and take: why authoritarian regimes redistribute in MENA*

**Ferdinand Eibl**, London Schl of Economics-*Why is there no Equatorial Guinea in the Gulf?: subversion, rents, and human development in the Middle East*

162 12-1:45pm

4-Salon B

**Shaping International Governance: The League of Nations and UN in the Middle East (1920-1985)**

Organizers: **Anat Mooreville**, **Nova Robinson**

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

**Reem Bailony**, Georgetown-*Competing internationalisms and the Syrian revolt of 1925*

**Liat Kozma**, Hebrew U-Egypt, *the League of Nations and illegal traffic*

**Nova Robinson**, Seattle U-Lebanese

women, "eastern" women's rights, and the UN Commission on the Status of Women

**Anat Mooreville**, UC Davis-*The World Health Organization and the problem of regionalization: Israel in the Eastern Mediterranean*

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4-Salon C

**From Medieval to Longue Durée: South and Central Asia in the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Centuries**

Organizer: **Alka Patel**

Chair: **Alka Patel**, UC Irvine

**Blain Auer**, U Lausanne-*Intellectual exchange, travel and the transmission of knowledge across Central and South Asia of the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries*

**Tamara Sears**, Rutgers-*Building between centers: the materiality of military travel and the fortification of the central Indian landscape*

**Manan Ahmed Asif**, Columbia-*Qabacha's legacy*

**Michael O'Neal**, Independent Scholar-*Loyalty, service and benefit: hierarchies and intermediaries in the Ghūrīd polity*

164 12-1:45pm

4-Salon G

**Purpose, Cross-Purpose, Re-Purpose: Performance and Politics in the Classical Arabic Qasida**

Organizer: **Suzanne P. Stetkevych**

Chair/Discussant: **Muhsin Al-Musawi**, Columbia

**Cynthia Brandenburg**, Georgetown-*The elegy as double-edged sword: Jarir's rithā' to his wife*

**Ali Alnahhabi**, Imam U-*Restructuring the society: Sudayf Ibn Maymūn's panegyric performance before the Caliph Abū Al-'Abbās Al-Saffāh*

**Suzanne P. Stetkevych**, Georgetown-*Mourning and performing: Al-Ma' arrī's elegy to Al-Sharīf Al-Ṭāhir Al-Mūsawī*

**Hamad Obaid Alajmi**, Kuwait U-*Re-purposing the jahiliyya*

165 12-1:45pm

4-Salon A

**The Ottoman Roots of Modernity in Middle Eastern and Southeast European Cities**

Organizer: **Stefan Peychev**

**Mehmet Celik**, Texas Austin-*Building a provincial capital: Ottoman modernization in the city of Ruse, 1864-1878*

**Stefan Peychev**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Whose modernity? transformation and continuity in the making of modern Sofia (1858-1912)*

**Nilay Ozlu**, Topkapi Palace/Boğaziçi-*From palace to a museum: visions of modernity of the late-Ottoman and early-republican eras*

**Secil Dagtas**, U Waterloo-*Urban place making and Ottoman modernity in Antakya*

**Aline Schlaepfer**, U Geneva/American U Beirut-*The Ottoman legacy of modernity in 20<sup>th</sup> century Iraq*

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4-Salon J

**Variation and Change in Modern Written Arabic**

Organizer: **Zeinab A. Taha**

*American Association of Teachers of Arabic*



Chair: **Zeinab A. Taha**, American U Cairo

**Dalal Aboel Seoud**, American U Cairo-*Pedagogical implications to language variation*

**Kristen Brustad**, Texas Austin-*What is not new about variation in written Arabic*

**Alexander Magidow**, U Rhode Island-*Periods of development in the history of the Arabic language*

**Zeinab A. Taha**, American U Cairo-*Variation in Egyptian printed media*

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3-Regis

Roundtable

**Capitalism and Class in the Middle East: Reflections on the Arab Uprisings**  
Organizers: **Angela Joya**, **Koenraad Bogaert**

Chair: **Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers

**Christopher Parker**, Ghent U  
**Koenraad Bogaert**, Ghent U  
**Angela Joya**, U Oregon  
**Sara Salem**, Inst of Social Studies  
**Karim Malak**, Columbia  
**Ahmed Kanna**, U of the Pacific  
**Paola Rivetti**, Dublin City U

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5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Knowledge Production, Exclusion, Inclusion: The Repositioning of Armenians in Ottoman and Turkish Historiography**  
Organizer: **Lerna Ekmekcioglu**, MIT

Sponsored by  
Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association  
Society for Armenian Studies

Chair: **Vahe Sahakyan**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**David E. Gutman**, Manhattanville Col  
**Carel Bertram**, San Francisco State  
**Rachel Goshgarian**, Lafayette Col  
**Bedross Der Matossian**, Nebraska Lincoln  
**Yasar Tolga Cora**, Michigan Ann Arbor  
**Alyson Wharton**, U Lincoln (UK)

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4-Salon I

**The Production of Space in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Egypt**  
Organizer: **Kyle Anderson**

Chair: **Ziad Fahmy**, Cornell  
Discussant: **Shana E. Minkin**, Sewanee: U of the South

**Nefertiti Takla**, UCLA-Subaltern violence and the spatialization of class relations in early interwar Alexandria  
**Jennifer L. Derr**, UC Santa Cruz-The well-watered subject: economy, disease, and the relationship between space and subjectivity in colonial Egypt

**Lucia Carminati**, U Arizona-Port Sa' id, 1870-1890: nothing but scum jettisoned upon the edge of the desert; crime and empire in a provincial port-city

**Kyle Anderson**, Cornell-The Egyptian labor corps: migrant labor, imperial logistics, and the social history of modern Egypt

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3-Harvard

**Europe and Its Others: Historical Perspectives**  
Organizer: **Victoria M. Phaneuf**

Chair: **Maisa C. Taha**, Montclair State

**Silvia Marsans-Sakly**, Fairfield U-The Orient as masked avenger: Mediterranean crossings and cosmopolitanism in "The Count of Monte Cristo" 1815-1845

**Victoria M. Phaneuf**, U Arizona-Terror and the "other" in France: representations of the 1995 and 2015 Islamist attacks in French newspapers

**Michelle Lynn Kahn**, Stanford-Kicking out the Turks?: Turkish remigrants between Ankara and Bonn in the 1980s

**Ian Goldstein**, UC Berkeley-Maghreb in the Algarve, Gharnati in Granada: Arabic Fado, Flamenco Andalusi, and musical memory as modes of belonging

171 12-1:45pm

3-Simmons

**No Going Back: The Road to Gender Transformation in the Arab World**  
Organizer: **Rita Stephan**



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**Maro Youssef**, Texas Austin-Authoritarian states and women's rights: the case of Algeria  
**Rula Quawas**, U Jordan-Barefoot feminist classes: a revelation of being, doing, and becoming

**Rita Stephan**, U Maryland-Linking the Cedar Revolution and the Arab Spring  
**Nadine C. Naber**, Illinois Chicago-Shaking up singular gender analyses of the Egyptian revolution

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4-Salon D

**New Research on Legal Reform in North Africa and the Broader Middle East**

Organizer: **Matt Buehler**

Chair/Discussant: **John P. Entelis**, Fordham U

**Yüksel Sezgin**, Syracuse U-Reforming "Shari'a" in non-Muslim democracies: understanding the role of civil judiciaries  
**Dorthe Kirsten Engelcke**, U Göttingen-Christian family law in Jordan: regulating legal pluralism and the challenge of reform  
**Matt Buehler**, U Tennessee-Bribes and judges: results from an original survey on citizen perceptions of judicial corruption in Morocco

**Katja Zvan Elliott**, Al Akhawayn-Innovative ways of using post-Arab Spring constitutions to promote universal human (women's) rights: the case of Moroccan NGOs

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3-Wellesley

**Political, Social, and Religious Reform in the Age of Social Media**  
Organizer: **Nadia Oweidat**

Discussant: **Linda Herrera**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Chihab El Khachab**, Oxford-Rethinking state control over media production in Egypt  
**Nadia Oweidat**, Kansas State-The new generation of Islamic thought reformists and their use of social media: the cases of Bihiri, Nasr and Harqan

**Soumia Bardhan**, Kansas State-Cairene women, graffiti, and online social networks: Pinterest as a platform for social, political, and religious reform efforts  
**Adel Iskandar**, Simon Fraser-The alpha and the omega: divination, deliverance, and delusion in digital Egypt

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4-Salon E

**Transformation into Multicultural Society in Turkey: Challenges From Old Minorities, Diasporas and New Migrants From Syria**

Organizer: **Emel Topçu**

**Ayşe Güç**, Social Sciences U Ankara-*On the eve of becoming a transnational community: the responses of Syriac Christians to Turkish nationalism*

**Tuba Duman**, Social Sciences U Ankara-*Poverty of local Arabs in Şanlıurfa: fighters or victims?*

**Filiz Aydın**, Social Sciences U Ankara-*Turkey as a diaspora state: the role of Crimean Tatars, Circassians, and Balkan immigrants in defining the "new" national identity in Turkey*

**Emel Topçu**, Social Sciences U Ankara-*The challenge of Syrian migrants to mono cultural national ideology of Turkey*

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4-Salon K

**Tunis Capitale: The Historic City and Its Built Environments**

Organizer: **Daniel E. Coslett**

Chair: **Iheb Guermazi**, MIT

**Edna Bonhomme**, Princeton-*The port and the city: trade and plague in late eighteenth-century Tunisia*

**Nancy Demerdash-Fatemi**, Philipps-U Marburg-*A Sephardic vernacular?: Victor Valensi's architecture of Tunisian habitation*

**Daniel E. Coslett**, U Washington-*Antiquity's afterlife in the built environments of postcolonial Tunis*

176 12-1:45pm

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

4-Provincetown

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

Organizer: **Suad Joseph**

Sponsored by 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/arab-families-working-group-1/images/files/Component-sofaHumanitiesSocialSciencesResearchProposal.pdf>.

177 12-1:45pm

4-Yarmouth

**Social Protection and Welfare Policies**

Chair: **Sena Karasipahi**, Texas A&M

**Annabelle Houdret**, Deutsches Inst für Entwicklungspolitik/German Development Inst (DIE)-*Towards a new social contract for the MENA region?: rural concerns and perspectives*

**Julia Shatz**, UC Berkeley-*Governing the local child: infant welfare centers in mandate Palestine*

**Hadi Salehi Esfahani**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign-*Gender and social protection in Iran: who receives social assistance?*

**Marcus Walton**, Brown-*Between the lines: bread, moral economy, and the discourse of welfare in Egypt*

**Gamze Cavdar**, Colorado State-*Social protection under the AKP in Turkey*

178 12-1:45pm

4-Nantucket

**Construction of Scientific Knowledge**

Chair: **Salman Hameed**, Hampshire Col

**Sally P. Ragep**, McGill-*Science textbooks from the later period of the Khwārizm Shāhs*  
**Mehmet Alper Yalcinkaya**, Ohio Wesleyan/Carlos III de Madrid-*Science and alliance: the politics of science education in Turkey in the early Cold War era*

**Danielle K. Adams**, U Arizona-*Multivalent stars, clouded expertise: a genealogy of Arab celestial complexes in Abbasid astronomical histories*

**Scott Trigg**, Notre Dame-*Reading the cosmos: astronomy and theology in the commentaries of Faḥḥallāh Al-Shirwānī (d. 1486)*



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179 12-1:45pm

3-Tufts

**Saudi Arabia: Swords, Slavery, and Origins of ISIS**

Chair: **Abdullahi A. Gallab**, Arizona State

**Ahmed H. Ibrahim**, Qatar U; **Mariam I. Al-Mulla**, Qatar U -*Slavery in the Arabian Gulf: historical and contemporary contexts*

**Chris Kirkpatrick**, Graduate Center, CUNY-Najd Al-'Ardah: *Saudi Arabia and dancing with swords, 1932-1952*

**Ondrej Beranek**, Oriental Inst, Czech Academy of Sciences-*The Islamic State and taswiyat al-qubur*

180 12-1:45pm

5-New Hampshire

Thematic  
Conversation

**GCC Higher Education: Its Many Faces and Possible Futures**

Organizer: **Dale F. Eickelman**

Chair: **Dale F. Eickelman**, Dartmouth Col

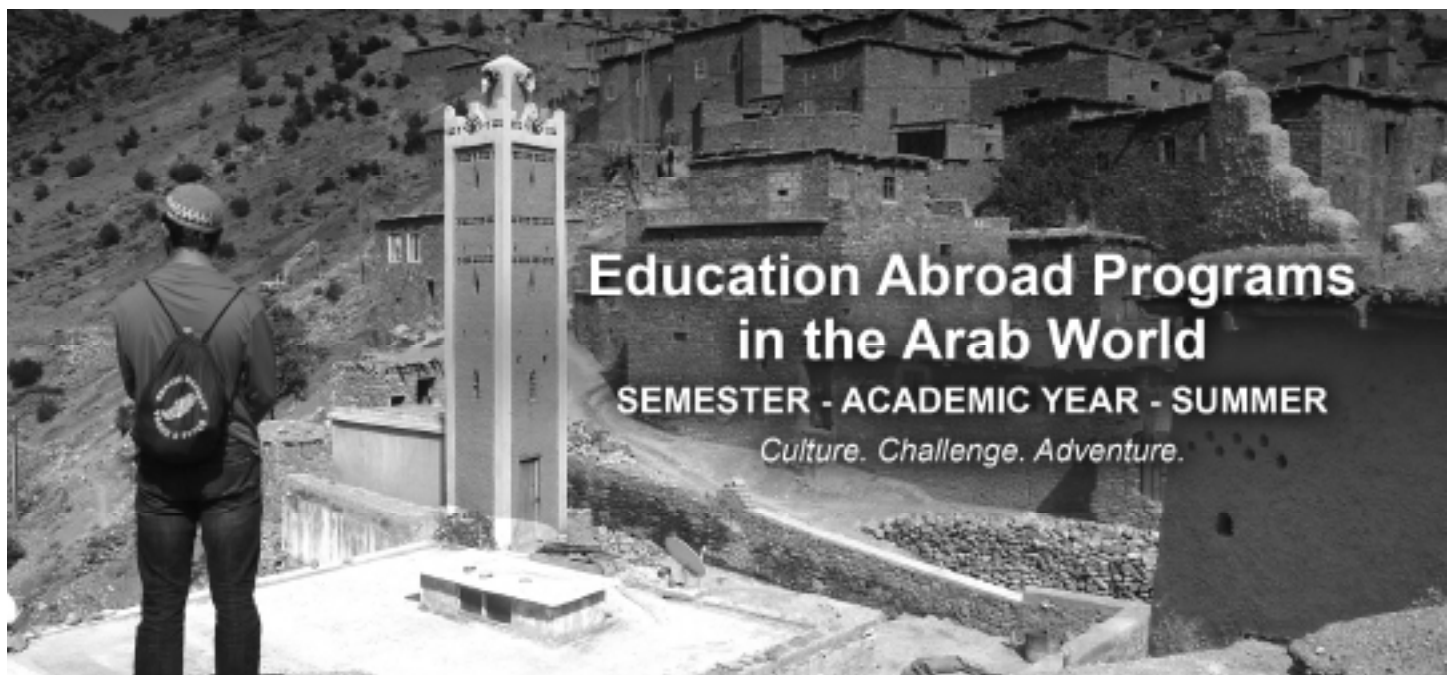
**Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U

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181 2-3:45pm

5-Maine

**From Arab-Russian to Arab-Soviet Cultural Encounters: Are There Continuities?**

Organizer: **Margaret Litvin**

Chair/Discussant: **Margaret Litvin**, Boston U

**Nabil Matar**, U Minnesota-Arab orthodox writers, Russia, and the Ottoman Empire  
**Suha Kudsieh**, Col of Staten Island, CUNY-Shaykh Muhammad 'Ayyad Al-Tantawi's journey to tsarist Russia (1840-1850)

**Spencer Scoville**, Brigham Young-Arab perspectives on Russian revolutions

**Elizabeth Bishop**, Texas State San Marcos-Iraqis in the Soviet press, 1954-1959

182 2-3:45pm

4-Salon E

**Hey You, Precarious Worker: Are You Afraid of BDS? Graduate Students, Untenured Faculty, and the Politics of Political Commitments**

Organizer: **Omar Sirri**

**Omar Sirri**, U Toronto-Being a graduate student in a time of BDS: experiences, lessons, and the academy

**Jennifer Mogannam**, UC San Diego-Palestinian organizing and the academic disconnect

**Omar Zahzah**, UCLA-Discourse in praxis: political struggle as the living site of interpretive delimitation

**Rima Kapitan**, Kapitan Law Office-Strengthening the tools of activism at academic institutions through law and collective action

**Chandni Desai**, U Toronto-The praxis of resistance in research on/with Palestine

183 2-3:45pm

4-Salon J

**Religion and Secularism in Palestine and Israel**

Organizer: **Stacey Gutkowski**

Discussant: **Joyce Dalsheim**, UNC Charlotte

**Craig Larkin**, King's Col London-An Islamic movement inside the Israeli state: secularising religious resistance?

**Sophie Richter-Devroe**, Doha Inst of Graduate Studies-Tibb 'Arabi: Naqab Bedouin women's healing practices beyond the religious/secular divide

**Stacey Gutkowski**, King's Col London-Cultivating the reasonable hiloni self: a case of secular self-fashioning?

**Una McGahern**, Newcastle U-"They go to get a gun": hidden histories of violence and the politics of rumour in Israel

184 2-3:45pm

4-Salon I

**Beneath and Beyond Gender and Sexuality: Cultures of Friendship, Sociality, and the Erotic in the Modern Middle East**

Organizer: **Pelle Valentin Olsen**

Discussant: **Haytham Bahooora**, Colorado Boulder

**Murat C. Yildiz**, Michigan Ann Arbor-"My dear brother": bonds of friendship in Ottoman sports clubs

**Noga Efrati**, Open U-Joining the Effendiyya?: the case of Paulina Hassun

**Pelle Valentin Olsen**, U Chicago-Cruising Baghdad: masculinity, sexuality, and homoerotic desire in the works of Dhu Al-Nun Ayyub

**Lucie Ryzova**, U Birmingham, UK-'Abd Al-Mun'im's camera passions: sexuality, intimacy and stardom in interwar Egypt

185 2-3:45pm

4-Salon B

**African Slavery and Its Legacies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Power Relations in the Everyday**

Organizer: **Michael Ferguson**

Discussant: **Eve Troutt Powell**, U Penn

**Solmaz Celik McDowell**, Yeditepe U-Enslaved Africans and their involvement in crime in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Ottoman Empire

**Özgül Özdemir**, Boğaziçi U-Thirst for freedom: the attempted escape of a young enslaved African woman in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

**Ezgi Cakmak**, U Penn-African slave or African servant?: a discussion on the forms of "free labor" in domestic servitude in the late Ottoman Empire

**Michael Ferguson**, SOAS London-African slavery in the Ottoman Empire and the violence of the archive

186 2-3:45pm

3-Simmons

**North Africa: A Forgotten Front During the First World War?**

Organizer: **Odile Moreau**

Chair: **Odile Moreau**, Montpellier U-IMAF Paris 1

Discussant: **Julia Clancy-Smith**, U Arizona

**Habiba Boumlik**, LaGuardia Community Col, CUNY-Teaching French to North African soldiers in the French colonial army

**Wilfrid J. Rollman**, Boston U-United States-Moroccan relations during the Great War: ambiguities and aspirations, 1914-1919

**Thomas Patrick Martin**, Penn State-Identities in transition: Muslims soldiers in WWI

**Odile Moreau**, Montpellier U-IMAF Paris 1-Ottoman-German aid to Moroccan local resistance to French colonisation during the Great War

187 2-3:45pm

3-Arlington

**The Future of Iraq: Lessons of Past Policies**

Organizer: **Brooke Fisher**, Tufts

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**Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies**

Discussant: **Nadim Shehadi**, Tufts

**Satgin Hamrah**, Tufts-The Iran-Iraq War: evolution, framing and proxy wars

**Shahla Alkli**, Tufts-The implicit state of the Kurdistan region: path toward tacit acceptance by the inter-state system

**Avner Golov**, Tufts-Deterrence during the Gulf War of 1991

188 12-1:45pm PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 4-Provincetown

**Professional and Career Pathways**

Organizer: Rita Stephan



Chair: Rita Stephan, U Maryland

Aaron Faust, Independent Scholar

Maro Youssef, Texas Austin

Jon Danilowicz, U.S. Department of State

While most academic institutions prepare their students for academic careers, other viable options include joining the public service. Approximately 20 percent of federal employees have a master's degree, professional degree or doctorate, and about one in four American Nobel laureates have been federal employees. This panel discusses how joining the public service at the U.S. Department of State can be an opportunity to work on high priority issues that impact diplomacy, security, and prosperity in the world, including human rights, environment, energy, food security, public health, and technology – all while experiencing a unique career. The panel will examine the various career opportunities and challenges to joining the foreign service (FSO) or the civil service, as well as the pathways programs for students.

189 2-3:45pm 4-Salon C

**Literature and/or History? Analyzing Literary Elements and Narrative Strategies in Arab Historical Writing**  
Organizer: Pamela Klasova

Sponsored by  
Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: Rachel Friedman, Williams Col  
Discussant: Antoine Borrut, U Maryland/  
Inst for Advanced Study

Peter Webb, SOAS London-Memories and myth: the reconstructions of pre-Islamic Arabian battles in Arabic literature

David Larsen, NYU-Agony in prose: the poet Ka'b b. Mālik on his ostracism at Medina

Aaron Hagler, Troy U-Peeking backstage: shattering the narrative and parabolizing the fitna in Ibn Al-'Adim's *Bughyat Al-Talab fi Ta'rikh Halab*

Pamela Klasova, Georgetown-Dramatizing narrative through eloquent speech: the *khuṭab* of Al-Ḥajjāj b. Yūsuf in history and adab works

190 2-3:45pm 3-Harvard

**Nasir-i Khusraw and His Associations: Shifting Biographies and Affiliations in the Appropriations of the Persian Poet, Philosopher and Fatimid Da'i (Summoner)**

Organizer: Shiraz Hajiani

Daniel Beben, Nazarbayev U-A tale of two masters: the uses and reuses of discipleship narratives in the legendary biographies of Nasir-i Khusraw

Shiraz Hajiani, U Chicago-Second fiddle: an examination of the constructions of master and protégé relationship between Nāṣir-i Khusraw and Ḥasan-i Ṣabbāḥ and its later inversions in the legitimations of authority in Nizari Ismailism

Nourmamadcho Nourmamadchoev, Inst of Ismaili Studies-The place and significance of Nasir-i Khusraw in Badakhshan

191 2-3:45pm 4-Salon F

**Competing Epistemologies: Modernizing and Traditionalizing Trends in the Arabian Gulf**  
Organizer: James F. Toth

Chair: James F. Toth, Zayed U  
Discussant: Nathalie Peutz, NYU Abu Dhabi

Habibul Khondker, Zayed U-Knowledge society and foreign talents in the UAE

El-Sayed el-Aswad, UAE U-Traditional culture and vernacular architecture in the Emirates society

James Redman, Zayed U-When social ties become frayed: monetized alternatives to *wasta* in Kuwait

Frank Fanselow, Zayed U-The UAE Federal National Council elections 2015

192 2-3:45pm 3-Regis

Roundtable

**Non-traditional Methods for Teaching Traditional Languages**

Organizer: Maxim Romanov

Chair: Marie-Claire Beaulieu, Tufts

Kamran S. Aghaie, Texas Austin

Maryam Foradi, U Leipzig

Matthew Thomas Miller, Washington U St. Louis/Maryland College Park

Maxim Romanov, U Leipzig

193 2-3:45pm 4-Yarmouth

**Political Dissent and Activism in Post-Arab Spring Egypt**

Organizers: Mirna Wasef, Dina Mansour, Overseas Development Inst.

Chair: Babak Rahimi, UC San Diego

Mirna Wasef, UC San Diego-Changing Tahrir: street art, political dissent and changing citizenship in post-Arab Spring Egypt

Nadine Sika, American U Cairo-Youth collective agency in the aftermath of Egypt's "coup-volution"

Steven T. Brooke, U Louisville-Mr. Morsi's machine: Islamic infrastructure and electoral mobilization in Egypt's 2012 presidential elections

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**Kent Davis-Packard**, Johns Hopkins-  
*Daring to dissent: counter-culture and the  
contributions of Egyptian women to the post  
January 2011 era*

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5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Middle Eastern Cities: New Directions  
in Urban History**

Organizers: **Fatemeh Masjedi**, **Joel  
Parker**

Chairs: **Fatemeh Masjedi**, Free U Berlin;  
**Lior B. Sternfeld**, Penn State  
**Joel Parker**, MDC

195 2-3:45pm

4-Salon A

**Publics and Counterpublics in the Late  
Ottoman Press**

Organizer: **Harry Bastermajian**

Discussant: **Lerna Ekmekcioglu**, MIT

**Hakki Gurkas**, Kennesaw State-*From  
private to public: changes in commemorations  
of Rumi and Haji Bektash*

**Harry Bastermajian**, Harvard-*Gender,  
domesticity, and the ideal Ottoman citizen  
as represented in Armenian periodicals of  
Istanbul, 1898-1908*

**Ekin Enacar**, U Chicago-*Are we free yet?:  
limits of freedom of press in the first year of  
the Young Turk Revolution*

**Madeleine Elfenbein**, U Chicago-*Teodor  
Kasap and the making of an Ottomanist  
public, 1870-1877*

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3-Wellesley

**Generations, Ruination and Memory in  
Egypt 1952- 2011**

Organizers: **Nada El-Kouny**, **Momen M.  
El-Husseiny**, **Mohammed Ezzeldin**, **Aya  
Nassar**

**Aya Nassar**, U Warwick-*Monuments of  
the state: urban space, commemoration and  
nationalism in 1970s Cairo*

**Mohammed Ezzeldin**, CUNY-*Failed  
revolutions, premature temporalities: Arwa  
Salih and the post 1967 generation in Egypt*

**Nada El-Kouny**, Rutgers-*The  
materialization of generational disjunctures  
in rural Egypt*

**Momen M. El-Husseiny**, Cairo U-*Once  
upon a time, a modernist building on the Nile*

197 2-3:45pm

SPECIAL SESSION

4-Salon G



## Academic Freedom Under Assault: A Roundtable on Recent Developments in Egypt and Turkey

Organizer: **Laurie Brand**

Chair: **Laurie Brand**, U Southern California

**Khaled Fahmy**, Harvard-*The precarious state of academic freedom in Egypt*  
**Vickie Langohr**, Col of the Holy Cross-*Expanding the borders of the forbidden  
in Egyptian universities*

**Asli Bali**, UCLA-*Denying academic freedom by law in Turkey*

**Asli Z. Igsiz**, NYU-*Academic freedom and political stability in contemporary  
Turkey*

MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom monitors the entire region for cases of academic freedom violations. While CAF's work has long been overwhelmingly in defense of individuals suffering from or threatened by loss of academic job, compromised access to research or travel, or worse, in recent years, the committee has increasingly been dealing with broader assaults against academic freedom. While the worst examples have been in countries where conflict has led to massive destruction of facilities and loss of life, we have also seen country cases in which there have been increasingly widespread violations absent such dire security challenges. While the general climate relating to freedom of expression has been deteriorating across the region, Turkey and Egypt stand out as particularly notable examples of increasingly vicious state repression against academic freedom in its various manifestations. In Egypt, the continuing uncertainty of the political transition in the context of a brutal military-security regime has produced a dangerous academic and research terrain in which former red lines are shifting or have blurred. In Turkey, against the backdrop of an already clear authoritarian turn, in mid-January the government has launched a wave of administrative, judicial and security assaults in the wake of the publication of the now famous Peace Petition regarding the escalating violence in the country's southeast. In CAF's experience, the criminalization of all 1,128 academic signatories of this Petition, and the arrests, dismissals and threats to which the signers were subjected, represented the broadest targeted assault against academics that we had ever seen—until the even more far-reaching and staggering developments since the 15 July coup attempt. This roundtable brings together four top scholars who have or are working with CAF, and who have been monitoring closely and writing about the deterioration in these freedoms. Their interventions will seek to place the recent developments in broader socio-political and historical context, removing developments in the academy from what is often their relative isolation and analyzing them as integral parts of ongoing political transitions.

198 2-3:45pm

4-Salon K

**Reproduction of Meaning in the Diaspora**

Chair: **Karam Dana**, U Washington

**Erin Hughes**, U Edinburgh-*The national dilemma of refugee admissions: the Assyrian and Chaldean diaspora in the United States from the Iraq War through ISIS*

**Fanny Christou**, U Poitiers/American U Beirut/Sciences Po Paris-*The political mobilisation of the Palestinian diaspora in Sweden: contribution to the redefinition of the Swedish mainstream and of the homeland politics*

**Emanuela Dalmasso**, U Amsterdam-*Overseas citizens at a time of unstable authoritarian rule: Morocco and its diaspora during the 2011 political crisis*

**Dov Waxman**, Northeastern-Diaspora peacemakers?: the role of American Jews in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process

199 2-3:45pm

4-Nantucket

**The Syrian Civil War, Refugees, & Regional Responses**

Chair: **Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver

**Anna Reumert**, Columbia-*Intimate strangers: notes on Syrian refugees in Beirut*

**Matthew Goldman**, Swedish Research Inst-Istanbul-*Repertoires of refuge: explaining divergent responses to refugees in Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon*

**Alyssa Miller**, Duke-*Precarious itineraries: Tunisian routes to war in Syria*

**Matthieu Cimino**, Oxford/Sciences Po-*The war next door: the Syrian policy of Israel since 2011*

200 2-3:45pm

3-Tufts

**Sociology of Contemporary Turkey**

Chair: **Gunes Murat Tezcur**, U Central Florida

**Meltem Odabas**, U Arizona-*Tweeting from Gezi Park: social media and repression backfire*

**Defne Bilir**, Florida State-*The digital divide within and between Turkey and the U.S.: the promises of social media in dealing with the solutions to bridge the divide*

**Ladin Bayurgil**, Boston U-*Experience of urban transformation among Istanbul's doormen: a case of urban displacement*

**Ayca Alemdaroglu**, Northwestern-*Politics of the past, politics of the future: governing youth in Turkey*

201 2-3:45pm

4-Salon H

**Museums, Place, and Memory**

Chair: **Melissa Figueroa**, Ohio U

**Andrea Pauw**, U Virginia-*Moriscos in nineteenth-century historiography and art*  
**Elisabeth Friedman**, Illinois State-*Qalandiya International and the new spaces of Palestinian art*

**Katie J. Hickerson**, U Penn-*Clothes of contention: the pageantry and politics of the Mahdist Jibba*

**Ozge Sade Mete**, Bellevue Col-*Cosmopolitan and feminist memories: four provincial museums in Turkey*

202 2-3:45pm

5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Evaluating and Incentivizing Digital Scholarship in Middle East Studies**

Organizer: **Amy Singer**

Session Leader: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U

**Sabine Schmidtke**, Inst for Advanced Study  
**Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan  
**Intisar Rabb**, Harvard Law Schl  
**Bogac Ergene**, U Vermont  
**Virginia Aksan**, McMaster

203 4-5:45pm 3-Simmons

**Exploring the Field: New Perspectives on Middle East Studies in the United States**

Organizer: **Zachary Lockman**

Discussant: **Robert Vitalis**, U Penn

**Osamah Khalil**, Syracuse U-*A time of national emergency: U.S. foreign policy and Middle East expertise*

**Jessica Winegar**, Northwestern-*The politics of Middle East studies from the viewpoint of anthropology*

**Nathan Citino**, Rice U-*Dilemmas of American exceptionalism in the Middle East*

**Zachary Lockman**, NYU-*Rethinking the history of US area studies/Middle East studies*

204 4-5:45pm 4-Salon H

**The Middle East in Latin America**

Organizer: **Ellen McLarney**

Chair: **Ellen McLarney**, Duke

**Lily Balloffet**, North Carolina State-*Nuestras Malvinas & the Suez: Argentine solidarity in the early non-alignment era*  
**Ellen McLarney**, Duke-*Connecting the community: Islamic media and institutions in Argentina*

**Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**, CIDE-*Mexican Islam: transnational leaderships and institutionalization*

**Steven Hyland**, Wingate U-*Anti-colonial Muslim activists in Argentina, 1920-1940*

205 4-5:45pm 3-Regis

Roundtable

**Sykes-Picot at 100: Mapping, Migrants, and Myths**

Organizer: **Stacy Fahrenthold**, UC Berkeley, **Melanie Tanielian**, Michigan Ann Arbor

Chair: **Andrew Patrick**, Tennessee State

**Laura Robson**, Portland State

**Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale

**Lauren Banko**, U Manchester

**Nick Danforth**, Bipartisan Policy Ctr

**Steven Wagner**, McGill

206 4-5:45pm 4-Salon B

**Reform, Violence and Revolutionary Organizations in the Late Nineteenth-Century Ottoman East**

Organizers: **Yasar Tolga Cora**, **Umit Kurt**

Chair/Discussant: **Janet Klein**, U Akron

**Edip Golbasi**, Simon Fraser-*The anti-Armenian riots of 1895-1896: the "climate of violence" and intercommunal strife in the Ottoman eastern provinces*

**Umit Kurt**, Harvard-*The breakdown of a previously peaceful coexistence: the Aintab Armenian massacres of 1895*

**Toygun Altintas**, U Chicago-*The making of an anti-Armenian "disorder": Hamidian massacres in the province of Bitlis*

**Yasar Tolga Cora**, Michigan Ann Arbor-*Early Armenian "revolutionaries": local, national(-ist), revolutionary?*

207 4-5:45pm 3-Harvard

**The Moriscos' Testimonies After Their Expulsion From the Iberian Peninsula**

Organizer: **Lisette Balabarca**

Chair: **Chad Leahy**, U Denver

Discussant: **Catherine Infante**, Amherst Col

**Diana Galarreta-Aima**, U Virginia-*"The supporter of religion against the infidel," a Morisco's testimony*

**Melissa Figueroa**, Ohio U-*Theater reminiscences: the politics of memory after the expulsion of the Moriscos*

**Teresa Soto**, CSIC-*More glory to the poets: Ibrahim Taybili and Morisco poetry in exile*

**Lisette Balabarca**, Siena Col-*Poetry and religious polemics: Spanish Christian influences on a Morisco author in exile*

208 4-5:45pm 3-Arlington

**Technology and Transnational Networks in the Middle East**

Organizers: **Killian Clarke**, **Gozde Guran**

Chair/Discussant: **Arang Keshavarzian**, NYU

**Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut-*New 'empires of the air'?: Middle East airport hubs and the shifting geopolitics of global aviation*

**Gozde Guran**, Princeton-*Technology and economic informality: cross-border money transfers in Beirut and Istanbul*

**Laleh Khalili**, SOAS London-*Quartermasters of capital: military logistics and the making of maritime connections in the Arabian Peninsula*

**Killian Clarke**, Princeton-*New media, old networks: how protest diffused in the Egyptian uprising*

209 4-5:45pm 4-Salon C

**The Legacy of A.I. Sabra: New Perspectives on the History of Science in Islam**

Organizer: **F. Jamil Ragep**

Dedicated to the Memory of A.I. Sabra

Chair: **Robert J. Wisnovsky**, McGill

Discussant: **Robert G. Morrison**, Bowdoin Col

**Elaheh Kheirandish**, Harvard-*"Checkered history" recolored: the changing fortunes and misfortunes of optical works in Islamic and European lands*

**Tzvi Langermann**, Bar Ilan U-*Ibn Al-Haytham's commentary to Ptolemy's Almagest*

**Alnoor Dhanani**, Harvard-*Vision, visual rays, and perception in kalām: A preliminary enquiry*

**F. Jamil Ragep**, McGill-*One Ibn Al-Haytham or two: the evidence from astronomy*

210 4-5:45pm 5-Maine

**Reconfigurations of Modern Space**

Organizer: **Noa Shaindlinger**

Chair: **Noa Shaindlinger**, U Toronto

**Dina Fergani**, U Toronto-*Staged modernity: theatre and the ethics of progress in colonial Egypt*

**Samar Nour**, U Toronto-*The Cairo mental asylum as a colonial space*

**Ian Costa**, U Toronto-*The dialectics of reform in modern Iran*

**Kyle Gamble**, U Toronto-*The poetics of the apartment in Lebanese Civil War fiction*

211 4-5:45pm 4-Salon F

**Culture and Contention in Modern Iraq**  
Organizer: Elliott Colla

Chair: Elliott Colla, Georgetown  
Discussant: Sara Pursley, NYU

**Amir Moosavi**, NYU-Speaking of violent pasts during a violent present: writing the Iran-Iraq War after 2003

**Kevin Jones**, U Georgia-'Do not leave those pure virgins': class, gender, and the cultural politics of nationalism in post-revolutionary Iraq, 1958-1963

**Suneela Mubayi**, NYU-The outsider then and now: the Su'luk in modern Arabic literature

**Qussay Al-Attabi**, Brown-Sartre in Baghdad: commitment, communism, and Arab nationalism

212 4-5:45pm 4-Salon G

**Inventions and Reinventions in Modern Twelver Shi'i Islam**  
Organizer: Omid Ghaemmaghami

Discussant: Roy Mottahedeh, Harvard

**Mina Yazdani**, Eastern Kentucky U-Clerical cooperation and Islamic radicalism in 1940s Iran

**Omid Ghaemmaghami**, Binghamton-The messianic turn in modern Twelver Shi'i Islam: notes on Ali-Akbar Nahavandi's Fine Wonders of Beauty

**Babak Rahimi**, UC San Diego-Internet Mahdism in the (re)shaping of Shi'i Iran

**Reza Masoudi Nejad**, SOAS London-The political geography of Shi'i pilgrimage in the Middle East

213 4-5:45pm 4-Nantucket

**Women and Politics in MENA: Representation, Participation, and Agency**  
Organizer: Mona Tajali

Chair: Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott Col  
Discussant: Marwa Shalaby, Rice U

**Aili Mari Tripp**, Wisconsin Madison-Women's national and local legislative representation in the Maghreb

**Mona Tajali**, Agnes Scott Col-Women and party politics in Turkey and Iran

**Zoe Petkanas**, U Cambridge-Women in the national constituent assembly: gendering the Tunisian constitution

**Rania Maktabi**, Østfold U Col, Norway-Female lawyers and patriarchal state laws in Morocco, Lebanon and Kuwait after 2011

214 4-5:45pm 3-Wellesley

**Whither Turkey? Turkish Authoritarianism in Perspective**  
Organizer: Koray Çalıþkan

Chair: Koray Çalıþkan, Boğaziçi U

**Karabekir Akkoyunlu**, U Graz-Beyond "competitive" authoritarianism? electoral integrity and state capture in post-Kemalist Turkey

**Behlül Özkan**, Marmara U-The production of knowledge in the AKP's creation of an authoritarian system

**Ozan Varol**, Lewis & Clark Law Schl-Stealth authoritarianism

215 4-5:45pm 5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Anthropology, Ethics, and Political Engagement on Palestine/Israel**  
Organizer: Amahl Bishara



Chair: Fida Adely, Georgetown

**Suad Joseph**, UC Davis  
**Amahl Bishara**, Tufts  
**Sa'ed Atshan**, Swarthmore

216 4-5:45pm 4-Salon I

**Beyond Nationalism: Clashing Identities Between Islamism and Authoritarianism in the Post-Arab Spring**

Organizer: Dina Mansour, Overseas Development Inst.

Organized under the auspices of  
Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism (SEN)

**Jiwon Choi**, Exeter-Reconstruction of settler privilege and indigenous resistance: a new approach to societal cleavage in Bahrain since 1999

**Sami A. Ofeish**, U Balamand; **Rima Majed**, Oxford-Lebanon's sectarianism, change, and failure of consociationalism

**Stefano Fogliata**, U Bergamo-Between disaffiliation and shifting identities: the case of Palestinian refugees currently fleeing to Lebanon from Syria

**Hani Awad**, Oxford-Understanding the clashes between the state and local communities in Cairo's peri-urban fringe (the case of Kerdasa)

217 4-5:45pm 4-Salon D

**Developing and Measuring Intercultural Communicative Competence in Study Abroad and At-Home Programs: Insights From Arabic**  
Organizer: Sonia Shiri

**Mohamed Ansary**, U Arizona-Using technology for increasing students' multiple literacies and intercultural competence

**Sonia Shiri**, U Arizona-Measuring the impact of short-term study abroad: ICC development and maintenance

**Riyad Alhomsy**, U Arizona-Technology integration to foster students' ICC and increase motivation

**Charles Joukhadar**, U Arizona-Building intercultural competence through linguistic landscapes and film clips

218 4-5:45pm 3-Tufts

**Politics & Legitimacy in Tunisia**

Chair: Daniel E. Coslett, U Washington

**Michael Marcusa**, Brown-Tribalism, resistance and the political imagination in contemporary Tunisia

**Rory McCarthy**, Oxford-Tunisia's Ennahda in prison: rethinking strategy and reclaiming dignity

**Gabriel Rubin**, Montclair State-Tunisia's post-revolutionary legacy: security, human rights & transitional justice

**Tofigh Maboudi**, Loyola Chicago-Constituting democrats: participation, deliberation, and constitutional legitimacy in Tunisia

219 4-5:45pm

4-Salon K

**Gender and Conflict: Activism, Resilience, and Disengagement**Chair: **Marya Hannun**, Georgetown**Zeynep Balcioglu**, Northeastern-*Packing relations: a case study on young refugee women's capability to form social capital***Kenny Schmitt**, Exeter-*The Murabitiyyin and Murabitat of Al-Aqsa Mosque: transforming resistance, nationalism, and gendered activism in Jerusalem and Palestine***Touria Khannous**, Louisiana State-*Gender, violence and representation in contemporary Algerian women's cinema***Liyana Kayali**, Australian National U-*Palestinian women's perceptions of popular resistance actions in the Occupied West Bank*

220 4-5:45pm

4-Salon J

**Representations Respond to History & Trauma**Chair: **Elizabeth Saylor**, Bard**Zeina Maasri**, U Brighton-*Draw me a gun: children's books in the trenches of the 'Arab Hanoi'***Katty Alhayek**, Massachusetts Amherst-*Media realism in time of war: identification, interactivity, and symbolism in Syrian television drama***Jeannette E. Okur**, Texas Austin-*Turkic Muslims' literary response to the uninvited Russian "guest"***Hend F. Alawadhi**, U Rochester-*Asma'a (2011): representing HIV/AIDS in Arab cinema*

221 4-5:45pm

4-Salon A

**Social and Religious Practices in Ottoman History**Chair: **Farida Badr**, UNC Chapel Hill**Emin Lelic**, U Chicago-*The seven ways of physiognomy: constructing an Ottoman typology***Ahmet Serdar Akturk**, Georgia Southern U-*Family, empire, and nation: the Bedirkhan family and the changing perception of the family origins in the late and post-Ottoman periods*

222 4-5:45pm

ISSUES IN THE PROFESSION WORKSHOP

4-Salon E

**Confronting Sexual Harassment in the Academy**Organizer: **Beth Baron**Chair: **Beth Baron**, City Col and Graduate Center, CUNY**Fatma Müge Göçek**, Michigan Ann Arbor**Eve Troutt Powell**, U Penn**Simona Sharoni**, SUNY Plattsburgh

Sexual harassment of students and faculty is not a new problem in the academy. This problem is especially acute for graduate students and junior faculty across fields of study. Research suggests that 30% of graduate students surveyed stated that they experienced some form of sexual harassment in the course of their study. This finding has remained consistent over the past three decades. A new wave of survivor-led student activism in the United States has forced colleges and universities to review their existing policies on sexual harassment and sexual assault. However, the issue of faculty harassers has been largely ignored.

Professional associations like MESA can play a role by facilitating discussion of these issues. Participants will analyze the problem of sexual harassment in the academy, examine possible responses to the problem, explore the establishment of a code of conduct for MESA, and share resources designed to raise awareness among faculty and students.

223 4-5:45pm

5-New Hampshire

Thematic  
Conversation**Reading Middle Eastern Literatures Comparatively**Organizer: **Roberta Micallef**Session Leader: **Somy Kim**, Boston U**Sandra G. Carter**, U Houston**Roberta Micallef**, Boston U**Abigail Gillman**, Boston U**Hülya Adak**, Sabanci U

224 4-5:45pm

4-Provincetown

**Kurdish Studies: A 50-Year Retrospective**Organizer: **Michael M. Gunter**Organized under the auspices of  
Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish StudiesChair: **Robert W. Olson**, U Kentucky**Michael Rubin**, American Enterprise Inst-*Problems in Kurdish studies***Vera Eccarius-Kelly**, Siena Col-*Kurdish studies in Europe***Michael M. Gunter**, Tennessee Tech;**Mohammed M.A. Ahmed**, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies-*Kurdish studies in the United States*





LakhdarBrahimi

## “Working for Peace on Behalf of the United Nations and with Big Powers”

with introduction by

**Beth Baron**

City Col and Graduate Center, CUNY

Lakhdar Brahimi has been Algeria’s Foreign Minister (1991-1993) and its Ambassador to Egypt, Sudan and the Arab League of States in Cairo (1963-1970) and to The United Kingdom (1971-1979). From 1984 to 1991, He served as Under-Secretary General of the League of Arab States. During that time, he negotiated the Taef Agreement, which put an end to the Civil War in Lebanon that had lasted 15 years.

During his country’s struggle for independence, Brahimi represented Algeria’s National Liberation Front in Indonesia (1956-1961).

He took part in the work of the Non-Aligned Movement, since its first Conference, in 1961, in Belgrade, and in that of the Organization of African Unity (now the African Union), since its creation, in 1963.

After retirement from national public service, in 1993, he started a new career with the United Nations. After undertaking a number of missions on behalf of the Secretary General of the United Nations, he led the United Nations Observer Mission to South Africa (UNOMSA), which observed South Africa’s historic democratic election, which ended Apartheid and brought Mandela to power. He also led UN Missions to Haiti (1994-1996) and to Afghanistan (1997-1999).

In 2000, he chaired an Independent Panel on UN Peace Operations, which produced a report on how to improve UN action in its core activity, which is the maintenance and restoration of Peace and Security in the World. (The report is commonly known as the “Brahimi Report”).

In 2001, following the 09/11 terrorist attacks, he chaired the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan and went on to lead the United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan (UNAMA). In 2004, following the invasion and occupation of Iraq, he helped form a national government with the mandate of restoring the sovereignty of that unhappy country.

In 2007, Brahimi was asked to chair another Independent Panel, which produced a report on how to protect UN staff and property around the world. He was then again called back to be the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria (2012-2014).

Lakhdar Brahimi spent 2 years (2006-2008) at the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in Princeton, two Semesters as a Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics (LSE) in 2008 and 2009, and taught a course at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), in Paris, in 2011, 2012 and 2015.

Ambassador Brahimi studied Law and Political Science in Algiers and Paris, but left without graduating to join his country’s struggle for independence.

He was awarded Doctorates Honoris Causa from (in the order in which they were granted):

The American University of Beirut, in Lebanon; The University of Oxford, in the UK; The University of Nice, in France; The University of Bologna in Italy; The University of the Free State, in South Africa, The Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Paris, in France

Lakhdar Brahimi is currently a member of The Elders and a number of civil society organizations and has been active in various associations with leading Universities and Institutes.

Lakhdar Brahimi is married, with three children and 6 grand children

9pm-1am  
Salon F

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**TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS**

9-11am - MIT (3)  
**MEOC Board Meeting**

226 8-9:45am 4-Salon F

**Christian Missionaries in the Post-Colonial Middle East**  
 Organizer: **Asher Orkaby**

Chair/Discussant: **Heather J. Sharkey**, U Penn

**Melanie Trexler**, Valparaiso U-Southern Baptist missionaries and the state of Israel: a lesson from Lebanon, 1982

**Fatima Alsayegh**, UAE U-Missionaries in the post-colonial era in the Arab Gulf

**John Barrett**, LeTourneau U-The impact of American protestant efforts to "civilize and Christianize" the Middle East (1819-1939)

**Asher Orkaby**, Harvard-The Southern Baptist Medical Mission to Yemen, 1964-2002

227 8-9:45am 4-Salon A

**Gendered Critical Kurdish Studies: Rethinking Nationalism, Conflict and Identity**

Organizer: **Nadje Al-Ali**, SOAS London

Chair: **Ayse Betul Celik**, Sabanci U  
 Discussant: **Cilja Maren Harders**, Free U Berlin

**Haje Keli**, SOAS London-'Cutting the flesh' to save the family: gender-based violence in Iraqi Kurdistan

**Isabel Käser**, SOAS London-From gendered violence to gendered resistance - a transnational study of Kurdish women's movements in eastern Turkey (Bakur) and northeastern Syria (Rojava)

**Ayse Betul Celik**, Sabanci U-Gendered approach to Turkey's peace process: is a common future possible for the women of Turkey?

**Latif Tas**, SOAS London-Gendering peace and conflict in transnational context

228 8-9:45am 4-Provincetown

**The 'Alawis and the Origins of Political Confessionalism in Syria, 1908-1963**  
 Organizer: **Stefan Winter**

Chair/Discussant: **Ussama Makdisi**, Rice U

**Fabrice Balanche**, Lyon 2 U-The Alawites of Syria: from the mountain refuge to the city  
**Stefan Winter**, Quebec Montreal- Between confessional differentiation and radical assimilation: the 'Alawis of Syria and Southern Anatolia between Abdülhamid and the Turkish War of Liberation

**Max Weiss**, Princeton-Imagining the 'Alawis between history and literature

229 8-9:45am 3-Simmons

**The Individual as the Subject of Historical Inquiry: Four Cases From Egypt and Palestine**

Organizer: **Hussam Raafat Ahmed**

Chair/Discussant: **Dyala Hamza**, U Montréal

**Hussam Raafat Ahmed**, McGill-Taha Hussein between the independence of the Egyptian universities and the state

**Khaled Fahmy**, Harvard-Translating modern medicine into Arabic: the work of Muhammad 'Umar Al-Tunisi

**Laila Parsons**, McGill-The limits of social biography: a case study

**Mark Sanagan**, McGill-Writing 'thick narratives' from thin sources?: social biography's place in the historiography of the modern Middle East

230 8-9:45am 3-Regis

**Roundtable**

**Middle Eastern Sports Studies: The State of the Field**

Organizers: **Danyel Reiche**, **Andrea L. Stanton**

**Danyel Reiche**, American U Beirut  
**Murat C. Yildiz**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver

**James M. Dorsey**, S. Rajaratnam Sch of International Studies

231 8-9:45am 4-Salon D

**Women as Agents and Symbols of Change in Early Twentieth Century Turkey**

Organizer: **Serpil Atamaz**

Chair/Discussant: **Hale Yılmaz**, Southern Illinois Carbondale

**Elif Mahir Metinsoy**, Galatasaray U-Ordinary Turkish women's perception of and resistance to social and political change from World War I to the end of national struggle (1914-1923)

**Serpil Atamaz**, TOBB U of Economics and Technology-The day has finally arrived: women's participation in the elections of 1930 and 1935

**Inci Sariz-Bilge**, Massachusetts Amherst-Ambiguity in the reception of Turkish modernization by women from an autobiographical viewpoint

**Esma Erdogan Kilic**, Indiana U-The making of Muslim women in Turkey: a comparative analysis of the Gulen Movement and the Ismailaga Sufi Brotherhood

232 8-9:45am 4-Salon I

**Arab Culture and Politics in Times of Crisis**

Organizer: **Jeremy Randall**

**Jeremy Randall**, Graduate Center, CUNY-Affective subjectivities as a counter to sectarianism: the cinema of Maroun Baghdadi  
**Mary Jirmanus**, Independent Scholar-Where to militant cinema?: possibilities for militant documentary in the Arab world past and present

**Ziad Dallal**, NYU-Sovereignty, contingency and Arab tragedy

**Elizabeth Benninger**, NYU-Yusuf Idris and the political reconfiguration of "masrah"

233 8-9:45am

4-Salon K

**War, Social Reform and Social Medicine in the Middle East (19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Century)**

Organizers: **Philippe Bourmaud, Gulhan Balsoy**

Chair: **Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, CIDE**

**Seyma Afacan**, Oxford-*Intellectual efforts to medicalize, stigmatize and individualize love in the late Ottoman Empire*

**Gulhan Balsoy**, Istanbul Bilgi U-*Widow's house in late nineteenth century Istanbul*

**Hratch Kestanian**, Graduate Center, CUNY-*Doctors, disease, and death at the end of the Ottoman Empire*

**Philippe Bourmaud**, U Jean Moulin - Lyon 3/IFEA (Istanbul)/IFPO (Beirut)-*From beneficence and sectarian healthcare to social medicine?: fighting tuberculosis from the Ottoman Empire into the mandates*

234 8-9:45am

5-Maine

**Politics and Piety: Negotiating Subjectivity in Twentieth-Century Salafism**

Organizer: **Aaron Rock-Singer**

**Jacob Olidort**, George Washington-*Whither Salafi methodology: Albani, the Taqrib Series, and a compass for Islamic politics*

**Ari Schriber**, Harvard-*Politics as metaphysics: transcending the Salafi label in early-twentieth-century Islamic modernism*

**Farah El-Sharif**, Harvard-*Manufacturing "tradition" and contemporary classicism: a textual analysis of Al-Buti's anti-Salafi polemics*

**Aaron Rock-Singer**, U Penn-*Beards, barracks and barbershops: contemporary negotiations of Salafi masculinity*

235 8-9:45am

SPECIAL SESSION

4-Salon G

**The Crisis in Turkey**

Organizer: **Val Moghadam**

Chair: **Val Moghadam**, Northeastern

**Yesim Arat**, Boğaziçi

**Fatma Müge Göçek**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Asli Z. Igsiz**, NYU

**Huseyin Levent Köker**, New Schl for Social Research

Turkey's political history has been dotted with successful military coups, but the attempted coup in Turkey in July failed spectacularly. It was followed by the imprisonment of those accused of leading or taking part in the coup, as well as purges of thousands of Turkish citizens across various domains - the military, media, academia, the arts, and the judiciary. While the Erdogan government continues to defend its response to the attempted coup, the world has watched with concern as people lose their jobs, or are accused of having supported the coup, in a seemingly indiscriminate manner. At stake is Turkey's democracy - which, paradoxically, was claimed by the coup-makers, the government, members of Erdogan's ruling party, and those in civil society who opposed Turkey's coup but also oppose Erdogan's authoritarianism. From a feminist perspective, the coup and its aftermath revealed a type of "clash of hyper-masculinities". The ongoing conflict between the Turkish state and its military, on the one hand, and Kurdish militants (the PKK and the YPG) on the other, adds another dimension to Turkey's gendered crisis of democracy. These complex issues will be discussed by a distinguished group of panelists, who will approach the crisis from within varied disciplinary and conceptual frameworks.

236 8-9:45am

4-Salon B

**Negotiations of Space in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Writing**

Organizers: **Ceyda Steele, Beyza Lorenz**

Chair/Discussant: **Didem Havlioglu**, Duke

**Ramazan Hakki Oztan**, U Utah-

*Regulating the literary space: politics of moveable type in the late Ottoman Empire*

**Ali Bolcakan**, Michigan Ann Arbor-

*Translating change: politics of language and literature in late Ottoman Empire*

**Beyza Lorenz**, UCLA-*World making in narrative: real and imaginary spaces in Ottoman literature*

**Ceyda Steele**, UCLA-*Between private and public, secrets of the intimate space: the first Ottoman woman novel*

237 8-9:45am

4-Nantucket

**50 Years Ago: The 1967 War's Impact on Arab Americans and Arabs in America**

Organizer: **Randa Kayyali**

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ArabAmericanStudiesAssociation(AASA)

Chair: **Evelyn Alsultany**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Salim Yaqub**, UC Santa Barbara-A

*Widening circle: Arab American and non-Arab-identified activist groups, 1967-1980*

**Randa Kayyali**, George Washington-*Remembering the 1967 War: transnational politics, memory and identity*

**Suraya Khan**, Rice U-*Transnational alliances: the AAUG's advocacy for Palestine and the third world*

**Pamela Pennock**, Michigan Dearborn-*From 1967 to Operation Boulder: the erosion of Arab Americans' civil liberties in the 1970s*

238 8-9:45am 3-Arlington

**New Forms of Authoritarianism and Social Mobilization in MENA**  
Organizer: **Bruce Rutherford**

Chair: **Michele Penner Angrist**, Union Col  
Discussant: **Eva Bellin**, Brandeis

**Bruce Rutherford**, Colgate-*Egypt's new authoritarianism under Al-Sisi*  
**Samer S. Shehata**, Doha Inst for Graduate Studies/U Oklahoma-*Discourses of violence and repression: Al Ikhwan Al Irhabiyeen and Egypt's "war on terrorism"*  
**Vickie Langohr**, Col of the Holy Cross-*Breaking taboos: new forms of activism against public sexual violence in Egypt*  
**Jeannie Sowers**, U New Hampshire-*Comparative environmental mobilization in the Middle East and North Africa*  
**David Siddhartha Patel**, Brandeis-*'Sunnis and Shias, and Kurds, oh my!' patterns of ethno-sectarian mobilization and non-mobilization in the MENA*

239 8-9:45am 4-Salon J

**Ethical Possibilities and Political Imaginaries in the Middle East, Past and Present**  
Organizers: **Jeffrey Culang**, **Casey Primel**

**Jeffrey Culang**, Graduate Center, CUNY-*"The Shari'a must go": the politics of religious freedom in Egypt's liberal age*  
**Aditi Saraf**, Ludwig-Maximilians-U München-*Ajal and the politics of untimely death in Kashmir*  
**Jenna Rice**, Stanford-*Accounting with kin: mutual obligation and historical imagination in Saïda, Lebanon*  
**Casey Primel**, Columbia-*On ants and bees: finance and Islamic reform in colonial Egypt*

240 8-9:45am 5-Vermont

Roundtable

**State of the Research on Non-State Voluntary Movements in the Post-2011 MENA Region**  
Organizer: **Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux**

Chair: **Jean-Louis Romanet Perroux**, Brandeis

**Berna Turam**, Northeastern  
**Hande Ramazanogullari**, Istanbul Bilgi U  
**Nadwa Aldawsari**  
**Fabio Merone**, Middle East and North African Research Group

241 8-9:45am 4-Salon C

**Power and Institutions in Times of Transition: Case Studies From the Medieval Middle East**  
Organizer: **Paula Manstetten**

Chair: **Jonathan P. Berkey**, Davidson Col  
Discussant: **Zayde Antrim**, Trinity

**Ian D. Morris**, U Amsterdam-*Elephants are never forgotten: exotic animals in early Umayyad diplomacy*  
**Hugh Kennedy**, SOAS London-*"Sultan" in the tenth century*  
**Paula Manstetten**, SOAS London-*The institutionalization of education in Syria under the Seljuqs and their successors (11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> centuries)*  
**Rasmus Bech Olsen**, Birkbeck Col London-*The Sultan and the city: the topography of power in Mamluk Damascus 1250-1400*

242 8-9:45am 3-Harvard

**Security & Confrontation**

Chair: **Ami Ayalon**, Tel Aviv U

**Emily Gade**, U Washington-*Violence and civilian support for militancy: evidence from the 2015 Intifada*  
**Ali Oskrouchi**, Florida International-*Unconventional deterrence doctrine: does it work for a revisionist would-be nuclear weak-state?*  
**Julie Norman**, Queen's U Belfast-*Negotiating detention: prisons as sites of confrontation & compromise in Israel-Palestine*  
**Holger Albrecht**, American U Cairo-*Out of order: military insubordination in mobilizing societies*

243 8-9:45am 4-Salon H

**Literary Madness and Discipline**

Chair: **Alya ElHosseiny**, NYU

**Maxim Yosefi**, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev-*Ethics and religious ideology in early Arabic poetry: the problem of slander*  
**Tara Stephan**, NYU-*Myth and wonder: medieval Islamic writings about ancient Egypt*  
**Myriam Sabbaghi**, U Chicago-*Madness and the erotic in the ghazals of Zib Al-Nisā Makhfi*  
**Raymond K. Farrin**, American U Kuwait-*Female empowerment in Arabic popular literature: heroines in 1001 Nights*

244 8-9:45am 3-Wellesley

**Tunisia's Democratic Transition: Progress and Challenges**

Chair: **Fred H. Lawson**, Mills Col

**Janine A. Clark**, U Guelph; **Ellen Lust**, U Gothenburg-*Not the only game in town: the Tunisian transition from the local perspective*  
**Daniel Zisenwine**, Georgetown-*Post-revolutionary truth and reconciliation efforts: lessons from Tunisia*  
**Daniel Tavana**, Princeton-Mass-*Partisanship after the 'Arab Spring': evidence from Tunisia*  
**Andrea Kavanaugh**, Virginia Tech-*The use and impact of information sources during the 2014 elections in Tunisia*

245 8-9:45am 4-Salon E

**Iran: Past and Present**

Chair: **Matthew Parnell**, Arkansas Fayetteville

**Ashkan Rezvani-Naraghi**, U Wisconsin Milwaukee-*Tehran between the two world wars: spatial codification as a means of subjectification*

**Andrew Magnusson**, U Central Oklahoma-*Rhetorical Zoroastrians: constructing the early Islamic other*  
**Pascale Barthe**, UNC Wilmington-*Languages across empires: Persian in seventeenth-century French travel narratives*  
**Thomas Benfey**, Princeton-*"Poverty" and the "poor" in Sasanian Zoroastrian discourse*

246 8-9:45am 5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

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

Organizers: **Lale Can**, **Aimee Genell**, **Michael Christopher Low**

Session Leaders: **Michael Christopher Low**, Iowa State; **Lale Can**, City Col, CUNY

**Will Smiley**, Reed Col/NYU  
**Will Hanley**, Florida State  
**Faiz Ahmed**, Brown  
**Aimee Genell**, U Miami

247 10-11:45am

3-Tufts

**In the Flesh: Middle Eastern Bodies and the Construction of Power Relations**

Organizer: **Sivan Balslev**

Chair: **Avner Wishnitzer**, Tel Aviv U  
Discussant: **Wilson Chacko Jacob**, Concordia U

**Leila Asadi**, Arizona State-*Necropolitics and Muslim female bodies in online war on terror*

**Ran Levy**, Tel Aviv U-*Medical experts "speak" with dead bodies: forensic medicine and criminal intent in mandate Palestine*

**Sivan Balslev**, Van Leer Jerusalem Inst-*Creating better (looking) Iranian men: sport, scouting and soldiering under Reza Shah*

**Nimrod Ben Zeev**, U Penn-*Body building: skill, harm, risk, and race among construction and citriculture laborers in early 20<sup>th</sup> century Palestine*

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3-Arlington

**Coercive Apparatuses After the Arab Spring**

Organizer: **Sarah Weirich**

Chair: **Marc Lynch**, George Washington  
Discussant: **Eva Bellin**, Brandeis

**Sharan Grewal**, Princeton-*To coup or not to coup: the Tunisian military in 2013*

**Sarah Weirich**, U Penn-*The coercive apparatus in Tunisia: paradigms lost?*

**Hicham Bou Nassif**, Carleton Col-*Coups and nascent democracies: Egypt and Tunisia in a comparative perspective*

**Shana Marshall**, George Washington-*Follow the money: how certain economic activities do (or don't) generate political resources for the Egyptian military*

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4-Salon J

**The Shi'a of Lebanon: New Approaches to History, Politics, and Religion**

Organizers: **Mara Leichtman**, Michigan State, **Rola El-Husseini**, Graduate Center, CUNY

Chair: **Nadim Shehadi**, Tufts  
Discussant: **Augustus Richard Norton**, Boston U

**Nabil Hage Ali**, Georgetown-*Reconceptualizing Islam in 1970s Shi'i Lebanon: the "men of mosques"*

**Moulouk Berry**, American U Dubai-*Divorce in Lebanese Muslim Shi'i jurisprudence: a reform law?*

**Linda Sayed**, Michigan State-*Narrating history: Hizbullah's efforts to inscribe time and place for the Shi'a of Lebanon*

**Bashir Saade**, U Edinburgh-*Hizbullah's Ashura: identity, ethics, and the problem of the past*

**Eric Lob**, Florida International-*The export of Iran's development model to Lebanon: the case of Jihād Al-Binā'*

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4-Salon K

**Practicing Nationalism Between State and Society in Israel, Turkey, and Iran**

Organizers: **Anat Goldman**, **Elise Burton**

Discussant: **Senem Aslan**, Bates Col

**Elise Burton**, Harvard-*Blood lines: defining national populations in Middle Eastern genetics research*

**Anat Goldman**, U Washington-*Privatized commemoration and the image of the nation: November 10<sup>th</sup> in Turkey and Memorial Day in Israel after 1985*

**Moriel Ram**, Technion Israel Inst of Technology, Architecture and Town Planning-*Colonial configuration and the geopolitics of identification: Israel's rule of the Syrian Druze in the Golan Heights, 1967-1981*

**Samer Al-Saber**, Florida State-*A permission to perform: artists crack the codes of the state's censor*

251 10-11:45am

3-Simmons

**What Was New About the Nahda?**

Organizer: **Peter Hill**

Chair: **Hussein Omar**, Oxford

**Jane H. Murphy**, Colorado Col-*Normalizing the gharib sciences: Egypt 1750-1850*  
**James McDougall**, Trinity Col Oxford-*Knowledge in transit: Maghribi writers and their worlds, ca. 1750-1850*

**Peter Hill**, Oxford-*The first Arabic translations of enlightenment writing: Damietta, 1808-1818*

**Nicole Khayat**, U Haifa-*Reform through education: early biographies of Peter the Great in Arabic (1833-1850)*

252 10-11:45am

3-Regis

Roundtable

**Minority Regimes and the Limits of Belonging in Early Republican Turkey**

Organizer: **Ipek K. Yosmaoglu**

Chair: **Benjamin Carr Fortna**, U Arizona

**Kerem Oktem**, U Graz

**Lerna Ekmekcioglu**, MIT

**Amy Mills**, U South Carolina

**Ipek K. Yosmaoglu**, Northwestern

**Christine M. Philliou**, UC Berkeley

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4-Salon D

**Narrative Strategies in Early Islamic Historiography**

Organizer: **Nancy Khalek**, Brown

**Reyhan Durmaz**, Brown-*"Relate to the people what you saw on the two sheets:" The role of hagiodiegesis in the formation of Islamic notion of sanctity*

**Daniel Mahoney**, Austrian Academy of Sciences-*Medieval reports of Muslims looting pre-Islamic burials*

**Mehmetcan Akpinar**, U Tübingen-*Contesting narratives advocating Abū Bakr's primacy in belief*

**Michael Payne**, Brown-*Atoning for Karbala: sacrifice, ritual, and memory in the martyrdom of Al-Husayn*

254 10-11:45am 4-Nantucket

**Deconstructing Al-Manar and the Legacy of Rashid Rida: Transnational Islamic Reformism and Authority in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century**  
Organizer: **Roy Bar Sadeh**

Chair: **Susannah Heschel**, Dartmouth Col  
Discussant: **On Barak**, Tel Aviv U

**Aaron Glasserman**, Columbia-*Revealing Islam in Chinese: Rashid Rida and Sino-Muslim reformism in the 1930s*  
**Roy Bar Sadeh**, Columbia-*Debating Gandhi in Al-Manar*  
**Dzenita Karic**, SOAS London-*Bosnian ulama's quest for authority and Al-Manar*  
**Oriana Gaetaniello**, Berlin Graduate Schl Muslim Cultures and Societies-*Establishing new channels for intellectual exchange: Rashid Rida and his School for Islamic Mission and Guidance (1911-1914)*

255 10-11:45am 5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Media Studies in the Arab World**  
Organizer: **May Farah**

Organized under the auspices of  
American University of Beirut

Chair: **May Farah**, American U Beirut

**Hatim El-Hibri**, American U Beirut  
**Helga Tawil Sourì**, NYU  
**Omar Al-Ghazzi**, U Sheffield  
**Marwan M. Kraïdy**, U Penn

256 10-11:45am 4-Salon C

**Taking Control of the Ancient Greeks: Intentionality and Agency in the Transmission of Greek Knowledge**  
Organizers: **Uwe Vagelpohl**, **Jose Ignacio Sanchez Sanchez**

Organized under the auspices of  
the University of Warwick

Chair: **Pernilla Myrne**, U Gothenburg

**Simon Swain**, U Warwick-*If you can't beat them, make them work for you: Greek physicians in Ibn Abi Uşaybi'ah*

**Jose Ignacio Sanchez Sanchez**, U Warwick-*Sharḥ and prejudice: Ibn Riḍwān's critique on the transmission of Greek medical knowledge*

**Uwe Vagelpohl**, U Warwick-*Just the facts, doctor: Galen epitomes and didactic summaries in medical teaching and practice*  
**James Weaver**, U Zurich-*Arguing with the ancients: Greeks in Mu' tazili doxography*

257 10-11:45am 4-Salon H

**Mapping Complexity with Digital Methods: Untangling Political Challenges in the Mediterranean Basin and Europe**  
Organizer: **Arnaud Kurze**

Chair: **John P. Entelis**, Fordham U  
Discussant: **Gabriel Rubin**, Montclair State

**Arnaud Kurze**, Montclair State-*Transitions, control and resilience: securitization politics in Egypt and Tunisia*  
**Chris Lamont**, U Groningen-*Mapping politics in post-Qaddafi Libya*  
**Cindy Reiff**, Exeter-*Contentious politics in the digital age: youth activism in Tunisia*  
**Linda Piersma**, U Groningen-*The securitization process of Syrian refugees in the Dutch social media discourse*

258 10-11:45am 4-Salon A

**Ottoman Modernization Reconsidered: Complexities of the Transformation of Ottoman Scientific Thought**  
Organizer: **Hasan Umut**

**Ercument Asil**, Alliance of Civilizations Inst, FSMVU-*Approaching Islam as cultural tradition: the example of natural theology in nineteenth century Ottoman popular science*  
**Kenan Tekin**, Columbia-*Redefining scientist, philosopher, and literati in the late Ottoman Empire*

**Abdullah Haris Toprak**, Istanbul U/ ISAR-*The place of "ulum-i nafia" (useful knowledge) in technology transfer: Tedbirat-i Pesendide of Ebu Sehl Numan Efendi*  
**Hasan Umut**, McGill-*Historiographical formation of an "engineer": how is Ismail Gelenbevi's scholarship narrated in Tarih-i Cevdet?*

**Omer Koçyigit**, Leiden U-*The change in intellectual orientation of the Balkan Muslims from Istanbul to Cairo in the interwar period*

259 10-11:45am 4-Provincetown

**Teaching and Learning Arabic Language and Culture: Questions and Nuances**  
Organizer: **Jonas Elbousty**

Organized under the auspices of  
QalamWaLawhCenterforArabicStudies

Chair: **Jonas Elbousty**, Yale

**Abdullah R. Lux**, San Diego State-*Imagining Iraq: CALL frontiers, game engines and pedagogical implications for TAFL*  
**Adil Elkhiyari**, Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies-*An assessment framework for successful Arabic study abroad programs*  
**Said Hannouchi**, Wisconsin Madison-*American college students' and Moroccans' expectations of conformity to cultural norms*

260 10-11:45am 5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Mediterranean Crossroads: Spanish-Maghribi Relations in Past and Present**  
Organizer: **David Stenner**

Chair: **David Stenner**, Christopher Newport U

**Isabella Alexander**, Emory  
**Eric Calderwood**, Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
**Elena Arigita**, U Granada

261 10-11:45am 4-Salon G

**Legal Contests & Disputes, Part I**

Chair: **Madeline C. Zilfi**, Maryland College Park

**Elizabeth Brownson**, U Wisconsin Parkside-*Muslim family law in Palestine today: the draft family law, women shari'a court judges, and Palestinians' views on reform*  
**Salma Waheedi**, Harvard Law Schl-*Constitution and constitutionalism in Bahrain: from text to context*  
**Sohaira Siddiqui**, Georgetown-*Codifying the Hudud: law, ethics and the transformation of Islamic law in modernity*  
**Mohammad Afshary**, U Kent, UK-*Lawyering as everyday utopia: the praxis of Egyptian activist lawyers after the 25 January Revolution*

262 10-11:45am 3-Wellesley

**Water and Power Politics: Palestine and Lebanon**

Chair: **Christopher Ohan**, Texas Wesleyan U

**Stephen P. Gasteyer**, Michigan State-*The human right to water and sanitation: the case of Palestine for assessing the opportunities and potential pitfalls of a discourse*

**Donna Herzog**, NYU-*Water wars: the battle over the privatization and monopolization of Israel's water sector*

**Kevin Boueri**, Boston U-*Reexamining the Lebanese state through water: sect, class, and politics in Mount Lebanon*

**Owain Lawson**, Columbia-*Phase "A": redesigning the Litani River, 1948-1956*

**Leena Dallasheh**, Humboldt State-*When U.S. aid didn't come to the rescue: Nazareth, the Israeli state and water politics*

263 10-11:45am 4-Salon F

**Anthropology of Islam & the Family**

Chair: **Abdul Rahman Chamseddine**, Georgetown Qatar

**Hikmet Koçamaner**, Harvard-*Governing the family through religion: the Directorate of Religious Affairs and the politics of the family in Post-Kemalist Turkey*

**An Van Raemdonck**, Ghent U-*The politics of religious speech in an era of transnational rights discourse: campaigning against FGM/C and the interpellation of religious leaders*

**Sevgi Adak**, Aga Khan U-*Politics of the family and the feminization of the religious sphere under the AKP government in Turkey*

264 10-11:45am 4-Salon I

**Labor and Labor Conflicts in Iran and Egypt**

Chair: **Giuseppe Acconcia**, Bocconi U

**Kaveh Ehsani**, DePaul U-*Working for oil: shifting politics of labor in the Iranian oil industry*

**Agnieszka Paczynska**, George Mason-*Labor protests in Sisi's Egypt: the paradox of repression*

**Peyman Jafari**, Leiden U-*Fluid history: revisiting the Iranian Revolution through oil strikes*

**Dina Najjar**, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas-*'A woman here is not only a woman but both a woman and a man': Egyptian women's performative strategies to gain power and access resources*

265 10-11:45am 4-Salon B

**Sexuality: Religion, Transgression, and Rights**

Chair: **Lucy L. Melbourne**, Saint Augustine's U

**Osire Glacier**, Bishop's U-*The impact of the construction of sexuality on women's rights in Morocco*

**Amina Zarrugh**, Texas Austin-*The politics of forced disappearance and the policing of piety and masculinity in Libya*

**Anne Marie Butler**, SUNY Buffalo-*Tunisian sexual politics: contemporary artistic engagements by women and queers*

**Indira Falk Gesink**, Baldwin Wallace U-*The 'complex sex': hermaphrodites in Islamic legal discourse*

266 10-11:45am 5-Maine

**Changing Spaces: Fluidities, Contests and Ruptures in the Mediterranean Basin**

Chair: **Karam Dana**, U Washington

**Andrew Bellisari**, Harvard-*Decolonizing French Algeria in Israel: French and Algerian land claims to the waqf of Abū Madyan, 1948-1963*

**Mary Momdjian**, UCLA-*The death of David Altaras: identity and plurality at the crossroads of the Mediterranean*

**Claudia Esposito**, Massachusetts Boston-*Voids, rifts and straits: visualizing Maghrebi-Mediterranean histories*

**Jonathan McCollum**, UCLA-*Nationalizing Mediterranean spaces: Libya and the Aegean in the Italo-Turkish War, 1911-1912*

267 10-11:45am 4-Salon E

**Environment, Space & Time in Literature**

Chair: **Carol Bardenstein**, Michigan Ann Arbor

**Negin Djavaherian**, Independent Scholar-*Nurturing ties between Arby Ovanessian's theatre and architecture: staging 'Vis and Ramin' at the ruins of Persepolis (1970)*

**Sharif S. Elmusa**, American U Cairo-*Bedouin, place, and environment in desert literature*

**Drew Paul**, U Tennessee Knoxville-*Topographies of literary estrangement in Haifa*

**Mojtaba Ebrahimian**, U Arizona-*Transforming times in Mohammad Ali Jamalzadeh and Sa'di: a chronotopic analysis*

268 10-11:45am 5-Massachusetts

**Women, Work, and Leadership**

Chair: **Mirna Lattouf**, Arizona State

**Fatima Koura**, Independent Scholar-*Narratives of Muslim American women in the workplace*

**Maia Carter Hallward**, Kennesaw State-*Women's leadership in Oman: opportunities and challenges*

**Alessandra L. González**, U Chicago-*Kuwaiti college student perceptions of women's political leadership: pre- and post-election assessments*

**Julia Gettle**, Brown-*A contradictory inheritance: the professional legitimacy of a Lebanese midwife between systems of women's medical practice*

269 10-11:45am 3-Harvard

**Labor, Commerce, and Taxation in Ottoman Turkey**

Chair: **Emre Erol**, Sabanci U

**Sinan Dincer**, Leiden U-*Taxation and identification of migrants in the Ottoman Empire*

**Mehmet Kuru**, U Toronto-*Labor mobility in early modern Eastern Mediterranean: reconstruction of a city - Izmir (1688-1691)*

**Suraiya Faroqhi**, Istanbul Bilgi U-*'Fast food' in Istanbul during the 1600s and 1700s: the unexpected prominence of kebab*



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4-Salon I

**Salisbury's Legacy: 175 Years of Arabic Studies in the United States**

Organizer: **Roberta L. Dougherty**

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Yale Council on Middle East Studies

Chair: **Frank Griffel**, Yale  
Discussant: **Brian T. Edwards**,  
Northwestern

**Roberta L. Dougherty**, Yale-Salisbury and  
*Arabic in New Haven and beyond*  
**Steven Blackburn**, Hartford Seminary-125  
*years of Arabic instruction at Hartford*  
*Seminary*

**Heather J. Sharkey**, U Penn-Oriental  
*studies, semitics, and Arabic at the University*  
*of Pennsylvania: local and global politics in*  
*shaping the field*

**Hani Bawardi**, Michigan Dearborn-  
*Orientalist fidelity and Arab Syrian awakening:*  
*the paradox of modernity and American*  
*protestantism in nineteenth century Levant*

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5-Massachusetts

**Ibadi Archives: Thinking with Spaces from Manuscript Libraries to Digital Repositories**

Organizer: **Paul Love**

Chair: **Amal Ghazal**, Dalhousie U

**Valerie J. Hoffman**, Illinois Urbana-  
*Champaign-Ibādī archives in Oman and*  
*Zanzibar*

**Paul Love**, Al Akhawayn-Building *Ibadi*  
*manuscript archives in Tunisia: the Salim b.*  
*Ya'qub Library in Djerba*

**Augustin Jomier**, National Center for  
Scientific Research (CNRS)-*Toward an*  
*Ibadi patrimony: manuscripts, printed books*  
*and libraries in Algeria, 19-20<sup>th</sup> centuries*

**Amanda Propst**, Florida State-*The state of*  
*Ibadism online*

272 12-1:45pm

5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Digitizing Women's and Gender History: A Way Forward for the Field?**

Organizer: **Nova Robinson**

Chair: **Nova Robinson**, Seattle U

**Hoda Elsadda**, Cairo U  
**Afsaneh Najmabadi**, Harvard U  
**Akram F. Khater**, North Carolina State  
**Secil Yilmaz**, Graduate Center, CUNY  
**Susanna Ferguson**, Columbia

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4-Salon H

**Borders and Boundaries in the Mashreq**

Organizers: **Matthieu Cimino**, **Daniel Meier**

Chair: **Leïla Vignal**, Oxford  
Discussant: **Matthieu Cimino**, Oxford

**Daniel Meier**, U Geneva-*Theoretical*  
*approaches for bordering the Middle East*  
**Raffaella A. Del Sarto**, SAIS Europe, Johns  
Hopkins-*Contentious borders and regional*  
*order in the Middle East and North Africa*  
**Mohamed-Ali Adraoui**, National  
U Singapore-*The issue of borders and*  
*sovereignty in the Islamist thought from the*  
*early years to the present times: illustrating*  
*the path towards democratization through*  
*Islamist thinkers' production on geopolitics*

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4-Salon D

**Generations of Dissent: Cultural Production, Oppositional Aesthetics, and the State**

Organizer: **R. Shareah Taleghani**

Chair/Discussant: **Eman Morsi**,  
Dartmouth Col

**Zeina G. Halabi**, UNC Chapel Hill-*Refiguring*  
*"conscience, consciousness, and eloquence": the*  
*revolutionary poetics of Arab rap*

**Alexa Firat**, Temple U-*Literary*  
*representations of outlaw activists in the*  
*Jordanian literary field*

**Yasmine Ramadan**, U Iowa-*Aesthetics of*  
*dissent: Muhammad Al-Bisati's magical realism*  
**R. Shareah Taleghani**, Queens Col, CUNY-  
*Forms of dissidence: genre, narrative structure,*  
*and authority in Syrian prison literature*

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3-Arlington

**The State and Social Conflict in Egypt Under the Sisi Regime**

Organizers: **Dina Shehata**, **Hesham Sallam**

Chair/Discussant: **Hesham Sallam**, Stanford

**Zeinab A. Abul-Magd**, Oberlin-*The officer*  
*has saved the nation: military bureaucrats*  
*and businessmen in Egypt*

**Dina Shehata**, Al Ahram Center for  
Political and Strategic Studies-*Patterns of*  
*political resistance and mobilization under*  
*the Sisi regime*

**Ashraf El Sherif**, American U Cairo-*Will*  
*the 'taifas neo-Mamluk state' end in Egypt?*

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4-Salon A

**Law as Social History in the Late Ottoman Era**

Organizers: **Omar Cheta**, **Kathryn Schwartz**

Chair/Discussant: **On Barak**, Tel Aviv U

**Junaid Quadri**, Illinois Chicago-  
*Transregionalism in fiqh discourse at the turn*  
*of the twentieth century*

**Omar Cheta**, Bard Col-*Forger and swindler:*  
*evolving views of the legal profession in the*  
*nineteenth and twentieth centuries*

**Ceyda Karamursel**, SOAS London-*Suing*  
*for freedom: slaves, slaveholders, and the*  
*state in the reform-era Ottoman Empire*

**Kathryn Schwartz**, Harvard-*The law in*  
*print, late Ottoman Cairo*

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4-Salon J

**Controversy, Scandal and Rumor in Modern Algeria and Tunisia: The Role of Public Opinion in Instigating Political and Social Changes**

Organizer: **M'Hamed Oualdi**

Discussant: **Pascal Menoret**, Brandeis

**Thomas Serres**, UMR Développement et  
Sociétés-*From "Qui tue qui" to "Bled Miki:"*  
*controversies and political uncertainty in*  
*post-conflict Algeria*

**M'Hamed Oualdi**, Princeton-  
*Embezzlement and bribery in late Ottoman*  
*Tunisia (1850s-1880s): the conflicts over*  
*policies and moral values in printed*  
*documents, courts and public opinions*

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**Nadia Marzouki**, CNRS Paris-Blasphemy, *free speech, or political affair, the Jabeur Mejri affair in Tunisia (2012-2014)*

**Muriam Haleh Davis**, UC Santa Cruz- *Martyr or traitor?: economic development and national memory in Algeria*

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4-Salon F

**Global Reactions to ISIS/DAESH:**

**Diversity and Antipathy**

Organizer: **Judd King**

**Mattias Dahlkvist**, Umeå U-*Rejection of violence and state-building in Islam – the case of India’s Maulana Wahiduddin Khan*

**Judd King**, American U-*The motivated cognition of ISIS conspiracy theories in Turkey*

**Ali G. Scotten**, Scotten Consulting-*Iranian perceptions of ISIS: conspiracy theories and foreign policy implications*

**Arthur Hatton**, Georgia Southern U-*Psychological inflexibility and American reactions to ISIS propaganda*

279 12-1:45pm

4-Provincetown

**Towards a Historiography of Self-Narrative**

Organizer: **Muhsin Al-Musawi**

Discussant: **Sahar Ullah**, Columbia

**Boris Liebreuz**, U Leipzig-*Arab merchants in their own words - letters from the 18<sup>th</sup> century Eastern Mediterranean*

**Muhsin al-Musawi**, Columbia-*Reading registers as autobiographic historical probes: the past in the present*

**Kristina Richardson**, Queens Col, CUNY- *Public and private inscriptions of the self in a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Aleppan craftsman’s diary*

**Ali H. Akhtar**, Bates Col-*Contextualizing archival administrative sources using narrative evidence: Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, and classical Malay literary works on the 15<sup>th</sup>- and 16<sup>th</sup>-century silk routes*

280 12-1:45pm

3-Simmons

**Histories of Capitalism in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Johan Mathew**

Chair/Discussant: **Roger Owen**, Harvard U

**Johan Mathew**, Massachusetts Amherst- *On principals and agency: reconsidering trust in Arabian economies*

**Fahad A. Bishara**, NYU-“No country but the sea”: *Dhows, empire, and the domestication of international law, 1890-1905*

**Sreemati Mitter**, Brown-“No doubt the actual oranges have already been consumed by the British public”: *Palestinian citrus growers sue Barclays bank, 1956*

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3-Regis

Roundtable

**Beyond the Square: Urbanism and the Arab Uprisings**

Organizer: **Claire Panetta, Deen Sharp**

Chair: **Ahmed Kanna**, U of the Pacific

**Deen Sharp**, Graduate Center, CUNY

**Duygu Parmaksizoglu**, Graduate Center, CUNY

**Azam Khatam**, City Institute York U

**Claire Panetta**, Graduate Center, CUNY

**Helga Tawil Sourì**, NYU

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3-Wellesley

**Geographical Connotations of the Elections in Turkey**

Organizer: **Kaya Osmanbağoğlu Gülsen**

Chair: **Metin Heper**, Bilkent

Discussant: **Michael Wuthrich**, U Kansas

**Kaya Osmanbağoğlu Gülsen**, Social Sciences U Ankara-*Gerrymandering in Turkish elections: (re)setting the rules of the game*

**Edip Asaf Bekaroglu**, Istanbul U- *Measuring party nationalization in Turkey: 1950-2015*

**Esra Dilek**, Bilkent-*Election speeches before and after peace negotiations: an analysis of the 2011 and 2015 general elections in Turkey*

283 12-1:45pm

4-Salon E

**(Un)Settling Arab Refugees: Regimes of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States**

Organizer: **Lucia Volk**

Discussant: **Nefissa Naguib**, U Oslo

**Dawn Chatty**, Oxford-*The duty to be generous (Karam: contesting rights-based asylum in the Middle East)*

**Francesco Vacchiano**, U Lisbon-“Waiting for the Syrians”: *hospitality, mobility and the “refugee crisis” in Portugal*

**Lucia Volk**, San Francisco State-From “political” to “humanitarian” asylum: *Arab refugee experiences in Germany between 1985 and 2015*

**Marcia C. Inhorn**, Yale-*Arab refugees, reproductive exiles, and regimes of exclusion on the margins of Detroit*

284 12-1:45pm

4-Nantucket

**Reception, Interpretation, and Implementation of the Balfour Declaration: Imperial Mindsets and Communal Perspectives**

Organizer: **Mouannes Hojairi**

Chair: **Mouannes Hojairi**, American U Cairo

**Michael J. Reimer**, American U Cairo- *Reception and instrumentalization of the Balfour Declaration among Jews, 1917-1937*

**Martin Bunton**, U Victoria-*Where the balance lies: British officials, the Balfour Declaration and the Permanent Mandates Commission*

**Charles D. Smith**, U Arizona-*Imperial mindsets: the Balfour Declaration, the Palestine mandate and the denial of Arab history*

**Mouannes Hojairi**, American U Cairo-*The Balfour Declaration in the press of the early Lebanese republic*

285 12-1:45pm

4-Salon B

**E.G. Browne and His Iranian Interlocutors: Knowledge Production Beyond Orientalism**

Organizer: **Assef Ashraf**

Chair/Discussant: **Sholeh A. Quinn**, UC Merced

**Assef Ashraf**, Yale-*Portrait of a young scholar: the diaries of E.G. Browne*

**Dominic Parviz Brookshaw**, Oxford- *In defence of Qajar poets: the personal dimensions to E.G. Browne’s appreciation of early nineteenth-century Persian poetry*  
**Farzin Vejdani**, Ryerson U-*Iran’s “Lord Byron”: commemorating and contesting E.G. Browne in early twentieth-century Iran*

286 12-1:45pm 4-Orleans

**Liminal Spaces from Sacred to Urban: The Friday Mosque and the City**

Organizer: **Suzan Yalman**

Discussant: **Suzan Yalman**, Koç U

**Farshid Emami**, Harvard-*The city and its dual Friday mosques: the sacred and the urban in Safavid Isfahan*

**Fadi Ragheb**, U Toronto-*The city as liminal space: holy sites and Islamic pilgrimage to Jerusalem during the Mamlūk period (648-922/1250-1517)*

**Abbey Stockstill**, Harvard-*Directionality in the ceremony and urban project of Almohad Marrakesh*

**Ayşe Hilal Ugurlu**, İstanbul Technical U-*Changing spatial and political relations between “the city” and “the mosque” in the nineteenth century Ottoman Empire*

287 12-1:45pm 4-Salon C

**Slave Commerce in the Medieval Islamic Middle East**

Organizer: **Matthew S. Gordon**

Chair: **Matthew S. Gordon**, Miami U

**Hend Gilli-Elewy**, Cal Poly Pomona-*Origins of slaves in early Islamic society*

**Matthew S. Gordon**, Miami U-*Abbasid cities and their slave markets*

**Elizabeth Urban**, West Chester U-*The practice of slave-prostitution in early Islamic urban centers*

**Craig Perry**, U Cincinnati-*Desperately seeking the medieval Near Eastern slave trade*

288 12-1:45pm 5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Sex and Sexualities in the Middle East and North Africa**

Organizer: **Angel M. Foster**

Chair: **Angel M. Foster**, U Ottawa/CRHC

**Laurence O. Michalak**, UC Berkeley  
**Lisa L. Wynn**, Macquarie

289 12-1:45pm 3-Harvard

**Authoritarianism: Persistence and Resistance**

Chair: **Hind Arroub**, Fordham U

**Konstantin Ash**, U Central Florida-*Some people want the fall of the regime: explaining demands for regime change in the Arab world*

**Youssef Chouhoud**, U Southern California-*When tolerance matters most: transforming political culture following authoritarian breakdown*

**Maria Josua**, German Inst of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg-*Authoritarian learning, regional diffusion, and domestic factors: how Egypt and Uzbekistan seek to legitimize repression*

**Nadine Kreitmeyr**, Middle East Technical-*Incubating authoritarianism: social entrepreneurship networks in Jordan, Egypt and Morocco*

290 12-1:45pm 4-Salon G

**Legal Contests & Disputes, Part 2**

Chair: **Mario M. Ruiz**, Hofstra

**Maja Janmyr**, U Bergen-*Syrian refugees in Lebanon: precarity of legal status*

**Carly Krakow**, U Cambridge-*The politics of access under occupation: international law and violations of the human right to water in the West Bank and Gaza*

**Bruce Boville**, Texas Austin-*Themes and concerns of the Saudi Permanent Council for Issuing Fatwas*

291 12-1:45pm 3-Tufts

**Political Economy: Past & Present**

Chair: **Salma Waheedi**, Harvard Law Schl

**Markus Loewe**, German Development Inst-*How relevant is the regulatory environment for micro and small enterprises?: evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines and lessons for the World Bank’s Doing Business agenda*

**Mariz Tadros**, Inst of Development Studies-*The political economy of targeting religious minorities in the aftermath of Arab revolts: the case of Copts of Libya and Egypt*

**Ali Karimi**, McGill-*A public space of commerce and culture: the life and death of Char Chata Bazaar in Kabul, 1646-1949*

**Peter C. Valenti**, NYU-*Expanding the socioeconomic historiography of Saudi Arabia and the Ottoman Empire: the trade networks and political impact of the ‘Uqaylat of the Najd*

**Ellen Nye**, Yale-*Social currency: monetary flows in 18<sup>th</sup>-century Ottoman and British political economy*

292 12-1:45pm 5-Maine

**Compassion, Morality and Intersubjectivity**

Chair: **Elham Fakhro**, Oxford

**Maha Nassar**, U Arizona-*Affirming humanity: Palestinian views of African-American struggles in the 1950s and ‘60s*

**Gorkem Ozizmirli**, Boston Col-*Challenging the moral state: Azizi’s Shehreiz and depictions of prostitutes*

**A. Tylor Brand**, American U Sharjah-*Compassion fatigue and the burden of other people’s poverty in the Syrian famine of World War I*

**Rachel E. Green**, Texas Austin-*Empathy, intersubjectivity and violence as theoretical framework in Hoda Barakat and Hanan Al-Shaykh*

293 12-1:45pm 4-Salon K

**Sufism in Context**

Chair: **Amira El-Zein**, Georgetown

**Philip Murphy**, UC Santa Barbara-*A reality without a name or a name without a reality: an analysis of renaissance and decline in contemporary Moroccan Sufism*

**Feyza Burak Adli**, Boston U-*Transformation of the Islamic gender norms: Sufism, modernity and gender in Turkey*

**Jeremy Farrell**, Emory-*Reconstructing early Sufi biography: evidence from Al-Işfahānī’s (d. 430/1038) Ḥilyat Al-Awliyā’*

**Baris Basturk**, Arkansas Fayetteville-*The problem of orthodoxy, confession and the ideals of 15<sup>th</sup>-century Ottoman Sufism: the case of Eşrefoğlu Rumi’s Tarikatname*

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5-Vermont

Roundtable

**Bleak Prospects?: Tourism, Travel, and Heritage in an Era of Regional Upheaval**

Organizer: **Waleed Hazbun**

Chair: **Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut

**Emily Schneider**, UC Santa Barbara  
**Laurence O. Michalak**, UC Berkeley  
**Sandrine Gamblin**, American U Cairo  
**Ala Al-Hamarneh**, U Mainz  
**Marcia C. Inhorn**, Yale

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4-Salon K

**Experiences of Transnational Institution-Building in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean Regions**

Organizers: **Laura Goffman**, **Kimberly Wortmann**



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Discussant: **Nathaniel Mathews**, Northwestern

**Kimberly Wortmann**, Harvard-*The articulation of Ibadī Madhhab identity in Zanzibar and Oman*

**Stephen Pierce**, Wisconsin Madison-*Domesticating charity: urban Omani waqf in 20<sup>th</sup> century Zanzibar*

**Laura Goffman**, Georgetown-*Hospitals and their communities in early twentieth-century Bahrain and Muscat*

**Alex Boodrookas**, NYU-*The making of a foreign working class: labor activism and state formation in eastern Arabia, 1930-1970*

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4-Salon H

**Cairo and the Nile: Attitudes Towards Urbanism**

Organizer: **Heba Mostafa**

Chair: **Magda Mostafa**, American U Cairo  
 Discussant: **Nezar AlSayyad**, UC Berkeley

**Heba Mostafa**, U Kansas-*The Nile as nexus: between veneration and mediation in the Islamic period*

**Amir Gohar**, UC Berkeley-*Greening and opening the banks of the Nile, a proposed demonstration project in Maadi, Cairo*

**Yahia Shawkat**, 10 Tooba-*Gentrifying the Cairo corniche for the "benefit of the public": socialist and neoliberal (ab)use of legislation to reshape Bulaq's water-front; 1955-2015*

**Magda Mostafa**, American U Cairo-*Cairo: a juxtopolis and its Nile*

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3-Arlington

**Engaging a Fractured Law: Rights, Identities, and Legal Activism in Turkey**

Organizer: **Joakim Parslow**

Chair: **Repat Kasaba**, U Washington  
 Discussant: **Ceren Belge**, Concordia U

**Jessica Mecellem**, Sewanee: U of the South-*Narrative contestation and the legal complex in contemporary human rights prosecutions*

**Joakim Parslow**, U Oslo-*Fractured engagements: on the origins and fragmentation of Turkish cause lawyering associations*

**Onur Bakiner**, Seattle U-*The Kurdish issue before the European Court of Human Rights*

**Guldeniz Kibris**, Leiden U-*The limits of Turkishness in political crimes between 1945-1960s Istanbul*

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3-Harvard

**Subordinating Religion to the State: How Institutions Shape Islam**

Organizer: **Annelle Sheline**

Chair: **Steven Heydemann**, Smith Col  
 Discussant: **Jocelyne Cesari**, U Birmingham

**Annelle Sheline**, George Washington-*The unintended effects of promoting moderate Islam*

**Murat Somer**, Koç U-*Moderation, state regulation and moderate Islam in Turkey*

**Anar Valiyev**, ADA U-*Islam in Azerbaijan: religion in post-Soviet context*

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4-Salon D

**Queens, Ghosts, Damsels and Modernity's Distress - Novels and History in Arab and Ottoman Societies**

Organizer: **Orit Bashkin**

Chair/Discussant: **Nicole Khayat**, U Haifa

**Ghenwa Hayek**, U Chicago-*The many faces of Zenobia, 1871-1941*

**A. Holly Shissler**, U Chicago-*Before it changed: a Tanzimat author's view of the era of Selim III*

**Orit Bashkin**, U Chicago-*Historical lynching: violence, ethnicity, and religious minorities in novels from Bilad Al-Sham*

**Esra Tasdelen**, North Central Col-*Historical fiction as a tool of literary modernity: the novels of Ahmet Hikmet and Jurji Zaydan*

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4-Provincetown

**Examining the Role of the Auteur in the Arab World**

Organizer: **Samirah Alkassim**

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**Nezar Andary**, Zayed U-*Intertextuality and trauma: Muhammad Malas as the transnational, Syrian, and Arab auteur*

**Samirah Alkassim**, The Jerusalem Fund-*Dead auteurs and their legacies in the post-cinematic age*

**Peter Limbrick**, UC Santa Cruz-*Critical auteurism: thinking across Arab modernisms and cinema*

**Najat Rahman**, U Montreal-*Landscapes of erasure and the cinematic language of Kamal Aljafari*

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4-Salon B

**What Happened to Waqf in the Long Nineteenth Century? Rethinking the Economic History of the Middle East**

Organizers: **Sotirios Dimitriadis**, **Zoe Griffith**

Chair: **Beshara Doumani**, Brown  
 Discussant: **Hadi Hosainy**, Texas Austin

**Zoe Griffith**, Brown-*Selling to the state: waqf property and the rise of agricultural monopolies in nineteenth century Egypt*

**Nora Barakat**, Qatar U-*Pious foundations? waqf and reform in nineteenth century Syria*

**Elcin Arabaci**, Georgetown-*A price to pay for modernization?: plundering of Evkaf in 19<sup>th</sup> century Bursa*

**Sotirios Dimitriadis**, SOAS London-*Administrative reform and urban real-estate in Ottoman Salonica: the case of the Makbul İbrahim Paşa waqf*

302 2-3:45pm 4-Salon G

**Black Palestinian Solidarity and Anti-Blackness: A Way Forward**

Organizer: **Noura Erakat**

Discussant: **Noura Erakat**, George Mason

**Sophia Azeb**, NYU-Football is faster than politics: Sudan, Egypt, and FIFA boycotts

**Greg Thomas**, Tufts-Comrades, captivity and sunlight

303 2-3:45pm 4-Salon J

**Infrastructure, Expertise, and Political Authority in the Middle East**

Organizers: **Ahmad Shokr**, **Shehab Ismail**

Chair/Discussant: **Sarah El-Kazaz**, Oberlin

**Shehab Ismail**, Columbia-Science versus sentiment: the water supply controversy in British colonial Cairo

**Ahmad Shokr**, Swarthmore-Managing mobility: railways, cotton, and anti-colonialism in interwar Egypt

**Begum Adalet**, NYU-Infrastructures of modernization: highways and mobility in postwar Turkey

**Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins**, Bard Col-Litter and the shrug: thinking the politics of infrastructure through garbage in twenty-first century Palestine

304 2-3:45pm 4-Salon E

**Grounds of Comparison: Remapping Arabic Literary and Cultural Studies**

Organizers: **Asma Al-Naser**, **Maya Kesrouany**, **Eman Morsi**

Discussant: **R. Shareah Taleghani**, Queens Col, CUNY

**Maya Kesrouany**, NYU Abu Dhabi-In a language not its own: remapping the genealogy of Arabic literary criticism

**Asma Al-Naser**, McGill-Comparative Arab/American studies: Palestine and American imperial culture

**Johannes Stephan**, U Bern-Reconstructing the Arabic novel: toward an inclusive literary history 'from within'

**Eman Morsi**, Dartmouth Col-Beyond the region, beyond the genre: reading Arabic cultural production through a South-South comparative lens

305 2-3:45pm 4-Salon C

**Diplomatics, Law and Language Politics in the Early Modern Turco-Persianate World**

Organizer: **Ferenc P. Csirkés**

Chair: **Sholeh A. Quinn**, UC Merced

**Zahit Atcil**, Istanbul Medeniyet U-Background of the first Ottoman-Safavid treaty in 1555

**Abdurrahman Atcil**, Istanbul Şehir U-Three Ottoman jurists' opinions about the Safavids and the Qizilbash from the first half of the sixteenth century

**Colin Mitchell**, Dalhousie U-Mir Husain Maybudi and the emergence of the Safavids  
**Ferenc P. Csirkés**, Tuebingen U-Sadiqi Beg and language ideologies in Safavid Persia

306 2-3:45pm 3-Simmons

**What Are the Underlying Causes of Violent Conflicts?: Syria's War Five Years On**

Organizers: **Leïla Vignal**, **Marwa Daoudy**

Chair: **Danny Postel**, Northwestern  
Discussant: **Bassam Haddad**, George Mason

**Leïla Vignal**, Oxford-Physical destruction and human displacement in Syria: violence as a means of warfare, violence as a political, social and economic (dis)order

**Marwa Daoudy**, Georgetown-The Syrian uprising (2011): revolution, environment and security

**Nader Hashemi**, U Denver-The sectarianization of the Syrian conflict: the salience of authoritarianism over theology

307 2-3:45pm 3-Wellesley

**Public Opinion, Policy Making, and Reform: Past and Present**

Chair: **Katrin Jomaa**, U of Rhode Island

**Ghazal Poshtkouhian Nadi**, American U-Electoral budget cycles in hybrid regimes: an analysis of fiscal policies in Iran

**Jeffrey G. Karam**, Brandeis-Reconsidering 1958: America at the crossroads of the Arab Cold War

**Erin Snider**, Texas A&M-Ideational capture: social networks and the limits of discourse in Middle East policy-making

308 2-3:45pm 4-Salon F

**The Anthropology of Sociability**

Chair: **Amy Katuska**, Trinity

**Afsane Rezaei**, Ohio State-Codes of conduct and negotiation of community in the Iranian domestic rowze

**Karem Irene Said**, Stanford-The popular politics of sociability in low-income internet use in Tunis, Tunisia

**Fethiye Meltem Turkoz**, Işık U-Tables of solidarity: improvisation and moral positioning at the Yeryüzü Sofrası

309 2-3:45pm 4-Salon I

**Minds, Bodies & Cures**

**Fatih Artvinli**, Acibadem U-Pinel of Istanbul: Dr. Luigi Mongeri (1815-1882) and the emergence of modern psychiatry in the Ottoman Empire

**Yasin Tunc**, Wisconsin Madison-Mental hygiene and re/conceptualization and control of child delinquents and vagrant children, Turkey (1930-1950)

**Burcak Ozludil Altin**, NJIT/Rutgers-Reconstructing spaces of madness: an Ottoman asylum

310 2-3:45pm 5-Maine

**Ideological and Intellectual Crosscurrents in the Colonial Maghreb**

Chair: **Richard Cahill**, Berea Col

**Katrina E. Yeaw**, Georgetown-The limits of civilization: gender, culture and education in colonial Libya

**Youssef Ben Ismail**, Harvard-Islam modernism, ethical crisis and the Muslim sense of commonality: a reading of Al-Majalla Al-Zaytuniyya in 1930s Tunisia

**Ramla Bedoui**, Yale-Ṭāhar Ḥaddād and the Tunisian model from 1956 until 2014

**Michelle Mann**, Brandeis-Not quite citizens: the politics of Muslim Algerian military service in World War One

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5-New Hampshire

**Issues in the Ottoman Empire: Boundaries, Belonging and the Ottoman Way**

Chair: **Fred H. Lawson**, Mills Col

**Ozgur Ozkan**, U Washington-Cultivating imperial patriotism: minorities and response to universal military conscription in the second constitutional period

**Patrick J. Adamiak**, UC San Diego-Circassian settlement and Ottoman civilization in Quneitra, southern Syria: 1878-1914

**Pinar Odabasi Tasci**, U Akron-Beyond the Midye-Enez line: reclaiming Edirne during the Balkan Wars

**Side Emre**, Texas A&M-The "Ottoman Way" in sixteenth century Egypt: a preliminary analysis of its critics and supporters

Thematic Conversation

**Orientalisms From the Periphery II**

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**Paola Gandolfi**, U Bergamo

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