

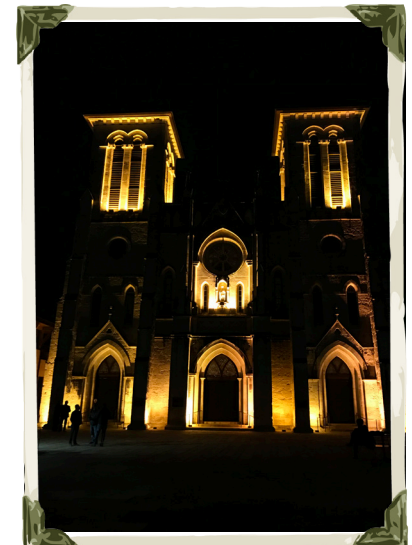
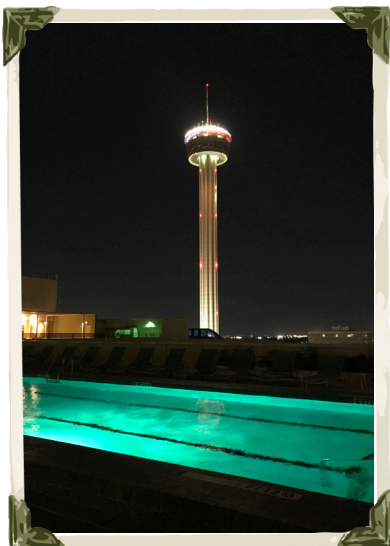
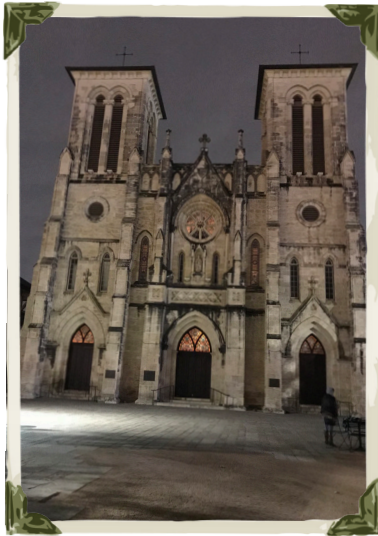
San Antonio



MESA's 52nd Annual Meeting

November 15-18

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



A River Runs Through It

For meeting attendees, the San Antonio experience will likely be the charming walkways that line the [San Antonio River Walk](#), with immediate access just outside the Grand Hyatt's doors. The River Walk is home to hotels, restaurants, shopping, entertainment, public art, and interesting folk from all parts of the world. There are funky bridges that allow you to cross from one side of the river to the other, or offer a view from above of the river boats and shuttles that navigate the waters. [GoRio](#) offers narrated cruises that are a fun way to learn a bit about the history of the area.

The [San Antonio Missions National Historical Park](#), a World Heritage Site, features four early 1700s missions located along a six and a half mile trail adjacent to the San Antonio River. A fifth mission, Mission San Antonio Del Valero (The Alamo), is located in downtown San Antonio, about two blocks from the hotel.

San Antonio has some museums that may be of interest. Collections at the [Briscoe Western Art Museum](#) at 210 West Market Street (a couple of blocks from the hotel) highlight the history and cultures of the American West from the Spanish conquest to the present. Roughly six miles from the hotel is the [McNay Art Museum](#) with strengths in Medieval and Renaissance art, American and European paintings, sculptures, and photographs. The [Institute of Texan Cultures](#) is a great place to learn about the people who have inhabited the area. It is located in HemisFair Park, a short walk from the hotel.

Turn left after exiting the hotel on the River Walk and enjoy a lovely stroll underneath the convention center, through the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México campus with its wonderful public art, and into [HemisFair Park](#), site of the 1968 World's Fair. Get a ticket to the Tower of the Americas and ride the elevator to the viewing platform for amazing panoramic views of San Antonio.

For gifts made by local artisans, visit [La Villita Historic Arts Village](#), an arts and shopping area with roots back to the 18th century. You won't find any chain stores here.

November should afford perfect weather for wandering around the very walkable city to see the many sites. San Antonio may be the 7th largest city in the U.S., but the River Walk feels quaint. It is the perfect setting for friends to reunite and catch up with one another.

Hotel



Grand Hyatt San Antonio

600 E. Market Street

San Antonio Texas 78205

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Cutoff Date
October 22

Group Rate

\$195 single/double

\$219 triple/quad

(plus room tax of 16.75%)

Book on-line:

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/MiddleEastStudies2018>

MESA has not partnered with any other housing groups to make reservations on your behalf. Book through the above link to avoid scams that could compromise your data and result in a dishonored reservation.



Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2018 annual meeting, log into your myMESA account, click "Payments" and follow the prompts. Or, complete the registration form found at <https://mesana.org/pdf/2018-MESApreregistration.pdf> and return it along with payment to the MESA Secretariat. Pre-registration is recommended as onsite registration rates are higher. The preregistration deadline is **October 24, 2018**.

Category	Preregistration	Onsite
full/associate	\$150	\$200
student member	\$90	\$125
student non-member	\$120	\$150
Other non-members	\$200	\$250



Child Care

MESA can help parents find a local provider and will reimburse half of the cost of child care services up to a maximum of \$200 for the conference. Upon request, the Secretariat will be happy to post contact information of parents who want to share sitting services during the meeting. For further information, please contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520 333-2577 ext. 102.

Roommates

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

MESA Members Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 17
Time: 1:15pm-2:45pm
Location: Grand Hyatt San Antonio

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

Quorum

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

Resolutions

When important issues are before the membership, resolutions are sometimes presented at the members meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA's Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2018 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by **November 1, 2018**. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA's Bylaws which are posted on MESA's website at mesana.org.

Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2018 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESA's website at mesana.org, click on the annual meeting tab and to "Chairs." Email your choices to Mark Lowder at mark@mesana.org. Before you volunteer, please note that MESA membership and annual meeting pre-registration are required of all meeting participants.



International Travelers

Travel Ban

In a June 26, 2018 ruling, the Supreme Court found constitutional Presidential Proclamation 9645. 9645 restricts travel to the U.S. from nationals of five Muslim-majority countries: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. Please see the [July 20 memo](#) from MESA's Task Force on Civil and Human Rights for further information.

Even with a valid visa, it is important for international travelers to stay abreast of developments. We recommend reading **Know Your Rights: What To Do When Encountering Law Enforcement at Airports and Other Ports of Entry into the U.S.** These helpful tips from the ACLU will serve as a guide to anyone undergoing stringent evaluation at the airport. <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-encountering-law-enforcement-airports-and-other-ports-entry-us>. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has created a [Border Search Pocket Guide](#) that can be printed and carried during travel.

Visa Waiver Program

Changes to the Visa Waiver Program were implemented in November 2015. Changes include new passport requirements (e-passports), the Electronic System of Travel Authorization (ESTA) which all VWP applicants must use, and restrictions on people who have traveled to Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Sudan, and Yemen since March 1, 2011. If you have traveled to one of those countries you *cannot* travel to the US under the VWP. You will need a visa. <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/visa-waiver-program>

e-passports

As of April 1, 2016, e-passports are required for those traveling under the VWP. These passports have a machine-readable zone on the biographic page, and a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. <https://www.dhs.gov/e-passports>

Electronic System for Travel Authorization

The Department of Homeland Security has established the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), an automated system to determine eligibility to travel under the VWP. All persons traveling under the VWP must apply for an ESTA. Approved ESTA applications are good for a period of two years. <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta>

As always, we suggest getting everything in order for travel to the US in advance of purchasing airline tickets. We encourage you to read the information on these new programs.

Share your stories of border crossing troubles with MESA's Executive Director, Amy Newhall, at amy@mesana.org.

No Show Policy

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

Instructions for Paper Presenters

Share your paper with your co-panelists by October 15, 2018

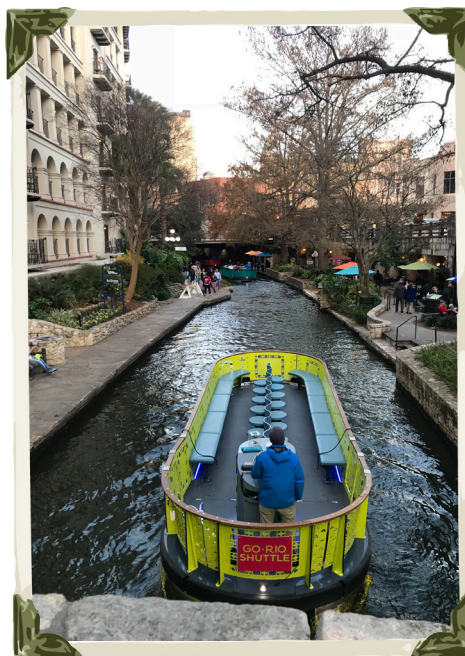
Please upload a copy of your paper to the myMESA system or send a copy via email to your co-panelists, especially the chair/discussant. No one else will be able to view your paper except for your co-panelists. Papers need not be the final copy; drafts are fine. There is no suggested paper length. Your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

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

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

Planning for your presentation

Former MESA board member, James Gelvin (UCLA), kindly shared with MESA some tips on preparing and delivering conference papers that he created for his graduate students. We think they are great tips for those new to paper presentations and for anyone who struggles with the medium. Gelvin begins by reminding folks that, "a conference presentation is a distinct category of communication." Have a look at his tips at: <https://mesana.org/pdf/conference-paper-tips.pdf>.



Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, November 15

see pp. 10-11	Affiliate meetings
9am-10pm	FilmFest
5:30-7:30pm	Panel session I

Friday, November 16

see pp. 10-11	Affiliate meetings
7-8:30am	Meeting of officers of MESA's affiliated associations
8:30-10:30am	Panel session II
8:30am-10pm	FilmFest
9am-6pm	Book bazaar
10:30am-12:30pm	MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom meeting
10:30am-12:30pm	Panel session III
1:30-3:30pm	Panel session IV
4-6pm	Panel session V
6:30-8pm	Presidential address & awards
9pm-1am	Dance party

Saturday, November 17

see pp. 10-11	Affiliate meetings
8:30-10:30am	MESA's Committee on Sexual Harassment meeting
8:30-10:30am	Panel session VI
8:30am-10pm	FilmFest
9-11am	Middle East center & program directors meeting
9am-6pm	Book bazaar
11am-1pm	Panel session VII
1:15-2:45pm	MESA members meeting
3-5pm	Panel session VIII
3-5pm	Meeting of editors of Middle East-related journals
5:30-7:30pm	Panel session IX
8-10pm	Poets Contemplating Current Conundrums-Borders/Walls/Crossings/Connections: 3 Arab American Poets and 3 Latino/a Poets On Where We Are Right Now

Sunday, November 18

see p. 11	Affiliate meetings
8am-12pm	Book bazaar
8am-2pm	FilmFest
8:30-10:30am	Panel session X
11am-1pm	Panel session XI
1:30-3:30pm	Panel session XII

2018 FILMFEST

A PREVIEW OF WHAT'S TO COME IN NOVEMBER!

With a bit over three months to go until cruising the River Walk, the FilmFest is hard at work. This year our normal sources of material are in a lull, but we still are considering about 150 films. Here are a few titles we are working to have on the schedule.

Couscous: Seeds of Dignity



Avid FilmFest attendees will recall Habib Ayeb's film "Gabes Labess" about efforts to preserve Tunisia's Gabes oasis. This year we will feature Ayeb's new film "Couscous: Seeds of Dignity." Couscous is Tunisia's staple crop, a dish that embodies hospitality as well as emblematic of cultural identity, dignity and independence. Despite its centrality, couscous is being supplanted by imported processed foods. It has become harder for small landholders to produce enough to feed their families. This lyrical film introduces viewers to couscous and allows local farmers to explain its social as well as alimentary importance and relates food production to Tunisia's political upheaval.

Nowhere to Hide



We have not featured a film on Iraq in several years, since the reduction in U.S. involvement. When the U.S. was preparing to withdraw combat forces in 2011, the film maker trained Iraqi nurse, Nori Saleh, to film aspects of his daily life. The project continued over the next five years. Initially wide-ranging, always with a focus on how Iraqi lives were impacted by the conflict, the episodes become progressively personal as political and security circumstances in Diyala Governorate collapsed. Eventually Nori and his family leave home for temporary shelter, but this becomes a mere layover to their joining others in a refugee camp. This effecting film portrays the ongoing fragility of life in Iraq and the truth of its title, "Nowhere to Hide."

Yemen: Kids and War



It should be well known that Yemen has been in civil war since 2015; the United Nations has said the conflict is the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Yemeni film maker Khadija al-Salami approaches the conflict from a unique perspective. Rather than present images of destruction, she has three children interview people and let them present the daily life of Yemeni besieged by Saudi airstrikes. The novice reporters meet other kids, record the accounts of wounded children and those whose parents have been killed. With the innocence of children, they also interview adults - a painter, a rapper, a model who has become 'Miss War' on social media - and ask them to send a message to those they believe are the only ones who can stop the war - the European Union.

The Feeling of Being Watched

Film maker Assia Boundaoui grew up in an Arab-American community near Chicago, where it was commonly believed that the neighborhood was under FBI surveillance. As a young journalist, she decided to investigate. She uncovered tens of thousands of pages revealing that prior to 9/11 her town was target of “Operation Vulgar Betrayal,” to that date the largest counterterrorism investigation in the U.S. This sobering film shows Assia’s examination of why the investigation began, why it was kept secret, and her legal challenges to the government’s surveillance of her new neighborhood and her family.



17

You are forgiven if you’re a bit burnt out on soccer after the recent World Cup, but the 2020 Women’s World Cup will soon be upon us. Middle Eastern nations don’t fare well in women’s competition but “17” reveals we’ve not been paying close attention. In 2016 Jordan hosted the Under-17 Women’s World Cup and the local entry did well. Widad Shafakoj’s film is a nuanced portrayal of the young women contending with family expectations and social norms as they mature and train to represent their country. This is not your typical sports story.



Your Last Walk in the Mosque

Most Americans are unaware that in January 2017 a gunman opened fire in Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec (CCIQ) in Sainte-Foy, Quebec. Six men were killed; nineteen were injured. This was the first attack of its kind at a place of worship on Canadian soil. This film details the events of that night through the recollections of the survivors, including from those who were severely injured in the attack or who witnessed the terror unfold. Interviewees share their reflections of loss and trauma.



Book Bazaar

Located in the Lone Star Ballroom on the 2nd floor, across from MESA registration.



Hours

Friday 9-6
 Saturday 9-6
 Sunday 8-12

Floor Plan

		10' AISLE			10' AISLE					
13	14' AISLE	14	37	1' AISLE	38	61	1' AISLE	62	85	14' AISLE
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ENTRANCE

MESA-ABE Combined Exhibit

This year, Association Book Exhibit (ABE) is working with MESA to provide a combined exhibit service option for publishers choosing not to participate on their own. The ABE-MESA Book Co-op will feature:

- prime exhibit space location just inside of hall entrance
- enhanced Titles on Display ordering catalog
- opportunities for exclusive table top space within the exhibit (limited - subject to availability - first come, first served)
- author signing sessions/sales
- Sign up early, especially if you have need for a full or half table or foresee a speaker/presenter author's signing session.

This meeting is your opportunity to meet with Middle East scholars, business people, librarians and others who share an avid interest in the Middle East. Plan to send your largest selection of new/best selling titles to this important scholarly book-buying event. There is no need for you to attend MESA. Association Book Exhibit serves as your representative.

<https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/abe-mesa-book-co-op>

If you would like additional information about exhibiting at MESA 2018, please visit MESA's website or contact Rose Veneklasen at rose@mesana.org or 520-333-2577 ext. 102.



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Arabic & Persian at Maryland	27
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University of Notre Dame Press	10
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Yale University Press	1

Meetings in Conjunction

♦ **ATA—American Association of Teachers of Arabic**

Thursday, 11/15

Executive Board Meeting, 9am-12pm, Mission A (2)

Panel, 1-3pm, Travis A (3)

Business Meeting, 3:30-5pm, Travis A (3)



♦ **AIMS—American Institute for Maghrib Studies**

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 9am-1pm, Bowie C (2)

Business Meeting, 3-4:15pm, Bowie C (2)

AIMS Grants Information Session, 4:15-4:45pm, Bowie C (2)

♦ **AIYS—American Institute for Yemeni Studies**

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 4-5:30pm, San Jacinto (2)

Friday, 11/16

General Meeting, 4-5pm, Mission B (2)

♦ **AIAS—American Institute of Afghanistan Studies**

Saturday, 11/17

Annual Meeting, 12-5pm, Bowie C (2)

♦ **AUC—American University in Cairo**

Saturday, 11/17

Panel: How Can We Do Research in the Arab World Today?, 11-1pm, Travis A (3)

Reception, 7:30-9pm, Bowie C (2)

♦ **AASA—Arab American Studies Association**

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 3:30-4:30pm, Republic A (4)

Business Meeting, 4:30-5:30pm, Seguin B (4)

Friday, 11/16

MENA Census Category

Information Session, 3-4pm, Travis A (3)

Saturday, 11/17

Reception, (with AMEWS) 8:30-11pm, Casa Rio - On the River Walk (430 East Commerce)

♦ **Arabic Collections Online**

Saturday, 11/17

Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Mission A (2)

♦ **Arabic Overseas Flagship Directors**

Thursday, 11/15

Business Meeting, 12-2pm, Presidio B (3)



AGAPS

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

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 11am-2pm, San Jacinto (2)

Senior Advisory Council Meeting, 2-3pm, San Jacinto (2)

General Business Meeting, 3-5pm, Mission B (2)

Happy Hour Reception, 6-9pm, Casa Rio - on the River Walk (430 East Commerce)

♦ **AIS—Association for Iranian Studies**

Thursday, 11/15

Council Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Seguin A (4)

General Members Meeting, 4-5pm, Crockett D (4)

♦ **AIS—Association for Israel Studies**

Thursday, 11/15

Reception, 8-9:30pm, Seguin B (4)



AMEWS

ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE EAST WOMEN'S STUDIES

♦ **AMEWS—Association for Middle East Women's Studies**

Thursday, 11/15

JMEWS Publications Committee Meeting, 1-2pm, Presidio C (3)

Board Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Presidio C (3)

Saturday, 11/17

Memorial Tribute for Saba Mahmoud, 6-7pm, Bowie A (2)

Business Meeting, 7-8pm, Bowie A (2)

Reception (with Arab American Studies Association), 8:30-11pm, Casa Rio - On the River Walk (430 East Commerce)

♦ **AMECYS—Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies**

Friday, 11/16

Business Meeting, 4-6pm, Mission A (2)

♦ **Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)**

Thursday, 11/15

Governing Board Meeting, 5-8pm, Zinc Bistro (207 N. Presa Ave.)

Friday, 11/16

Alumni Reception, 7-9pm, Bowie B (2)

Saturday, 11/17

Consortium Annual Luncheon, 1-2:30pm, Iron Cactus (200 Riverwalk St. #100)

♦ **Consortium of Middle East National Resource Centers**

Saturday, 11/17

Meeting, 11am-1pm, Mission A (2)

♦ **Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies**

Saturday, 11/17

Reception, 7-9pm, Travis B (3)

♦ **Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University in Qatar**

Friday, 11/16

Reception, 7-9pm, Dashiell House (511 Villita St.)

♦ **IIE—Institute of International Education**

Thursday, 11/15

Meeting, 4-6pm, Travis B (3)

♦ **IJMES—International Journal of Middle East Studies**

Friday, 11/16

Editorial Board Meeting, 5-7pm, Travis A (3)

♦ **JMEWS—Journal of Middle East Women's Studies**

Thursday, 11/15

Publications Meeting Meeting, 1-2pm, Presidio C (3)

♦ **LAU—Lebanese American University**

Friday, 11/16

Reception, 7:30-9pm, Travis B (3)

♦LSA–Lebanese Studies Association

Friday, 11/16

Board Meeting, 4-5pm, Travis C (3)

Business Meeting, 5-6pm, Travis C (3)

♦MECPD–Middle East Center & Program Directors

Saturday, 11/17

Annual Meeting, 9-11am, Bowie A (2)

♦MELG–Middle East Law and Governance

Saturday, 11/17

Business Meeting, 8:30-10:30am,

Travis B (3)

♦MELA–Middle East Librarians Association

Thursday, 11/15

Vendor Showcase, 9am-12pm,

Bonham D/E (3)

Executive Board Meeting, 12-1pm,

Bonham D/E (3)

Committee Meetings, 1-3pm,

Bonham D/E (3)

♦MEM–Middle East Medievalists

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 12-2pm, Travis B (3)

Business Meeting, 3-5pm, Travis C (3)

Reception, 8:30-10pm, Republic C (4)

♦MEOC–Middle East Outreach Council

Friday, 11/16

Business Meeting, 4-5:30pm, Travis B (3)

Saturday, 11/17

Middle East Book Awards

Ceremony, 4:30-6pm, San Antonio

Public Library, Mission Branch (3134

Roosevelt Ave.)

Sunday, 11/18

Board Meeting, 9-11am, Mission A (2)



♦MESA–Middle East Studies Association

Thursday, 11/15

CUMES Meeting, 5:15-6:15pm,

Republic C (4)

Committee on Sexual Harassment

Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm, Bonham C (3)

Friday, 11/16

Meeting of Officers of MESA's

Affiliated Organizations, 7-8:30am,

Mission A (2)

MESA Global Academy Meeting,

8:30-10am, San Jacinto (2)

CAF Annual Meeting, 10:30am-

12:30pm, Bonham E (3)

Saturday, 11/17

Committee on Sexual Harassment

Meeting, 8:30-10:30am, Mission B (2)

Middle East Center & Program

Directors Meeting, 9-11am, Bowie A (2)

MESA Members Meeting, 1:15-2:45pm,

Texas A (2)

Meeting of Editors of Middle East-

related Journals, 3-5pm, Mission B (2)

♦Muslim Women and the Media Training Institute

Wednesday, 11/14

Workshop, 8:30am-6pm, Presidio B (3)

Saturday, 11/17

Meeting Seminar, 8-10am, Mission A (2)

♦OTSA–Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 3-5pm, Mission A (2)

Business Meeting & Reception,

7:30-10pm, Republic A/B (4)

♦PARC–Palestinian American Research Center

Thursday, 11/15

Board Meeting, 12-4pm, Bonham C (3)

♦SAS–Society for Armenian Studies

Thursday, 11/15

Executive Council Meeting, 9:30-

11:30am, Presidio C (3)

Workshop, 12-3pm, Travis D (3)

Annual Meeting, 3-5, Travis D (3)

♦TARII–The Academic Research Institute in Iraq

Saturday, 11/17

Reception, 7-9:30pm, Travis A (3)

Sunday, 11/18

Board Meeting, 10am-12pm, Travis A (3)

♦UCLA–Center for Near Eastern Studies

Saturday, 11/17

Reception, 7:30-9pm, Travis C (3)





Judith E. Tucker
Georgetown University



Presidential Biography

Growing up in a suburb outside Hartford, Connecticut, I could not claim any particular connection to the Middle East. As a child, I was fascinated by a lavishly illustrated popular edition of 1001 Nights that had found its way onto my parents' bookshelves and I spent many hours poring over it. So I suppose I have to confess that I first entered the world of Middle East studies through one of its more orientalist portals.

During my undergraduate years in the late sixties at Radcliffe/Harvard, my intellectual interests and political activity intersected and gradually came to focus on the region. I was intrigued by comparative religion, and took courses with Wilfred Cantwell Smith whose lectures first introduced me to Islam. As a political philosophy major, I studied and ultimately wrote a senior thesis in the field of Islamic political philosophy, although I would be hard pressed to supply any details.

Much more vivid in my mind are the politics of the time – the campus was roiled by anti-war actions and protests against Harvard as part of the war machine as well as a powerful landlord and unfair employer that despoiled the local community. I joined SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) and began to question much of what I thought I knew about how the world worked, tuning into alternative political analyses coming from the left and from abroad. Early on, at the time of the 1967 war, I listened with astonishment to a Cuban broadcast that explained the Palestinian issue to me for the first time. I suspect I was one of the very few Americans who experienced a political epiphany listening to Radio Havana on the short wave, better known at the time for its hours of rather dull political speeches.

I graduated from college a bit adrift – as for so many of my peers, the old certainties were gone but how to fit ourselves into a different future was less than clear. After a very brief, and quite unsuccessful, stint as a labor organizer, I decided to follow my interests to the region and left for Europe with an inchoate plan to get to the Middle East. I ended up hitchhiking alone from Luxembourg to Greece, and then taking a boat to Beirut – only a privileged citizen of a global empire would think it was a smart way to travel as a young woman of 22. But the gods of naiveté were smiling.

My two years in Beirut were to provide my first real education in the politics and history of the Middle East. I studied

at AUB, taking courses with Hanna Batatu, Mahmud al-Ghul, and Kamal Salibi, all teachers whose depth of knowledge and joy in scholarly pursuits have been lifelong inspirations for me. (I would later study at the PhD level with al-Ghul when he came to Harvard, and Batatu would eventually be a treasured senior colleague at Georgetown.) Outside class I listened to the charged political debates among students – Lebanese from the left and right, Palestinians of various factions, Syrian and Iraqi dissidents, ex-pat Turks and Pakistanis. This was student politics at an entirely different level of intensity and import.

I was also introduced to the complexities of women and gender issues through friendships with strong and generous women from Lebanon, Palestine, and the Gulf. And the city outside the gates of AUB was a microcosm of the region in those years, home to exiles and refugees and intellectuals and students and political tourists from throughout the Middle East and beyond who filled the cafes as well as the pages of an impressive number of publications. So I was now hooked on the region, coming to care deeply about political outcomes but also drawn to its history and culture, impelled to learn more about this splendid place.

After a year in Paris, I returned to graduate school at Harvard (a failure of the imagination perhaps) in the mid-1970s, and a PhD program in History and Middle East Studies. Harvard lacked a tenured historian in Middle East history in those days, but it proved less of a problem that it might have been because Albert Hourani was coming and going from Oxford and took the Middle East history students under his wing. Hourani was a spectacular mentor – knowledgeable, encouraging, incredibly generous with his time, and as such as he has been my elusive model for mentorship over the years.

I had become interested in women's history, which was gaining a foothold in academia although still almost completely absent from the Middle East field. Fatima Mernissi and Nawal al-Saadawi published path-breaking books on women's issues in the early years of my graduate career, both of which sounded a clarion call for more research and encouraged younger scholars in various fields to engage. Hourani didn't blink when I told him I wanted to work on women in Egypt, and he even made me feel that he welcomed the opportunity to explore the contours of a new field. My dissertation took shape as a study

of women in nineteenth century Egypt with a focus on political economy. While looking for materials in Egypt, I was led to the Islamic court records from Cairo and the provinces, which were, at that time, a virtually untapped source for social and economic history. Much of my subsequent work on women's and gender history drew on these records from Egypt and later from Palestine and Syria, and eventually I came to the study of a wider variety of Islamic legal materials as critical to writing the history of gender in the Middle East at both the discursive and material levels.

The development of a critical current in Middle East studies added an important dimension to my years as a graduate student. I had joined the Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP) when I returned to Cambridge, MA for graduate school and the MERIP collective became an important community for me. I helped produce *MERIP Reports* – writing, proof-reading, typesetting as we all did – and occasionally staffed the office in a church basement. In 1975, I collaborated with another member of the collective to research and write a long piece on Middle East studies, its history in the U.S. and above all its ties to U.S. policy and oil interests. I think this might be a good exercise for anyone embarking on graduate study: begin by writing an exposé of your chosen field.

Some critical intellectual initiatives in the field, the Hull group that published the *Review of Middle East Studies* in the UK and, in the US, the Alternative Middle East Studies Seminar in which I participated, were important venues for mounting intellectual challenges to the strains of orientalism and modernization theory that still dominated the field. I have vivid memories of an informal discussion a group of us graduate students had with Edward Said around that time, and first hearing some of the ideas that would later take such elegant form in his Orientalism.

I was hired as an assistant professor at Georgetown University in 1983. The Department of History was, and still is, unusual in its strong embrace of history as a global enterprise and the Americanists do not dominate as elsewhere. I joined two other historians of the region, John Ruedy (modern North Africa) and Hisham Sharabi (Arab and European intellectual), and an impressive community of doctoral students in History who were, and continue to be, producing path-breaking work on the history of the region. Georgetown had made a decision to develop its strengths in the study of the Arab World before I arrived, and the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) became an important second home for me with many wonderful colleagues – anthropologists, political scientists, and Arabic literature experts, not to mention the pleasure of teaching exceptional M.A. students. I have also had opportunities along the way to teach abroad – at the American University in Cairo where I collaborated closely with my colleague and good friend Cynthia Nelson, and at the Georgetown campus in Qatar where I learned much about the Arab Gulf from my students. As we all know, where you are employed as an academic is largely a matter of luck, of timing, of fit – all matters outside our control – so that I feel extraordinarily fortunate that I landed where I did.

I found my professional home in MESA. I have attended the annual meetings fairly religiously over the years. Historians of the Middle East were always thick on the ground and I could reconnect with my teachers, my friends from graduate school, language programs and research travel, and, in the fullness of time, former students – MESA meetings were also fun and there are not that many opportunities to dance with your colleagues. I feel privileged to have served on the MESA Board early on. Editing *IJMES* for five years was one of the great intellectual adventures of my life as I read and reflected on voluminous pages of new research coming out of our field. Now, as MESA's president, I am gratified to be able to help carry out the missions of upholding standards of scholarly excellence, professional conduct, and academic freedom at home and in the Middle East region. I did not anticipate much of this – when I was a graduate student MESA appeared to me to be a pretty stodgy organization run by a coterie of older men, not my place at all. I like to think MESA has changed in some rather dramatic ways – and not just that I have become part of a coterie of stodgy older women!

My professional life in Middle East Studies got intertwined with my personal life, as I think transpires with many of us. I met my husband Sharif Elmusa (political scientist and poet), in graduate school in the very basement where I did MERIP work. I have since become happily integrated into a large Palestinian family and mother to two Arab-American children, now young adults, Karmah and Layth. Over the years I have developed deep friendships with women in Egypt, Palestine, and Qatar, and been invited into their social and intellectual circles. Although I cannot claim that my life has been shaped in every particular by my blunder into Middle East studies, I am eternally grateful that it happened.

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**Thursday, November 15
4-5pm**

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 2018 attendees are invited to the poster session to engage these young scholars in a discussion of their research.

Sophia Angeletti, Tulane University

Jordan's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Erika Arias, University of Washington

Traveling the Tigris: Impacts and Effects of Foreign Involvement in Late Ottoman Iraq

Sara Arman, Tufts University

Logistical Port Cities and War: The Case of Basra, Iraq

Shannon Armstrong, Tulane University

Algeria's Civil War and Political Instability: An examination of the dynamic between the Islamist Movement and the Algerian Government

Frances Asbury, Rollins Col

A Comparative Analysis of Immigration and Integration Policies in the United States and Canada: A Case Study on Muslims

Gianna Brassil, Macalester Col

FaceTime in the Face of a Coup in Erdoğan's Turkey

Carl Alexander Burlin, New York University Abu Dhabi

Neoliberal Humanitarianism: Examining the Impact of Security Politics and Financial Imperialism on the Management of Syrian Refugees in Amman

Evan Cerne-Iannone, Case Western University

Disappeared Histories: Stolen Archives and National Identity in Israel/Palestine

Katrina Cooley, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

A Forgotten People: Iraqi Kurdistan, the US, and Armed Conflict

Jenna Fischer, Tulane University

Political Islam in Post-Arab Spring Morocco

Brittney Giardina, Loyola University New Orleans

Sectarianism's Ambiguity: Lebanon as a Case Study

Ronan Goforth, University of Mary Washington

Ottoman Scholar-Prince Şehzade Korkud and the Building a Scholarly Family Tree

Cyrus Moghahadam, University Texas at Austin

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Iranian Cultural Life

Miranda Mulling, Drury University

Understanding and Explaining the Significance of the Horse in Islam

Connor Raftery, University of Washington and Aly Brady, University of Washington

Creating a Digital Archive: A Social History of the "Golden Age" of Egyptology

Veronica Ruhe, Kent State University

Bait and Switch: Resisting Pinkwashing in Palestine/Israel

Sama Shah, University of Southern California

The "War on Terror" Narrative and the Western Political Left

Noa Street-Sachs, Wesleyan University

Female Education, Labor and Empowerment in Jordan and Morocco

Program

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(5072) Managing Porosity in North Africa's Borders

Organizer: **Max Gallien**

Chair: **Max Gallien**, London School of Economics

Max Gallien, London School of Economics-*Tomatoes and Terrorists –The Institutional Regulation of Informal Cross-border Trade in the Maghreb*

Valentina Zagaria, London School of Economics-*“Ya harga ya sharga”*: Migration Anxieties at a Mediterranean Double Border

Thomas Hüsken, U of Bayreuth-*Political Orders in the Making: A Comparative Study of Emerging Forms of Political Organization from Libya to Northern Mali*

(5076) Constitutions in the Contemporary Middle East: (How) Do They Still Matter?

Organizers: **Aslı Bâli** and **David Mednicoff**

Chair/Discussant: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

David Mednicoff, U of Massachusetts Amherst and **Aslı Bâli**, UCLA-*From Foreign Text to Local Meaning: The Politics of Transnational Constitutional Borrowing in the Contemporary MENA*

Omar M. Dajani, U of the Pacific-*An Emerging Constitutionalism in Israel/Palestine?*

Andrew F. March, Harvard U-*Constituent Power, Constitutional Legitimacy and Islam: The Case of the 2014 Tunisian Constitution*

Amin Tarzi, Marine Corp U-*Role and Future of the Afghan Constitution in Reconciling with the Taliban*

(5080) Political Psychology in the Middle East

Organizer: **Kimberly Guiler**

Chair: **Lisel Hintz**, Johns Hopkins U
Discussant: **Elizabeth Nugent**, Yale U

Kimberly Guiler, U of Texas at Austin-*From Prison to Parliament: Evidence from Turkey and Tunisia*

Scott Williamson, Stanford U-*The King Can Do No Wrong: How Dictators Avoid Blame in the Middle East's Authoritarian Regimes*

Sharan Grewal, Princeton U and **Matthew Cebul**, Yale U-*Religion and Compromise: Experimental Evidence from Tunisia*

Christiana Parreira, Stanford U and **Daniel Tavana**, Princeton U-*Elite Preference Formation in Divided Societies: Evidence from the American University of Beirut*

Peter Russell, U of Texas at Austin-*Cognitive Path Dependence and “Revolutions”*: Theorizing the Effect of Digital Behaviors on Political Resistance

(5085) Reclaiming “Minorities” in the Middle East

Organizer: **Paul S. Rowe**

Chair: **Tsolin Nalbantian**, Leiden U
Discussant: **Janine A. Clark**, U of Guelph

Paul S. Rowe, Trinity Western U-*Transcending the Ethnic Security Dilemma: Minorities and Conflict in the Middle East*

Noah Haiduc-Dale, Centenary U-*Balancing Identities: Minorities and Arab Nationalism*

Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams U-*Persistent Perseverance: A Trajectory of Assyrian History in Panethnic Context*

(5116) Emerging Challenges in International Relations and Transnational Politics of the Gulf

Organizers: **Jessie Moritz**, **Emma Soubrier**, and **Courtney Freer**

Discussants: **Toby Matthiesen**, Oxford U and **Becca Wasser**, RAND Corporation

Raihan Ismail, Australian National U-*Transnational Networks of Salafi ‘Ulama: Contestation and Cooperation*

Jessie Moritz, Princeton U-*Migrant Labour in Extreme Rentier States: Balancing Economic Imperatives, Domestic Demography, and International Pressure*

Emma Soubrier, Université Clermont Auvergne-*The Reshaping of Gulf Security along the Lines of Small Princes-States Defense Strategies*

Courtney Freer, London School of Economics-*Transnational Muslim Brotherhood Networks in the Gulf*

(5132) Fortune, Crisis, Catastrophe: Histories of Capitalism in the Global Middle East

Organizers: **Yasar Tolga Cora** and **Ceyda Karamursel**

Chair/Discussant: **Zachary Lockman**, NYU

Ceyda Karamursel, SOAS, U of London-*Slavery, Freedom, and Property Rights in the Reform-Era Ottoman Empire*

Yasar Tolga Cora, Bogazici U-*Disaster Capitalism in la Turca: Carpet Production and Post-violence Armenian Communities in the Late Ottoman Empire*

Kristen Alff, Stanford U-*“Now All That We Own Are Our Houses!” Diversity in Labor Relations in Palestine: 1850-1914*

Nader Atassi, Columbia U-*Economic Thought in Periodicals of the Nahda*

Aaron G. Jakes, The New School-*Egypt's Roosevelt: Crisis and Comparison in 1907*

(5148) Integration and Marginalization of the Other: New Research on the Middle East Migrant Crisis

Organizer: **Matt Buehler**

Chair/Discussant: **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**, Northwestern U in Qatar

Sarah Parkinson, Johns Hopkins U-*Practical Ethics in Humanitarian Disaster: Exploring the International-Local “Divide” in Refugee Aid*

Matt Buehler, U of Tennessee-*Pocketbook Prejudice? Exploring Xenophobia Towards African Migrants and Refugees in Morocco*

Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Hobart & William Smith Colls-*Double Displacement: Structural Barriers to Diaspora Advocacy for Yemeni Refugees*

Mara Revkin, Yale U-*To Stay or to Leave? Explaining Migration Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul*

Ian M. Hartshorn, U of Nevada Reno and **Jessie Clark**, U of Nevada Reno-*Religious Life in America: Understanding the Experiences of Refugees from the Middle East*

(5160) Adaptations of Political Philosophy in and from Islam

Organizer: **John Walbridge**

Chair: **John Walbridge**, Indiana U

Amin Sophiamehr, Indiana U-*Alfarabi and the Possibility of a Universal Virtuous Regime*

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Ahmed Hassan, Indiana U-Leo Strauss on *al-Farabi's Reconciliation of Philosophy and Religion*

Pouyan Shahidi Marnani, Indiana U Bloomington-*Demand and Advocacy for Modernization in the 19th Century Iran: The Sociopolitical Thoughts of Mirza Mahmud Khan Afshar Kangawari in Context*

Seyed Amir Asghari, Indiana U-Utopia among the Shi'a Philosophers: *Tabataba'i on Governance*



(5201) Mapping Islam in Middle America: Sources and Trends

Organizer: **Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**

Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas

Miguel Fuentes, UC Santa Barbara
Mariam Saada, CSU Fullerton

(5239) New Directions in Modern Arabic Poetry

Organizer: **Ziad Dallal**

Chair: **Ziad Dallal**, NYU

Kevin Antranik Cassem, NYU-*Between: Punctuation and the Sea in the Work of Etel Adnan*

Ziad Dallal, NYU-*The Acephalic Fate of Prophecy in the Poetry of Ounsi el-Hajj*

Liron Mor, UC Irvine-*Poetry on Trial: Translation, Law and Social Media in the Case of Dareen Tatour*

Matthew Chovanec, U of Texas at Austin-*Were That Man Were a Stone: Social Media Ecocriticism in the Kuwaiti Desert*

(5249) Sights, 'Scapes, and Sonic Imaginaries: Dissecting Iranian Popular Cinema beyond the National

Organizers: **Claire Cooley** and **Laura Fish**

Discussant: **Blake Atwood**, American U of Beirut

Laura Fish, U of Texas at Austin-*The Feminist Thriller for the International Spectator: A New Historiography for Iranian Popular Films*

Negar Taymoorzadeh, NYU-*Melo-Dramatic Responses to Modernization in Yeşilçam and FilmFarsi*

Golbarg Rekabtalaei, Seton Hall U-*Longing for Tehran: National Nostalgia in Popular Cinema of Pre-revolutionary Iran*

Kaveh Askari, Michigan State U-*Compilation Sound*

Claire Cooley, U of Texas at Austin-*Delkash Remembered on Home Video: Transnational Stardom, Gender, and Sound Technology*

(5269) Building Exchanges: Modernization and Design Practice in Post-Oil

Kuwait

Organizers: **Ricardo Camacho**, **Michael Kubo**, and **Roberto Fabbri**

Chair/Discussant: **Manar Moursi**, U of Toronto

Michael Kubo, U of Houston-*Oil and Concrete: Material Exchanges in the Gulf States*

Roberto Fabbri, U of Monterrey-*Educational Spaces for Cosmopolitan Citizens. UNESCO Plans, Architects' Visions and*

Government's Strategies in Post-Oil Kuwait

Ricardo Camacho, Northeastern U-*Building Practice Exchanges in the Middle East: Kuwait City Green Belt Reconversion*

(5272) Peripatetic Figures, Peripatetic Texts

Organizer: **Rachel Schine**

Chair: **Rachel Schine**, U of Chicago

Rachel Schine, U of Chicago-*Black, But Not African? Diaspora and Black Community in Sirat al-Amira Dhat al-Himma*

Francesca Chubb-Confer, U of Chicago-*Peripatetic Poetics: The Wandering Ghazal in Muhammad Iqbal's "Javidnama"*

Allison Kanner, U of Chicago-*Amongst the Animals: Depictions of Majnun from the "Kitab Al-Aghani" and Nizami's "Layli o Majnun"*

(5286) Contemporary Authoritarianism in the Middle East

Chair: **Heidi E. Lane**, United States Naval War Col

Agnieszka Paczynska, George Mason U-*Repression and Mobilization: Labor Protests in Sisi's Egypt*

Robert Kubinec, U of Virginia-*Business Engagement and Pro-Authoritarian Coalitions in Egypt and Tunisia*

Jonathan Hill, King's Col London-*Levitsky and Way and the Evolution of the Authoritarian Rule in Algeria*

Özgür Özkan, U of Washington-*Social and Cultural Sources of the Turkish Military's Interventions and Their Evolution in the Post-Cold War Era*

(5356) Missionaries during the Ottoman Period

Chair: **Emine O. Evered**, Michigan State U

Maria Swanson, United States Naval Academy-*The Role of the Russian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Mission in the Cultural and Intellectual Development of Levant during the Arabic Renaissance*

Joshua Georgy, U of Massachusetts Amherst-*The Strained Bonds of Orthodoxy: Ethiopia's 'Egyptian' Archbishop in an Age of Transition, 1841-1867*

David Rahimi, U of Texas at Austin-*"Spoiling the Imperial Order": Christian Missionaries in the Late Ottoman Empire*

Paul Morbach, U of Heidelberg-*Cultural Superiority in Doubt: Religious vs. Secular Identities and the Fragile Legitimation of Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire*

(5360) Cultural Trends in the Abbasid Period

Chair: **Heba Mostafa**, U of Toronto

Jeremy Farrell, Emory U-*Measuring Leadership: A Network Analysis of Prominent Early Sufis (9th-10th Cents. C.E.)*

Jennifer Grayson, Hebrew Union Col/Xavier U-*"By Religious Law and By the Hand of the Government": Jews and the Abbasid State, 1180-1225*

Mushegh Asatryan, U of Calgary-*Of Wine, Sex, and Other Abominations: Accusations of Libertinism and Their Cultural Meaning in 8th-9th-Century Iraq*

Jessica Sylvan Mutter, U of Chicago-*Religious Conversion in Medieval Bilad al-Sham and al-Jazira: By the Book*

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AMECYS Business Meeting

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(5070) Infrastructure and Connectivity in the Middle East

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

Xiaoyue Li, U of Michigan-Dialectics of the Iron Horse: Reflections of Egyptian Intellectuals on Railway Technology, 1870-1920

Omer Sharir, U of Michigan-Making Inroads: Infrastructural Violence and Racialization in Palestine, 1915-1929

Lucia Carminati, U of Arizona-Port Said and Ismailia: Desert Marvels on the Suez Canal, 1859-1869

Alex Schweig, U of Arizona-Locals, Foreigners, and Local Foreigners: European Entanglements in a Provincial Anatolian Railroad Town

(5089) Persian Literature as World Literature: Blurring Borders and Boundaries in the Persian literary Discipline

Organizer: **Fatemeh Shams**

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Chair/Discussant: **Paul Sprachman**, Rutgers U (Emeritus)

Nasrin Rahimieh, UC Irvine-A Literary Metamorphosis

Persis Karim, San Francisco State U-Bold Acts and Fluid Boundaries: "Worlding"

Iranian Diaspora Literature Written in English or Published First in English

Levi Thompson, U of Colorado Boulder -Ahmad Shamlu Writes a Manifesto

Fatemeh Shams, U of Pennsylvania-Border-Living Border-Crossing in the Modern Persian Poetry

(5102) Analyzing the Lebanese-American 'Special Relationship': Unearthing New Archival Records from the Johnson, Nixon, and Reagan Libraries

Organizer: **Jeffrey G. Karam**

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Discussant: **Akram Khater**, North Carolina State U

Jeffrey G. Karam, Lebanese American U-Assessing US-Lebanese Relations from the 1973 Israeli Raid to the Oil Embargo of 1973-74

Brad Potter, Johns Hopkins U and **Alexandra Evans**, U of Virginia and Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs-Whither Withdrawal: *The United States in Lebanon, 1983-1984*

James Stocker, Trinity Washington U-Assets to Liabilities: US-Lebanese Relations from the 1967 Arab-Israeli Conflict to the 1975 Outbreak of Civil War

(5111) Writing Past Lives: Gender, Biography, and History

Organizers: **Catherine Batruni** and **Nova Robinson**

Chair/Discussant: **Elizabeth Thompson**, American U

Elizabeth Saylor, Middlebury Col-'Afifa Karam and the Challenge of Reconstructing a Life on the Margins

Catherine Batruni, American U of Beirut-Eva Malik: How Much Liberation for Lebanese Women?

Angela Kahil, AUB/INALCO-Angela Jurdak Khoury: *The First Lebanese Female Diplomat*
Nova Robinson, Seattle U-Eveline Bustros and the Limits of Historical Biography

(5145) Contending Visions of Belonging in the Arabian Peninsula

Organizers: **Keye Tersmette** and **Crystal A. Ennis**

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Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies

Chair: **Nelida Fuccaro**, NYU Abu Dhabi
Discussant: **Neha Vora**, Lafayette Col

Crystal A. Ennis, Leiden U-Constructing Belonging in Oman: Inclusion and Exclusion in Gulf Labour Markets

Keye Tersmette, Harvard U-No Country for Young Men: Exploring Senses of Belonging in an Omani Exclave

Ali Alkandari, Kuwait U-Towards Pragmatism and National Belonging: Kuwaiti Islamists and Their Administration of the Free Kuwait Campaign, 1990-91

Ahmed Y. AlMaazmi, Princeton U-Belonging across the Omani Sea: De-soldiering Baloch History in the Arabian Peninsula

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(5166) Challenging Borders: Politics and Genealogies of Debt

Organizers: **Henny Ziai** and **Ibrahim Elhoudaiby**

Chair/Discussant: **Timothy Mitchell**, Columbia U

Henny Ziai, Columbia U-*Debt as Colonialism?: Ottoman-Egypt, Sudan and the Mahdist Revolution*

Daniel Stolz, U of Wisconsin-Madison-*Borders of Credit: Territory and the Ottoman Public Debt Administration*

Ibrahim Elhoudaiby, Columbia U-*Shifting Institutions of Debt: From Qard and 'Ariyya to Shares and Bonds*

Sohaib I. Khan, Columbia U-*Gift Exchange and Relations of Debt in South Asian Hanafite Jurisprudence and Islamic Finance*

(5178) Urban Environmental Histories of the Late Ottoman Empire

Organizer: **Stefan Peychev**

Stefan Peychev, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign-*"When the Earth Shook and Rocked": Coping with Disaster in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Sofia*

Deniz Karakas, Texas State U-*Restoring Istanbul's Water Supply Infrastructure and Claims of Expertise*

Sharon Mizbani, Toronto, Canada-*Iron and Irony - The Symbols of Modernity in the Hamidian-Era Ottoman Fountain*

Isacar Bolaños, Ohio State U-*Environment and Disease in a Time of Quarantine: Ottoman Basra during the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*



(5189) Religion, State and Disintegration in the Middle East

Organizer: **Harout Akdedian**

Chair: **Nadia Al-Bagdadi**, Central European U

Said Arjomand, Stony Brook U, SUNY
Harith Hasan, Central European U
Harout Akdedian, Central European U

(5198) Ways of Knowing: Situated and Relational Geographies of the Middle East and North Africa, Part I

Organizer: **Koenraad Bogaert**

Christopher Parker, Ghent U-*Reassembling the Spatial: Material Geography and Political Contention in Jordan*

Kareem Rabie, American U-*Palestine and China: New Economic Geographies*

Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia U-*On the Politics of Housing Provision and Urban Planning*

Sami Zemni, Ghent U-*Ways of Knowing the Arab Uprisings: The Geographical Hegemony of Academia*

Koenraad Bogaert, Ghent U-*Globalized Authoritarianism: Space and Class in Morocco*



(5216) Contesting Disciplinary Boundaries, Negotiating the Global: Middle East Studies and Critical Ethnic and Race Studies in Conversation

Organizer: **Carol Fadda**

Chair: **Carol Fadda**, Syracuse U

Pauline Homsy Vinson, Diablo Valley Col
Dima Ayoub, Middlebury Col

Sarah Gualtieri, U of Southern California
Michelle Hartman, McGill U

(5226) Transnational Anxieties over Home, Migration and Violence

Organizer: **Omar Al-Ghazzi**

Discussant: **Marwan M. Kraidy**, U of Pennsylvania

Amir Moosavi, Brown U-*When "Resistance" Rules: Culture and the Shrine Defenders between Syria and Iran*

Omar Al-Ghazzi, LSE-*Turkey in Syria: Soap Operas & Masculine Anxieties over Sovereignty*

Ghenwa Hayek, U of Chicago-*Jungle River Deep, Mountain High: Depicting Landscapes of Emigration and Home in Lebanese Prewar Cinema*

Sara Mourad, American U of Beirut-*Mothering Feminist Thought*

(5227) Gender and the Tech Industry - Views from the Arab Periphery

Organizer: **Jennifer Olmsted**

Fida Adely, Georgetown U-*Jordanian Women and Professional Labor Migration*

Jennifer Olmsted, Drew U-*Gender, Globalization and Arab Tech Women's Employment*

Sana Odeh, NYU-*Women in Computing in the Arab World: Representation, Challenges and Opportunities in Academia*

May Al-Dabbagh, NYU-*Mompreneurs and Techpreneurs: The Construction of Modern Motherhood and Work in the Gulf*

(5268) 'Ne mutlu ateistim diyene' Contemporary Discourses on Atheism in Turkey

Organizer: **Pierre Hecker**

Discussant: **Halil Yenigun**, Stanford U

Pierre Hecker, U of Marburg-*Tired of Religion? Becoming Atheist in Turkey*

Kaya Akyildiz, Bahcesehir U-*Between Fellow Brethren and Blasphemous Atheists: Representations of the Alevi Community in the Rhetoric of President Erdogan and AK Party Notables*

Ivo Furman, Istanbul Bilgi U-*Internet Troll Humour or Subtle Subversion? Imagining #imamhatiplerkapatilsin as a Counter-Hegemonic Space*

(5287) Military and Diplomatic Strategies

Annie Tracy Samuel, U of Tennessee at Chattanooga-*Pursuing the Aggressor: Iran's Decision to Continue the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88)*

Maryam Alemzadeh, U of Chicago-*A Military without Ranks: The IRGC's Informal Organization in the Iran-Iraq War*

Amr Yossef, Independent Scholar-*Changes of Military Doctrines in the Middle East*

Tamás Dudlák, Corvinus U of Budapest-*Energeopolitics of Iran - Old Rivalries, New Prospects?*

Mohammad Ayatollahi Tabaar, Texas A&M U-*Nuclear Statecraft in Competitive Autocracies*

8:30-10:30AM Friday November 16

(5294) Protests and Discriminations

Chair: **Josepha Wessels**, Lund U Sweden

Amina Zarrugh, Texas Christian U-“Only God Knows”: Forced Disappearance, Family, and Politics in Libya

Aisha Mershani, Gettysburg Col- Reframing the Narrative through Visual Ethnography: Photographs of the Palestinian Popular Struggle against the Israeli Apartheid Wall as Visual Injustice Symbols

Fowziyah Abukhalid, Academic & Writer-Nature and Types of Discrimination against Women in Saudi Arabia

(5314) Traveling Texts Relational Identities

Chair: **Daniel Martin Varisco**, American Institute for Yemeni Studies

Leyla Ozgur Alhassen, UC Berkeley- Afterlives of Qur’anic Stories: The Global Qur’an

Rama Hamarneh, U of Texas at Austin- “I Am a Red Indian:” Jordanian Identity as Relational in Tayseer Sboul’s “The Red Indian”

Scott Curtis, Northwestern U- Caught between Nations: Film and the Danish Expeditions to the Gulf States

Mary Youssef, Binghamton U SUNY- Negotiating National and Transnational Belonging in Laila Lalami’s “The Moor’s Account” and Rabih Alameddine’s “The Angel of History”

(5315) From Damascus to Bukhara Islamic Thought across Boundaries

Shuaib Ally, U of Toronto-Geographical and Genre Boundaries: On Qasimi’s Curious Use of Jishumi’s Tafsir

Kwang Tae Lee, Indiana U Bloomington- Tariqah or Ta’ifah? Unraveling of the New Sufi Dynamics in the Mid-nineteenth Century Bukhara

Sara Abdel-Latif, U of Toronto-The Impact of Genre Boundaries in Tafsir Studies on the Role of Sufi Women in the Tafsir Tradition

(5322) Mandate Histories of Iraq and Syria between Colonialism and Revolt

Kevin Broucke, U of North Texas-A French Proconsul in Damascus. General Henri Gouraud (1867-1946) and the Establishment of the French Mandate in Syria and Lebanon, 1919-1923

Scott Jones, DePaul U-The Middle Euphrates and the Making of the Iraq Army, 1921-1924

Benjamin Smuin, UC San Diego- Citizenship between Empire and Nation: The Persistence of Ottoman Modernity in Mandate Syria

(5347) Comparative Politics of the Contemporary Arab World

Chair: **Julia Choucair-Vizoso**, UC Berkeley

M. Tahir Kilavuz, U of Notre Dame-Once Allies, Always Allies: Why Only Some MENA Elites Cooperate in Transition Periods

Lindsay Benstead, Portland State U-Why Are Some Authoritarian Regimes More Likely to Fail? Parliamentary Clientelism and Regime Stability in the Arab World

David Siddhartha Patel, Brandeis U-State Death in the Middle East and North Africa, 1914-2014

Jean Lachapelle, U of Michigan-Coercive Orders in the Middle East and North Africa

(5355) Political & Religious Development During the Safavid Period

Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer, NYU-Sects and Sectarianism in the Early Modern Middle East: Ottoman Sunnism - Safavid Shiism and the Qizilbash

Nazak Birjandifar, U of Missouri-Gilani Uprisings and Safavid Responses in the Early Seventeenth Century

Theodore Beers, U of Chicago-Revisiting the Animal-Year Calendar in Safavid Chronicles

Zachary Winters, U of Chicago-Emperors and Messiahs: Iranian Lands in a Fifteenth Century Ottoman Travelogue

11:00AM-1:00PM Friday November 16

(5058) Colonial Rule and Modern Identity in Morocco

Organizer: David Stenner

Sponsored by
American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair/Discussant: M'Hamed Oualdi,
Princeton U

Yasmina Aidi, Princeton U-
*Trans(national) Social and Popular Networks
of Cultural Exchanges between Rif and Spain
(1956-1985): A Cultural History*

David Stenner, Christopher Newport
U-*Educated Housewives into Successful
Professionals: Changing Gender Images in
Colonial Morocco*

Samia Errazzouki, UC Davis-*The Colonial
Roots of Nationalist Modernity: Rereading
Abdallah Laroui*

Etty Terem, Rhodes Col-*Rewriting
Civilizational Progress in Colonial Morocco*

(5069) The Consequences of the Failed Iraqi Kurdistan Referendum

Organizer: Vera Eccarius-Kelly

Organized under the auspices of
Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies

Chair: Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col

Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Siena Col-*Kurdish
Diaspora Mobilization: New Strategies*

Michael M. Gunter, Tennessee
Technological U-*Erdogan's Self-Defeating
Opposition to the KRG Referendum*

Mehmet Gurses, Florida Atlantic
U-*Trans-border Kurdish Conflict: Challenges
and Opportunities*

David Romano, Missouri State U-
*Assessing the Rationality of Holding the 2017
Referendum: A Reasonable Gamble Gone Bad?*

(5071) Knowing Nature: Epistemologies, Scientific Exchange, and Exploration in the Ottoman Empire, 17th-20th Centuries

Organizers: Sahar Bazzaz and Duygu Yıldırım

Chair: Dana Sajdi, Boston Col
Discussant: Nicole Khayat, Hebrew U of
Jerusalem

Duygu Yıldırım, Stanford U-*Between Text
and Nature: Egyptian Plants and Intellectual
Traditions in Hezarfenn Hüseyin's Medicinal
Encyclopedia*

B. Harun Küçük, U of Pennsylvania-*The
Missing Visuals in Materia Medica Texts in
Late Seventeenth Century Istanbul*

Sahar Bazzaz, Col of the Holy Cross-
Ottoman Exploration in Yemen, 1849

Taylor Moore, Rutgers U-*Fellah
Entomology: Observing and Eradicating Bugs
in the Great Locust Invasion of 1915*

Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col-*Classifying
and Knowing Nature: Practicing the Reasoned
Sciences in Egypt, 1750-1825*

(5078) Israel in the Trump Era

Organizer: Robert O. Freedman

Sponsored by
Association for Israel Studies (AIS)

Chair: Itamar Radai, NYU
Discussant: Robert O. Freedman, Johns
Hopkins U

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv U-*Israel and Syria:
Revolution, Civil War and Peace Process:
Between Moscow and Tehran*

Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar-Ilan U-*Israel and
Saudi Arabia in the New Regional Landscape*

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette Col-*The Nexus
between Israeli Politics and Foreign Policy:
The Trump Effect*

Yoav Alon, Tel Aviv U-*Jordanian-Israeli
Relations in the Face of Regional Upheavals:
The Resilience of a Strategic Alliance*

Glenn E. Robinson, Naval Postgraduate
School-Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab
World in the Age of Trump



(5091) Food Studies and the Middle East: Past, Present, Future

Organizers: Anny Gaul and Graham Cornwell

Anny Gaul, Georgetown U
Graham Cornwell, George Washington U
Jennifer Dueck, U of Manitoba
Sally Howell, U of Michigan-Dearborn
Anne T. Meneley, Trent U

(5143) Politics of Mental Health and Psychiatry in the Emerging State

Organizer: Yasmin Shafei

Sponsored by
Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair/Discussant: Sara Scalenghe,
Loyola U Maryland

Monica Alessandra Ronchi, U of Exeter-
*The "Indigenous Mind" as a Settler Colonial
Narrative: The Case of French Algeria*

Chris Wilson, U of Cambridge-*Identifying
Normality, Staging Sanity, and Debating
Criminal-Legal Responsibility in British
Mandate Palestine*

Yasmin Shafei, American U of Beirut-
*"Misr Lil Misriyeen" (Egypt for the
Egyptians): Governing Madness between
Colonialism and Nationalism*

Beverly Tsacoyianis, U of Memphis-
*"Violence That Would Consume It Whole and
Eventually Damage the Collective Mental
Health of Its People": Lebanese and Syrian
Narratives of Trauma, War, and Treatment,
1900-2018*

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(5149) The Online Public Sphere in the Gulf: Disagreement, Dialogue, Creativity, and Change

Organizers: **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell** and **Sean Foley**

**Sponsored by
Association for Gulf and Arabian
Peninsula Studies**

Chair: **Eid Mohamed**, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

Discussants: **Sahar M. Khamis**, U of Maryland and **Jessie Moritz**, Princeton U

Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State U-
“The Distant Early Warning System”: The Online Public Sphere and the Contemporary Artistic Movement in Saudi Arabia

Andrew Leber, Harvard U-Through a Black Mirror Darkly: Thought Hegemony and Twitter Manipulation

Geoffrey Martin, U of Toronto-Angry Retweets

Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, Northwestern U in Qatar-Hashtag Blockade: Exploring the Digital Landscape of the Gulf Crisis

(5156) Ways of Knowing: Situated and Relational Geographies of the Middle East and North Africa, Part II

Organizer: **Omar Jabary Salamanca**, Ghent U

Chair: **Kareem Rabie**, American U

Discussant: **Nida Alahmad**, U of Edinburgh

Angela Joya, U of Oregon-Globalization and Forced Displacement in the MENA Region

Andy Clarno, U of Illinois at Chicago-Circuits of Liberation from South Africa to Palestine

Deen Sharp, CUNY GC-Constructing Urban Violence

Mona Atia, George Washington U-Relational Geographies of Poverty across the Mediterranean

(5164) Frontier Myth Making in the Eastern Lands of the Early Islamic World

Organizer: **Christine Baker**

**Sponsored by
Middle East Medievalists**

Robert Haug, U of Cincinnati-*Heroics and Rebellion in the Stories of `Abdallah b. Khazim and the Conquest of Khurasan*

Brian Ulrich, Shippensburg U-Al-Muhallab and the al-'Ilafis: The Historiographic Problem of Muslims Who Didn't Conquer

Christine Baker, Indiana U of Pennsylvania-*Conflict and Exchange on the Frontier: Paper Making and the Myth of the Battle of Talas*

(5204) Included or Excluded: The Regional and Global Plight of Middle Eastern Refugees

Organizer: **Sussan Siavoshi**

Discussant: **Tahir H. Naqvi**, Trinity U

Sussan Siavoshi, Trinity U-A *Constant Challenge, an Inconstant Response*

Habiba Noor, Trinity U-*The Refugee Question: Public Discourse on Refugees during the 2016 American Presidential Election*

Rosa Aloisi, Trinity U-*National and Human Security: The Causes and Consequences of Italian Response to the Libyan Refugee Crisis*

Peter O'Brien, Trinity U-*Bordering in and beyond Europe: The Multiple Obstacles Facing Migrants from the Middle East*



(5221) After A Decade: The Iron Cage (2007) Ten Years Later

Organizer: **Elizabeth Bishop**

Session Leader: **Elizabeth Bishop**, Texas State U

Gabriella Alvarez, Texas State U

Miguel Carandang, Texas State U

Richard Pastore, Texas State U

Richard Geoffrey Sloan, Texas State U

(5224) Anthropology in War-Torn Yemen: Challenges, Dilemmas, and Alternative Methodologies

Organizers: **Susanne Dahlgren** and **Marina de Regt**

**Sponsored by
American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)**

Chair: **Stacey Philbrick Yadav**, Hobart & William Smith Colls.

Marina de Regt, Vrije Universiteit-Amsterdam-*Finding Ways to Work on Yemen: A Plea for Engaged Scholarship*

Susanne Dahlgren, U of Tampere/National U of Singapore-*Securitized Yemen: Studying a Popular Revolution in the Shadow of War, Drones and Terrorism*

Nathalie Peutz, NYU-*Abu Dhabi-Fieldwork in a Yemeni "Village" Displaced and Constituted by War*

(5231) Women and Youth in the Post-Uprising Arab World

Organizer: **Katja Zvan Elliott**

**Sponsored by
Association of Middle East Children
and Youth Studies (AMECYS)**

Chair: **Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale U

Katja Zvan Elliott, Al Akhawayn U-An *Ethnography of Gender-Based Violence in Morocco*

Rola El-Husseini, Lund U-*Rentier Economies and State Feminism in Algeria and Saudi Arabia*

Driss Maghraoui, Al Akhawayn U-*Youth Marginality and Violence: The Case of Southern Morocco*

(5242) Middle Eastern Mobilities in World History Textbooks

Organizer: **Emre Erol**

Emre Erol, Sabanci U-*Modern Era, Mobility and the Disintegration of the Ottoman Framework*

A. Tunç Sen, Columbia U-*Early Modern Ottoman Court as a Magnet for the Scholars on the Move*



**(5259) Transdisciplinary Pedagogy,
Local Knowledges and the Global
Middle East**

Organizer: Lucia Sorbera

Chair: **Mark Levine**, UC Irvine/Lund
CMES

Margot Badran, Georgetown U
Bahia Shehab, American U in Cairo
Leif Stenberg, Aga Khan U
Lucia Sorbera, U of Sydney

**(5292) Social Challenges & Protection
in Contemporary Societies**

Chair: **Karen Pfeifer**, Smith Col

Chris Cowan, U of Arkansas-*Hard Drugs
and Porous Borders: State and Societal
Responses to Narcotics Trafficking in the
Kyrgyz Republic*

Ketty Sarouphim-McGill, Lebanese
American U and **Sara Kassem**, Lebanese
American U-*Effectiveness of Portage
in Lebanon: A Home-Based Intervention
Program for Children with Special Needs*
Malay Firoz, Brown U-*Developmental
Humanitarianism and the 'Resilience
Agenda': The Politics of Refugee Aid in Jordan
and Lebanon*

**(5301) Sectarianism, Identity and the
State in Lebanon**

Chair: **Mirna Lattouf**, Arizona State U

Jean-Michel Landry, McGill U-*The Jeita
Prayers: Secularism and Sectarianism in
Lebanon*

Toni Rouhana, UC Santa Cruz-*When
Sectarianism becomes Lebanese*
Blake Atwood, American U of Beirut-
*Your ID, Please: Towards a History of
Documents in Lebanon*

Professional Development Workshop



Proposal Writing and Research Design:

How to Fund Your Ideas

Organized by **Suad Joseph**

**Sponsored by
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, U 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://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/arab-families-working-group-1/images/files/ComponentsofaHumanitiesSocialSciencesResearchProposal.pdf>.

**(5329) Aesthetic Experimentation in
Arab Literature**

Chair: **Matthew Brauer**, Northwestern U

*Contemporary Arabic Theatre: Tayeb Saddiki's
Experimental Fusion of Technique and Content*
Patrick Harned, U of Texas at Austin-
*Das Ding: Object Aesthetics in Arab Spring
Literature*

Seerwan Hariry, U of Texas at
Austin-*Arabic Novels; Kurdish Authors:
Reconstructing Images of the Islamic Republic
of Letters in Jan Dost's Novels*

**(5330) Gender, Film & Cultural
Hegemony**

Chair: **Charles D. Smith**, U of Arizona
(Emeritus)

Mahrou Zhaf, Boston Graduate School
of Psychoanalysis-*To be Imprisoned Even in
One's Own Fantasy*

Roxana Cazan, Saint Francis U-
*Denouncing State Complicity in Prostitution:
Activism and Resistance in Nabil Ayouch's
Film "Much Loved" (2015) and Laila Lalami's
"Novel Secret Son" (2009)*

Yaron Shemer, UNC Chapel Hill-*Mizrahi
Women in Current Israeli Cinema and
Literature: Bifurcation and Intersectionality
of Gender and Ethnicity*

Babak Tabarraee, U of Texas at Austin-
*From "Not without My Daughter" to "Argo":
The Iranian Reception of Hollywood's Iran-
Centered Films*

11:00AM-1:00PM Friday November 16

(5334) Egyptian & Palestinian Novels

Chair: **Carol Bardenstein**, U of Michigan

Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine-*Failure,*

Dissensus, and the Political Impasse: A Study of Sonallah Ibrahim's "That Smell"

Yael Kenan, U of Michigan-*The Mourning Mother - Reading Kanafani and Grossman Together*

Dalal Alfares, Kuwait U-*Latifa Alzayyat's Autobiography as New Form of Political Commitment*

Omar Khalifah, Georgetown U-Qatar-*The Kanafani Plot: Staging the Palestinians' Return in Contemporary Palestinian Novel*

(5340) Palestinian Identity & Diplomacy

Chair: **Michael R. Fischbach**, Randolph-Macon Col

Hiroyuki Suzuki, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science-*The PLO Office in Tokyo and Diplomatic Activities of the Japanese Government during the 1970s*

Linda Quiquix, Living Books Institute for Community Ecology-*Indigenous Struggles in the Americas and Palestine*

Haneen Ghabra, Kuwait U-*Palestinian Resistance, Hip-Hop and Cyberspace Performances*

(5359) Railroads, Statecraft and Urban Life in the Late Ottoman Period

Chair: **Hale Yilmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

Can Nacar, Koç U-*Negotiating Railroad Safety in the Late Ottoman Empire*

Roger A. Deal, U of South Carolina Aiken-*A Re-evaluation of the Istanbul Kûlhanbeyis*

Onur Ada, Leiden U-*Forging the Anatolian Railroad: The Long-Lasting Legacy of Hasan Fehmi and His Kemalist Heirs (1880-1950)*

Richard Wittmann, Orient-Institut Istanbul-*German-Speaking Journeymen and Craftspeople in Late Ottoman Istanbul*



(5063) Language Learning Framework for Turkish for the 21st Century
Organizer: Guliz Kuruoglu

Sponsored by
American Association of Teachers
of Turkic Languages (AATT)

Chair: Guliz Kuruoglu, UCLA

Ercan Balci, Brown U
Funda Guven, Nazarbayev U, Astana
Feride Hatiboglu, U of Pennsylvania
Jeannette E. Okur, U of Texas at Austin
Saadet Ebru Ergul, Stanford U
Nilay Sevinc, U of Michigan

(5090) Cultural Production in the
Global South: Connecting the Middle
East and Latin America
Organizer: Ellen McLarney

Sponsored by
MESA's Latin American Middle East
Studies Working Group

Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos, Centro
de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas-
*Brothel Orientalism and Performance in Early
Twentieth Century Mexico*

Silvia Ferreira, U of Washington Bothell-
*Refashioning Gender in the Southern Mahjar
Press*

Ellen McLarney, Duke U-*Envisioning the
Global South: Visual Art between the Middle
East and Latin America*

Christina E. Civantos, U of Miami-
*Insurgency, Captivity, and Coloniality: Ceuta
as Prison and Captive in Works from Latin
America and North Africa*

(5093) Authoritarianism, Digital
Dissidence and Grassroots Media in
the Middle East and North Africa
Region

Organizer: Josepha Wessels, Lund U
Sweden

Discussant: Omar Al-Ghazzi, LSE

Marie Ostby, Connecticut Col-*'Face to
Face, Street to Street': Borderless Genres,
Flexible Forms, and Digital Futures*

Hend F. Alawadhi, Kuwait U-*New Media
Ecologies: Digital Activism and Arab Feminist
Webcomics*

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(5094) Considering the Spatial Turn in
Middle East Studies
Organizer: Jose Ciro Martinez

Chair: Amy Mills, U of South Carolina

Timur Hammond, Syracuse U
Lisa Bhungalia, Kent State U
Ali Hamdan, UCLA
Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia U
Jose Ciro Martinez, U of Cambridge

(5096) Arab Specters of Marx
Organizer: Elizabeth Holt

Chair: Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U
Discussant: Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa
Barbara

Peter Gran, Temple U-*Innovation and
Stagnation in Contemporary Marxist and
Radical Historiography in Egypt*

Omar Cheta, Bard Col-*What Would the
19th-Century Marx Say About Cairo's Silk
Weavers?*

Elizabeth Holt, Bard Col-*Afro-Asian
Writings (Later Lotus), Resistance Literature,
and "The Communist Manifesto"*

Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, Columbia U-*The
Hold of Marxist Thought in Iraq: How Real?*

(5103) Resisting Enclosure Movement
Restrictions, the Built Environment,
and Immobility in Palestine
Organizer: Joshua Stacher

Sponsored by
Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Chair: Omar Jabary Salamanca, Ghent U
Discussant: Ghada AlMadbouh, Birzeit U

Maryam Griffin, U of Washington,
Bothell-*The Bus as Vehicle of Resistance in
Palestinian Protest Actions*

Julie Peteet, U of Louisville-*Mobilities,
Indigeneity and Resistance in Palestine*

Joshua Stacher, Kent State U-*A Race
against the Wall: Origins and Development of
the Palestine Marathon*

Gary Fields, UC San Diego-*Gaza: An
Enclosed and Immobilized Landscape*

(5104) Overstepping Boundaries:
Assessing Legal and Moral Contingency
in Lebanese History
Organizer: Tylor Brand

Sponsored by
Lebanese Studies Association

Discussant: Ayse Polat, U of Cambridge

Dylan Baun, U of Alabama Huntsville-
*Intellectual Beginnings Meet Violent Ends: Party
Authority, Family Contestation and Microhistory
in the Early Lebanese Civil War Era*

Tylor Brand, American U of Sharjah-
*An Immoral Economy? The Hidden Virtue
of Circumventing Borders and Defying
Authority in the Lebanese Famine of WWI*

Sana Tannoury-Karam, Rice U-*The Political
Engagement of Intellectuals and the Boundaries
of the Public Sphere in Mandate Lebanon*

Joan Chaker, Harvard U-*Muleteers as
Bandits and Mutineers: Global Capital and
Social Transformation in Ottoman Lebanon*



(5129) Covering Muslim Women:
Working with Journalists for Accurate
Representation
Organizers: Sarah Gualtieri and Elora
Shehabuddin

Suad Joseph, UC Davis
Sarah Gualtieri, U of Southern California
Elora Shehabuddin, Rice U

(5135) Where is the Maghreb?
Problematizing a Liminal Space
Organizer: Brahim El Guabli

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American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Brahim El Guabli, Williams Col-*Remapping
the Maghreb through the Saharan Paradigm:
Maghreographies on the Sahara*

Touria Khannous, Louisiana State
U-*Maghrebian Women's New Independent
Cinema: Travels in the Transnational Imaginary*

Ammar Naji, Colorado Col-*Race and the
New Configurations of Extraterritorial Exile
in North Africa*

Hicham Chami, Columbia U-*"Out of
Africa?" Toward Determining a Geo-cultural
Context for the Study of Moroccan Musics*

SPECIAL SESSION



**(5374) Struggling to Assert Rights to Academic Freedom:
A Report from MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom**

Organizer: **Laurie Brand**

Chair: **Laurie Brand**, U of Southern California

Mehmet Sinan Birdal, U of Southern California

Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, Rice U

Katherine Franke, Columbia U Law School

Homa Hoodfar, Concordia U

MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom continues to address record numbers of cases. While the number of academics arrested and dismissed in Turkey has declined, those who were previously arrested are now facing trial. In the meantime, the number of cases in Gulf states, particularly the UAE, has increased, while in Iran a disturbing number of dual nationals have been detained. At the same time the Israeli government has threatened deportation and blacklisting of those advocating the BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) movement. This panel draws on expertise from both inside and outside of CAF membership. One presentation will discuss the Gulf, where conditions for open inquiry in the Gulf have narrowed sharply with new decrees and legislation that have created ambiguity and uncertainty for scholars and students alike. Another presentation, drawing on several MENA country experiences, will examine the need for us as academics to go beyond solidarity work to engage in building a movement and a road map toward creation of transnational academic rights through revisiting various international conventions. A third presentation will examine the restrictions on academic freedoms and the re-organization of higher education in the context of regime building in Turkey. In the final presentation, the presenter will discuss her own detention and deportation from Israel and how it relates to larger threats to academic freedom in Israel and in Palestine. The panel will thus provide an important opportunity for MESA members to learn more, not only about CAF's work, but also about the broader context in which our colleagues who are on the front lines of these battles both in MENA and North America are struggling to assert their rights to academic freedom.

**(5179) Global Terrains of Arabic
Literary Production**

Organizer: **Benjamin Smith**

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

Khaled Al-Masri, Swarthmore Col-*Being
Elsewhere: Lost Geographies and Fragmented
Narratives in Muhsin al-Ramlī's Short Fiction*

Allison Blecker, Harvard U-*Scaling the
Rising Walls: Seven Authors Write Back
against the "Muslim Ban" in "Banthology"*

Benjamin Smith, Swarthmore Col-
*Community in Focus: The Arab Diaspora of
Early 20th Century America as Portrayed in
Abd al-Masih Haddad's Short Stories*

Gregory Halaby, Harvard U-*Professing
Arabic in St. Petersburg: Authenticity in
Muhammad 'Ayyad al-Tantawi's "Traité de la
Lange Arabe Vulgaire" (1848)*

**(5180) Work It, Girl!: Marginal
Women's Labor from Morocco to Iran**
Organizer: **Sara Rahnama**

Chair: **Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale U
Discussant: **Hanan Hammad**, Texas
Christian U

Beeta Baghoolizadeh, Bucknell U-*Women
as Slave Owners, Women as Slaves: Gender,
Race, and the Changing Household Realm,
1900-1930*

Sara Rahnama, Morgan State U-*New
Labor and Sexual Danger: Domestic Service in
Interwar Algeria*

Graham Cornwell, George Washington
U-*Women, Work, and the Idea of the Islamic
City in Colonial Morocco*

Terrence Peterson, Florida International
U-*Working Women into the Future:
Vocational Training and Counterinsurgency
in Algeria, 1958-1962*

E. M. Perego, Shepherd U-*"Women
Forbidden from Going Out?": Women's Public
Activism in Algeria's Islamic Salvation Front
Party, 1989-1992*

**(5222) Fear of Oblivion: Intellectual
Histories of Erasure in the Medieval
and Contemporary Middle East**
Organizers: **Manar Makhoul** and **Heba
Mostafa**

Chair: **Manar Makhoul**, Tel-Aviv U
Discussant: **Amal Equeiq**, Williams Col

Heba Mostafa, U of Toronto-*"Never
Forget the Fallen Caliph 'Uthman!":
Performative Relics, Historical Trauma and
Umayyad Legitimacy*

April L. Najjaj, Texas A&M U San
Antonio-*The Fear of Remembering: Al-
Andalus in Modern Spanish Memory*

Manar Makhoul, Tel-Aviv U-
*Athazagoraphobia: The Impact of the 1967
War on Palestinian Intellectuals*

Fadi Mansour, SOAS, U of London-
*Refusing Oblivion: Palestinian Graffiti,
Reimagined Public Space, and Aesthetics of
Duress in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*

**(5233) Democratic Resource or
Institutional Trap? Processes of
Decentralization in Post-2011 Tunisia,
Libya, and Yemen**

Organizer: **Benoit Challand**

Chair/Discussant: **Francesco Cavatorta**,
Université Laval

Benoit Challand, New School  *Social
Research-An Unrealizable Objective:
Federalism, Republican Constitutional Order,
and the 2014 Yemeni Draft Constitution*
Souhail Belhadj, Graduate Institute
Geneva-*Local Experiences of Tunisia's
Decentralization Process: Changing
Relationship between the State and Local
Authority Structures in a Time of Transition*

I:30PM-3:30PM Friday November 16

(5247) Alcohol and Drinking in the Ottoman Empire

Organizer: **Emine O. Evered**

Chair: **Rudi Matthee**, U of Delaware

Daniel MacArthur-Seal, Hong Kong Baptist U-*States of Drunkenness: Alcohol Consumption in Istanbul under Allied and Ottoman Administrations, 1918-1923*

Fariba Zarinebaf, UC Riverside-*Nocturnal Encounters: Drinking and Social Control in Early Modern Galata*

François Georgeon, CNRS-EHESS-*Raki as a National Drink in Late Ottoman Empire*

Emine O. Evered, Michigan State U-*Alcohol at Empire's End: Prohibition Politics in Post-WWI Ottoman Empire*

(5254) The Black Experience of the Middle East & North Africa: Colonialism, Healing, Literature, and Islam

Organizer: **Ameen Omar**

Discussant: **Zavier Wingham**, NYU

Ahmed Kodouda, George Washington U-*Colonial Institutional Legacies, Ethnic Coalitional Cleavages and Secession*

Mayowa Willoughby, Cornell U-*Plant Matters: Land, Power, and Turks of African Descent*

Ameen Omar, George Washington U-*The Mahdist State of Sudan (1885-1898): How Sudanese Scholars Have Discussed the Mahdiyya*

Afifa Ltifi, Cornell U-*The North African Novel and Representations of Blackness*

(5278) Topics in Islamic Ritual Law

Organizer: **Tynan Kelly**

Chair: **Jessica Sylvan Mutter**, U of Chicago

Tobias Scheunchen, U of Chicago-*Legal Histories of Blood: Menstruation, Sex, and Ritual in Islamic Law*

Tynan Kelly, U of Chicago-*An Investigation in the Pre-Islamic Semitic Origins of the 'Ibadat*

Hamza A. Dudgeon, U of Chicago-*The Khuffayn in Sunni Muslim Ritual Thought: A Brief Overview*

Syed Atif Rizwan, Catholic Theological Union-*The Ritualization of Punishment and Self-Destruction in Zin? Laws*

(5308) Science, Medicine, Oral Histories, and Progress in Qajar, Pahlavi and Revolutionary Iran

Chair: **Soha Bayoumi**, Harvard U

Lucy Flamm, U of Texas at Austin-*Combating Curated Memory: Oral Histories and Pahlavi Iran*

Sadegh Foghani, U of South Carolina-*The Scientific Meaning of the Cultural Revolution: Scientific Nationalism in Post-revolutionary Iran*

Esha Momeni, UCLA-*A Modern Iranian is a Happy Iranian: Globalization and Politics of Emotions in Post-revolutionary Iran*

Arman Azimi, The Graduate Center, CUNY-*Petroleum, Health, and Power: The Anglo-Persian Oil Company and Colonial Medicine in Iran, 1907-1929*

Heidi Walcher, LMU Munich-*Prostitution and Syphilis in 19th Century Iran: Global Concerns and J. E. Polak's Report of 1861*

Bryan Sitzes, U of Texas at Austin-*Bringing Public Health Programs to the Villages: A Provincial Study in Pahlavi Khuzestan (SW Iran)*

(5310) War, Nation, Religion, and Identity in the Later Ottoman Period

Chair: **Carter V. Findley**, Ohio State U (Emeritus)

Susan Benson-Sokmen, U of Toronto-*The "Kible of Kurdistan"-Mount Ararat, the Mount Ararat Rebellion, and the Reimagining of Sovereignty in a "Corner" of the Turkish Nation-State*

Patrick Adamiak, UC San Diego-*Caucasian Settlers and Kurdish Politics in the Hamidian Era: The Case of the Chechens of Resülayn, 1876-1908*

Aaron Scott Johnson, Missouri Valley Col-*Ottomanism Revisited*

Jonathan McCollum, UCLA-*The Cost of War: Pan-Islamism, Humanitarianism, and Volunteerism in the Italo-Turkish War, 1911-1912*

Ibrahim Gemeah, Cornell U-*Al-Azhar in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire: Autonomy and Change*

(5338) Contemporary Jordanian Politics

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

Benjamin Schuetze, U of Freiburg-US and *European Democracy Promotion in Jordan and the Reinforcement of Assumptions of Difference*

Muath Abudalu, Humboldt U-*Advocating for Women's Rights under Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Sadaqa, a Women's Group in Jordan*

Tina Zintl, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)/German Development Institute-*Two Steps Forward, One Step Back? The Changing Logics behind Jordan's Labour Policies Fighting Youth Unemployment over the Last Decade*

(5344) Architecture and Infrastructure: From Malls to Dams to Public Toilets

Chair: **Waleed Hazbun**, U of Alabama

Christina Guirguis, UC Santa Barbara-*Potty Politics: An Exploratory Look at Public Toilets as Public Spaces of Governmentality and Discourse*

Dalal Musaed Alsayer, U of Pennsylvania-*Constructing Arabia/Displaying America during the Cold War: Representation, Environmental Imaginaries, and Modern Architecture*

Ekin Kurtiç, Harvard U-*The "Greening" of Large Dams: Infrastructure, Environment, and Expertise in the Çoruh River Watershed, Turkey*

Jennifer Pruitt, U of Wisconsin Madison-*Making a Case for Classical Islamic Globalism: The Ibn Battuta Mall, Dubai*

(5367) Medicine, Life and Death

Chair: **Shana Minkin**, Sewanee: The U of the South

Tara Stephan, NYU-*Gender and Class in the Space of the Medieval Cairene Cemetery*

Sara Scalenghe, Loyola U Maryland-*Suicide in Ottoman Syria*

Thomas A. Carlson, Oklahoma State U-*The Garden of the Reasonable: Inter-Religious Collaboration and Competition in Late Medieval "Islamic" Medicine*

(5370) The Ideology & Iconography of Salafi Jihadism

Gunes Murat Tezcur, U of Central Florida and **Tutku Ayhan**, U of Central Florida-*The Last "Firman:" Explaining the Anti-Yazidi Violence*

Marwan M. Kraidy, U of Pennsylvania-*The Torch and the Hearth: Fire in Islamic State's Own Words and Images*

Lara Tarantini, U of Arizona-*The Imagined Moral Umma: Understanding al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's Worldview through "Inspire" Magazine*

Weeda Mehran, Georgia State U-*"My Journey to Jihad": Featured Stories in Jihadist Propaganda*

Mohammed Salih, U of Pennsylvania-*IS and the Kurds: Ummah, Nationalism and Ethnicity*

Presidential Panel



Confronting Sexual Harassment and Power Violence in Middle East Studies

As part of its effort to address sexual harassment, MESA has established a Committee on Sexual Harassment and appointed an ombudsperson to serve as a resource at the annual meeting. MESA members are invited to meet the committee members and ombudsperson to learn about the committee's protocol and work. The committee will be interested to have feedback from individuals on how MESA can best help to stop instances of sexual harassment at its annual meeting.

Angie Abdelmonem
Arizona State U

Lisa Nielson
Case Western Reserve U

Hanadi Al-Samman
U of Virginia

Simona Sharoni
Merrimack Col

Samer Ali
U of Michigan

Omar Sirri
University of Toronto

Heba Arafa Abdelfattah
Georgia Institute of Technology

Nefertiti Takla
Manhattan Col

Beth Baron
Graduate Center, CUNY

Judith Tucker
Georgetown U

Fatma Müge Göçek
U of Michigan

G. Carole Woodall
Univ. of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Michelle Hartman
McGill U

4:00PM-6:00PM Friday November 16

(5064) Towards a Critical Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer: **Joel Beinin**

Chair: **Joel Beinin**, Stanford U

Discussant: **Aaron G. Jakes**, The New School

Adam Hanieh, SOAS, U of London-
Unpacking Gulf Capitalism: Business, Labor and the State in the GCC

Timothy Mitchell, Columbia U-Ten
Theses on the Past and Future of Oil

Nida Alahmad, U of Edinburgh-*The State, Oil, War and the Political Economy of Iraq (1920-2017)*

Muriam Haleh Davis, UC Santa Cruz-*The French Empire in North Africa: A History of Racial Capitalism?*

(5074) Reading Culture and the Public Sphere in the Global Middle East

Organizer: **Kelsey Rice**

Chair: **Beeta Baghoolizadeh**, Bucknell U

Discussant: **Hoda A. Yousef**, Denison U

Negin Nabavi, Montclair State U-
Newspapers and Newspaper Culture in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Iran

Ami Ayalon, Tel Aviv U-*Books in Tin Boxes: Arab Youth Entering the World of Reading*

Harun Buljina, Columbia U-*Reading Bosnian in Arabic: Sarajevo's Pan-Islamist Press and the Ottoman Public Sphere, 1903-1914*

Kelsey Rice, United States Military Academy-*Reading Rooms, Soirees, and Jubilees: Literary Readings and the Making of an Azeri Public Sphere*

(5088) Land to Territory in the Late Ottoman Empire

Organizer: **Samuel Dolbee**



Chair/Discussant: **Resat Kasaba**, U of Washington

Ella Fratantuono, UNC Charlotte-*"All That is Necessary is a Well-Considered Scheme": Productive Failure in Ottoman Immigrant Settlement*

Samuel Dolbee, Brandeis U-*Grain and Governance, People and Place in the Ottoman Jazira 1860-1920*

Matthew H. Ellis, Sarah Lawrence Col-
Rethinking Territoriality in the Egyptian-

Libyan Borderland

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Nilay Ozok Gundogan, Florida State U-
Limits of Authority and Autonomy: Kurdish Nobles and the Ottoman State in the Long Nineteenth Century

(5097) Politics in the Levant and the Specter of Space

Organizer: **Ali Hamdan**, UCLA

Sponsored by
Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Chair: **Ali Hamdan**, UCLA

Ann-Christin Wagner, U of Edinburgh-
Factoring Mobility Histories into a Political Geography of the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Jose Ciro Martinez, U of Cambridge-
Topologies of Power in the Syrian Conflict: Rethinking Space through Bread

Ali Hamdan, UCLA-*Rethinking Center and Periphery in Syria's Conflict*

Christopher Harker, U Col London-
Relief? Topologies of Refuge in Ras Beirut



(5120) Global Histories of Slavery in the Premodern Middle East and Beyond

Organizer: **Craig Perry**

Session Leader: **Craig Perry**, U of Cincinnati

Matthew S. Gordon, Miami U
Elizabeth Urban, West Chester U

(5126) Learning without Boundaries: New Developments in Undergraduate Pedagogy in Middle Eastern Studies

Sponsored by
MESA's Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: **Sarah Ketchley**, U of Washington
Discussant: **Lyndall Herman**, U of Arizona

Sarah Ketchley, U of Washington-
Newbook Digital Texts: Developing New Models for Undergraduate Education and Faculty Research

Layla Goushey, St. Louis Community Col-
Pedagogy and Andragogy in a Community Col Classroom: Fostering Self-Directed Research Skills in an Interdisciplinary MENA Studies Course

Julie Ellison-Speight, U of Arizona-
Lessons Learned from Distance Teaching in Two US-MENA Projects

Stefanie Wichhart, Niagara U-A
Constructivist Approach to Teaching Middle Eastern History in a Digital Landscape

(5127) Feminist Struggles in Authoritarian Times: Turkey, Tunisia, Egypt and Palestine Today

Organizer: **Ozlem Altiok**

Chair: **Ozlem Altiok**, U of North Texas

Discussant: **Hind M Ahmed Zaki**, Harvard U

Bihter Somersan, Bahcesehir U-A
Feminist Classroom in Authoritarian Times in "The New Turkey"

Laura Bier, Georgia Tech-*Sexual Violence, Protest and Activism in Egypt since Revolution*

Ozlem Altiok, U of North Texas-
Offloading Powerlessness: Towards a Theoretical Synthesis Explaining the Politics of Gender in the Middle East

Nancy L. Stockdale, U of North Texas-
Their Own Volition: Situating Palestinian Girl Activists

Simten Cosar, Cornell U-A
Feminist Reading of Regime Change: Turkey in Perspective

(5150) Modernization, Nation-Building, and Indigeneity in Iraq and the Gulf, 1935-1991

Organizer: **Alex Boodrookas**

Discussant: **Kaveh Ehsani**, DePaul U

Alex Boodrookas, NYU-*Credit Lines and Color Lines: The Reorientation of Banking Networks in the Persian Gulf, 1940-1965*

Arbella Bet-Shlimon, U of Washington-
Controlling the City: Ethnic Cleansing in Authoritarian Iraq, 1968-1991

Matthew MacLean, NYU-*Property, Indigeneity, and Development in the Northern United Arab Emirates, 1950-1985*

Alissa Walter, Seattle Pacific U-
Slums and Subdivisions: Managing Sensitive Populations in Baghdad, 1950-1979

4:00PM-6:00PM Friday November 16

(5159) **The War That Ended? 1918-1923**
Organizer: **Aimee Genell**

Chair: **Reem Bailony**, Agnes Scott Col
Discussant: **Hasan Kayali**, UC San Diego

Odile Moreau, Montpellier U-IMAF Paris
1-1918-1923: *Did the War End?: Ottoman Officers' Struggles and Trajectories*
Aimee Genell, U of West Georgia-*The Mandate Question in the Armistice Press in Istanbul, 1918-1920*

Murat C. Yildiz, Skidmore Col-A *Global Brotherhood in a "City Without Any Civic Consciousness": The YMCA During the Armistice*

Sami Jiryis Sweis, U of Chicago-*Rethinking the End of the Arab Revolt: The Hashemites and Medina, 1916-1919*



(5192) **Between Egypt and the Egyptian Diaspora: The Changing Contours of Coptic Studies**

Organizer: **Heather J. Sharkey**

Session Leader: **Heather J. Sharkey**, U of Pennsylvania

Catherine Mayeur-Jaouen, Sorbonne-Université

Gaétan Du Roy, Université Catholique de Louvain

Laura Robson, Portland State U

Hiroko Miyokawa, Tokyo U of Foreign Studies

Sebastian Elsässer, U of Kiel

(5193) **Constructing and Contesting Scholarly Authority in Syria and Egypt 1200-1400**

Organizer: **Jon Hoover**

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Middle East Medievalists**

Chair/Discussant: **Zayde Antrim**, Trinity Col

Rodrigo Adem, Harvard U-*Mamluk Syria as Arabo-Islamic Archive: Urban Spaces, Scholarly Networks, and Manuscript Cultures*
Mariam Sheibani, U of Chicago-*From Khorasan and Iraq to Damascus: Fault Lines in Shafi'ism in Ayyubid Damascus*

Mohammed Al Dhfar, U of Nottingham
Sustaining Shafi'i Precedence: Taqi al-Din al-Subki on the Punishment for Cursing the Prophet

Jon Hoover, U of Nottingham-Ibn Taymiyya's *Confession of Ash'ari Doctrine to Procure Release from Prison in 1307*

(5203) **Arabic and the Limits of World Literature**

Organizer: **Yaseen Noorani**

Yaseen Noorani, U of Arizona-*The False Dawn of World Literature*

Hosam Aboul-Ela, U of Houston-*The Reader and the Region: Arab Intellectuals in a World Literature Frame*

Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State U-*National Nostalgia and Global Pastiche in Lamia Ziadé's "Bye Bye Babylon"*

Dina Al-Kassim, U of British Columbia-*"Beirut, Beirut" and World Literature as Engaged Reading*



(5220) **Queer Theory and Methodology: Applications and Possibilities for Middle East Studies**

Organizers: **Anne Marie Butler** and **Dima Ayoub**

Chairs: **Dima Ayoub**, Middlebury Col and **Anne Marie Butler**, State U of New York at Buffalo

Tahereh Aghdasifar, Loyola Marymount U
Hanadi Al-Samman, U of Virginia
Sahin Acikgoz, U of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Deena Naime, San Diego State U

(5260) **Doctors and Discourse: Medical Themes in the Arab Nahda**
Organizers: **Nicole Khayat** and **Peter Hill**

Chair: **Stephen P. Sheehi**, Col of William and Mary

Discussant: **Liat Kozma**, Hebrew U

Peter Hill, U of Oxford-*Medical Certainty and Religious Doubt: Two Nineteenth-Century Syrian Physicians on Scepticism and Materialism*

Nicole Khayat, Hebrew U of Jerusalem-*Medical Training and Social Reform: 19th Century Arabic Nahda Texts*

(5273) **Contested Concepts across Borders: Reform, Representation and Authenticity in Muslim Transregional Debates**

Organizer: **Mohsin Ali**

Chair: **Asma Sayeed**, UCLA
Discussant: **Evan Metzger**, UCLA

Anas Mahafzah, UCLA-*From the Outside Looking in: Debates About Reform among Exiled Ottoman Intellectuals in the Hamidian Era (1876-1908)*

Cameron Zargar, UCLA-*The Wahhabi Transregional and Transtemporal Claim to Orthodoxy*

Mohsin Ali, UCLA-*Imagined Wahhabis: Disentangling British and Indian Representations of Wahhabism in Colonial India*

Sahar El Zahed, UCLA-*Islam in Mainstream Egyptian Media: How Western Colonial Discourses Inform Representations of Islam*

(5274) **Encounters of Falsafa and Sufism in the Persianate World, 1200-1900**

Organizer: **Rosabel Ansari**

Chair/Discussant: **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**, U of South Carolina

Nariman Aavani, Harvard U-*Abd al-Rahman Jami on Being*

Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard U-*Divine Omnipotence and Human Agency: Intertextuality in Jalāl al-Dīn al-Dawānī (d. 1502)'s Solution to a Theological Paradox*

Rosabel Ansari, Georgetown U-*Tusi, Qunawi and Tashkik al-Wujud*

Munjed Murad, Harvard U-*Being and Non-Being in Rumi*

4:00PM-6:00PM Friday November 16

(5275) Understanding Citizenship and State-Society Relations in MENA

Organizer: **Lillian Frost**

Discussant: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

Kelsey P. Norman, U of Denver-*Reluctant Reception in the Post-2015 Era: A New Migration Paradigm for the Mediterranean*

Rawan Arar, UC San Diego-*Who Controls the Refugee Story?: How Restrictionist Immigration Policies Drive the Global Refugee Narrative*

Lillian Frost, George Washington U-*Beyond Citizenship: The Impact of Non-Citizens on State-Society Relations*

Annelle Sheline, George Washington U-*Updating the Strategic Use of Official Islam Post-2011*

(5302) Contemporary Arab and Persian Art

Chair: **Roberta L. Dougherty**, Yale U Library

Maya Kesrouany, NYU Abu Dhabi-*The Power to Disengage: Revisiting Commitment in Contemporary Arab Art*

Caroline F. Seymour-Jorn, U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee-*Art and the Institutions of the Egyptian State and the Region*

Mostafa Abedinifard, U of Toronto-*Satiric Modernity: Iranians' Self-conscious Affects and the Birth of Modern Persian Comedy ca. 1871-1908*

Carmen M.K. Gitre, Virginia Tech-*Interwar Egypt and Surrealism in Vernacular*

(5341) Teaching Arabic

Chair: **Maria Swanson**, United States Naval Academy

Thomas Leddy-Cecere, Bennington Col-*The Evolution of Diverse Speaker Output among Students of Arabic as Foreign Language*

Dalal Aboel Seoud, American U in Cairo-*Using Critical Thinking for Teaching and Assessing Reading Comprehension in the Arabic as a Foreign Language Classroom*

Shereen El Ezabi, American U in Cairo-*Decoding and Encoding Meaning: Insights into Arabic Morphology for the Superior AFL Translation Class*

Hanan Hassanein, American U in Cairo-*Practical Classroom Applications of the Intercultural Language Teaching and Learning Pedagogy for Teaching Arabic as a Second Language*

Lameese Ahmad, Penn State U-*The Development of Interlanguage in the Written Production of Arabic Foreign Language Learners*

(5352) Middle East Politics: Elites, Militaries, Non-State Actors and Political Order

Chair: **Anton Minkov**, DRDC-Cora

Sofia Fenner, Bryn Mawr Col-*Sellouts and Respectable Men: Strategy, Ethics, and Attribution in Contemporary Morocco*

Jihan Mohammed, Michigan State U-*Conflict and Social Distance in the Middle East*

(5354) Migrant and Indigenous Labor in the Middle East

Chair: **Bahia Shehab**, American U in Cairo

Sara Hussein, American U in Cairo-*Cross-Mediterranean Egyptian Irregular Migration: A Discursive Analysis of the Egyptian Clandestine*

Andrew Gardner, U of Puget Sound-*Labor Brokerage in the Gulf Migration System: Pakistan and Nepal in Comparison*

Frank Cibulka, Zayed U-*The Filipino Labor Diaspora in the United Arab Emirates: Examining an 'Island Community' in the Gulf*
Hsain Ilahiane, U of Kentucky-*Laboring in al-hogra: Moroccan Muslim Men in Search of Respect and Dignity in the Informal Sector*

(5366) Mongols and the World Around Them

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

Edith Chen, Princeton U-*Tribute and Arbitration in the Reign of al-Mustansir bi'llah: Diplomatic Relations on the Eve of the Mongol Invasion*

Xinyi Wei, U of Chicago-*Aspects of Cultural Exchange under the Mongol World Empire*



2018 Presidential Address



Judith E. Tucker
Georgetown University



2018 MESA Awards Ceremony

Immediately following the Presidential Address

Albert Hourani Book Award

Recognizing outstanding publishing in Middle East studies.

Nikki Keddie Book Award

Recognizing exceptional scholarship in religion, revolution, and/or society.

Fatima Mernissi Book Award

Recognizing the best work in studies of gender, sexuality, and women's lived experience.

Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award

Recognizing outstanding publishing in Iranian studies.

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Awards

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

MESA Graduate Student Paper Prize

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

MESA Mentoring Award

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

Jere L. Bacharach Service Award

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

Academic Freedom Award

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

Undergraduate Education Award

Recognizing outstanding scholarship on teaching or other material contributions to undergraduate education.



MESA's Fabulous Dance Party

with DJ Bassam!

from 9pm-1am in Texas Ballrooms D/E

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

8-10am
Muslim Women and the Media Training Institute Meeting
 Mission A (2)

8:30-10:30am
MESA's Committee on Sexual Harassment Meeting
 Mission B (2)

8:30-10:30am
Middle East Law and Governance Business Meeting
 Travis B (3)

9-11am
Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting
 Bowie A (2)

11am-1pm
Consortium of Middle East National Resource Centers Meeting
 Mission A (2)

1:15-2:45pm
MESA Members Meeting
 Texas A (4)

12-5pm
American Institute of Afghanistan Studies Annual Meeting
 Bowie C (2)

3-5pm
Arabic Collections Online Board Meeting
 Mission A (2)

3-5pm
Meeting of Editors of Middle East-Related Journals
 Mission B (2)

4:30-6pm
MEOC Middle East Book Awards Ceremony
 San Antonio Public Library, Mission Branch (3134 Roosevelt Ave.)

6-7pm
AMEWS Memorial Tribute to Saba Mahmoud
 Bowie A (2)

7-8pm
AMEWS Business Meeting
 Bowie A (2)

7-9pm
Harvard University CMES Reception
 Travis B (3)

7-9:30pm
TARII Reception
 Travis A (3)

7:30-9pm
AUC Reception
 Bowie C (2)

7:30-9pm
UCLA CNES Reception
 Travis C (3)

8:30-11pm
AMEWS & AASA Reception
 Casa Rio - on the River Walk (430 East Commerce)

(5140) **Polarization, Participation, and Democratic Outcomes in Egypt and Tunisia**

Organizer: **Vickie Langohr**

Chair: **Vickie Langohr**, Col of the Holy Cross

Discussant: **Alexandra Blackman**, Stanford U

Hind M Ahmed Zaki, Harvard U- *Polarization as Potential? Negotiating Women's Rights in the Post-revolutionary Constitutions of Egypt and Tunisia*

Vickie Langohr, Col of the Holy Cross- *Fighting Violence against Women: The Role of New Youth Activists and Established Feminist Organizations in Fighting Sexual Harassment in Egypt and Tunisia*

Elizabeth Nugent, Yale U- *Affective and Ideological Polarization during the 'Arab Spring' Transitions: Evidence from Egypt and Tunisia*

Karen Pfeifer, Smith Col- *Economic Justice for Women in Egypt and Tunisia Since 2011*



(5146) **A Global Middle East and the Search for a Core**

Organizer: **Deen Sharp**, CUNY GC

Mona Atia, George Washington U

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U

Timur Hammond, Syracuse U

Jillian Schwedler, Hunter Col CUNY

Owain Lawson, Columbia U

Deen Sharp, CUNY GC

(5108) **Minstrelsy, Drag, Camp: Costuming and Performing New Identities in Persianate Eurasia, 1800-1940**

Organizers: **Belle Cheves** and **Samuel Hodgkin**

Belle Cheves, Harvard U- *Giving Slaves, Becoming Wives, Passing as Royal: Performing Roles of Domesticity in Qajar Iran*

Mira Xenia Schwerda, Harvard U- *Fashioning Identities for the Camera: Dress and Costume in Qajar and Pahlavi Photo Albums*
Rustin Zarkar, NYU- *Russian Dervishes and Red Minarets: Cultural Performance in the Soviet Gilan Republic*

Samuel Hodgkin, U of Chicago- *"We Have All Been Made Tajiks": The Soviet Afterlife of the Persianate Robe of Honor*



(5109) **Medicine and Science: Geography, Periodization, Rupture, Continuity (I)**

Organizer: **Matthew Melvin-Koushki**

Chair: **Hussein Abdulsater**, U of Notre Dame

Shireen Hamza, Harvard U
Nicholas G. Harris, U of Pennsylvania
Nukhet Varlik, Rutgers U Newark
Matthew Melvin-Koushki, U of South Carolina

Taylor Moore, Rutgers U

(5151) **Global Resource, Regional Development: Oil and Modernization in the 20th Century Middle East**

Organizer: **Nathan Citino**

Chair/Discussant: **Nelida Fuccaro**, NYU Abu Dhabi

Chris Dietrich, Fordham U- *"Too Much for Too Little": OPEC, International Law, and Oil Concessions in the 1960s*

Karine Walther, Georgetown U- *Qatar-Christianity, Modernity and Oil: American Missionary Cooperation with ARAMCO, 1933-1955*

Gregory Brew, Georgetown U- *The United States and the Dual Integration of Oil in Iran, 1945-1964*

Nathan Citino, Rice U- *"The 'Haves' and the 'Have Nots' in the Arab World": The UN, Oil, and Regional Development Planning After Suez*

8:30AM-10:30AM Saturday November 17

(5157) The Great Divergence in the Early Modern Middle East: Capitalism, Private Gain, and Institutional Instability

Organizers: **Ranin Kazemi** and **Kevan Harris**

Chair/Discussant: **Kevan Harris**, UCLA

Lisa Blaydes, Stanford U-Land, *Property Rights and Institutional Durability in Mamluk Egypt*

Rudi Matthee, U of Delaware-Iranian *Capitalism: Exceptionalism and Delayed Development*

Suraiya Faroqhi, Ibn Haldun U-Ottoman *Artisans and the Sultans' Administration before 1850: Debates in Historiography*

Ranin Kazemi, San Diego State U-Tobacco, *Eurasian Trade, and the Iranian Economy in the Early Modern Period*

(5191) Womanhood and Female Sexuality in the Late Ottoman Empire

Organizers: **Tugce Kayaal** and **Neveser Koker**

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

Kelly Hannavi, U of Michigan-Daughters of Armenia: *Affect, Difference, and the Politics of Domestication in 19th Century American Protestant Female Missionaries' Writings*

Neveser Koker, Arizona State U-"I Am Telling the Truth, Madam!": *Translating Ottoman-Muslim Women's Condition in Fatma Aliye's "Nisvan-i Islam"*

Canan Bolel, U of Washington-No Place for Jewish Madwomen: *A Reading of Female Body during the Crisis of Overcrowding in the Mental Asylums of Istanbul*

Tugce Kayaal, U of Michigan-Motherhood in Times of War: *Breastfeeding Practices and the Representation of Ottoman Women in Advice Literature (1911-1918)*

(5197) Practicing Sectarianism in Lebanon

Organizers: **Tsolin Nalbantian** and **Nadya J. Sbaiti**

Chair: **Ghenwa Hayek**, U of Chicago
Discussant: **Lara Deeb**, Scripps Col

Nadya J. Sbaiti, American U of Beirut-No Room for This Story: *Education and the Limits of Sectarianism*

Tsolin Nalbantian, Leiden U-Traveling Sectarianism: *The Armenian Church in Lebanon in America*

Yasemin Ipek, Stanford U
Blaming Sectarianism, Blaming with Sectarianism: Cross-Sectarian Civil Society Activism in Lebanon

Jenna Rice Rahaim, Macalester Col-*The Perils of Zakat: Ethical Reflection and Practices of Secularism and Non-Sectarianism among Lebanese Charitable Workers*

(5202) Global Encounters: Transnationalism and the New Political Economy of the Turkish Television Industry

Organizer: **Yesim Kaptan**

Chair: **Burcu Karahan**, Stanford U
Discussant: **Ayca Alemdaroglu**, Northwestern U

Yasemin Celikkol, U of Pennsylvania-Classic Orientalist Ways for Neo-Eurasianist Waves: *Russia's Response to Turkish Popular Culture*

Yesim Kaptan, Kent State U-Peripheral Connections: *Turkish Audiences' Reception to Popular Danish TV Series and Cultural Proximity*

Ece Algan, Loughborough U London-The Globalization of Turkey's Television Industry and Its Discontents

Eylem Yanardagoglu, Kadir Has U Turkey-Transnationalization of Turkish Television Series: *Dynamics of Distribution Production and Consumption*

(5235) Localizing International Regimes of Expertise in the MENA Region

Organizer: **Neha Vora**, Lafayette Col

Chair: **Anne T. Meneley**, Trent U

Amin Moghadam, Princeton U-Spaces of Global Culture, Sites of Local Inequalities: *Cultural Circulations and Socio-Spatial Dynamics in Iran*

Anne T. Meneley, Trent U-Fertile Circulations: *Planting, Foraging, Harvesting, Sharing*

Neha Vora, Lafayette Col-American Branch Campuses, Liberalism, and Transnational Qatar

Tessa Farmer, U of Virginia-Preserving Cairo's Antiquities, *Managing Cairo's Contemporary Housing: Wastewater and Land Tenure Systems in Ezbet Khairallah*

(5276) Blurring the Boundaries between the Military and Society during the Ottoman Empire's Long World War I

Organizer: **James N. Tallon**

Discussant: **Yigit Akin**, Tulane U

Armen Manuk-Khaloyan, Georgetown U-"If Only It Would Last a Little Longer": *Rethinking the Ottoman Armenian Experience upon the Outbreak of the Great War*

Charalampos Minasidis, U of Texas at Austin-War as a Political School. *Greek and Ottoman Citizen Soldiers between 1918 and 1923*

James N. Tallon, Lewis U-The Long World War I of the Ottoman Empire and the "Scramble for Arabia"

Gevorg Petrosyan, Institute of Oriental Studies, NAS, Armenia-"Intermediate" Intelligence: *Impact of Turkish Intelligence Services on Turkish War of Independence*

(5291) Proto-Nation States - Pluralism in Contemporary Muslim Societies

Chair: **Robert D. Lee**, Colorado Col

Zahiye Kundos, Tel-Aviv U-Islamic Civilization and Its Hermeneutical Discontent - *al-Āfghānī and 'Abduh's Concept of Madaniyyah*

Sami Emile Baroudi, Lebanese American U-Hannah Arendt, *the Human Condition and the Embrace of Human Plurality in the Discourses of two Contemporary Islamists: Sheikh Mohammad Abu Zahra (1898-1974) and Sheikh Wahbah al-Zuhaili (1935-2015)*

Evelyn Richardson, U of Chicago-"Bidayat al-qudama" (1838), *Ancient History, and the Discourse of Nationhood in Arabic*

Harald Viersen, U of Marburg-Between Self and Society: *Discourses of Authenticity in Contemporary Arab Thought*

Laura Thompson, Harvard U-Who Speaks for the Sacred?: *The Politics of Blasphemy in Tunisia from the Nineteenth Century to the Present-Day*

8:30AM-10:30AM Saturday November 17

(5305) Refugees and States in the Middle East

Chair: **Ian M. Hartshorn**, U of Nevada Reno

Leandros Fischer, U of Cyprus-*Home in the Borderland: Exclusionary Practices towards Middle Eastern Refugees in Cyprus as an Unintended Catalyst for Regional Integration*

Katrina E. Yeaw, U of Arkansas Little Rock-*Migrants and Slaves: Human*

Trafficking in the Libyan Territories from the Nineteenth Century to the Present

Mija Sanders, U of Arizona-*Metaphors of Violence and Mistrust of the State: Situating Rumor, Racism and War Stories of Syrian Refugees in Izmir, Turkey*

Jared Manasek, Pace U-*Sublime Security: Ottoman Protection of European Refugees, 1848-1849*

(5307) Unorthodoxies Shi'ism, Sufism, Feminism

Chair: **Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer**, NYU

Michael Dann, U of Illinois-*Zaydi and Imami Appropriations of Early Shi'i Hadith Narrators*

Samaneh Oladi, VCU-*Women's Interpretive Community: Between Feminism and Islamism*

Paul E. Walker, U of Chicago-*Al-Ghazzali as a Key Historical Witness to the Ismaili Doctrine of Ta'lim*

(5312) Minorities in the Middle East

Chair: **Gürer Karagedikli**, Middle East Technical U/Hebrew U of Jerusalem

Marcus Smith, Purdue U-*Iraqi Jews and the Ba'th Reshaping of the Iraqi Nation 1968-1973*

Aghil Daghagheleh, Rutgers U-*Rebellious Conversion? Shia-Sunni Conversion among Arab Minority in Iran*

Katharine Halls, American U in Cairo-*'It's the Pound That Talks': Dowry Debates in the Karaite Jewish Community in 1940s-50s Cairo*

Ceren Abi, UCLA-*Levantinia? Non-Muslim Communities in Times of War and Occupation*

Shervin Malekzadeh, Williams Col-*The Figure of the Forlorn Arab as Nationalist Foil in the Curriculum of Postrevolutionary Iran*

Gabriela Anouck Côte-Real, Galatasaray U and **Isabel David**, U of Lisbon-*The "Return" of Turkish Sephardic Jews to Portugal. Exit Without a Voice*

(5316) Translations and Travel Writing (5320) Occupied Lives: Settlements and Realities

Chair: **Paul E. Losensky**, Indiana U

Rosalind Buckton-Tucker, American U of Kuwait-*Ethnographical Awareness in Travel Writing: A Study of Tim Mackintosh-Smith and the Adventures of Ibn Battuta*

Angelica Maria DeAngelis, American U of Kuwait-*(Post)Modernism and Morocco: Narrating the Tanjawi in Hassan Najmi's "Gertrude"*

Ida Nitter, U of Pennsylvania-*Are They All Barbarians, Murderers, and Infidels? Two Norwegian-American Pilgrims' Encounters in the Holy Land*

Rama Alhabian, Cornell U-*From Fénelon to al-Ṭaḥṭāwī and from Télémaque to Tilimāk: the Maqāmah, Insular Forms, and Nesological Modernity*

Matthew Brauer, Northwestern U-*Maghrebi Literature and Japan in Khatibi and Haddad*

(5318) Transnational Feminism and Anti-colonialism

Chair: **Marya Hannun**, Georgetown U

Gulsah Torunoglu, Ohio State U-*Turkey as a Role Model for Egyptian Feminism, 1900 - 1935*

Serpil Atamaz, California State U Sacramento-*United in Goals, Divided by Borders: Turkish, Iranian, and Arab Suffragists in the Early Twentieth Century*

Ladan Zarabadi, U of Cincinnati-*The Double-Edged Sword of Transnational Feminism: A Comparative Analysis of the Politicization of Veiling in Iran and in the United States*

Chair: **Richard Cahill**, Berea Col

Padraigin O'Flynn, Kent State U-*Different Peaces, Similar Lives: Power Relations, Peace Agreements, and Lived Experiences in Palestine/Israel and Northern Ireland*

Natasha Roth-Rowland, U of Virginia-*The New Jewish Underground: Settlement and Excavation in East Jerusalem*

(5321) Education and Identity from Kuwait to Grenoble

Chair: **Jonas Elbousty**, Yale U

Caroline Kahlenberg, Harvard U-*"The Old Spirit of Comradeship": Jewish Students and Emerging Nationalisms at the American U of Beirut in the Early 20th Century*

Carine Bourget, U of Arizona-*Private Elementary Muslim Schools in France*

Amina Al-Kandari, U of California Berkeley-*Mediating Institutions: The Mubarakia School as a Modern System of Education*

Johanna L. Peterson, UC San Diego-*"The Perfect Stature of Active Citizens in the Kingdom of God": Defining Civic Participation at the American School for Girls in Beirut, 1919-1951*

8:30AM-10:30AM Saturday November 17

(5346) Space & Place in Turkey

Chair: **Pinar Batur**, Vassar Col

Miray Cakiroglu, NYU-*The Uses of Ancestors: Mobilizing the Tomb of Suleyman Shah*

Azat Gundogan, Florida State U-*Divergent Responses to Urban Transformation Projects in Turkey: The Role of State Affinity in Community Mobilization*

Aslihan Gunhan, Cornell U-*Malign Houses - Benign Museums: A Critical Biography of an Armenian Mansion in Istanbul*

Kyle T Evered, Michigan State U-*Inventing a Turkish Carlsbad: Yalova's Development as the Republic's Premier Therapeutic Landscape*

(5357) History through 17th Century Ottoman Eyes

Chair: **John VanderLippe**, SUNY Delhi

Lale Javanshir Kocabeyli, U of Toronto-*The Question of Hybridization of Genres: A Case Study of the Şehnâme-i Nâdirî*

Arlen Wiesenthal, U of Chicago-*Wayward Itinerancies of an Emperor in Disguise: Writing Ruler and Metropolis in Ottoman*

Accounts of Sultan Murad IV's (r. 1623-40) Sojourns through Istanbul

Charles Wilkins, Wake Forest U-*Mustafa Naima (1655-1716) and the Aleppo Military Establishment*

Kyle Wynter-Stoner, U of Chicago-*An Institutional History of Madrasas in 16th and 17th Century Ottoman Cairo*

Vefa Erginbas, Providence Col-*Early Islamic History in the Ottoman Empire: Sources and Conclusions (1300-1700)*



(5377) Middle East Feminist and Queer Studies: State of the Field

Organizer: **Frances S. Hasso**

Asli Zengin, Harvard U

Gul Ozyegin, William and Mary

Dina Al-Kassim, U of British Columbia

Ghada Mourad, UC Irvine

Minoo Moallem, UC Berkeley

Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore Col

Sima Shakhsari, U of Minnesota

Sarah Ghabrial, Concordia U

Angel M. Foster, U of Ottawa

Frances S. Hasso, Duke U

Lisa L. Wynn, Macquarie U

SPECIAL SESSION



(5374) Mosul as a Microcosm of the Issues Facing Iraq

Chair: F. Gregory Gause III, Texas A&M

Omar Mohammed, Yale U
Shamiran Mako, Boston U
Sara Farhan, York U

Omar Mohammed, revealed in December to be the anonymous blogger 'Mosul Eye' and now a PhD student at Yale University, joins fellow Iraq specialists to discuss the current situation in Iraq.

(5057) **The Birth of Modern Yemen: Internal Views of the 1960s Civil War**
Organizer: Marieke Brandt

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American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: J. E. Peterson, Tucson, Arizona

Marieke Brandt, Austrian Academy of Sciences-A *Tribe and Its States: Yemen's 1972 Bayhan Massacre Revisited*

Joshua Rogers, SOAS, U of London-Aid and Taxes: A Political Economy Analysis of the Civil War in North Yemen 1962-1970

Gabriele Vom Bruck, SOAS, U of London-Domestic Photography and Memories of Loss in Northern Yemen

Zaid Alwazir, Yemen Heritage & Research Center-The Third Force's Role in Yemen's Peacemaking and Achieving National Reconciliation (1964-1970)

(5077) **Gender, Migration, and Citizenship in Syrian Transhemispheric Diasporas**
Organizer: Randa Tawil

Chair: Akram Khater, North Carolina State U

Stacy Fahrenthold, California State U Stanislaus-*Factory and the Café: Working-Class Feminisms and the Politics of Emasculation in the Interwar Syrian Mahjar*

Randa Tawil, Yale U-*Suspect Sojourners: Syrian Transit through Marseille in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century*

Ayse Polat, U of Cambridge-*Migrant Trajectories and Structures of (Dis)Loyalty in the Ottoman Levant*

(5081) **Missionaries and Migrants beyond Boundaries: Transnationalism and the Coptic Question in Egypt and its Diasporas**

Organizer: Michael Akladios

Chair: Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser U
Discussant: Heather J. Sharkey, U of Pennsylvania

Paul Sedra, Simon Fraser U-A *Missionary Pope in a Secular Age? Reappraising the Role of Kirolos VI in Modern Egyptian History*

Candace Lukasik, UC Berkeley-*Migrating Minority: The Politics of Persecution between Egypt and the United States*

Michael Akladios, York U-*Migrants beyond Boundaries: Coptic Identity, Egyptian Ethnicity, and Canadian Multiculturalism, 1971-1985*

Mirna Wasef, UC San Diego-*Copt in the Middle: American Missionaries, Egyptian Nationalism and Coptic Protestant Identity Formation in Egypt, 1930-1967*

(5098) **Multidialectal and Multilingual Practices for Enhancing the Development of Arabic as a Foreign/ Second Language: Transcending Monolingual Models**
Organizer: Khaled Al Masaeed

Chair: Khaled Al Masaeed, Carnegie Mellon U

Khaled Al Masaeed, Carnegie Mellon U-*The Use of First Language in Second Language Learning Contexts*

Emma Trentman, U of New Mexico-*Monolingual Ideologies and Multilingual Practices in Arabic Study Abroad*

Sonia Shiri, U of Arizona-*Learning Arabic with the Multilingual and Multidialectal Host Family during Study Abroad*

Lama Nassif, Williams Col-*Integrating Colloquial Arabic into the Arabic L2 Curriculum: An Analysis of Learner Speech*



(5113) **Medicine and Science: Geography, Periodization, Rupture, Continuity, Part II**
Organizer: Daniel Stolz

Chair: Liat Kozma, Hebrew U

Daniel Stolz, U of Wisconsin-Madison
Beth Baron, City U of New York
Jane H. Murphy, Colorado Col
Elizabeth Williams, U of Massachusetts Lowell
Secil Yilmaz, Cornell U

(5136) **Ecological Spillover: Climate and Environmental Risks from the Indian Ocean World to the Middle East**
Organizers: Michael Christopher Low and Zozan Pehlivan

Chair: Sabri Ates, Southern Methodist U

Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U-*Microbial Mecca: Indian Ocean Cholera and the Ecologies of Empire, 1865-1914*

James M. Gustafson, Indiana State U-*Climate Crisis at the End of Safavid History: An Ecological Perspective*

Zozan Pehlivan, U of Minnesota-*The Drivers of Climatic Shifts in the Nineteenth-Century Middle East from a Global Perspective*

Faisal Husain, Pennsylvania State U-*Signals of the Late Maunder Minimum in the Ottoman Empire, 1675-1715*



(5137) **The Possibilities and Limitations of Locating the Global in the 1979 Iranian Revolution**
Organizers: Naghmeb Sohrabi and Golnar Nikpour

Naghmeb Sohrabi, Brandeis U
Arash Davari, Whitman Col
Arielle Gordon, Brandeis U
Golnar Nikpour, Dartmouth Col
Manijeh Moradian, Barnard Col, Columbia U

11:00AM-1:00PM Saturday November 17

(5161) Palestine, Latin America and the Caribbean: Encounters, Crossings, Parallels, Part I

Organizer: **Amal Equeiq**

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MESA's Latin American Middle East
Studies Working Group**

Discussants: **Cecilia Baeza**, PUC-SP and **James L. Gelvin**, UCLA

Amal Equeiq, Williams Col-*Aesthetics of Indigenous Affinity: From Chiapas to Palestine and Beyond*

Manal A. Jamal, James Madison U- *Beyond Analogy: Palestine in Comparative Perspective*

Nadim Bawalsa, NYU-*Palestine West of the Andes: A History of the Formation of a Jaaliya*

Shadi Rohana, El Colegio de México-*Latin America in the Palestinian Journal "Al-Karmel"*

Ghadeer Abu-Sneineh, Al-Jazeera-*Rebels in the Caribbean: The Untold History of Palestinians in the Sandinista Revolution*

(5172) Unsettled Sites: Decolonial Gestures and Reimagining Geography
Organizer: **Amira Jarmakani**

Chair: **Carol Fadda**, Syracuse U

Neda Maghbooleh, U of Toronto-*The Fragile Obligation: Transacting Gratitude and Discontent with Syrian Refugees Resettled in Canada*

Tahereh Aghdasifar, Loyola Marymount U-*Whose Lives Count?: Queering Iranian Asylum Narratives*

Amira Jarmakani, San Diego State U-*The Architecture of Orientalism in the Americas: Belly Dancing at the Intersections of Conquest and Ruins*

Nadine Sinno, Virginia Tech-*Defacing Sectarian Leaders with Wadi' al-Safi and Kermit the Frog: Beirut Graffiti and the Art of Reterritorialization*

(5230) Blurring Lines: Criminality and Public Order in Liberal Age Egypt
Organizer: **Christopher S. Rose**

Discussant: **Nefertiti Takla**, Manhattan Col

Christopher S. Rose, U of Texas/St. Edward's U-*Abolition and the 'White Slave Trade' in Interwar Egypt*

Mitch Bacci, Harvard U-*Intravenous Drug Use, Regional Diplomacy, and Institutional Development: A Global-Local History of Egyptian Narcotics Expertise*

Weston Bland, U of Pennsylvania-*Communal Governance and Public Order: Egyptian State Intervention into the Elections of the Coptic Communal Council*

(5236) The Politics of Art and Culture in the Gulf and Beyond

Organizers: **Gwenn Okruhlik** and **Dale Hudson**

**Sponsored by
Association for Gulf and Arabian
Peninsula Studies**

Chair/Discussant: **Fahed Al-Sumait**, Gulf U for Science and Technology

Suzi Mirgani, Georgetown U in Qatar-*Enter through the Gift Shop: Signifying a Modern National Identity through Qatar Museums' Merchandise*

Gwenn Okruhlik, Independent Scholar/AGAPS-*The Power and Politics of Contentious Creativity in Saudi Arabia*

Ali Almajnooni, Binghamton U SUNY-*The Musealization of Saudi Arabia's New Image: The Politics of a National Discourse in an International Context*

Dale Hudson, NYU Abu Dhabi-*Reorienting through Rebranding: Hollywood Film Production in the UAE as Post-oil Investment and Soft Power*

(5244) The Performance of Razm: Warfare in the Eastern Islamic World
Organizer: **Ali Karjoo-Ravary**

Chair: **Murat C. Yildiz**, Skidmore Col
Discussant: **Kameliya Atanasova**, Washington and Lee U

Marian Elizabeth Smith, U of Michigan-Ann Arbor-*Brotherhood and Betrayal: Timur, Toqtamish Khan, and the Ethics of Loyalty and War in Hatifi's Timurnama*

Ali Karjoo-Ravary, Bucknell U-*Embodying the Seventh Pillar of Islam: Jihad in 14th Century Eastern Anatolia*

Golriz Farshi, U of Michigan-*From Ghazaniyya to the Sahib Abad Square: The Ritual and Martial Performance of Open Spaces in Medieval Tabriz*

(5256) Gender, Law and Violence in Lebanon - Feminist Contestations Post-Arab Uprisings

Organizer: **Connie Christiansen**

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Lebanese Studies Association**

Myriam Sfeir, Lebanese American U-*The Short-Lived Case of Civil Marriage in Lebanon*

Jennifer Skulte-Ouaiss, Lebanese American U-*Can Including More Women Change the Political Debate in Lebanon?*

Connie Christiansen, Lebanese American U-*Global-Local Norm Diffusion? - Hizbollah Women Activists and Lebanon's Confessional Legal System*

Samira Aghacy, Lebanese American U-*Subverting Boundaries: Masculine Control within the Home Space in Two Lebanese Novels*

(5264) The Particular and the Universal: Reading and Theorizing Middle Eastern Literatures in Global Literary Contexts

Organizers: **Cameron Cross** and **Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora**

Chair: **Levi Thompson**, U of Colorado Boulder

Sara Grewal, MacEwan U-*Between Tazkirah and Tarikh: "Civilizing" the Urdu Tradition*

Cameron Cross, U of Michigan, Ann Arbor-*"I Know It When I See It": Towards a Theory of the Romance Genre*

Fatima Burney, SOAS, U of London-*Natural Genres, World Literature, and the Urdu Ghazal*

Nazli Ipek Huner-Cora, U of Chicago-*Wondrous Water: The Flow of Acaib and Garaib*



(5284) Gender, Capitalism, and the Global Middle East

Organizer: **Rebecca Gruskin**

Session Leader: **Rebecca Gruskin**, Stanford U

Leila Asadi, Arizona State U

Issues in the Profession



How Can We Continue To Do Research in the Arab World?

Organized by Rabab El-Mahdi

Organized under the auspices of American University in Cairo (AUC)

Chair: Nathan J. Brown, George Washington U

Laryssa Chomiak, American Institute of Maghreb Studies

Rabab El-Mahdi, American U in Cairo

Miriam R. Lowi, Col of New Jersey

Ellen Lust, U of Gothenburg

Sarah Parkinsinon, Johns Hopkins University

Jillian Schwedler, Hunter Col CUNY

In recent years, conducting field research has become increasingly difficult, particularly in states or regions characterized by violent conflict, repressive political regimes, or state failure. Working under such conditions, or with communities facing similar circumstances, is challenging. Researchers need to protect themselves and others. This session discusses the challenges facing those conducting research in the Arab world today and ways to work around them. It draws on panelists' experiences, lessons learned, and discussions with others to explore issues from how to conduct research in the field, given our different methodologies, to issues of personal safety and security. The session aims to contribute to the ongoing endeavors to keep the region accessible and intelligible in these changing times. What are the challenges facing researchers in the different countries of the region? What are the ways of overcoming some of these challenges or at least minimizing the risks? How can we be cautious but not alarmist, pushing away potential students of the region? These are some of the questions that the session will address.

(5304) Arab Minorities in Iran and Israel

Gershon Shafir, UC San Diego-*Lehava in Jerusalem: Moral Panic, Vigilantism, and the Policing of the Boundaries of Jewishness*

Aghil Daghagheleh, Rutgers U-*Rebellious Conversion? Shia-Sunni Conversion among Arab Minority in Iran*

Shervin Malekzadeh, Williams Col-*The Figure of the Forlorn Arab as Nationalist Foil in the Curriculum of Postrevolutionary Iran*

(5309) Representations of the Past/Presentations of the Present

Chair: Julia Clancy-Smith, U of Arizona

Virginie Rey, UC Irvine-*Spaces of Mediation: Tunisian Ethnographic Museums from Colonial Times to the Post-revolutionary Period*

Idun Hauge, Georgetown U-*Performing a Past Caliphate at the Alhambra in Photography*

Nisa Ari, Massachusetts Institute of Technology-*Fair Competition: Opposing Internationalisms in Palestine's "National" Fairs of the 1930s*

Iman Saca, Saint Xavier U-*Heritage Protection through Public Engagement: A Community Archaeology Approach*

(5319) Late Ottoman Modernities

Melis Hafez, Virginia Commonwealth U-*Moral Moderns: Late Ottoman Moral Entrepreneurs*

Ekin Enacar, U of Chicago-*Hot Air Balloons, Airplanes and Flying Automobiles: Politicized Symbols of Progress in Ottoman Press (1908-1911)*

(5331) Early Women's Voices

Chair: Tara Stephan, NYU

Denise A. Spellberg, U of Texas at Austin-*The Global Reach of 'A'isha bint Abi Bakr's Life, from the Medieval Islamic World to Early Modern North America*

Jamila Davey, U of Texas at Austin-*Gender, Audience and Authority: The Survival of Female Voices in Ibn Tayfur's "Balaghat al-Nisa"*

(5335) Poetics & Poet Biographies

Chair: Tamir Sorek, U of Florida

Suzanne P. Stetkevych, Georgetown U-*The Art of Self-Defense: The Poetics of the Boast (fakhr) in al-Ma'arri's "Saqt al-Zand # 16"*

Jennifer Tobkin, George Washington U-*Revisiting Cheikho's Assessment of Abū Tammām's Christian Origins*

Catherine Ambler, Columbia U-*The Poetic through the Poets*

(5348) Cross-National Research on Contemporary Middle East Politics

Chair: James H. Sunday, American U in Cairo

Joseph A. Florence, Cornell U-*The Effects of Cross-National Investment on Domestic Governance in the Middle East*

Shreya Parikh, UNC Chapel Hill-*Church-State Relations and Pluralistic Values in the Middle East and North Africa Region*

Lisa Baranik, U at Albany SUNY-*Social Capital and Income: How Important is Wasta?*

(5369) Challenges and Opportunities in Armenian Ottoman Life

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Chair: Amy Singer, Tel Aviv U/All Souls Col, Oxford

Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky, Stanford U-*Becoming Armenians: Conversions of Muslims to Armenian Apostolic Faith in the Late Imperial Caucasus*

Nader Sohrabi, Leipzig U-*The Public and Adana Massacres of 1909*

Gürer Karagedikli, Middle East Technical U/Hebrew U of Jerusalem-*The Rise of an Ottoman Armenian Community in the Early Modern Period: Armenians of Edirne during the 17th and 18th Centuries*



MESA Members Meeting

1:15-2:45pm

Texas Ballroom A

Presidential Panel



**Challenging Times:
Protecting Academia in an Era of Change**

Organizer: **Judith E. Tucker**

Chair: **Abdel Razzaq Takriti**, U of Houston

Beth Baron, City U of New York

Laurie Brand, U of Southern California

Dima Khalidi, Palestine Legal

David McNally, U of Houston

Karma Nabulsi, U of Oxford

This presidential panel aims to center a conversation at MESA on contemporary political shifts and their implications for academia in the present era. The intensification of ongoing attacks on civil liberties in the US and elsewhere has created an atmosphere of insecurity that affects academia in general, and disproportionately impacts Middle East scholars and students in particular. How can we build protective mechanisms and dispel fear given these conditions? In what ways can scholars contribute to grassroots, national and international efforts of pushing back and upholding the rights to dissent and organize in the face of growing state repression? How can we bolster academics working under precarious conditions both in the US, and abroad, particularly in the Middle East? What has MESA been doing so far and what more can it do in this context? These are some of the questions we will be discussing.

(5059) Beyond the Written Word: Unity and Diversity across Transmission and Transformation of Medieval Textual Traditions in the Arabian Peninsula
Organizer: **Corrado la Martire**

Chair: **Anne Regourd**, CNRS, UMR 7192
Discussant: **Corrado la Martire**, U of Cologne

Anne Regourd, CNRS, UMR 7192-*Questioning the Birth of a Tradition*

Massimo Campanini, U of Trento-*The Qur'an and Late Antiquity: A Critical Reconsideration*

Corrado la Martire, U of Cologne-*How to Conceal the Tradition into the Text: Tayyibi Isma'ili "Codes of Conduct" (adab al-du'at) between Yemen and India*

Valerie Hoffman, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign-*The Development of Ibadi Textual Tradition in the Arabian Peninsula*

(5075) Imperial Mobilities, National Boundaries: Emerging Borderlands of the Interwar Middle East

Organizer: **Jordi Tejel Gorgas**

Chair: **Seda Altug**, Bogazici U
Discussant: **Sabri Ates**, Southern Methodist U

Ramazan Hakki Oztan, U of Neuchâtel-*The Great Depression (1929) and the Making of Turkey's Southern Border, 1929-1939*

Carl Bryant Shook, U of Chicago-*The Origins and Development of Iraq's Boundaries: Policing the Movement of Arab Bedouin Tribes along the Nejd and Syrian Borderlands, 1920-1928*

Jordi Tejel Gorgas, U of Neuchâtel-*The Making of the Syrian-Turkish Border through the Lenses of Short Distance Mobilities, 1929-1939*

Viktorya Abrahamyan, U of Neuchâtel-*Refugee Flows and the Making of Modern Day Syria (1920-1939)*



(TC5086) Reading the Middle East Comparatively

Organizer: **Roberta Micallef**, Boston U

C. Ceyhun Arslan, Koç U

Roberta Micallef, Boston U

Persis Karim, San Francisco State U

Hulya Adak, Sabanci U

(5110) Jurji Zaydan beyond Arabic: Receptions, Translations, Legacies

Organizer: **Shir Alon**

Discussant: **Orit Bashkin**, U of Chicago

Esmat Elhalaby, Rice U-*A Tale of Two Crescents: Arab Christians, Indian Muslims, and Minority Intellectual History*

Alexander Jabbari, U of Oklahoma-*More Arab Than the Arabs: Shibli Nu'mani's Critique of Jurji Zaydan*

Shir Alon, Washington and Lee U-*Jurji Zaydan and the Problem of Hebrew Literary Revival*

Esra Tasdelen, North Central Col-*From 'Abbasa Ukht al-Rashid' to 'Abbase Sultan': An Analysis of Jurji Zaydan's Historical Fiction in Turkish Translation*



(5118) Challenges Facing Yemen's Millennia-Long Cultural Heritage

Organizer: **Mac Skelton**, Johns Hopkins U

Chair: **Sama'a Al-Hamdani**, Yemen Cultural Institute for Heritage and the Arts

Alexander Nagel, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History
Najwa Adra, American Institute for Yemeni Studies

Nathalie Peutz, NYU Abu Dhabi
Sabine Schmidtke, Institute for Advanced Study

3:00PM-5:00PM Saturday November 17

(5121) Ottoman North Africa: The Western Center of Empire

Organizer: **Mukaram Hhana**,

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

M'Hamed Oualdi, Princeton U—"Necro-Policies": Burials and Cemeteries as a Political Resource for the Ottomans Across the Mediterranean

Mukaram Hhana, Smith Col-Tripolitan Bornu: North African Empire Building

Youssef Ben Ismail, Harvard U-Fez Makers of the Empire: The Everyday Life of the Tunisian Fesciler in fin-de-siècle Istanbul

(5124) Dynamics of Turkish Foreign Policy: How Serious is Turkey's Turn Away from the West?

Organizer: **Paul Kubicek**

Organized under the auspices of
Journal of Turkish Studies

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

Discussant: **Malik Mufti**, Tufts U

Lisel Hintz, Johns Hopkins U-From Friends to Foes: Explaining Turbulence in Turkish-Syrian Relations

Ersin Mahmut Kalaycioglu, Sabanci U-Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy: Case of Turkey

Paul Kubicek, Oakland U-Beyond Pragmatism: Exploring the Political and Ideological Bases for the Improving Russian-Turkish Relationship

Lenore G. Martin, Harvard U-Analyzing A Tumultuous Relationship: Turkey and the U.S. in the Middle East

(5131) Narrating Transnational Arab and Muslim Womanhood

Organizer: **Enaya Othman**

Chair: **Enaya Othman**, Marquette U

Discussant: **Caroline F. Seymour-Jorn**, U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Marya Hannun, Georgetown U-From Cairo to Kabul and Back Again: Exploring Early 20th Century Women's Movements through the Movement of Women

Anny Gaul, Georgetown U-Early Women's Movements in Egypt and Morocco: Domestic Concerns, Transnational Currents

Enaya Othman, Marquette U-American Palestinian Women's Marriages within and Beyond Borders: Contestation, Negotiation, and Agency

Kimberly W. Segall, Seattle Pacific U-Destabilizing Narratives of Arab Women: Generational Gaps and Hybrid Agency in Rajia Hassib's "In the Language of Miracles"

Ibtisam M. Abujad, Marquette U-Bint Bent: Embodiment, Gendered Trauma, and Arab Womanhood in al-Tahawy's "The Tent"

(5163) Mediterraneanism: Local-Mediterranean Encounters in the Middle East

Organizer: **Alon Tam**

Yaron Ayalon, Ball State U-Jews and Others in the Ottoman Mediterranean World

Alon Tam, U of Pennsylvania-Intersecting Mediterraneanism and Social Hierarchy: Cairo's Coffeehouses at the Turn of the 20th Century

Omar Foda, GWU Library-A Mediterranean Industry?: The Egyptian Beer Industry, 1890 to 1961

(5165) Beyond Revolution: Emerging Gendered Perspectives from Modern Arab History

Organizers: **Bettina Dennerlein** and **Nadia Al-Bagdadi**

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Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS)

Chair: **Nadia Al-Bagdadi**, Central European U

Marnia Lazreg, Hunter Col-The Battle of Names: The Algerian War between Insurgency and Revolution

Randi C. Deguilhem, CNRS, TELEMMe, MMSH, GenderMed, Aix-Marseille U-The Power of Words: Gender, the Nahda Vocabulary and the Syrian Revolution

Bettina Dennerlein, U of Zurich-Gendering Nationalism. The Moroccan "Revolution of the King and the People"

Aymon Kreil, Ghent U-"I <3 the State of Emergency": June 30, 2013 in Egypt as Experience of Revolutionary Subjectivation

Nadia Al-Bagdadi, Central European U-When is Revolution? Gender and the Social in Late Ottoman-Arab Thought

(5215) Crisis and Catastrophe: Conceptualizing Engaged Arab Film and Literature through a Syrian Lens

Organizers: **Stephen E. Tamari** and **Nadia G. Yaqub**

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Discussants: **Nadia G. Yaqub**, UNC Chapel Hill and **Nadya J. Sbaiti**, American U of Beirut

Stephen E. Tamari, Southern Illinois U Edwardsville-Absurdist Engagement: Syrian Sketch Comedy as Antidote to Despair

Christa Salamandra, City U of New York-The Pessoptimism of Syrian Social Realism

Nouri Gana, UCLA-Melancholy and Critique in Contemporary Arabic Literature and Culture

Josepha Wessels, Lund U Sweden-Agency of Syrian Documentary Filmmakers in Exile and the Cross-Boundary Nature of Their Art and Creativity

(5241) Memory and Mediation in Lebanon: Commodifying and Consuming Images of the Past

Organizers: **Molly Theodora Oringer** and **Kareem Estefan**

Fabiola Hanna, UC Santa Cruz-Impossible Conversations About Histories of Lebanon

Molly Theodora Oringer, UCLA-Bounded Nostalgia: The Production and Consumption of Coffee-Table Books and the Potentiality of the Personal Archive in Post-Civil War Lebanon

Kareem Estefan, Brown U-Animating the Witness: Marwa Arsanios and Mounira al-Solh's Images of Potential History

Jared McCormick, NYU-Historical Views of Tourism in Lebanon: From Metadata to Interface, 'A View from the View'

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(5270) Trans-Saharan Projections of Power: Chinese, Russian, French, American, GCC, and Jihadist Cooperation and Competition in the Maghreb-Sahel

Organizer: **William Lawrence**

Discussant: **Robert P. Parks**, Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie

Djallil Lounnas, Al Akahwayn U-*Between Rivalry and Cooperation: North Africa/Sahel Jihadi Organizational Mutation and Regional and International Security Implications*

Yahia Zoubir, KEDGE Business School, France-*China's Projections in the Maghreb and Egypt: Can China Supplant Western Powers?*

Jalel Harchaoui, Independent Scholar-*Principles, Pillars, Patterns and Imperatives in Algerian Foreign Policy since 1999*

William Lawrence, George Washington U-*The Perils of Big Stick, (Petro-)Dollar, and Goldilocks Diplomacy: American and GCC Engagements in the Maghreb*



(5277) Refugees and the Resettled: The Challenges of Engaged Research within Middle Eastern American Communities

Organizer: **Sally Howell**

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Chair: **Sally Howell**, U of Michigan-Dearborn

Waleed Mahdi, U of Oklahoma
Erin Hughes, Independent Scholar
Stacy Fahrenthold, California State U Stanislaus

(5288) Minority Communities: Identity, Law and Politics

Chair: **Ioannis N. Grigoriadis**, Bilkent U

Anna Kensicki, SOAS, U of London-*Theorizing Half-Statelessness as De-Humanization: A Case Study of the Nationality Law in Israel*

Pinar Akdeniz, Bilkent U-*Defining Alevism: Boundary Making Strategies among Alevis in Turkey*

Yüksel Sezgin, Syracuse U-*"Non-Muslim Mujtahids": Viability of Judicial Interventions in Muslim Family Laws by Civil Courts in Non-Muslim Regimes*

Dalal Daoud, Queen's U-*The Islamist Approach to Minorities: The Cases of Sudan, Turkey and Iran*

Kerstin Hünefeld, U of Pennsylvania-*Dhimma Space: The Protection Relationship as a Socio-Political 'Field'*

(5299) Envisioning Military, Terrorism and Gender

Chair: **Zeinab Abul-Magd**, Oberlin Col

Laila Riazi, UC Berkeley-*Reading in the Dark: Spectral Sites and Black Sights in Mohamedou Ould Slahi's "Guantanamo Diary"*

Nina Safran, Penn State U-*A Tunisian Jurist's View of Jihad in the Fifteenth Century: Al-Burzuli's Mediterranean Perspective*

Abdelkader Berrahmoun, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and **Karima Benabdallah**, UCL Louvain la Neuve-*Freedom Fighting, Equal Rights, Nation Building and Emancipation: Evolution of the Algerian Women's Struggle from 1954 to the Present*

Ayse Lokmanoglu, Georgia State U-*A Textual and Visual Analysis of ISIS Media Channel for Women*

Mohamad Elmasry, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies and **Mohammed El-Nawawy**, Queens U of Charlotte-*Framing Terror: A Comparative Quantitative Content Analysis of American Newspaper Coverage of Major Attacks*

(5323) Eurasian Encounters: Reconciliations and Circulations

Chair: **Hazem Jamjoum**, NYU

John M. Willis, U of Colorado-*Cosmopolitanism in Translation: Muhammad al-Zubayri in Pakistan*

August Samie, U of Chicago-*Textbook Imperialism: 16th Century Uzbek History from a 21st Century Perspective*

John Chen, Columbia U-*Another Sun in the East? "China" in Modern Arabic Thought*

Erin O'Halloran, St Antony's Col, Oxford-*Indian-Egyptian Nationalist Interaction on the Cusp of War: Domestic, Colonial, and International Agendas, 1937-1939*

(5336) Iranian Diasporas

Chair: **Zohreh Soltani**, Binghamton U

Ehsan Estiri, Ohio State U-*Rethinking Talal Asad's Discursive Tradition: Muslim-Iranians' Re-contextualization of Shia Traditions in Los Angeles*

Erfan Saidi Moqadam, U of Kentucky-*Iranian Religion and Nationalism, Territorialized and Deterritorialized*

Afsane Rezaei, Ohio State U-*Navigating the "Halfie" Position: Fieldwork with Muslim and Christian Iranian Communities in the US*

Janet L. Bauer, Trinity Col-*Global Shi'ism: Iran in the Caribbean*

(5342) Pedagogy in Middle East Studies

Mark Stein, Muhlenberg Col and **Brian Mello**, Muhlenberg Col-*Contingency and Emotion: Simulating Middle East Protest and Revolution in the Classroom*

Ozen Guven, NYU-*Fear, Mistrust, and Resentment in Resistance and Silence among Exiled Syrian Teachers in Turkey*

Juan E. Campo, UC Santa Barbara-*Teaching About the Global Middle East through Its Culinary Cultures*

(5351) Politics & Identity in the Arab States of the Gulf

Chelsi Mueller, Tel Aviv U-*Memory Politics in Bahrain: The Invocation of History during the 2011-2014 Protests*

Tyler Schuenemann, U of Massachusetts Amherst-*Ideological Power and Rentier States: Agenda Setting in Oman after Cyclone Gonu*

Robyn Morse, U of Texas at Austin-*Returning from Exile: The Politics of the Shi'i in Saudi Arabia*

Bethany Shockley, U of Bath and **Justin Gengler**, SESRI, Qatar U-*Sharing Citizenship: Identity and Naturalization Preferences in the Rentier State*

(5362) Topics in Arabic Language

3:00PM-5:00PM Saturday November 17

Chair: **Qussay Al-Attabi**, Kenyon Col

Cory Jorgensen, George Washington U-*Spaced Repetition Software in Arabic Vocabulary Acquisition*

Olga Verlato, NYU-*The Polyglot Mask: Multilingual Practices and Discourses in the Egyptian 1890s*

Nadirah Mansour, Princeton U-*The Global-Local in Arabic Language Press*

Allison Korinek, NYU-*Tongue Tied: The Transnational Roots of French Algeria's Interprétariat, 1830-1848*

Henry Gorman, Vanderbilt U-*Hard Gutturals and Strange Idioms: How Americans First Learned Arabic, 1830-1890*

(5376) Palestine, Latin America and

the Caribbean: Encounters, Crossings, Parallels, Part II

Organizer: **Amal Egeiq**, Williams Col

Chair/Discussant: **Linda Quiquívix**, Living Books Institute for Community Ecology

Gilberto Conde, El Colegio de México-*Facing the Wall: From Tijuana to Palestine*

Gavriel Cutipa-Zorn, Yale U-*Expert Enclosure: Counterinsurgent Agriculture in Palestine, the US, and Guatemala*

Beatrice pita, UC San Diego and **Rosaura Sánchez**, UC San Diego-*1848, 1898, 1948 and 2018. The Past as Present*

Carlos Fernando López de la Torre, Instituto de Investigaciones-*The Cuban Poster and Palestine. Internationalism and Solidarity Embodied in Images*

Rigoberto Domingo Menéndez Paredes Menéndez Parede, Casa de los Árabes in Havana, Cuba-*The Arab Community of Cuba: The Case of the Palestinians from the Past to the Present*

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(5079) **The Coalescence of Resistance: Negotiations and Protests in Late Ottoman and Monarchic Iraq**

Organizer: **Sara Farhan**

Chair: **Elizabeth Bishop**, Texas State U
Discussant: **Thabit A.J. Abdullah**, York U

Ali Hammoudi, York U-*The Oil Workers' Struggle against the Legal Spatiality of Imperialism in the Iraqi Oil Frontier (1927-1948)*

Andrew Alger, Graduate Center CUNY-*"The Social Subsoil of Baghdad in Revolt": Urban Infrastructure and Popular Protest, 1930-1958*

Annie Greene, U of Pennsylvania-*Mobilizing Support through Multiple Channels: Ottoman-Baghdadi Jews' Recourse to Justice*

Sara Farhan, York U-*'Doctors and Guerrillas': Medical Student Protests in Monarchic Iraq*



(5115) **Border-Crossing, Border-Making: New Approaches to Middle East-Indian Ocean Connections**

Organizer: **John Chen**, Columbia U

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Michael Christopher Low, Iowa State U
Amal Ghazal, Simon Fraser U
Mandana E. Limbert, City U of New York
John M. Willis, U of Colorado

(5123) **Middle East Urban Soundscapes in the Long 20th Century**

Organizer: **Ziad Fahmy**

Chair/Discussant: **G. Carole Woodall**, U of Colorado Colorado Springs

Andrea L. Stanton, U of Denver-*Situating Radio in the Soundscape of Mandate Jerusalem*

Nahid Siamdoust, Yale U-*Tehran's Contested Soundscape: A Revolution and Its Aftermath*

Ziad Fahmy, Cornell U-*Walking and Working the Streets: Regulating and Silencing Sounds and Bodies in Early Twentieth Century Cairo*

Elvan Cobb, Cornell U-*Whistles of Steam: Hearing the Railways of Izmir*

(5139) **Imaginary Matters: Visualizing Space and History in the Global Middle East**

Organizer: **Sintia Issa**

Chair: **Peter Limbrick**, UC Santa Cruz
Discussant: **Laura U. Marks**, Simon Fraser U

Rana Jarbou, UC Santa Cruz-*Al-Tih (The Wasteland) A Counter-Narrative of the History of Spatialization in Saudi's Oil-Rich Eastern Province*

Sintia Issa, UC Santa Cruz-*Waste Imaginaries between Matter and Language in "The Blue Barrel Grove" (2013-)*

Peter Limbrick, UC Santa Cruz-*Spaces of Dispossession: Experiments with the Real in Contemporary Maghribi Documentary*



(5162) **Local Markers to Analytic Categories: Nation, Race, and Sect between Governmentality and Scholarship**

Organizer: **Joshua Schreier**

Chair: **Joshua Schreier**, Vassar Col

Sa'ed Atshan, Swarthmore Col
Sarah Ghabrial, Concordia U
Benjamin Schreier, Penn State U
Laura Robson, Portland State U

(5182) **Navigating the Boundaries of Identity: Race, Religion and Ethnicity in the Middle East**

Organizer: **Saghar Sadeghian**

Chair: **Secil Yilmaz**, Cornell U

Naysan Adlparvar, Yale U-*Beyond Boundaries: Political Reconstruction and Interethnic Relations in Bamyan, Afghanistan*
Michael Ferguson, Concordia U

U-Registration of Emancipated Africans in the Late Ottoman Empire (1885-1902)

Saghar Sadeghian, Willamette U-*Conversion as Boundary Crossing: Non-Muslim Conversions in Mid 19th and Early 20th Century Iran*

(5183) **'Macht' and 'Herrschaft' in Persianate Chronicles from Medieval and Early Modern India**

Organizer: **Tilmann Trausch**

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Middle East Medievalists

Chair: **Tilmann Trausch**, U of Bonn

Stephan Conermann, U of Bonn-*Narratological Approaches to Abd al-Malik Isami's (fl. 1350) Epic "Futuh al-salatin"*

Blain Auer, U of Lausanne-*Islamic Genealogies of Prophets and Persian Kings*
Florian Saalfeld, U of Bonn-*How to Herald a Future Ruler: The Depiction of Ghiyath al-Din Balban (r. 1266-87) in the Tabaqat-i Nasiri of Minhaj al-Siraj Juzjani*

Anna Kollatz, U of Bonn-*Communicating Macht and Herrschaft. Examples from the Early Shah Jahani Period*

(5196) **The Embodied Performer Speaks: From Text to Performance Event**

Organizer: **Samer Ali**

Chair: **Katrien Vanpee**, U of Minnesota

Samer Ali, U of Michigan-*Classical Arabic Adab: A Performance Approach*
Kaley Keener, Philadelphia, PA-*Re-imagining Female Sufi Agency: 'A'ishah al-Ba'uniyah in the Public Sphere*

Nathan Tabor, Western Michigan U-*The Feel of Sociability: Poetry Salons and Vernacular Literary Ideals in 1740s Delhi*
Peter Knapczyk, UNC Chapel Hill-*The Urdu Marsiyah and the Battleground of Aesthetics: Performance and Literary Rivalry in Nawabi Awadh*

(5211) **Knowledge Production in the Context of Colonial-Racial Capitalism: New Trends in Post/Decolonial and Political Economy Scholarship on the Maghreb and Mashriq**
Organizers: **Corinna Mullin** and **Anaheed Al-Hardan**

Chair: **Habib Ayeb**, Paris 8 U – France
Discussant: **Max Ajl**, Cornell U

Rouabah Brahim, CUNY Graduate Center-*History, Theory and Private Property: A Decolonial Approach*

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Nada Trigui, Independent Scholar-
Tunisia's Agricultural Policy: Beyond Colonial Models

Edna Bonhomme, Max Planck Institute for History of Science-*Science, Occupation, and Secularization: Transformations in Ottoman Egyptian Pedagogy, 1205-1240 AH/1791-1830 CE*

Anaheed Al-Hardan, Columbia U-On
South-South Circulations, Histories and Possibilities in the Arab World

Corinna Mullin, John Jay Col, CUNY-The
Tunisian Academy and the Transnational "Undercommons": Insights from Black Studies and Decolonial Theory

(5212) Culture and Revolution in Beirut: Counter-Narratives in Politics, Literature, and Art

Organizers: **Adey Almohsen**, **Reema Salha Fadda** and **Nate George**

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Chair: **Elizabeth Holt**, Bard Col

Adey Almohsen, U of Minnesota-
Critiquing Exile/Theorizing Nation: An Account of Post-1948 Palestinian Literary Criticism

Nate George, Rice U-"Our 1789": *Kamal Jumblatt, the Lebanese National Movement, and the Abolition of Sectarianism in Lebanon, 1975-1977*

Reema Salha Fadda, U of Oxford-
Competing Visions for a Transnational Museum? Negotiating the Political Economy of Palestinian Cultural Production in a Neoliberal Age

(5217) Power Shifts: Energy Transitions in the Middle East
Organizers: **Ciruce A. Movahedi-Lankarani** and **Nimrod Ben Zeev**

Discussant: **Katayoun Shafiee**, U of Warwick

Ciruce A. Movahedi-Lankarani, U of Pennsylvania-*Clear Skies: Natural Gas, the Environment, and Iranian Modernization*

Shira Pinhas, Tel Aviv U-"A Land Flowing with Milk and Oil": *Automobility and Standstill in Mandate Palestine*

Nimrod Ben Zeev, U of Pennsylvania-
Cooking Rocks: Cement Production, Energy, and Power in Mandate Palestine

(5218) Disease, Famine, and Guilt: Environmental Legacies of World War I
Organizer: **Graham Auman Pitts**

Chair: **Aimee Genell**, U of West Georgia
Discussant: **Elizabeth Thompson**, American U

Hratch Kestonian, Graduate Center CUNY-
Armenian Doctors and the Medicalization of the Nation after the Genocide

Graham Auman Pitts, North Carolina State U-*The Environmental Legacy of World War I for Armenian and Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*

Sara Pekow, Graduate Center CUNY-
The Lessons of Famine: The Allies' Supply Plans in Syria during World War II

Chris Gratien, U of Virginia-*Malaria and the Legacy of WWI*

(5255) Precarious Crossings: Gender, Borders, and Embodiment
Organizer: **Sima Shakhsari**

Chair/Discussant: **Minoo Moallem**, UC Berkeley

Sima Shakhsari, U of Minnesota-
Queer Times: Refugee Rights and Its Discontents

Sonali Pahwa, U of Minnesota-
#Hijababes: Performing Muslim Cool on Instagram and Facebook

Nina Farnia, UC Davis-
Law and Its Gendering of Palestinian Activism in the LA8 Case

Asli Zengin, Harvard U-
Mortal Intimacies: Transgender Funerals, Mourning and Caring for the Dead in Turkey

(5265) Global Sufi Literatures: Tracing Significant Geographies of Maghrebi, Turkish, and Ethiopian Sufi Texts
Organizer: **July Blalack**

Cathlene Dollar, U of Cape Town-
Tanri Uludur or Allahu Akbar? Sufi Islamism in Republican Turkey

Michele Petrone, U of Copenhagen-
Prayer on the Prophet and the Image of Muhammad in 18th Century Ethiopia

July Blalack, SOAS, U of London-
Travel Outside and Inside: Maghrebi Sufi Response to Foreign Invasion

(5266) Debating Sectarianism and Minorities in the Middle East
Organizers: **Linda Sayed** and **Seda Altug**

Chair: **Ussama Makdisi**, Rice U

Bedross Der Matossian, U of Nebraska-Lincoln

Seda Altug, Bogazici U

Linda Sayed, Michigan State U

Dylan Baun, U of Alabama in Huntsville

(5283) Turkey during the Cold War: New Perspectives and Fresh Insights
Organizer: **Semih Gokatalay**

Chair: **Baris Tasyakan**, UC San Diego
Discussant: **Patrick Adamiak**, UC San Diego

Gozde Emem Gokatalay, Skilliter Centre for Ottoman Studies-
Recalling Nene Hatun and Gendering the Nation in Turkey during the Early Cold War

Semih Gokatalay, UC San Diego-
Turkish Concerns over Reputation in the Making of the Post-War Turkish-American Rapprochement

Sumeyra Aydemir, UC San Diego-
Education Policy in Post-1980 Turkey: Religion, Security and the State

Reuben Silverman, UC San Diego-
Conceiving the Democratic Party: Cold War Social Scientists and Turkish Leaders in the 1950s

(5289) Issues in Israel's Foreign Policy

Chair: **Richard Cahill**, Berea Col

Berkay Gulen, U of Washington-
Are Diplomats Out of the Game? Turkey-Israel Relations from the Perspectives of Turkish Diplomats

Geoffrey Levin, NYU-
Zionism's Wayward Son: Don Peretz and the Palestinians

Shay Hazkani, U of Maryland Col Park-
Manipulating the Record: Crafting a Pro-Israeli Nakba Narrative from Ben Gurion to Netanyahu

Special Session



**Celebrating Scholarship:
MESA Book Awards Winners Discuss Their Work**

Winners of this year's Hourani, Keddie, and Mernissi prizes engage in a discussion with members of the book-prize selection committee. In the panel the authors will discuss the approaches they took; the challenges they faced in research, writing, and framing their books; and the contributions they have made towards pushing Middle East studies in new directions.

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(5333) Artistic Responses to the War in Syria

Chair: **Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech

Sami Alkyam, Harvard U-*Language and the Poetics of Home and Dislocation in the Writing of the Syrian Poet Mostafa Haj Hussein*

Lubna Safi, UC Berkeley-*Phantom Remains: Loss, Displacement and the Return of the Tayf al-khayal in Rasha Omran's "al-lati sakanat al-baytah qabli"*

(5350) Islamist Politics of the Contemporary Middle East

Chair: **Quinn Mecham**, Brigham Young U

Yesim Arat, Bogazici U-*The AKP Authoritarianism and Instrumentalization of Women's Rights: Liberal Means for Conservative Ends*

Esen Kirdis, Rhodes Col-*Discussing the Immoderation of Incumbent Islamic Parties in Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia*

(5364) Travels and Encounters

Hadi Hosainy, Texas Christian U-*Circulation of Legal Knowledge between Istanbul and Delhi in Early Modernity*
Shari Silzell, U of Arkansas Monticello-*People and the Books: Cross-Cultural Exchange in Early Islamic Qur'an Production*
Mustafa Kaya, U of Chicago-*Building a Tariqa on the Path of Pilgrimage: Zayn al-Din Khwafi's (d. 1435) Travel to Hijaz in 1419-1421*
Nicole Beckmann Tessel, U of Chicago-*Encounters with Iranians: Ceremonial and Ritual Aspects of Ottoman Diplomatic Culture, 1719-1746*

Rosemary Admiral, U of Texas at Dallas-*Keeping it Local: Knowledge, Travel, and the Politics of Home for Marinid Ulama*

(5290) Diaspora Politics and Middle East Homeland

Chair: **Aymon Kreil**, Ghent U

Gillian Kennedy, King's Col London-*'Between a Rock and a Hard Place': British Egyptians and New Explanations for Transnational Diaspora Mobilization since the 2011 Egyptian Uprising*

Nadejda K. Marinova, Wayne State U and **Raed Ahmed**, Wayne State U-*Organizing of Diaspora Communities in Metro Detroit against Trump's "Muslim Ban"*

Margot Dazey, U of Cambridge-*Hybridization of Political Cultures and Organizational Repertoires in a Muslim Brotherhood-Inspired Movement in France*

(5303) Modernizing Hegemony and Discourse

Chair: **Gizem Zencirci**, Providence Col

Elisabeth Özdalga, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul-*Turkish Secularism in Retrospect: A Critical Appraisal*

Deniz Ilhan, Stony Brook U-*Understanding Influence in the Muslim Intellectual Space in Contemporary Turkey*
Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott Col-*'Gender Justice' versus 'Gender Equality': Elite Women's Framing Processes in Iran and Turkey*

David Balgley, Georgetown U-*Conceptualizing Modernity and Rural Development Spaces: The Case of Collective Land Privatization in Morocco*



Poets Contemplating Current Conundrums Borders/Walls/Crossings/Connections



3 ARAB AMERICAN POETS AND 3 LATINO/A POETS ON WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW

Lahab Assef Al-Jundi was born and raised in Damascus, Syria and lives in San Antonio. He received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He published his first poetry collection, “A Long Way”, in 1985. His poetry has appeared in numerous literary publications, and many anthologies including: “In These Latitudes, Ten Contemporary Poets”, edited by Robert Bonazzi, “Inclined to Speak, An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Poetry”, edited by Hayan Charara, and “Between Heaven and Texas”, edited by Naomi Shihab Nye. His poems were selected in 2009 and 2010, by The Poetry Society of America, for display on Dallas’ DART trains (Poetry In Motion Program), and on San Antonio’s VIA Transit system buses (Poetry On The Move Program). His latest poetry collection “No Faith At All” was published in 2014 by Pecan Grove Press.

Sharif S. Elmusa is a scholar, poet, and writer. As a scholar, he authored and edited many books and articles on politics and culture of the environment in the Middle East. As a poet, Elmusa is co-editor of *Grape Leaves: A Century of Arab American Poetry*, and author of the poetry collection *Flawed Landscape*. His poems and poetry translations from Arabic appeared in numerous anthologies, magazines, and online publications. He contributed essays and opinion pieces to a number of international publications in Egypt, India, and the United States. Elmusa, who holds a Ph.D. from M.I.T, was the recipient of several scholarly awards, including a Fulbright Fellowship in Jerusalem, Palestine, and a Coca-Cola Fellowship at Yale University. He taught at the American University in Cairo in the Political Science Department for many years, and also at Georgetown University in Qatar, and Yale. He is Palestinian by birth, American by citizenship.

Ignacio Magaloni received his MA in English from the University of Texas at Austin in 1999. He is a member of the Macondo Writers Workshop, appears in the anthology of Texas poets and painters “Is This Forever or What?” edited by Naomi Shihab Nye in addition to other anthologies. Magaloni teaches literature and creative writing at Northwest Vista College.

Naomi Shihab Nye was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her father was a Palestinian refugee and her mother an American of German and Swiss descent, and Nye spent her adolescence in both Jerusalem and San Antonio. She earned her BA from Trinity University in San Antonio. Nye is the recipient of numerous honors and awards for her work, including a Lavan Award, the Paterson Poetry Prize, the Carity Randall Prize, and many Pushcart Prizes. She has received fellowships from the Lannan Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation, and she was a Witter Bynner Fellow. From 2010 to 2015 she served as a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.

Carmen Tafolla is one of the most anthologized of Latina writers. She has published work for both children and adults in more than two hundred anthologies, magazines, journals, textbooks, and readers. Long considered one of the madrinan of Chicana Literature and a master of bilingual code-switching, Tafolla is the author of more than twenty books and the recipient of the Americas Award, two Tomas Rivera Book Awards, the Charlotte Zolotow Award for Best Children’s Picture Book of 2010, and the Art of Peace Award, for writing which furthers peace, justice, and human understanding. Tafolla served as the Poet Laureate of San Antonio from 2012 to 2014, and was named the Poet Laureate of Texas for 2015-16. She is professor of Transformative Children’s Literature at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Natalia Trevino was born in Mexico City and raised in San Antonio. She spoke Spanish with her parents while Bert and Ernie gave her English lessons on the side. Natalia is an Associate Professor of English at Northwest Vista College and a member of the Macondo Foundation, a writer’s workshop aimed at encouraging non-violent social change. She graduated from UTSA’s graduate English program and has an MFA in creative writing from the University of Nebraska. Her poetry has won the Alfredo Moral de Cisneros Award for Emerging Writers from Sandra Cisneros, the Wendy Barker Creative Writing Award, the 2008 Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Prize, and the San Antonio Artists Foundation Literary Award.

8:30AM-10:30AM Sunday November 18

TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS

9-11am

Middle East Outreach Council (MEOC) Board Meeting
Mission A (2)

(5100) Turkey beyond the Nation-State: Exile, Trans-nationalisation and New Diasporas

Organizer: **Kerem Oktem**

Chair: **Ipek K. Yosmaoglu**, Northwestern U
Discussant: **Karabekir Akkoyunlu**, IRI-USP

Gül Üret, U of Graz-*Seeking Mobility through Immovable Property: 'New Turkey' and the Emergence of a Turkish Diaspora in Athens*

Kerem Oktem, U of Graz-*Atatürk in Yehud: Turkish-Jewish Communities in Israel between Zionism and 'New' Turkey*

Gabrielle Angey, U of Graz-*The Turkish Government's Take-Over of the Gülen Movement in Senegal: Turkey's New Transnational Regime of Governmentality*

(5106) Sound, Time, and Space in the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer: **Ian VanderMeulen**

Discussant: **Brock Cutler**, Radford U

Leila Tayeb, Northwestern U-*Militia Soundscapes in Post-Gaddafi Libya*

Ian VanderMeulen, NYU-*Mapping the "Warsh Zone": Networks of Tajwid Practice in the Precolonial Maghreb*

Michelle D. Weitzel, New School for Social Research-*What Do I Do When I Hear the Tzeva Adom? Civilian Response to the Israeli Air Raid Siren*

Hazem Jamjoum, NYU-*When the Music Became 'Arab': The Culture-Commodity and the Production of National Space*

(5130) The Other Domino Effect: Women's Rights and Political Participation

Organizer: **Rita Stephan**

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Chair: **Rita Stephan**, North Carolina State U
Discussant: **Mounira Maya Charrad**, U of Texas at Austin

Marwa Shalaby, Rice U-*Women's Political Participation in Bahrain*

Rita Stephan, North Carolina State U-*Arab Women's Social Revolution*

Mounira Maya Charrad, U of Texas at Austin-*'Women are Complete, Not Complements': Debates in the Writing of a New Constitution in Tunisia*

Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS, U of London-*Women's Rights and Political Participation in Iraq*

(5133) The Vertical Middle East, from Up in the Air to Under the Ground

Organizers: **Önder Çelik** and **Fatma Derya Mentés**

Fatma Derya Mentés, Duke U-*Airspace over the Middle East: Qatar-Gulf Crisis from Above*

Paul Kohlbry, Johns Hopkins U-*The Kushan and the Colony: Proof, Property, and Land Defense in the West Bank*

Önder Çelik, Johns Hopkins U-*The Armenian Genocide and Subterranean Regimes of Truth*

Jake Silver, Duke U-*(Extra)Planetary Spheres of Sovereignty; or, Astronomy in Ramallah*

(5138) Visiting the Dead Family History and Genealogy in Middle East Studies

Organizer: **Hussein A H Omar**

Jacques Dehouck, Université de Montréal-*Martin Bertrand, « metropolitan tirailleur »*

Dyala Hamzah, Université de Montréal-*Scholarship against the Odds: The Baghdad-to-Berlin Years of Darwish al-Miqdadi (1897-1961)*

Hussein A H Omar, U of Oxford-*Archival Dregs; or Papers of National Unimportance in Egypt*

Sherene Seikaly, UC Santa Barbara-*The Pith Helmet and the Expert: A Palestinian in Sudan*

(5141) Knowing No Bounds: The Contestation of Boundaries in Modern and Contemporary Arabic Poetry

Organizer: **Clarissa C. Burt**

Terri L. DeYoung, U of Washington-*New (Jadid), Modern (Muhdath or Hadith) and Contemporary (Mu'asir): Literary Period Terminology and the Arabic Example*

Samuel England, U of Wisconsin-Madison-*Kaiser Obama and the Prince of Poets*

Huda J. Fakhreddine, U of Pennsylvania-*Salim Barakat and Poetry as Linguistic Transgression*

Clarissa C. Burt, United States Naval Academy-*Zarqa' al-Yamamah and UnBounded Denial in Modern and Contemporary Arabic Poetry*

Rawad Wehbe, U of Pennsylvania-*Were Modernity a Stone: Metaphor in Adunis's "Aghani Mihyar al-Dimashqi"*

(5147) Reconsidering Tunisia: Revolutionary and Post Revolutionary Politics, Society, and Religion

Organizer: **Daniel Zisenwine**

Chair/Discussant: **Daniel Zisenwine**, Tel Aviv U

Francesco Cavatorta, Université Laval-*Tunisians and Democracy 7 Years On*
Alessandra Bonci, Laval U-*The Paradox of Fundamentalism: Tunisia's Two Extremisms*
Rory McCarthy, U of Oxford-*Protest on the Peripheries: The Kamour Sit-In in Southern Tunisia*

(5152) From Emergence to Decline? Solidarity Movements with Palestine Around the World, 1960s-1970s
Organizers: **Sune Haugbolle** and **Joseph Prestel**

Joseph Prestel, Freie Universität Berlin-*Activism on the Move: Palestinian Migration and the Solidarity Movement in West Germany, 1956-1972*

Sune Haugbolle, Roskilde U-*Palestine as Entanglement: Re-reading the Danish Case in Light of the Global Turn*

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(5154) Exegesis, Sufism, Knowledge: Modes of Interactions with the Qur'an
Organizer: **Mohammad Salama**

Chair: **Ellen McLarney**, Duke U

Rachel Friedman, U of Calgary-Badi'
Poetry and the Interpretation of Qur'anic Eloquence in the Abbasid Era

Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State U-*Intimations of Divine Love: The Qur'an and the Poetics of Sufism*

Alexander Knysh, U of Michigan and St. Petersburg State U-*Qur'anic Exegesis and Sufi Claims to Superior Knowledge*

Mohamed Wajdi Ben Hammed, Columbia U-*Al-Waqt: The Moment of the Now in Sufi Thought and Poetry*

(5169) The (Un)Intended Consequences of Neoliberal Development in Jordan
Organizers: **Brittany Cook** and **Summer Forester**

Chair/Discussant: **Curtis Ryan**, Appalachian State U

Colin Powers, Johns Hopkins U-*Forever Blowing Bubbles? Neoliberalism, Policy Translation, and FDI's Nebulous Seductions in Jordan*

Brittany Cook, U of Kentucky-*Just Like Before: Tradition and Rural Women as Entrepreneurial Agents of Rural Development*

Summer Forester, Purdue U-*Development & the Depoliticization of the Women's Movement in Jordan*

Richmond M. Eustis Jr., Nicholls State U-*The Packaged Pastoral: Commodifying Jordan's Wild Spaces*

(5181) Whither Iranian Politics? Protests, Factionalism, and Uneven Development
Organizer: **Ali Kadivar**

Chair/Discussant: **Asef Bayat**, U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Ali Kadivar, Boston Col and **Abolfazl Sotoudeh**, Boston Col-*Development, Politics, Demography, and Diffusion: The Anti-regime Protests in Iran, December 2017-January 2018*

Kaveh Ehsani, DePaul U and **Arang Keshavarzian**, NYU-*Crisis of Representation: The Moral Economy of Iranian Social/Public Protests*

Saira Rafiee, CUNY Graduate Center-*Where is My Revolution? The Ideology of the Islamic Republic under Neoliberalism*

Mehdi Faraji, NYU-*Protests in Qom: Long-Standing Grievances against Contradictory Governmental Policies*



(5188) Decolonization: Middle Eastern Themes and Perspectives
Organizer: **Cyrus Schayegh**

Chair: **Cyrus Schayegh**, Graduate Institute, Geneva

Yoav Di-Capua, U of Texas at Austin
David Stenner, Christopher Newport U
Jeffrey Byrne, U of British Columbia
Laleh Khalili, SOAS, U of London

(5229) Rebel Rule in the Middle East: Approaching Local Forms of Justice
Organizer: **Dag Tuastad**

Chair: **Brynjar Lia**, U of Oslo

Pinar Tank, Peace Research Institute Oslo-*The Settlement of Disputes in the Democratic Federation of Northern Syria (DFNS -Rojava)*

Anne Stenersen, Norwegian Defence Research Est.-*Dispute Adjudication in Taliban-Controlled Areas of Waziristan*

Brynjar Lia, U of Oslo and **Mathilde Becker Aarseth**, U of Oslo-*Law, Order and Conflict Resolution under Da'ish*

Dag Tuastad, U of Oslo-*Hamas and Customary Conflict Resolution*



(5237) Everyday Life of Sectarianism in the Middle East: Ambivalent Articulations of "Sectarian" Difference and the "Other"
Organizers: **Jenna Rice Rahaim** and **Yasemin Ipek**

Session Leader: **Jeffrey G. Karam**, Lebanese American U

Sabah Alnasseri, York U
Jenna Rice Rahaim, Macalester Col
Lara Deeb, Scripps Col
Toby Matthiesen, Oxford U
Yasemin Ipek, Stanford U

(5251) Layla Murad: The Shifting Image of a Star
Organizers: **Hanan Hammad** and **Deborah Starr**

Discussant: **Vivian Ibrahim**, U of Mississippi

Deborah Starr, Cornell U-*The Courtesan-Queen as Critique of Royal Excess in Layla (1942)*

Hanan Hammad, Texas Christian U-*The Muslim-Jew and the Free Officers: How Egyptians Told Their Story through the Many Lives of Layla Murad*

Najat Abdulhaq, Friedrich Alexander U-*Unconventional Revision of Narratives or Nostalgia? The Emergence of Layla Murad's Spirit in Contemporary Arabic Literature*

(5279) Composing a Community of Words in the Islamic World: From Medieval to Modern

Organizer: **Emily Sumner**, U of Minnesota

Chair/Discussant: **Katrien Vanpee**, U of Minnesota

Emma Snowden, U of Minnesota-*Destroyed by the Sword, Revived by the Word: The Almohad Conquest of al-Andalus in al-mann bil-imama*

Emily Sumner, U of Minnesota-*"In Our Sea Their Sins Must Drive Them": The Righteousness of the Huthi Zamil*

Joseph Peyton, U of Minnesota-*To Sing, To Tell a Story, to Fall Silent: Syrian Literature in the Face of Defeat and Despotism*

(5306) Arab Diasporas in Latin America

Chair: **Manar Makhoul**, Tel-Aviv U

Silvia Marsans-Sakly, Fairfield U-*Imperial Meridians: Arabs in Cuba between East West*

Garrett Shuffield, U of Texas at Austin-*Imagining Palestine in Chile: A New Generation's Search for Place, Memory, and Identity*

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(5327) Modern and Contemporary Turkish Literature

Elizabeth Nolte, U of Warwick-Literary
*License: The State and the State of Publishing
in Contemporary Turkey*

Gozde D. Citler, Bilkent U-*The Effects of
Existentialism on Sezai Karakoc's Doctrine of
Revival*

Merve Tabur, Pennsylvania State U-
*Reading Baudrillard in Istanbul: Theory as
Fiction in Murat Mentec's "The Dilemma of
the Double"*

(5343) Urban Development across the Middle East

Chair: **Harrison Guthorn**, Sultan Qaboos
Cultural Center

Khalid Madhi, Independent Scholar-
*Urban Restructuring, Power and Capital in
the Tourist City*

Sanket Desai, Montgomery County
Community Col-*We Will Forget Karbala:
Transnational Development in the Iraqi
Pilgrimage Cities, 1947-1958*

Ladin Bayurgil, Boston U-Spatial Politics
*of Urban Investment: Landscapes of Risk and
Uncertainty in Istanbul*

Salim Abuthaher, Birzeit U-*The
Geopolitics of Spatiality*

Manar Moursi, U of Toronto-*Critical
Exchange: The Rise and Fall of Pan-Arab
Modernism*

(5349) Identity and Political Mobilization in Contemporary Lebanon

Chair: **Catherine Batruni**, American U of
Beirut

Didier Leroy, Royal Higher Institute
for Defence and **Elena Aoun**, Université
Catholique de Louvain-*Reconstructing
Borderless Identities: Lebanese Sunni and
Shia Fighters on the Syrian Battlefield*

Kelyne Rhodehamel, Rice U-*Codifying
Personal Status Law in Lebanon*

Amanda Rizkallah, Pepperdine U-*The
Emergence of Nonsectarian Political
Movements in Lebanon*

(5353) Refugees Labor Migrants Aid Workers

Chair: **Mohamed Abufalgha**, U of Texas
at Austin

Patricia Ward, Boston U-*Who Speaks
for the Local? The Role of Aid Workers in
"Localizing" Humanitarian Aid in Jordan*

Nihal Kayali, UCLA-*Coexisting Care: The
Emergence of Syrian-Run Healthcare Clinics
in Turkey*

Gabriella Nassif, SUNY Buffalo-*Labor(ing)
Spaces: Elucidating Care in Lebanon*

Kent F. Schull, Binghamton U, SUNY-
*WWI & the Root Causes of the Current MENA
Refugee Crisis: Integrating the Crisis into the
Historical Narrative of the Contemporary
Middle East and North Africa*

(5358) Medieval Art & Culture

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

Karen C. Pinto, Boise State U-*Medieval
Islamic Maps: Understanding the Geopolitics
Underlying the KMMS Vision of the
Mediterranean*

Daniel Hershenson, U of Connecticut-
*Captive-Images: Muslim Iconoclasm and
Christian Devotional Objects in the Early
Modern Maghrib*

Sadegh Ansari, Columbia U-*Learning the
Science of Music in Medieval Baghdad*

11:00AM-1:00PM Sunday November 18

(5084) Relationships with Humans and Animals in the Middle East and North Africa Region

Organizer: **Gwyneth Talley**

Chair: **Gwyneth Talley**, UCLA

Ido Ben-Ami, Tel Aviv U-*Shaping the Charismatic Image of Sultan Süleymân I with the Use of Both Anthropocentric and Eco-centric Ottoman Discourses on Animals*
Rebecca Hill, UCLA-*The Figurative Human in Islamic Bestiaries*

Caterina Scaramelli, Amherst Col-*Birds, Birders, and the Politics of Environmental Change in Turkey*

Jackson Perry, Georgetown U-*Sparrows in Eucalyptus Trees: An Unexpected Enemy in the Modern Maghrib*

Gwyneth Talley, UCLA-*Mule Retirement Homes and Adoptions for Street Dogs: Caring for the Working and Companion Animals of Morocco*

(5092) The Colonial Legacies of Institutions of Control in MENA

Organizer: **Elizabeth Nugent**, Yale U

Chair/Discussant: **Joseph Sassoon**, Georgetown University

Allison Hartnett, Yale U and **Nicholas Lotito**, Yale U-*The Colonial Origins of Coercive Institutions in MENA*

Alexandra Blackman, Stanford U-*Property and Power: The Transformation of Habous in Tunisia under French Rule*

James Casey, Princeton U-*Between Syrian Waqf and the Paris Mosque: Conceptualizing Surveillance in the French Mandate*

Erin Snyder, Texas A&M U-*Debt, Taxes, and Protest: The Development of Global Financial Orders in the Middle East*

(5122) Succession and Legitimate Caliphate

Organizer: **Aaron Hagler**

Discussant: **Hayrettin Yucesoy**, Washington U in St. Louis

Abed el-Rahman Tayyara, Cleveland State U-*Umayyads' Legitimizing Strategies and the Evolution of Hijazi Opposition*

Nebil Husayn, U of Miami-*The Rehabilitation of 'Ali in Sunni Islam*

Aaron Hagler, Troy U-*Of Grudges and Caliphs: The Memory of the Elections of Abu Bakr, 'Umar, and 'Uthman*

Han Hsien Liew, Harvard U-*History as Political Thought: The Saqifa Meeting and the Sunni Theory of the Caliphate*

(5125) Tazkirah, Biography, and Memory in the Persianate World

Organizers: **Alexander Jabbari** and **Shahla Farghadani**

Chair: **Alexander Jabbari**, U of Oklahoma
Discussant: **Gottfried Hagen**, U of Michigan

Kamal Gasimov, U of Michigan-*Contested Memories and Conflicts of Interpretation: Ibn Taymiyya's Commentary on al-Qushayri's Epistle on Sufism*

Ahmet Baris Ekiz, U of Michigan-*The Memory of the Aq Qoyunlus in Sixteenth Century Ottoman Tazkirah Writing*

Shaahin Pishbin, U of Chicago-*Mirza Jalal Asir: The Rise and Fall of a Literary Reputation*
Shahla Farghadani, U of Michigan-*The Astonishing Mihri: Managing a Female Poet in the Persianate Anthology Tradition*



(5153) The Spanish Civil War and the MENA

Organizers: **Lior B. Sternfeld** and **Alma Rachel Heckman**

Chair: **Lior B. Sternfeld**, Penn State U

Alma Rachel Heckman, UC Santa Cruz
Joshua Schreier, Vassar Col
Arash Azizi, NYU

Sana Tannoury-Karam, Rice U
Daniel J. Schroeter, U of Minnesota

(5168) Other Histories and Histories of the Other in Egyptian Cinema

Organizer: **Mohannad Ghawanmeh**

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Discussant: **Deborah Starr**, Cornell U

Mario M. Ruiz, Hofstra U-*Rethinking the History of Silent Egyptian Film, 1896-1913*

Mohannad Ghawanmeh, UCLA-*Sounding the Cinema: Reception of Early Talkies in Egypt, 1923-1934*

Joel Gordon, U of Arkansas-*The Indian 'Other' as Alternate Oriental in Egyptian Cinema*

Heba Arafa Abdelfattah, Georgia Tech-*Egyptian Cinema and the Appropriation of Islamic Law in Pre-revolutionary Egypt (1945-1952)*

(5173) The Global Political Economy of the Arab Gulf: New Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Its Past, Present, and Future

Organizer: **David Wight**

Chair: **Gwenn Okruhlik**, Independent Scholar/AGAPS

Andrea Wright, William & Mary-*Rethinking Tribal Capitalism: Oil, Labor, and Governance in the Arabic-Speaking Persian Gulf*

David Wight, UNC Greensboro-*Petrodollar Propaganda: The Iraqi-Saudi Media Battle over the Uses of Oil Wealth in the 1970s*

Anas Alahmed, Independent Scholar-*The Political Economy of Global Media and the Struggle over Power in the Oil-Rich Arab Gulf*

(5176) 19th Century Modernity in a Comparative Context: Arab Nahda and Chinese Fuxing

Organizer: **Peiyu Yang**

Chair/Discussant: **Michael Gibbs Hill**, Col of William & Mary

Shuang Wen, NYU Abu Dhabi-*The Suez Canal and the Qing Railways: Translating Trans-Asian Experiences of Foreign Debts in the 19th and 20th Centuries*

Chaoqun Lian, Peking U-*Script Proxification in Chinese and Arabic Romanization Movements*

Wen-Chin Ouyang, SOAS, U of London-*Empire and Revolution in Arabic Nahdawi Discourses on China*

Peiyu Yang, McGill U-*From Monster to "Comparable to Queen Victoria": Triangular Translation in the Biography of the Empress Dowager Cixi*

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(5187) The Drama of the 1967 War in Personal Stories of Palestinians and Israelis Living in Jerusalem

Organizer: **Hagar Salamon**

Ronni Shaked, Hebrew U of Jerusalem-*From the Nakba to the Naksa*

Yuval Plotkin, Hebrew U of Jerusalem-*Not Six Days and Not a War: Conspiracies and Rumors of 1967*

Aziz Haidar, Al-Quds U-*A House on the Border*

Hagar Salamon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem-*"Suddenly Jerusalem Has a Sea": Changing Orientation in Personal Stories About the 1967 War*

(5205) Men and Masculinities: Negotiating Gender, Body Politics, and Racialized Violence

Organizer: **Bryan Roby**

Chair/Discussant: **Bryan Roby**, U of Michigan

Shirly Bahar, American Jewish Historical Society-*Police Brutality and the Mizrahi Male Body in David Bencheitrit's "Eastern Wind: A Moroccan Chronicle"*

Helen M. Rizzo, American U in Cairo-*Examining Masculinities in Youth Activism against Gender Based Violence in Cairo*

Wazhmah Osman, Temple U-*Between Men of Color: Flipping the White Savior Masculinist Narrative in the Terrorist Film Genre*

(5214) Cultivating the Soul (siyânet-i nef): Self-Knowledge in the Ottoman World

Organizer: **Emin Lelic**

Chair/Discussant: **John Curry**, U of Nevada Las Vegas

Oscar Aguirre Mandujano, U of Pennsylvania-*Unlearning Wisdom, Attaining Knowledge: Poetry, Religious Knowledge and Self-Discovery in Lami'i Chelebi's Autobiographical Narrative*

Emin Lelic, Salisbury U-*Self-Knowledge through Self-Physiognomation*

Kameliya Atanasova, Washington and Lee U-*The Self of Another: An Ottoman Sufi Spiritual Diary and Its Commentary*

Hamilton Cook, Emory U-*"The Crown of Ma'rifa is the True Crown. Do Not Suppose That There is Another": Self-Knowledge as a "Technique of the Self" in Sunullah Gaybi's (d. 1087/1676) Sufism*

(5234) Land, Space, and Sovereignty in Central North Africa

Organizer: **Robert P. Parks**

Chair/Discussant: **Brock Cutler**, Radford U

Max Ajl, Cornell U-*Seed Sovereignty and the Agrarian Question in Contemporary Tunisia*

Robert P. Parks, Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie-*State, Citizen, and Property in Algeria*

Lana Salman, UC Berkeley-*Making Land Thinkable: Five Decades of Urban Upgrading Programs in Tunisia*

(5238) Socially Engaged and Participatory Art in the MENA Region

Organizers: **Elisabeth Friedman** and **Anne Marie Butler**

Chairs: **Anne Marie Butler**, State U of New York at Buffalo and **Elisabeth Friedman**, Illinois State U

Discussant: **Nisa Ari**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Anne Marie Butler, State U of New York Buffalo-*Citizen/Performer: Participatory Performance Art in Post-revolution Tunisia*

Nevine El Nossery, U of Wisconsin Madison-*Artistic Defiance in the Streets of Egypt: Bahia Shehab's "Rebel Cat!"*

Elisabeth Friedman, Illinois State U-*The Aesthetics of Resistance: Participatory Art in Palestine*

Leila Zonouzi, UC Santa Barbara-*Girls of Enghelab (Revolution) Street: Performing Dissidence*



(TC5245) Global Arab America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents

Organizers: **Suad Joseph** and **Pauline Homsy Vinson**

Session Leader: **Pauline Homsy Vinson**, Diablo Valley Col

Suad Joseph, UC Davis

Matthew Jaber Stiffler, Arab American National Museum

Amira Jarmakani, San Diego State U

(5250) Arab Cities Revisited: Interdisciplinary Itineraries

Organizer: **Laurie King**

Chair: **Najib B. Hourani**, Michigan State U

Discussant: **Laurie King**, Georgetown U

Claire Panetta, Graduate Center CUNY-*Democratizing Cairo: Civic Engagement, Professional Elites, and the Built Environment in Post-revolution Egypt*

Meriem Myriam Ababsa, IFPO Amman-*Raqqa after the Islamic State: Reconstruction and Governance Dilemmas in Syria*

Sophie Chamas, U of Oxford-*The Right to the Lebanese City: The Politicisation of Public Space in Beirut*

Una McGahern, Newcastle U-*Policing, (In)Visibility, and the Limits of Exclusionary Surveillance: Lessons from the Arab City in Israel*

Omar Sirri, U of Toronto-*Malls, Mosques and Watchtowers: Securing (Political) Capital in Baghdad*

(5252) The Production of Space, Time, and Subjectivity in Lebanese Civil War Culture

Organizer: **Mohamad J. Hodeib**

Discussant: **Ziad Dallal**, NYU

Mohamad J. Hodeib, Graduate Center CUNY-*Violent Octaves: Leftist Songs in the Lebanese Civil War*

Farah Aridi, Goldsmiths, U of London-*Negotiating Space, Making Place in Rabih Alameddine's "The Angel of History"*

Jeremy Randall, Graduate Center CUNY-*Temporalizing Ruined Futures in Postwar Lebanese Cinema*

(5271) Fanon and West Asia

Organizer: **Anthony Alessandrini**

Chair: **Nouri Gana**, UCLA

Discussant: **Anthony Alessandrini**, Kingsborough Community Col-CUNY

Sophia Azeb, U of Chicago-*Afro-Arab Embodiment and the Revolutionary Praxis of Frantz Omar Fanon*

Jeff Sacks, UC Riverside-*Fanon and Palestine: The Art of Anti-colonial Struggle*

Rana Barakat, Birzeit U-*Fanon in Palestine: Indigenous Humanity towards a Liberation Praxis*

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(5285) Parties, National Dialogues and Elections in Contemporary Middle East Politics

Chair: **Sena Karasipahi**, Texas A&M U

Kourosh Rahimkhani, Binghamton U SUNY-Local Politics and Unequal Vote Weight in Iran's Legislative Electoral System
Amirhossein Teimouri, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign-Representations of Mir Hossein Musavi in Iranian Conservative Media (1997-2011)

Karabekir Akkoyunlu, IRI-USP-The Perils of Presidentialism in Tutelary Democracies: Popular Challenges to Regime Guardians in Iran and Turkey

Moosa Elayah, Radboud U Nijmegen-Adding to the Controversy? Civil Society's Evaluation of the National Dialogue Conference (2013) in Yemen

(5293) Transgressions and Transenders

Chair: **Saghar Sadeghian**, Willamette U

Adriana Qubaia, Central European U-"Shemale, Mara, or Trans? The Production of Classed and Gendered Sexualities in Beirut's Bars

Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah, U of Maryland-Shaykh in a Dance Club: Transgressions and Boundary Crossings in Egyptian and Algerian Morality Tales

Kaveh Bassiri, U of Arkansas-Transgender Mimicry of Masculine Archetypes in Iranian Cinema before and after the Revolution

Hanadi Al-Samman, U of Virginia-Mapping the Borders of the Arab Closet

Janine A. Clark, U of Guelph-LGBTQI Activism in Lebanon and Tunisia

(5300) Ottoman and Turkish Intellectual Themes

Chair: **Esra Tasdelen**, North Central Col

Kutlughan Soyubol, Bogazici U-Immaterial Science, Experimental Sufism: Turkish Neo-Spiritualism between 1945-1960

Mehtap Ozdemir, U of Massachusetts Amherst-Is it Cedit, Sahih, or Hazir?: On Conceptual and Genealogical Contours of Edebiyat in Ottoman Letters

Jenny White, Stockholm U-A Cultural Logic of Turkish Political Life

(5317) Religious Minorities, Race and Identity

Chair: **Erin Hughes**, Independent Scholar

Lorenz Nigst, Austrian Academy of Sciences-"His Grandmother is a Good Deal Younger Than Him:" The Druze Discourse About Children Who Speak About Previous Lives

Mishal Khan, U of Chicago-Abolition in India: Law, Order Making, and Defining "Slavery" in the Colonial Archive (1843-1926)

Brittany Dawson, U of Chicago-Jaywalking in Little Baghdad: Negotiating Chaldean Resettlement in El Cajon, CA

Lindsey Pullum, Indiana U-Culturally Palatable: Food Practices, Nationalism, and Druze Positionality in "Nora's Kitchen"

May Kosba, Graduate Theological Union-The Race Question: Egyptian Anti-colonialist Nationalism on the Periphery of the African Diaspora

(5368) Late Ottoman Political Economy and Urban Reform

Aviv Derri, NYU-Ottoman Non-Muslim Elites and the Political Economy of Debt and Credit in the Damascus Hinterland, 1840s-1890s

Baris Tasyakan, UC San Diego-Ottoman Urban Reforms in the Age of the Modern Big City: The Case of Bursa in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century

K Herman Adney, UCLA-Burning Basma: Nineteenth-Century Financial Violence, Oriental Tobacco, and the Emergence of Mass Politics in the Ottoman Aegean

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(5061) Medical Mobilities and Transformations in the Global Middle East

Organizer: **Laura Frances Goffman**

Chair/Discussant: **Ahmed Ragab**, Harvard U

Shireen Hamza, Harvard U-*Stretching the Body: Preparing to Travel in the Indian Ocean World*

Deborah Schlein, Princeton U-*Tıbbi Theory, Local Practice: Treatment Marginalia in the Indian Asbāb Tradition of Medicine*

Laura Frances Goffman, Georgetown U-*Quarantine Stations, Regional Sovereignities, and Local Populations in the Early Twentieth-Century Persian Gulf*

Dongxin Zou, Columbia U-*Experimenting with Socialist Medicine: The Practice and Teaching of a Localized Acupuncture in Algeria*



(5062) Music, Radio, and Governmentality in the Middle East

Organizers: **Andrea L. Stanton** and **Margaret Peacock**

Andrea L. Stanton, U of Denver

Chris Silver, McGill U

Margaret Peacock, U of Alabama

Andrew Simon, Dartmouth Col

(5082) Neoliberalism and the Body in Egypt: Theorizing Gendered Corporeality beyond Biopolitics

Organizers: **Angie Abdelmonem** and **Susana Galan**

Chair/Discussant: **Jessie Clark**, U of Nevada, Reno

Farha Ghannam, Swarthmore Col-*Embodied Rhythms: Gender, Class, and Work in Urban Egypt*

Susana Galan, Rutgers U-*Fear, Golden Cages, and the Woman at/As Risk in Post-Revolution Cairo*

Sherine M. Hafez, UC Riverside-*Creative Destruction: Neoliberalism and Gendered Corporeality in Egypt*

Lucia Sorbera, U of Sydney-*From Mexico City (1975) to Nairobi (1985). The Challenges of Claiming an International Feminist Body in Egypt under an Authoritarian State*

Angie Abdelmonem, Arizona State U-*Bodies That Intervene: Anti-Carceral Politics, Secular Morality and Sexual Security in Egypt*

(5083) Competing Visions of Development in the Era of Decolonization

Organizer: **Owain Lawson**

Chair/Discussant: **Muriam Haleh Davis**, UC Santa Cruz

Sara Pursley, NYU-*Producing Family Farmers*

Nancy Y. Reynolds, Washington U in St. Louis-*Desert Development: The Date Palm Industry of the 1930s between the Middle East and the United States*

Owain Lawson, Columbia U-*"Sisters in Misery": Rural and Urban Effects of the Litani Project, 1955-1965*

Ziad M. Abu-Rish, Ohio U-*Development from Below? Competing Visions of Early Independence Lebanon*

(5101) Power and Place: Studies on Monument Building in the Middle East and North Africa, 1850-1950

Organizer: **Mohamed Gamal-Eldin**

Zehra Betul Atasoy, New Jersey Institute of Technology-*A Second Statue of the "Number Two": İnönü's Showcase of Power in Taksim, Istanbul*

Fathia Elmenghawi, New Jersey Institute of Technology-*Colonial and Post-Colonial Monuments in the Central Public Square of Tripoli, Libya*

Mohamed Gamal-Eldin, New Jersey Institute of Technology-*War, Memory and Memorial Building: A Case Study of the World War I Monument on the Suez Canal, 1920-1932*

(5105) The Indian Ocean without Boundaries: A Historical Perspective

Organizer: **Daniel Martin Varisco**

Chair: **Roxani Margariti**, MESAS Department, Emory U

Craig Perry, U of Cincinnati-*The Slave Trade in the Indian Ocean before 1500: Evidence and Interpretive Challenges*

Andre Gingrich, Austrian Academy of Sciences-*Local Knowledge in Pre-Colonial Maritime Interactions*

Marina Tolmacheva, Washington State U-*Managing Monsoons: Mamluk-Era Voyaging East*

Daniel Martin Varisco, American Institute for Yemeni Studies-*Sailing with and against the Winds: Navigation in the Red Sea Indian Ocean Network in the Ayyubid, Rasulid and Mamluk Eras*

(5107) Civil Society and Governance in the Middle East

Organizer: **Zeynep Atalay** and **Gizem Zencirci**

Chair: **Gizem Zencirci**, Providence Col
Discussant: **Zeynep Atalay**, St. Mary's Col Of California

Rana B. Khoury, Northwestern U-*External Assistance, Civilian Activism, and Contention in the Syrian Warscape*

Paola Rivetti, Dublin City U-*The Iron Cage of Civil Society: Governance Transformations in Iran*

Eric Lob, Florida International U-*The Contradictions and Consequences of Civil Society and Governance in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

Gizem Zencirci, Providence Col-*Good Governance According to Islamic NGOs in Turkey: Political Autonomy or Technical Expertise?*

Catherine Herrold, Indiana U-*Grassroots Organizations in Palestine: Reclaiming Civil Society?*

(5119) Ruler of the East and the West: Notions of Universal Rule in Early Modern Ottoman History, 1400-1800

Organizer: **Aslihan Gurbuzel**

Chair: **Aslihan Gurbuzel**, McGill U

Ekin Tusalp Atiyas, Bogazici U-A *Seventeenth-Century Melami Take on Caliphate: Sari Abdullah Efendi (d. 1660) and His Advice Manuals*

Nabil Al-Tikriti, U of Mary Washington-*The Imam's Cut: Ghaza' Norms in the Ottoman Age of the Caliphate*

Huseyin Yilmaz, George Mason U-*Political Discourse in Ottoman Sufi Hagiography*

Christopher Markiewicz, U of Birmingham-*The Timurid Vocabulary of Sovereignty and Ottoman Discourses on Rule in the Early Sixteenth Century*

Aslihan Gurbuzel, McGill U-*The Stranger-King Alla Turca: A Seventeenth Century Sufi Perspective on the Nature of Earthly and Divine Rule*

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(5167) **The Teenager, the Intellectual, the Soldier; New Approaches to Palestinian Cultural and Social History**
Organizer: **Orit Bashkin**

Chair/Discussant: **Abdel Razzaq Takriti**, U of Houston

Chana Morgenstern, Cambridge U-*The Beating Hearts: Arab Marxism and Anti-colonial Culture in the Israeli Communist Party (MAKI)*

Maha Nassar, U of Arizona-*Recovering Palestinian Appraisals of the Israeli Left*

Orit Bashkin, U of Chicago-*The Mizrahi Question, the Palestinian Question and Matzpen*

Michael Peddycoart, U of Chicago-*A Social History of the Battle of Karameh on Its 50th Anniversary*

(5175) **Widows, Adulteresses and Brides: Gender, Power, and Society in the Ottoman First World War**
Organizers: **Kate Dannies** and **Hakan Karpuzcu**

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Discussant: **Yigit Akin**, Tulane U

Gulhan Balsoy, Istanbul Bilgi U-*War, Gender, and Social Relief: The 1877/78 Russo-Ottoman War and the Female Refugees in Istanbul*

Hakan Karpuzcu, Princeton U-*Protecting the Family: Sanctioning Marriages and Wartime Legal Anxieties in the Ottoman Empire (1914-1918)*

Kate Dannies, Georgetown U-*Breadwinners and Housewives? State, Society, and the Institution of Marriage in Istanbul during the Great War*

(5177) **The Fall from Form: Servet-i Fünun, Hybrid Forms, and Modernity**
Organizer: **Melih Levi**

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Fatih Altug, Istanbul Sehir U-*Motion, Body and Intermediality: Reading Tevfik Fikret's "La Danse Serpentine" and Halit Ziya's "Mösyö Kanguru"*

Burcu Karahan, Stanford U-*A Novel of Hybrid Lives and Hybrid Narratives: Safveti Ziya's "In the Corners of Salons" (1888-89)*

Melih Levi, Stanford U-*Affective Thresholds: Mehmet Rauf's Prose-Poems*

(5190) **Cosmopolitan and Transnational Identities of North Africa and the Middle East**
Organizer: **Ellen Amster**

Chair/Discussant: **Samer Ali**, U of Michigan

Ellen Amster, McMaster U-*The Other is Me: A Brief Exploration of Drag, Transvestism, and Hybridity in Colonial North Africa*

Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue U-*Constructing New Transnational Homes in Contemporary Migratory Moroccan Writing*
Jaafar Alloul, U of Amsterdam-*'There is No Friction Here': Cosmopolitan Homeliness, Race-Blending, and Interstitial Fields in Dubai*

(5194) **Doubt and Faith in Islam and Judaism**
Organizer: **Nadia Oweidat**

Chair/Discussant: **Karen Taliaferro**, Arizona State U

Natalie Khazaal, Texas A&M U-*Too Rude To Be Citizens: Arab Apostates on Talk Shows*

Nadia Oweidat, Kansas State U-*The Change within: Ex-Muslim Imams Taking on Islamic Thought*

Ashley Passmore, Texas A&M U-*Jewish E-postasy Blogging and Its Historical Precedents*



(5195) **Is Pluralism Disappearing in the Middle East?**

Organizers: **Arbella Bet-Shlimon** and **Alda Benjamen**

Chair: **Alda Benjamen**, U of Pennsylvania

Vivian Ibrahim, U of Mississippi
Arbella Bet-Shlimon, U of Washington

(5253) **Re-Opening the 1960s**

Organizer: **Yoav Di-Capua**

Chair: **Adey Almohsen**, U of Minnesota
Discussant: **Tarek El-Ariss**, Dartmouth Col

Elliott Colla, Georgetown U-*Movement Poetry: Activism and Poetry Repertoires in Egypt, 1968-1977*

Yoav Di-Capua, U of Texas at Austin-*What Was the Re-Birth Talk of the "Arab Man" All About?*

Max Weiss, Princeton U-*Genealogies of Ba`thism and/in Modern Arab Intellectual History*

Robyn Creswell, Yale U-*Personalism, Politics, and Poetry*

Margaret Litvin, Boston U-*Another East: Arabic Literature's Soviet Archive*

(5297) **Cold War**

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

Kelly Houck, U of Texas at Austin-*The Franklin Book Program and the Soft-Psy Tactics Behind the Emergence of Children's Media in Modern Iran*

Richard Harrod, Washington U in St. Louis-*Hamid al-Din Yemen & The United States in the Early Postwar Period: Diplomacy, Modernity and Challenges, 1946 - 1954*

Samin Rashidbeigi, Princeton U-*The Story of a Wall: Tied Histories of Shahr-i Naw, Tehran's Red-Light District, and the 1953 Coup*

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Farshid Kazemi, U of Edinburgh-*From Male Homoeroticism to Female Masculinity: Female-to-Male Cross-dressing in the Photographic Imaginary of Qajar Iran*

Kim Canuette Grimaldi, U of Texas at Austin-*Masculinity, Divorce, and Disability in "M is for Mother"*

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Chair: **Sooyong Kim**, Koç U

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Chair: **Richmond M. Eustis Jr.**, Nicholls State U

Paraska Tolan-Szkilnik, U of Pennsylvania-*To the Left of the Left: The Alt-Panafrican Festival of Algiers (1969)*

Hayat Alvi, US Naval War Col-*Musical Criminology: A Comparative Analysis of Jihadist Nasheeds and Narco Corridos*

Sadam Issa, Michigan State U-*Ibrahim Qashoush's Revolutionary Popular Songs: Resistance Music in the 2011 Syrian Revolution*

(5337) Kurds and Turcomen in the Current Crisis in the Levant

Chair: **Charles E. Davidson**, George Mason U-*Dynamic Insurgency: Does Target Audience Proximity to a Conflict Affect the Promoted Collective Action Frame of a Transnational Insurgent Group?*

Ozum Yesiltas, Texas A&M U Commerce-*Understanding Rojava: Western Perceptions of Women Fighting ISIS*

Yasin Sunca, Bielefeld U-*Bifurcated Trajectory of Self-Determination in Kurdistan: Two Responses to the Global Political Crisis*

Emrullah Uslu, Virginia International U-*Founding Rojava: Kurdish Autonomous Region of Syria and Its Impact on Kurdish Political Identity*

(5339) Contemporary Tunisian Politics

Chair: **Francesco Cavatorta**, Université Laval

Marta Tawil, El Colegio de Mexico-*Political Liberalization and Foreign Policy. The Domestic Origins of Tunisia's Foreign Policy since 2011*

Pietro Marzo, Laval U-*The Globalisation of Political and Civil Society and Its Effects on Democratisation. Evidence from US-Tunisia Relations (2004-2010)*

Brandon Gorman, U at Albany SUNY-*"We Will Surely Return to Chaos": Disillusionment in the Aftermath of Tunisia's Arab Spring*

Idriss Jebari, Bowdoin Col-*From Memories to the History of the Tunisian Left (1963-1987): Students, Workers and Prisoners in the Collective Imagination*



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