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**PARC-Sponsored MESA Roundtables**

**THURSDAY, 01 DEC 5:30 PM – Session II**

[II-01] **ROUNDTABLE**

**Finding Arab Palestine in Israeli Archives**

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FRIDAY, 02 DEC 4:00 PM – Session VI

[VI-01] Roundtable
Doing Palestinian Ethnography While Palestinian
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Nadeem Karkabi *(U of Haifa)

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

THURSDAY, 01 DEC 3:00 PM – Session I

[I-08] Gender and the New History of Capitalism in MENA
Organizer: Susanna Ferguson (Smith College)
Chair/Discussant: Sherene Seikaly* (UC Santa Barbara)
Kristen Alff* (North Carolina State U) Unveiling Myths of the Limited Liability Corporation: Gender, Marriage, and the Early-20th Century Levantine Company
Toufoul Abou-Hodeib (U of Oslo) From Women to Workers: Limits to Revolutionary Subjects in the PLO’s Economic Program

[I-11] The One State Paradigm Shift: Emerging Realities and Growing Discrepancies in Israel/Palestine
Organizer: Smadar Ben-Natan (U of Washington, Seattle)
Chair: Amal Jamal (Tel Aviv U)
Smadar Ben-Natan (U of Washington, Seattle) The One Carceral State: Mass Incarceration and Carceral Citizenship in Israel/Palestine
Lisa Strombom (Lund U) and Anders Persson (Liannaeus U) One or two states as a solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict – the EU caught between international norms and realpolitik
Amal Jamal (Tel Aviv U) The Politics of Inclusive Exclusion and the Categorical Imperative of Shared-Sovereignty
Ian Lustick (U of Pennsylvania) The Reality of Annexation in Right-Wing Discourse--The Case of Ribonut (Sovereignty)

[I-16] Cyberspace and Social Movements and the Authoritarian Governance of Digital Public Sphere
Renee Spellman* (U of Arizona) Palestinian Feminist Activism in Digital and Non-Digital Spaces: Stances, Discourses, and Risks
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[II-19] Rethinking Women's Empowerment in the MENA
Organizer: Ella Williams (Oxford U)
Chair: Michael J. Willis (U of Oxford)
Andrea Sakleh (Independent Scholar) Palestinian Women’s Empowerment through Social and Generational Gender Shaping

FRIDAY, 02 DEC 8:30 AM – Session III

[III-03] Roundtable
Statelessness in the Modern Middle East
Organizer: Laura Robson (Pennsylvania State U) and Jennifer Dueck (U of Manitoba)
Chair: Ilana Feldman* (George Washington U)
Laura Robson (Pennsylvania State U)

[III-08] The Politics of Multiparty Coalition Governments in the Arab World
Sponsor: Organized under the auspices of Middle East Law and Governance
Organizer/Chair: Francesco Cavatorta (U Laval)
Maia Carter Hallward* (Kennesaw State U) Taib Biygautane (Kennesaw State U), and Stephanie Stapleton (Kennesaw State U) Doomed for Failure? Coalition Formation Experience Under Foreign Intervention in the MENA

[III-13] Transnational Anti-Racist Movements
Chair: Thomas Simsarian Dolan (American U in Cairo)
Nour MJ Hodeib (CUNY) Graduate Center Grooving on the Barricades: Leftist Artists and African-American Music in the Lebanese Civil War
Phil Hoffman (UCLA) Limits of Solidarity: Coverage of Malcolm X’s Visits to the Middle East in the Syrian Press
Noura Erakat* (Rutgers U-New Brunswick) Deadly Exchange: Upending Circuits of State Violence
Fabiola Hanna (The New School) Reckoning with our Role as Immigrants to Stolen Land

[III-14] Literature as Resistance: Social Unrest and Catastrophe
Chair: Jonas M. Elbousty (Yale U)
Rachel Green (U of Massachusetts, Amherst) Ecological Catastrophe Unfolds All Around: Kaleidoscopic Solastalgia in Israeli, Palestinian and Arab Gulf Literatures
Uri Horesh (Achva Academic College) and Saleem Abu Jaber (Achva Academic College)
*Universalist freedom and Palestinian resistance in the writings of Shafiq Habib*
Aya Labanieh (Columbia U) *They Know Our Streets: Minorities as “Conspirators” at the Nexus of Imperial & National Interests*

**[III-19] Beyond National Literatures: Translation, Exchange, and the Creation of the Modern Middle East**
Chair: Levi Thompson (UT Austin)
Stephanie Kraver (U Chicago) *Conjuring Hittin in Darwish and Ravikovitch’s Post-1967 Poetics*

**FRIDAY, 02 DEC 11:00 AM – Session IV**

**[IV-10] Rethinking Internationalist Solidarity with the Palestinian Revolution**
Organizer: Samar Saeed* (Georgetown U)
Chair: Fadi Kafeety, (U of Houston/AAEF Center for Arab Studies)
Lubna Taha (Independent Scholar) *On Cinema and Revolutions: Tricontinental Militancy and the Palestinian Revolution*
Samar Saeed (Georgetown U) *Remembrance through the Arts: Political Posters of the Palestinian Revolution during the 1960s in Jordan*
Jeremy Randall (CUNY Graduate Center) *Global Revolution Starts with Palestine: The Japanese Red Army’s Solidarity with the PFLP*
Erica Augenstein (U of Houston) *Organizing and Theorizing Resistance: The Formation of the General Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists*

**[IV-16] History and Future in Palestinian Diaspora Literature**
Organizers: Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State U) and Hella Cohen
Benjamin Schreier (Pennsylvania State U) *The Futures of Palestinian American Literature*
George Abraham (Northwestern U) *Permission to Speculate: Death Worlds and Palestinian Literary Imaginations*

**[IV-20] Political Economy, Forms of Resistance and Policy Challenges in (Post)Conflict Contexts**
Organizer: Jennifer Olmsted* (Drew U)
Chair/Discussant: Jeannie Sowers (U of New Hampshire)
Rasmieyh R. Abdlnabi* (George Mason U) *Women’s Work, Political Violence, and Palestinian Embroidery: Between Precarity and Cultural Continuity*

**[IV-21] Narrating Catastrophe and Loss**
Chair: Jonas M. Elbousty (Yale University)
Doaa Omran (U of New Mexico) *Suad Amiry’s Sharon and My Mother-in-Law: Post-Nakba Autotheoretical Biomythographies*

**FRIDAY, 02 DEC 1:30 PM – Session V**

**[V-01] Roundtable**
**Common Challenges, New Opportunities: Connections between the Middle East and Latin America**
Chair: Eman Morsi (Dartmouth College)
[V-07] Arab Women Filmmakers On The Move: Films, Discourses, Supports, And Transnational Reception
Chair: Terri Ginsberg (Concordia University)
Samirah Alkassim (George Mason U) Khadijeh Habashneh and Women’s Films in the Long 70s of the Revolution

[V-09] Social Movements, Protests and Radical Currents
Chair: Khalil Dahbi (GIGA)
Fadi Kafeety (U of Houston/AAEF Center for Arab Studies) Revolutionary Horizons: The Movement of Arab Nationalists and the Marxist Turn in the Arabian Peninsula and Palestine

[V-10] Labor Organizations, Leverage, and Capacity
Organizer: Keenan Wilder
Chair/Discussant: Rima Majed (American U of Beirut)
Robert Hildebrandt (George Washington U) Beyond “Hebrew Labor”: Palestinian Citizens’ Experiences in the Contemporary Histadrut

[V-14] The Resilience Industry: Resilience Discourse and Cultural Production
Organizers: Shir Alon (U of Minnesota, Twin Cities) and Melissa Melpignano (U of Texas at El Paso)
Melissa Melpignano (U of Texas at El Paso) Throwing Like a Palestinian Girl: Resisting Resilience
Irene Fernandez Ramos (Independent Scholar) Performing Survival in Palestinian Theatre: From Sumud to Transformative Resilience
Liron Mor (UC Irvine) Insourcing Resilience: Self-Writing and Self-Help in Palestine-Israel

[V-18] Music Production and Ethnomusicology
Elizabeth Tower (U of Michigan) Palestinian Hip-Hop Culture: Intermediality, Access Points, and a Movement Towards the Mainstream

[V-19] Decolonial Praxis: Translation and Method in Arabic Studies
Organizer: Jeffrey Sacks (UC Riverside)
Chair/Discussant: Anthony Alessandrin (CUNY)
Amanda Batarseh (UC San Diego) Al-ana wal-makan: Hussein al-Barghouti’s Critical Interventions on Place
Rana Sharif (UC Riverside) Narration as Method: A Palestinian Digital Poetics
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Nadeem Karkabi* (U of Haifa)

[VI-20] Educational Reform and Adaptation
Chair: Mirna Lattouf (Arizona State U)
Alyssa Bivins* (George Washington U) Contentious Education in East Jerusalem after the Naksa: 1967-1977

SATURDAY, 03 DEC 8:30 AM – Session VII
[VII-03] Roundtable
Rethinking “Discourse”: New Frequencies for Political and Social Analyses in the Middle East
Organizer: Sean Foley
Michelle Weitzel* (Graduate Institute, Geneva)
Abdulaziz Alghashian (Lancaster U)

[VII-09] Teaching the Middle East in Primary and Secondary Education
Sponsor: Organized under the auspices of the Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)
Organizer/Discussant: Kristin Tassin (Benjamin Franklin High School)
Nora Lester Murad* (Independent Scholar) A Framework for Evaluating K-12 Materials Involving Palestine

[VII-17] The Making and Unmaking of Health in Precarious Times
Organizer/Discussant: Livia Wick* (American U of Beirut)
Weeam Hammoudah* (Birzeit U) Acute and Chronic Uncertainties in the Palestinian Context: reflections on uncertainty before and after the covid-19 pandemic in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)

SATURDAY, 03 DEC 11:00 AM – Session VIII
[VIII-01] Roundtable
Reimagining Sephardic Studies: Perspectives from outside the Fold
Organized: Nancy Ko,* Jessie Stoolman, and Rachel Smith
Organized under the auspices of the UCLA Center for Jewish Studies
Discussants: Rachel Smith, Mawell Greenberg, Neda Bolourchi
Nancy Ko* (Columbia U)
Special Session
[VIII-04] After the Vote: The Transformative Power of MESA
Organizers: Mezna Qato* and Dana Sajdi
Chairs: Mezna Qato* (U of Cambridge) and Sherene Seikaly* (UC Santa Barbara)
Dana Sajdi (Boston College)
Beth Baron (CUNY)
Abdel Razzaq Takriti (University of Houston)

[VIII-07] Iran’s Place in the World: Visions and Ambitions in the Last Century
Sponsor: Organized under the auspices of the Iran 1400 Project
Organizer: Tabby Anvari (Iran 1400 Project)
Annie Tracy Samuel (U of Tennessee at Chattanooga) Israel-Palestine and Iran’s Place in the World

[VIII-12] Racial Categories and Racialized Bodies
Chair: Razan Ghazzawi (U of Sussex)
Sahar F. Aziz (Rutgers Law School) Palestine, American Empire and the Racial Muslim
Noa Shaindlinger (Worcester State U) “Israel’s Oriental Problem:” Race and Political Dissent in 1960s Israel

[VIII-14] Rebel Movements and Insurgencies
Chair: Didier Leroy (Royal Higher Institute for Defence)
Nathaniel Shils (UCLA) Strategic Adaptation and the Pursuit of Self-Determination: Palestinian Dilemmas and Prospects for Change
Maya Rosenfeld (Hebrew U of Jerusalem) Revisiting the First Intifada and the Resolutions of the 19th PNC Session (Algiers 1988): What Prevented the PLO from Advancing towards Palestinian Independence?

Sponsor: The Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies (AMECYS)
Organizer/Chair: Matthew Walleser (Centre for Lebanese Studies)
Basma El Doukhi (U of Kent) Rethinking Palestinian youth roles in the camps of Lebanon

[VIII-17] Literature and Identity: Navigating Social Boundaries
Chair: Hanan Elsayed (Occidental College)
Maru Pabón* (Yale U) In Search of the Voice of the People: Mahmoud Darwish’s Poetic Realism and its Third-Worldist Genres

[VIII-21] Representing Violence, Mediating Bodies
Chair: Natalie Honein (American U of Sharjah)
Ethan Pack (UCLA) *Post-Zionism and Violence: Case Studies from Two Israeli Television Dramas*

**SATURDAY, 03 DEC 3:00 PM – Session IX**

**Roundtable**

**[IX-03] Reproductive Investments: Bodies, Labor, and Power in the Middle East and North Africa**
Organizers: Christine Sargent and Jess Marie Newman
Weeam Hammoudeh* (Birzeit U)
Christine Sargent (U of Colorado, Denver)
Jess Marie Newman (Cornell U)
Eda Pepi (Yale U)
Alize Arican (Boston U)

**Special Session**

**[IX-05] Collaboration, Criticality and Crisis: Producing Knowledge in and on the Arab Region**
Organizer: Seteney Shami (Arab Council for the Social Sciences)
Chair: Eve Troutt Powell (U of Pennsylvania)
Dina Rizk Khoury* (George Washington U) *Knowledge Production, Activism and the Politics of Crises in the US and the MENA region*

**[IX-12] Religious Reform, Encounters, and Contestations**
Aziza Khazzoom (Indiana U Bloomington) *Comparing Definitions of Antisemitism and Islamophobia*

**[IX-16] Rethinking Resistance and Transnationalism in the Middle East and its Diasporas**
Organizer: Evyn Lê Espiritu Gandhi (UCLA)
Chair: Shir Alon (U of Minnesota, Twin Cities)
Evyn Lê Espiritu Gandhi (UCLA) *Exilic Poetics and the Refugee Settler Condition: A Relational Reading of Vietnamese Israeli and Palestinian Poetry*

**[IX-17] Politics of Photographic Portraiture**
Organizer: Zeinab Azarbadegan (Vienna School of International Studies) and Özge Calafato (U of Amsterdam)
Chair/Discussant: Salim Tamari* (Institute for Palestine Studies)
Sary Zananiri (Leiden U) *Costumes and the Image: Authenticity, Identity and Photography in Palestine*

**SATURDAY, 03 DEC 5:30 PM – Session X**

**[X-03] Roundtable**

**Permission to Narrate: Palestine in the American Academy**
Organizer/Chair/Discussant: Yara M. Asi* (U of Central Florida)
Brian Boyd* (Columbia U)
Penelope Mitchell* (Palestinian American Research Center)
Alex Winder* (Brown U)
Yara M. Asi* (U of Central Florida)
Amahl Bishara* (Tufts U)
David Mills (Harvard U)

[X-16] The Casual Consumption of the Middle East: The Region’s (Re-)Construction in Entertainment
Organizer: Mekarem Eljamal and John Kallas
Chair: Kylie Broderick (UNC Chapel Hill)
Mekarem Eljamal (Columbia U) Utopias and Dystopias: Urban Imaginations in Palestine+100

[X-19] Marginalization, Dispossession, and Exclusion
Leen Alfatafta (George Washington U) The Holy Land Experience and Long Distance Dispossession

SUNDAY, 04 DEC 8:30 AM – Session XI
[XI-06] Activism, Resistance and Rebellion
Julia Gettle* (Brown U) A Revolutionary Year: Armed Resistance and Statebuilding from Below in the 1958 Lebanese Crisis
Anne De Jong (U of Amsterdam) The Unity Intifada as Tipping Point Pillarization as Strategy for Activism and Resistance in Palestine

[XI-11] Anticolonial and Anti-imperial Mobilizations
Chair: James Clark (U of Nebraska Omaha)
Emily Schneider* (Northern Arizona U) The Role of Ideological Conversion in the Palestine Solidarity Movement

[XI-13] Transnational Networks of Migration
Chair: Veronica Anghel (Independent Scholar)
Kenny Schmitt* (Al-Quds Bard College) Gazan Christians: After Migration and the Dilemmas of Remaining

[XI-18] Visual Arts, and Images of Nationhood, Legacy, and Memory
Chair: Sadam Issa (Michigan State U)
Liat Berdugo (U of San Francisco) A Tree in Palestine: A photographic view of afforestation as a tool for colonization and control

Organizer: Corey Sherman
Benjamin Berman-Gladstone (NYU) Influencing Empire: How ‘Aden’s Jewish Emergency Committee Paved the Way to Operation On Eagles’ Wings
Liara R. Halperin (U of Washington) Seattle Native Sons, Native Settlers: The ‘Union of the Sons of the Yishuv,’ 1939-1965
Yair Wallach (SOAS, U of London) The Arab Ashkenazi – on Jewish Ashkenazi Migration to the Middle East beyond the Zionist Prism
Corey Sherman (UC Hastings College of Law) Navigating Neqama: Jewish Americans in Mass Media
SUNDAY, 04 DEC 11:00 AM – Session XII
[XII-11] Contemporary Palestine: Critical Perspectives and Arguments on Control, Autonomy, and Resistance
Organizer/Chair/Discussant: Alaa Tartir* (The Graduate Institute)
Ghada Sasa, McMaster University “Making the Desert Bloom” or Desertifying Palestine?
Gabi Kirk* (UC Davis) and Paul Kohlbry* (U of Chicago) Situating the Transnational in Rural Palestine
Yara M. Asi* (U of Central Florida) The Bureaucracy of Mortality: The Structural Violence of Medical Permits for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip
Jeremy Wildeman (Uof Ottawa/Carleton U) Western Intervention, Liberal Idealism and the Denial of Palestinian Self-Determination

[XII-12] Despair, Decay and Politics of Impasse
Omar Yousef Shehabi (Yale Law School) No Alternative to Despair? Sahrawis, Palestinians, and the International Law of Nationalism
Alon Burstein (Hebrew U) Let’s Trust in God: The Religionization/Secularization Processes of Violent Groups

[XII-17] Architecture and Politics of Urban Spaces
Chair: Vahid Vahdat (Washington State U)
Noah Hysler Rubin (Bezalel Academy of Art and Design) Municipal Engineer Ben Zion Guini and the transition from Ottoman to British planning in Jerusalem/Palestine

SUNDAY, 04 DEC 1:30 PM – Session XIII
[XIII-06] A Thumb on the Scale: Exploring the Limits of U.S. Narratives of Neutrality in the Middle East after Camp David
Organizer: Laila Ballout

[XIII-07] History of Medicine, Health Care, and Collectivism
C. Carter Barnett (Johns Hopkins U) Gazan Society and Missionary Medicine, 1882-1954

[XIII-09] Managing the Pandemic
Chair: Elizabeth Berk (Yale University)
Suzanne Morrison (Zayed U) The Securitization of COVID-19 in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

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

FRIDAY, 02 DEC 11:00 AM – Session IV
[IV-05] Special Session
The Stubborn Persistence of Lines Drawn in the Sand: One Hundred Years of Statehood and What it means to Be Iraqi
Sponsor: The Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TARII)
Organizer: Amanda Long (TARII)
Chair: Dina Rizk Khoury* (George Washington U)

[IV-12] Ideologies and Instruments of Nation-State Building
Alaa Tartir* (Graduate Institute, Geneva) Contentious Education in East Jerusalem after the Naksa: 1967-1977

[IV-17] Challenges and Perceptions of Diaspora
Chair: Azzedine Layachi (St. John’s U)
Tamir Sorek* (Pennsylvania State U) From basketball to soccer: North African Jews’ generational transformation in sports interest

FRIDAY, 02 DEC 1:30 PM – Session V
[V-03] Roundtable
Gender, Capitalism, Law and Empire: A Tribute to Judith Tucker*
Organizer: Rochelle Anne Davis* (Georgetown U) and Fida Adely (Georgetown U)
Chair: Beth Baron (CUNY)
Ellen Fleischmann* (University of Dayton)

[V-15] Thinking with Iraq on Climate Change Organized by Mona Damluji
Chair: Bridget Guarasci (Franklin & Marshall College)
Discussant: Gokce Gunel (Rice U)
Kali Rubaii* (Purdue U) Anomaly: on Teratogenic Violence in Iraq

FRIDAY, 02 DEC 4:00 PM – Session VI
[VI-03] Roundtable
Demystifying the Methods of Digital Middle East Projects
Organizer/Chair: Ada Petiwala (NYU)
Helga Tawil Souri* (NYU)

SATURDAY, 03 DEC 11:00 AM – Session VIII
[VIII-09] Infrastructures of Learning: Authority, Mobility and Nation in the 20th Century Middle East
Organizer: Hilary Falb Kalisman* (U of Colorado Boulder)
Chair: Ellen Fleischmann* (U of Dayton)
Hilary Falb Kalisman* (U of Colorado Boulder) Apostles of Knowledge: Modernity, Domesticity and the Transnational Schoolmistresses of 20th century Iraq

SATURDAY, 03 DEC 5:30 PM – Session X
[X-01] Roundtable
On Digital Ethnography & MENA Landscapes
Sponsor: The Association for Middle East Anthropology (AMEA)
Organizer: Sa’ed Atshan* (Emory U) and Heba Ghannam (American U)
[X-04] Special Session
The Future of Social Sciences and Humanities in the Arab World
Organizer/Chair: Nathan J. Brown* (George Washington U)

SUNDAY, 04 DEC 8:30 PM – Session XI
[XI-19] (Re)producing Rural Life: Critical Agrarian Perspectives of Labor in the MENA
Organized under the auspices of the Jadaliyya Environment Page
Organized by Gabi Kirk* and China Sajadian
Chair: Gabi Kirk* (UC Davis)

SUNDAY, 04 DEC 11:00 PM – Session XII
[XII-05] Revisionist Ottoman History: Discoveries in the Archives and Beyond
Organized by Christine Isom-Verhaaren
Discussant: Eric Dursteler, Brigham Young University
Kent Schull* (Binghamton U, SUNY) Navigating Criminal Justice related Sources for the
Ottoman Empire: A “History from Below” Approach

SUNDAY, 04 DEC 1:30 PM – Session XIII
[XIII-16] Constructing and Challenging Gender Norms
Damla Isik* (Regis University) Developing the Peri-urban: Slow City, Slow Food, and Women’s
Entrepreneurship in Seferihisar, Turkey