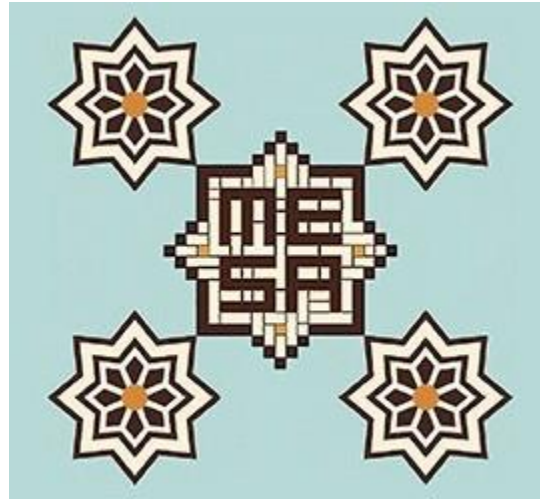


MESA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ON PALESTINE



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PARC-Sponsored MESA Panel and Double Panel

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MESA Panels, Papers, Special Sessions, Thematic Conversations, and Roundtables Related to Palestine

MONDAY, 05 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5926] Reframing Childhood in the Modern Middle East

Organizer: Sivan Balslev (Hebrew U of Jerusalem) and Maayan Hilel (Northwestern U)

Chair/Discussant: Dylan Baun (U of Alabama Huntsville)

Maayan Hilel (Northwestern U) *Childhood, Leisure and Nationalism in British Mandate Palestine*

MONDAY, 05 OCT 1:30 PM

[P5912] Unsettling Racial Geographies in Middle Eastern Diasporas

Organizer: Randa Tawil (Texas Christian U)

Chair: Nadine C. Naber (U of Illinois) and Stanley Thangaraj (City College of New York)

Discussant: Stanley Thangaraj (City College of New York)

Lucy El-Sherif (U of Toronto) *Dancing Dabke on Turtle Island: Unpacking the Entanglements of Racialization and Colonization*

[P5946] Democratic Empires and the Limits on Expression

Organizer: Amahl Bishara* (Tufts U) and Alejandro I. Paz (U of T Scarborough)

Amahl Bishara* (Tufts U) *Defining "Palestine": Borders, News Websites, and Categorizing the Domestic*

Alejandro I. Paz (U of T Scarborough) *Imperial Publics and US Presidential Elections: The Case of the Israeli English Online Press*

Sultan Doughan (Boston U) *Narrating the Holocaust with the Nakba? On the Limits of Liberal Democracy in Germany*

[P6135] Futures and Futurism: Time Across the Middle East

Chair: Alize Arican (U of Illinois Chicago)

Drew Paul (U of Tennessee, Knoxville) *Palestinians without Palestine/Palestine without Palestinians: Time and the Nation-State*

[P6144] Contemporary American Orientalism

Chair: Mirna Lattouf (Arizona State U)

Benjamin Schreier (Penn State U) *Beyond Zionism: Palestinian American Literature and Institutional Possibility*

TUESDAY, 06 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5817] "I Have a Dream": Political Imagination and Utopian Writings in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries

Organizer: Sami Sweis (Centre College)

Discussant: James L. Gelvin (UCLA)

Eli Osheroff (Hebrew U) *Paradise Not Lost: Palestinian Utopian Thinking in the British Mandate Period*

[P5924] Transnational Technoscience and Political Power in Palestine, Turkey, and the Gulf

Organizer: Joakim Parslow (U of Oslo)

Chair: Tarek El-Ariss (Dartmouth College)

Discussant: Joanne Nucho (Pomona College)

Fredrik Meiton* (U of New Hampshire) *How Big is Palestine? Economic Absorptive Capacity at the Dawn of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*

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[P5988] Rethinking 'contentious politics' in the Middle East and North Africa: Analysis of social networks beyond protests

Sponsor: Organized under the auspices of the Arab Political Science Network

Organizer/Chair: Ester Sigillo* (EUI)

Discussant: Francesco Cavatorta (Laval U)

Caitlin Procter (EUI) *After the Great March of Return: everyday activism among Palestinian youth in the Gaza Strip*

[P6003] Political Aesthetics of Modernity in the Contemporary Arab Cinemascape

Organizer/Chair: Terri Ginsberg (American U in Cairo)

Discussant: Viviane Saglier (McGill U)

Alkassim (George Mason U) *“Gaza and the Found Footage Film: Expanding Temporalities and Aesthetics”*

TUESDAY, 06 OCT 1:30 PM

[P5803] Arabic Radio Broadcasting in the Early Mid-20th Century

Organizer: Andrea L. Stanton (U of Denver)

Discussant: Marwan M. Kraidy (U of Pennsylvania)

Sahar Bostock (Columbia U) *Speaking Back: Arab Palestinian Listeners' Discourse on Radio in Mandate Palestine*

[R5850] ROUNDTABLE

Crisis and Change: An Interdisciplinary Roundtable on Climate

Organizer: Owain Lawson (Columbia U)

Elizabeth Holt (Brad College)

Arbella Bet-Shlimon (U of Washington)

Zozan Pehlivan (U of Minnesota Twin Cities)

Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins* (Bard College)

[P6197] War/Violence: Literature and Film

Chair: Ghenwa Hayek (U of Chicago)

Youssef Yacoubi (Seton Hall U) *Arab-American Women Writers on War: Memory, Trauma and the Afflicted Text*

WEDNESDAY, 07 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5944] Rivalry, Energy, and Insecurity in the Middle East

Organizer/Chair: Jeannie Sowers* (U of New Hampshire)

Jeremy Pressman (U of Connecticut) *Changing US National Interests and the end of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process*

Jeannie Sowers* (U of New Hampshire) *War and the Energy-Health Nexus in the Middle East*

[P6005] Architecture and Urban Space Under Settler Colonialism in the Coastal Cities of Palestine

Organizer: Fatina Abreek-Zuiedat (Swiss Federal Inst of Technology, Zurich)

Fatima Abreek-Zuiedat (Swiss Federal Inst of Technology, Zurich) *Gaza: The Right to Urban History in Conflict*

Ronnen Ben-Arie (Technion-Israel Inst of Technology) *Urban transformation in Downtown Haifa: from a 'state of emergency' to urban destruction*

Muhammad Jabali (Berlin) *Leisure, Memory, Ownership, Longing and Belonging in Contemporary Jaffa*

Hemmat Zoubi* (Zu'bi) (EUME) *Hayfa 1948, spatial transformation and reshaping identities – the Palestinians in Haifa following the Nakba*

[R6069] ROUNDTABLE

Art as Method and Lens for Middle East Studies

Organizer/Chair: Kristen Scheid* (American U of Beirut)

Susan Slyomovics* (UCLA)
Ulrike Freitag (ZMO Berlin)
Ussama Makdisi (Rice U)
Aseel Sawalha (Fordham U, New York)
Nadia von Maltzahn (Orient-Institut Beirut)
Elizabeth Derderian (College of Wooster)
J. Andrew Bush (Harvard Law School)

WEDNESDAY, 07 OCT 1:30 PM

[P6138] Contentions and Hopes of Religious Life

Chair: Noha Fikry (American U in Cairo)
Kenny Schmitt* (Al-Quds Bard College) *Disruption, Improvisation, and Resonance: A Comparative Frame for Analyzing Religious Traditions?*

[P5853] Countering Gender Stereotypes in the Middle East

Organizer: Najwa Adra (Institute for Social Anthropology)
Chair: Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh (Northeastern Illinois U)
Rasmieyh Abdelnabi* (George Mason U) *Embroidery & Palestine: Quiet Resistance in Women-only Spaces*

[P5973] Sex in the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer/Chair/Discussant: Angel M. Foster* (U of Ottawa)
Laura Ferrero (U of Turin, Italy) *Zawjat al-abtal [the wives of the heroes]: Palestinian women building families by their own*

[P6214] Social Movements and Solidarities

Chair: Anca Munteanu (CNRS, U Paris 1 Sorbonne)
Padraigin O'Flynn (London, UK) *"Blessed are those who hunger for justice...": Transnationalism, hunger strikes, and Irish-Palestinian solidarity*

THURSDAY, 08 OCT 11:00 AM

[R5852] ROUNDTABLE

The Power of Bodies and Bones: Revisiting Death and Dying in the Middle East

Organizer/Chair: Elyse Semerdjian (Whitman College)
Frances S. Hasso* (Duke U)
Meriam Belli (U of Iowa)
Shana E. Minkin (U of the South)
Asli Zengin (Brown U)

[P5856] Organizing, Enduring, Empowering, and Sharing: Challenging Institutional Constructs in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey

Organizer/chair: Betty S. Anderson (Boston U)

Discussant: Kimberly B. Katz* (Towson U)

Julia Gettle* (Brown U) *The Arab Nationalist Grassroots: Popular Political Organizing in Palestinian Refugee Camps, 1950-1970*

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[R5970] ROUNDTABLE

Projects of Modernity in Twentieth-Century Arabic Poetry

Organizer/Chair: Adey Almohsen* (U of Minnesota)

Tamir Sorek* (U of Florida)

Michael Peddycoart (U of Chicago)

Daniel Behar (Dartmouth College)

Wijdan Alsayegh (U of Michigan)

Khalid Lyamlahy (U of Chicago)

[P6007] Global Trends in Palestinian Literature - Palestinian Literature as Global: Past, Present and Future

Organizer: Manar Makhoul (Tel-Aviv U)

Chair/Discussant: Amal Equeiq* (Williams College)

Sadia Agsous (CRFJ) *Palestinian culture between past and present: a Nahdawi dynamic process in the making of modern Palestinian culture*

Kfir Cohen (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute) *Palestinian Literature in the Time of Neoliberal*

Globalization

Maurice Ebileeni (U of Haifa) *Palestinian Writings in the World*

Elbaz Elbaz (Stanford U) *Translatability versus Localism: A Digital Humanities Approach*

Manar Makhoul (Tel-Aviv U) *The Unbearable Lightness of Being in the 1960s: Palestinian vis-a-vis World Literature after 1967*

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[P5943] "I Am From There, I Am From Here": Indigenous Studies, "Placing" Palestine, and Epistemological Possibilities

Organizer: Amanda Batarseh (UC San Diego)

Amanda Batarseh (UC San Diego) *Palestinian "Place-Making" and the Land Narrative Genre*

Eman Ghanayem (U of Illinois at Urban-Champaign) *Palestinian "Place-Making" and the Land Narrative Genre*

Maryam Griffin* (University of Washington Bothell) *Route Maps and Rival Geographies: Collective Palestinian Mobility through Colonized Space*

Lila Sharif (U of Illinois at Urban-Champaign) *Olive Insurrections: Palestinian Decolonial Struggles Over Foodways, Land, and Tree*

[P6089] Culture, Revolution and Memorializing Violence in the Middle East

Organizer/Chair: Chandni Desai (U of Toronto)

Chandni Desai (U of Toronto) *The Art of Liberation: Culture, Revolution and Palestine*

[P6231] Revisiting Missions and Modernity in the MENA Region

Chair: Weston Bland (U of Pennsylvania)

C. Carter Barnett (U of Texas Austin) *Medical Missionaries in Gaza: The History of Ahli Arab Hospital*

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5828] Social, Economic, and Political Histories of Recreational Drugs in the Middle East and North Africa (19th and 20th Centuries)

Organizer: Stefano Taglia (Oriental Institute, CAS) and Ranin Kazemi (San Diego State U)

Chair/Discussant: Rudi Matthee (U of Bern, Switzerland)

Haggai Ram (Ben Gurion U of the Negev) *Unintended Consequences: Hashish Culture in Interwar Palestine*

[P5966] "Oh There You Go, Bringing Class Into It Again!": Deprovincializing the Agrarian Question in the Middle East

Organizer: China Sajadian (CUNY Graduate Center)

Chair/Discussant: Elizabeth Williams (University of Massachusetts Lowell)

Kristen Alff* (North Carolina State U) *The Agrarian Question in Palestine: Rethinking Labor, Capital, and Conflict*

Paul Kohlbry* (Brown U) *Agrarian Questions and Settler Inflections: Possession, Productivity, and the Land Struggle in Palestine*

[P5997] Dissecting Development: Discourses and Disparate Priorities Across the Middle East

Organizer: Jowel Choufani (The George Washington U)

Organizer: Alyssa Bivins (The George Washington U)

Discussant: Becky Schulthies (Rutgers U)

Alyssa Bivins (The George Washington U) *Whose Goals are they Anyway?: Contrasting Ideas of Quality Education in Palestine, 1980-2000*

[P6078] Resistance, Violence, and Agency: The Past, Present, and Future of the Palestinian Struggle

Sponsor: Organized under the auspices of the Journal of Middle East Law and Governance (MELG)

Organizer: Diana Greenwald (City College of New York, CUNY)

Discussant: Karam Dana* (U of Washington Bothell)

Dana El Kurd (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies) *Support for Violent versus Non-Violent Strategies in the Palestinian Territories*

Alexei Abrahams (U of Toronto) *Measuring (in)security of Palestinian civil society websites*

Diana Greenwald (City College of New York, CUNY) and Mark A. Tessler (U of Michigan, Ann Arbor) *The Evolution of Resistance: Generational Views of Palestinian Institutions*

Catherine Herrold* (Indiana U) *Negotiating Western Intervention: Social Change Actors, Foreign Aid, and Civil Society in Palestine*

[P6145] Women's Agency in Music and Literature

Magda Hasabelnaby (Ain Shams U) *"Behind Lock and Key": Arab Women Writers Unlocking the History of the Nakba*

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCT 1:30 PM

[P5812] Decolonizing Arabic Studies I: Foreign Theory and the Crisis of Authenticity

Organizer/Chair: Mohammad Salama (San Francisco State U)

Hanadi Al-Samman (U of Virginia) *Decolonizing Queer Bodies*

[P5854] Unintended Consequences of International Actors on Jordan's Refugee Policies

Organizer: Lilian Frost (George Washington U)

Chair: Curtis R. Ryan (Appalachian State U)

Discussant: Laurie Brand* (U of Southern California)

Lilian Frost (George Washington U) *Intentional Ambiguity: Refugee Policies under Pressure in Jordan*

[R5820] ROUNDTABLE

MERIP's Impact on Middle East Studies

Organizer/Chair: Waleed Hazbun (U of Alabama)

Zachary Lockman* (New York U)

Judith E. Tucker* (Georgetown U)

Joe Stork (Human Rights Watch (ret.))

Norman Claire Moruzzi (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Stacey Philbrick Yadav (Hobart & William Smith Colleges)

Tes Swedenburg (U of Arkansas)

Jacob A. Mundy (Colgate U)

[R5927] ROUNDTABLE

Spirit of '36: Arab Revolt(s) Beyond the Nation-State

Organizer: Pascal Abidor (Independent Scholar) and Dylan Baun (U of Alabama Huntsville)

Discussant: Pascal Abidor (Independent Scholar)

Andrea L. Stanton (U of Denver)

Pascal Abidor (Independent Scholar)

Adrien Zakar (Stanford U)

Dylan Baun (U of Alabama Huntsville)

[P5933] Challenging the Mainstream: Contested Histories, Archives, and Alternative Mizrahi Voices

Organizer: Noa Hazan (CUNY)

Chair: Shirly Bahar (Columbia U)

Noa Hazan (CUNY) *Cleaning up the Archive: Highlighting the Zionist American Organization of Hadassah from A New Mizrahi Perspective*

[P5998] Education and State in the Modern Middle East

Organizer: Hilary Falb Kalisman* (U of Colorado Boulder)

Hilary Falb Kalisman* (U of Colorado Boulder) *Standardized Futures: A political history of Jordan's Tawjihi*

Mezna Qato* (U of Cambridge) *A Working Class: Manpower, Anxiety and Education in Palestinian Exile, 1948 - 1993*

[P6131] Memory and Residues of the Past

Chair: Razi Ahmad (U of Kansas)

Jamila Ghaddar (U of Toronto) *al-Nakba: Genealogies, Third World Archives & the Dr. Constantine Zurayk Collection*

THURSDAY, 15 OCT 11:00 AM

[P6040] Between the Imagined and the Real: Spaces of Tensions in Iraq, Lebanon, and Palestine

Organizer: Diala Lteif (U of Toronot) and Faiq Mari (ETH Zürich)

Nadia Abusaada (U of Cambridge) *Against the Rule of Experts: The Arab Development Society in the Jordan Valley, 1945-67*

Faiq Mari (ETH Zürich) *The arrow points left: visions of the Palestinian revolution in its first two decades*

[P6203] Ottoman and Iranian Jews

Rachel Smith (UCLA) *Sephardic Hilula Narratives in Nineteenth-Century Palestine*

THURSDAY, 15 OCT 1:30 PM

[P6044] Petroleum and Socio-Ecologies in the Middle East

Organizer: Ciruce Movahedi-Lankarani (U of Southern California)

Natasha Pesaran (Columbia U) *Tracing a Political Ecology of Iraqi Oil Flows in the Interwar Levant*

[P6238] Pedagogy, Identity, and Power in Israel and Palestine

Chair: Alyssa Bivins (The George Washington U)

Sanket Desai* (Montgomery County Community College) *Preserving a Jewish State with a lot*

of baklava: active learning and teaching the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in history surveys

Emily Schneider (Northern Arizona U) *Conflicting Mobilities: The Case of Encounter*

Ranjit Singh (U of Mary Washington) *Teaching BDS to Undergraduates*

Guy Yadin Evron (New York U) *"This, Our Cousin Does Not Understand": Kinship Metaphors in the Early Arab-Zionist Encounter*

FRIDAY, 16 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5819] Women (Re)Writing the Nation: A Comparative Study of Arab Feminist Writing

Organizer: Camelia Suleiman (Michigan State U)

Camelia Suleiman (Michigan State U) *Women Rewriting the Nation: A Comparative Study of Jordanian and Palestinian Feminist Writing*

[R5855] ROUNDTABLE

The Ultimate Silenced Speak: Women Activists and Scholars

Organizer/Chair: Maro Youssef (U of Texas Austin)

Discussant: Catherine Batruni (Independent Scholar)

Amal Amireh (George Mason U)

Nicole Khoury (U of California, Irvine)

Michela Cerruti (Graduate Institute)

[P5900] Ottoman Zionism and Its Discontents: Natives, Nationals, and Settlers in Early-Twentieth Century Palestine

Organizer: Yari Wallach (SOAS, U of London)

Chair: Michelle U. Campos* (Penn State)

Louis Fishman (Brooklyn College CUNY) *That was then and this is now: Jewish and Palestinian Narratives from the Ottoman Period*

Liora R. Halperin (U of Washington, Seattle) *"Hierarchical Coexistence": Relational History on the Zionist Center-Right*

Roberto Mazza (U of Limerick) *A Deal to Forget: Cemal Pasha and the sale of the Western Wall*

Yair Wallach (SOAS, U of London) *Hebrew and coloniality in early twentieth century Jerusalem*

[P6128] Territoriality and Contested Borders

Chair: Kyle T. Evered (Michigan State U)

Caroline Kahlenberg* (Harvard U) *Women's Bodies on the Border: Modesty, Gossip, and National Subject Formation in Early 20th Century Palestine*

Connie Gagliardi (U of Toronto) *Defacing the Graffiti on the Israeli Separation Wall as an*

Expression of Popular Palestinian Sovereignty: Exposing Conflict Fetishism and the Israeli Colonial Frontier

FRIDAY, 16 OCT 1:30 PM

[P6104] Black September in Jordan: Fifty Years On

Organizer: Fadi Kafeety (U of Houston/ Center for Arab Studies)

Chair: Maha Nassar (U of Arizona)

Patrick Higgins (The U of Houston) *In the Shadow of Dual Authority: Palestinian Revolutionary Perceptions of US Power from the Karamah Battle to Black September*

Derek Ide (U of Houston) *The Internationalist and the Informant: Robert F. Williams and Richard Gibson from Beijing to Black September*

Fadi Kafeety (U of Houston/ Center for Arab Studies) *The Jordanian Communist Party and Black September: Between Moderation and Revolution*

Samar Saeed (Georgetown U) *Actors not Observers: Women and the Palestinian Revolution During Black September*

[P6209] Futures and Temporalities in Fiction

Chair: Katie Logan* (Virginia Commonwealth U)

Noa Shaindinger (College of the Holy Cross) *The Palestine of Tomorrow: Imagining Futures and Derrida's "Living Well Together"*

Adam Spanos (U of Chicago) *Bequeathing Futures in Post-Oslo Palestine*

SATURDAY, 17 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5865] The Stories They Tell: Building Archives of Arab America

Organizer: Matthew Stiffler (Arab American National Museum)

Rosemarie M. Esber (Arabic Media) *Urban Palestinian-American Refugees of the Nakba*

[R6002] ROUNDTABLE

Imperial Decline? The Shifting Contours of U.S. Power in the Middle East

Organizer: Lisa Bhungalia* (Kent State U) and Danya Al-Saleh (U of Wisconsin, Madison)

Chair: Danya Al-Saleh (U of Wisconsin, Madison)

Omar Dahi (Hampshire College)

Abdullah Al-Arian (Georgetown U Qatar)

Katty Alhayek (U of Massachusetts Amherst)

Basileus Zeno (U of Massachusetts Amherst)

Madiha Tahir (Columbia U)

Lisa Bhungalia* (Kent State U)

[P6127] Returning Home: Palestinian Identity Dynamics

Chair: Adey Almohsen* (U of Minnesota)

Molly Courtney (UCLA) *"The Trees Know Me": Rootedness and the Right to Remain in Mahmoud Darwish's Poetry*

Suzy Halajjan (U of California, Santa Cruz) *Under the Influence: The Experimental Moving Image Works of Basma Alsharif*

Kristen Scheid* (American U of Beirut) *The Burden of At-homeness for Palestinian Artists and Art History Generally*

Garrett Shuffield (The U of Texas at Austin) *Disorientation and Fracture: Lina Meruane and Rabai al-Madhoun "Return" to Palestine*

Nadine Sinno (Virginia Tech) *Riding out Familial Drama and National Trauma in Tragicomic Palestinian Road Films*

[P6134] The Politics of Music and National Identity Formation

Chair: Margaret Morley (Indiana U)

Loab Hammud (U of Haifa) *Coping with the trauma of exile: two cases of Palestinian composers making music in the diaspora*

[P6162] The Politics of Land and Property: Updating Historical Perspectives

Mekarem Eljamal (U of Michigan) *Alienations and Articulations: Tracing Israeli Land Policies Through History*

Stephen P. Gasteyer* (Michigan State U) *The Colonization of Palestinian Land and Resources and Resistances*

Amos Nadan (Tel Aviv U) *Myths and Reality: Revisiting Peasant Communes and Land Policies in the Levant*

SATURDAY, 17 OCT 1:30 PM

[P6048] Food, Culture, and Politics in the Middle East

Organizer: Jessica E. Barnes (U of South Carolina)

Discussant: Anny Gaul (Tufts U)

Nancy Hawker (Independent Scholar) *Cultivating communication: Palestinian olive growers in two villages south of Jerusalem*

[P6054] Negotiating International Development Norms in post-2011 Arab World

Organizer: Afaf Jabiri (U of East London) and Elena Aoun (Catholic U Louvain)

Discussant: Elena Aoun (Catholic U Louvain)

Afaf Jabiri (U of East London) *Palestinian refugees of Syria and the gendered politics of aid: Local resistance to international and state's aid selectivity approach*

[P6140] Communicating to Peace

Renee Spellman (The U of Arizona) *Online Palestinian Women's Activism: Reimagining the Public and Private Sphere*

[P6148] Policing and Surveillance in Israel

Chair: Hassaan Shahawy (Harvard Law School)

Smadar Ben-Natan (UC Berkeley) *Self-Proclaimed Human rights Heroes: The Counter-Narrative of Israeli Military Judges*

Noura Erakat* (Rutgers U) *Planning for Settler-Colonial Removal in Hizma and the Production of Racialized Subjects*

Sophia Goodfriend (Duke U) *Google Ayosh AnyVision and Big Data's Shadow Archive*

Michael Samuel* (Emory U) *From British Colonialism to Zionist Settler-Colonialism: The Evolution of the Legal Regime in Israel-Palestine, 1920-1966*

[P6232] Defining Identities, Norms, and Boundaries in Contemporary Tunisia

Chair: James H. Sunday (Johns Hopkins U)

Silvia Marsans-Sakly (Fairfield U) *Arab in the Maghreb: The Question of Palestine in Tunisia*

Conference Sessions Not Related to Palestinian Studies with PARC Fellows or Board Members Presenting Papers

MONDAY, 05 OCT 11:00 AM

[R5843] ROUNDTABLE

Critical Security and Anthropology from the Middle East

Organizer: Sami Hermez (Northwestern U in Qatar) and Giulia El Dardiry (McGill U)

Discussant: Sami Hermez (Northwestern U in Qatar)

Kali Rubaii* (Purdue U)

TUESDAY, 06 OCT 11:00 AM

[R5916] ROUNDTABLE

Citizenship and Belonging in the Arabian Peninsula

Organizer/Chair: Gwenn Okruhlik (Independent Scholar)

Neha Vora* (Lafayette College)

[S6122] SPECIAL SESSION

Writing beyond the Academy: Commercial Publishing and the Middle East Scholar

Organizer: John Ghazvinian (U of Pennsylvania)

Wendy Pearlman* (Northwestern U)

[P6215] Women's Activism and Disenfranchisement

Chair: Nermin Allam (Rutgers U)

Maia Carter Hallward* (Kennesaw State U) *Does Gendered Militarism Result in Gendered Activism in Israel?*

WEDNESDAY, 07 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5810] Beyond Blueprints: Technology in Middle East History

Organizer: Andrew Simon (Dartmouth College)

Discussant: On Barak (Tel Aviv U)

Rebecca L. Stein* (Duke U) *Drone Dreaming: Israeli Military Visuality in the Digital Age*

WEDNESDAY, 07 OCT 1:30 PM

[P5951] Pluralism and Representation in the Late Ottoman Empire

Chair/Discussant: Julia Phillips Cohen (Vanderbilt U)

Michelle U. Campos* (Penn State) *Representatives of the Imperial Nation?*

[P6184] Reflecting Differences and Loss in Diasporas

Chair: Parin Somani (Saurashtra U)

Kim Shively* (Kutztown U of Pennsylvania) *Gurbet Cemetery: Contemplating Death in Exile*

THURSDAY, 08 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5856] Organizing, Enduring, Empowering, and Sharing: Challenging Institutional Constructs in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey

Organizer/chair: Betty S. Anderson (Boston U)

Discussant: Kimberly B. Katz* (Towson U)

Jennifer Olmsted* (Drew U) *Mainstreaming Gender in the Syria Response*

[P6042] Ethnographies of Migration, Displacement, and Belonging

Organizer/Chair: Osman Balkan (Swarthmore College)

Discussant: Lisa Wedeen

Paul Silverstein (Reed College)

Lama Mourad (Carleton U)

Michelle Weitzel* (New School for Social Research)

[P6047] Affect after the Arab Spring

Organizer: Elizabeth R. Nugent (Yale U)

Nermin Allam (Rutgers U)

Discussant: Daniel Tavana (Princeton U)

Wendy Pearlman* (Northwestern U) *Identity as a Feeling of Belonging: Displaced Syrians and the Search for Meaning*

FRIDAY, 10 OCT 10:00 AM

[S6272] SPECIAL SESSION

The Political Economy and Ethics of Social Science Research in the Arab World

Organizer/Chair: Lisa Anderson (Columbia U)

Saloua Zerhouni (Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco)

Sarah Parkinson* (Johns Hopkins U)

SUNDAY, 11 OCT 12:00 PM

[S6260] SPECIAL SESSION

MESA Presidential Panel: Middle East Studies and the Academy in the Time of Covid-19

Organizer/Chair: Dina Rizk Khoury* (George Washington U)

Zackary Lockman* (New York U)

THURSDAY, 15 OCT 1:30 PM

[R5881] ROUNDTABLE

Can Revolutions be Written? Theoretical and Empirical Implications

Organizer: Naghmeh Sohrabi (Brandeis U) and Youssef El Chazli (Crown Center for Middle East Studies)

Chair/Discussant: Charles Kurzman (U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Wendy Pearlman* (Northwestern U)

FRIDAY, 16 OCT 11:00 AM

[P5824] Living Precariously in Illiberal Times

Organizer: Tessa Farmer (U of Virginia)

Chair: Kali Rubaii* (Purdue U)

Neha Vora* (Lafayette College) *Illiberal gains: The American branch campus and the kafala system*