

MESA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS ON PALESTINE



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(* Indicates PARC fellows, staff, and board members. PARC has more than 50 fellows, board members, and staff participating on panels at MESA this year.)

PARC-Sponsored MESA Panels

THURSDAY, 02 NOV 5:30 PM – Session II

[II-05] Roundtable (incorrectly listed as a roundtable)

Reassembling the Pieces: Settler Colonialism and the Reconception of Palestinian Health

Sponsor: Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Organizer: Weeam Hammoudeh* (Birzeit University)

Yara Asi* (University of Central Florida)

Weeam Hammoudeh* (Birzeit University)

David Mills (Harvard School of Public Health)

Bram Wispelwey (Harvard Medical School)

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 1:30 PM – Session V

CANCELLED: [V-2] Roundtable

Finding Palestine in Israeli Archives

Organizer: Shay Hazkani* (University of Maryland, College Park)

Organizer: Basma Fahoum* (Stanford University)

Dr. Mezna Qato* (University of Cambridge)

Nimrod Ben Zeev (Tel Aviv University)

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 5:30 PM – Session X

[X-20] Panel

Palestine and Constellations of Indigeneity

Sponsor: Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)

Organizer: Omar Alsayyed (New York University)

Chair/ Discussant: Nasser Abourahme (Bowdoin College)

Tamar Ghabin* (New York University)

Omar Alsayyed (New York University)

Ruba Akkad (Texas Christian University)

Wael Omar (SOAS, University of London)

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

THURSDAY, 02 NOV 3:00 PM – Session I

[I-3] From Colonial Finance to Financialization: Concepts, Methodologies, and Research Questions

Organizer: Hicham Safieddine (University of British Columbia)

Organizer: Myriam Amri (Harvard University)

Chair: Omar AlShehabi (University of Leeds)

Riya Al Sanah (University of Exeter) *Financial Inclusion under Settler Colonialism: Housing 1948 Palestinians*

[I-4] Palestine and the Rhetoric of Human Rights

Organizer/Chair: Karim Mattar (University of Colorado at Boulder) *Towards a New Humanism: Handala and the Enlightenment Tradition*

Jeffrey Sacks (University of California, Riverside)

Nouri Gana (University of California, Los Angeles) *Minima Humanitas: Kanafani's Literary Moralia*

Yasmine Khayyat (Rutgers University-New Brunswick)

Stephanie Kraver (University of Chicago) *Anti-colonialism and Futurity in Mahmoud Darwish's Poetics*

[I-8] Islamists in Government

Organizer/Chair: Francesco Cavatorta (Universite Laval)

Cancelled: Vincent Durac (University College Dublin) *Hamas in Gaza: From Violent Non-State Actor to Pragmatic Governance*

[I-20] Topics in Transnational Studies of the Middle East

Chair: Ohannes Geukjian (American University of Beirut)

Erik Freas (Borough of Manhattan Community College) *Zionism and the Manner of Palestinian National Identity's Formulation*

[I-25] Employment and Labor Relations in the MENA

Chair: Robert Hildebrandt (George Washington University)

Robert Hildebrandt (George Washington University) *Racial Capitalism in Jisr al-Zarqa: Re-Thinking Settler-Colonialism Through Palestinian Citizen Labor Exploitation in Israel*

Cancelled: Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew University of Jerusalem *On the Contribution of the Palestinian Authority to Formation of a New Middle Class in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, 1994-2017*

[I-28] Culture and Nationalism

Chair: Rania Mahmoud (University of Arkansas)

Sadam Issa (Michigan State University) *Stigmatizing Portrayals of Former President Donald Trump in Arabic Political Cartoons: A Visual Framing of Trump's Decision to Move the US Embassy to Jerusalem and his Middle East Peace Plan*

THURSDAY, 02 NOV 5:30 PM – Session II

[II-9] The Shatat and the Literary Imagination

Organizer: Keith Feldman (University of California, Berkeley)

Keith Feldman (University of California, Berkeley) *The Shatat, Form, and Minoritarian Knowledges*

Amanda Batarseh (University of California, San Diego) *Place & Movement: Developing a Radical Reading Practice in Palestinian/Palestinian-American Literature*

Rana Sharif (University of California, Riverside) *Technomediated Poetics and Digital Storytelling: Palestinian Embodied Subjectivities and the Palestine Writes Literature Festival*

Benjamin Schreier* (Pennsylvania State University) *Technomediated Poetics and Digital Storytelling: Palestinian Embodied Subjectivities and the Palestine Writes Literature Festival*

[II-14] Reflections on Palestine Advocacy in Canada

Organizer/Chair: Jeremy Wildeman (Carleton University)

Yasmeen Abu-Laban (University of Alberta), co-author Abigail Bakan (University of Toronto) *Anti-Palestinian Racism, Antisemitism and Anti-racism: Towards an Analytic of*

Solidarity as Praxis

Maurice Jr. M. Labelle (University of Saskatchewan) *Re--presenting Palestine: Sami Hadawi and Palestinian Decolonization in Canada*

Mira Sucharov (Carleton University) *Canada's Israel Lobby and the Palestinians*

Emily Regan Wills (University of Ottawa) *Palestinian Organizations in Ottawa: Understanding Communities in Practice*

Rachad Antonius (University of Quebec at Montreal) *Palestinian Advocacy in Canada: Evolution and External Factors of Success*

[II-19] MENA as Carceral States II

Organizer/Discussant/Chair: Walaa Quisay (University of Edinburgh)

Smadar Ben-Natan (University of Washington, Seattle) *The Carceral State in Israel/Palestine Before and After the Second Intifada: Between Reconciliation and Radicalization*

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 8:30 AM – Session III

[III-7] Alternative Sovereignties

Organizer: Omar Shehabi (Yale Law School)

Discussant: Asli Bali (Yale Law School)

Omar Shehabi (Yale Law School) *From Crémieux to Gerezim: Performative, Constitutive and Disfiguring Citizenship in the Contested Spaces of the Middle East and North Africa*

[III-8] Representing Revolution, Revolutionary Representations: Visual Activism about Palestine from the 1960s to the Digital Age

Organizer: Nadia Yaqub (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Nadia Yaqub (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) *Refracted Solidarity: Palestine in Mid-Twentieth Century Arab Cinema*

Umayyah Cable (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) *Producing Education, Circulating Solidarity: The Association of Arab American University Graduates' Educational Filmstrips of the 1970s*

Claire Begbie (Concordia University) *Representing the Palestinian Struggle in Post-Camp David Egypt: Neoliberalism and Transnational Solidarity Cinema*

Dina Matar (SOAS, University of London) *Poster Art: Spaces of Appearance*

Meryem Kamil (University of California Irvine) *Cardboard Drones and Balloon Ballistics: Tactical Media in the 2018 Great March of Return*

[III-23] Colonization and Decolonization in Israel / Palestine

Chair: Ghassan E. El-Eid (Central Connecticut State University)

Yara Nassar (Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies) *Who Supports Hamas in Palestine? Public Political Perceptions of Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip*

Sebaah Hamad (University of California, Santa Barbara) *Sumud: Palestinian Resistance and Place-Making*

Aisha Mershani (Gettysburg College) *Decolonizing Resistance: Stone Throwing and Palestine*

Solidarity Activism

Clayton Goodgame (Princeton University) *The Return of Ideology: Religion and Social Theory in the Middle East*

[III-28] Theorizing Islamism(s): New Methods and Perspectives

Chair: Sarah Fischer (Marymount University)

Martin Kear (University of Sydney) *Battling to Remain in Politics - Understanding Hamas's Hybrid Resistance*

[III-29] Climate Change, The Environment, and Natural Disasters

Chair: Reza Sohrabi (Carleton University)

Stephen P. Gasteyer* (Michigan State University) *Desalting Hydro-Modernity: Climate Change, Water Scarcity, and the (Neo)Colonial Imaginaries of Water Development*

[III-30] Women's Work in the Middle East and Beyond: Critical Junctures

Organizer/Chair/Discussant: Rasmieyh Abdelnabi* (George Mason University)

Rasmieyh Abdelnabi* (George Mason University) *Palestinian Women Embroiders: Embodying Palestinian Indigenous Sovereignty*

Wafaa Hasan (University of Toronto) *Anti-Palestinian Gendered and Racial Childism/Motherhoods in the Toronto Public School System*

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 11:00 AM – Session IV

[IV-15] At the Intersection of Health and Gender in the Middle East in the Midst of Military, Economic and Natural Disasters

Organizer: Olivia Wick* (American University of Beirut)

Weeam Hammoudeh* (Birzeit University) *Navigating Adolescence under Occupation and Prolonged Displacement: The Health and Mental Wellbeing of Palestinian Refugee Adolescent Girls in the West Bank and Jordan*

Doaa Hammoudeh* (University of Oxford) *Slow and Gendered Violence: Experiences of Young Palestinians Living on the Margins of Jerusalem*

[IV-23] At the Intersection of Health and Gender in the Middle East in the Midst of Military, Economic and Natural Disasters

Organizer: Erica Augenstein (Rice University)

Erica Augenstein (Rice University) *Publishing the Revolution: Palestinians and Anti-Colonial Literature in the Arab Gulf, 1950s - 1970s*

[IV-28] Courts and Constitutional Law in MENA

Chair: Kimberly B. Katz* (Towson University)

Carly Krakow (London School of Economics and Political Science) *A Totalitarianism of Our Time: International Law and Structures of Transnational Environmental Injustice in Palestine, Iraq, and the United States*

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Organizer: Shay Hazkani* (University of Maryland, College Park)
Organizer: Basma Fahoum* (Stanford University)
Dr. Mezna Qato* (University of Cambridge)
Nimrod Ben Zeev (Tel Aviv University)

[V-5] Ethnographic Research in Middle Eastern Cities: Challenges, Possibilities, and Pathways

Sponsored by Association of Middle East Anthropology (AMEA)
Organizer/Chair: Kristin V. Monroe (University of Kentucky)
Alize Arican (Boston University)
Kareem Rabie* (University of Illinois at Chicago)
Susanne Dahlgren (Finnish Institute in the Middle East)
Sophia Goodfriend* (Duke University)
Pascal Menoret (Center for Economic, Judicial, and Social Study and Documentation)

[V-11] Refugee Migration and the Middle East: Revisiting Theoretical Frameworks

Organizer: Sevin Gulfer Sagnic (University of California, San Diego)
Organizer: Emma Empociello (Sciences Po Bordeaux)
Chair: Dawn Chatty (University of Oxford)
Ethan Pack (University of California, Los Angeles) *African Asylum Seekers in Israel/Palestine: Refugees, Return, and "Infiltration"*

[V-18] Unwinding Empires: Crisis Management and Fantasies of Power in the Late Colonial Middle East

Organizer: Charles Anderson (Western Washington University)
Chair: Sara Pursley (New York University)
Charles Anderson (Western Washington University) *Britain's "Discovery" of Settler-Colonialism in Palestine and the Origins of the 1939 White Paper*

[V-20] From Gaza to Ottawa: Transnational Palestine in the Cold War Era

Chair: Terri Ginsberg (International Association of Middle Eastern Studies)
Martin Bunton* (University of Victoria) *Canada and Palestine, from 1939 to 1947*
Omar Zahzah (Independent Scholar) *Re-Aggregating the "Radical," the "Terrorist," and the "Extremist:" Centering Political and Racial Convergences in American Terrorcraft*
Noa Shaindinger (Worcester State University) *Experimental Occupation: Israel's 125 Days in Gaza, 1956-7*
Chelsi Mueller (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) *The 1969 al-Aqsa Fire: A Transnational and Transcultural Perspective*
Julia Gettle* (Brown University) *Political Life in the Shadow Years: Palestinian Popular Mobilization in the 1950s*

[V-27] Authoritarian Survival Strategies

Chair: Danae Panissié (University of Tuebingen)

Nasir Almasri (Harvard University) *Colonialism and Path Dependence: How Repression Continues to Shape Opposition in Egypt, Iraq, and Palestine*

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 4:00 PM – Session VI

[V-27]

Revisiting the Arab Sixties

Organizer: Tamara Maatouk (Graduate Center, CUNY)

Organizer: Ifdal Elsaket (Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo)

Chair/Discussant: Joel Gordon (University Arkansas)

Jeremy Randall (Graduate Center, CUNY)

[VI-7] Individualizing a Mass Medium: Key Figures in Arab-World Radio Broadcasting, 1930s-1950s

Organizer: Andrea L Stanton (University of Denver)

Andrea L Stanton (University of Denver) *Broadcasting Women's Religious and Cultural Modernism in 1940s Palestine*

[VI-20] Teaching Palestine: Resistance Memories, Living Archives & Pedagogical Praxis

Organizer: Rabab Abdulhadi* (San Francisco State University)

Rabab Abdulhadi* (San Francisco State University) *Whose Narratives & Why Commemorate? From Kanafani to Said, (Do We have) Permission to Narrate?*

Jamila Ghaddar (Dalhousie University) *Memory for Return: Nakba Histories, Resistant Archives and the Dr. Constantine Zurayk Collection*

Adnan Husain (Queen's University at Kingston) *Resistance History and Liberatory Pedagogy: Crusader States and Crusade Historiography in Occupied Palestine*

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 8:30 AM – Session VII

[VII-2] Teaching Palestine: Resistance Memories, Living Archives & Pedagogical Praxis

Organizer/Chair: Amanda Batarseh (University of California, San Diego)

Amanda Batarseh (University of California, San Diego)

Nayrouz Abu Hatoum (Concordia University)

Jennifer Mogannam (University of California, Davis)

Rana Sharif (University of California, Riverside)

Loubna Qutami (University of California, Los Angeles)

[VII-3] Beyond Case Study and Exception: the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer: Sherene Seikaly* (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Sherene Seikaly* (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Tareq Radi (New York University)

[VII-7] Late Ottoman History of Palestine

Chair/Discussant: Dana Sajdi (Baton College)

Mohannad Abusarah (University of Toronto) *The Transformation of 19th Century Intellectual History in Palestine: An Insight from Al-Khalidi Family*

Carter Barnett (Johns Hopkins University) *Patients, Healers and the Medical Economy of 19th-Century Palestine*

Zachary Foster* (Princeton University) *The Idea of "Palestine", 1600-1850*

[VII-11] The Law Is the Law, Sometimes: Interdisciplinary and Transnational Approaches to Legal Studies in and on the Middle East

Organizer/Chair: Asli Bali (Yale Law School)

Noura Erakat* (Rutgers, State University of New Jersey) *What Palestine Teaches Us about Law in the Middle East*

[VII-28] Resisting Occupation in Palestine

Chair: James F. Goode (Grand Valley State University)

Moara Assis Crivelente (University of Coimbra) *Emancipatory Diplomacy for Self-Determination and the National Liberation of Palestine and Western Sahara*

Christina Kiel (Tulane University), Co-Author Zulai Fazlioglu Akin (Ohio State University) *Culture in Conflict: Contextualizing Palestinian Cultural Diplomacy*

Manal A. Jamal* (James Madison University) *Analogical Reasoning, History, and Political Organizing*

Oren Kroll-Zeldin (University of San Francisco) *Embodied Actions: Co-Resistance Towards a Different Future in Palestine/Israel*

Jasmin Habib (University of Waterloo) *Resistance, Resilience, and the Palestinian Experience or, Minding the Gaps of Settler Colonial Studies*

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 11:00 AM – Session VIII

**[VIII-1] Academic Freedom and the Israel/Palestine Conflict: Lessons from the Kenneth Roth Scandal at Harvard
Special Session**

Sponsored by the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian University at Georgetown and DAWN (Democracy in the Arab World)

Chair: James F. Goode (Grand Valley State University)

Organize: Nader Hashemi (Georgetown University)

Discussant: Juan Cole (University of Michigan)

Nader Hashemi (Georgetown University)

Liora R. Halperin (University of Washington, Seattle)

Mohammad Fadel (University of Toronto)

Kenneth Roth (Princeton University)

[VIII-8] Acoustic Ecologies of the Middle East: Current Conditions and Prospects

Organizer/Chair: Can Bilir (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Najat Rahman* (University of Montreal) *Home and the Carceral: The Ethics and Politics of Sound in Global Palestine*

Ali Musleh (Columbia University) *A Musicology of Settler Colonialism*

[VIII-9] World Cup Qatar 2022: Transnational Solidarity, Palestine, and Anti-Muslim Bias

Organizer/Chair: Nina Shoman-Dajani (Moraine Valley Community College)

Organizer/Discussant: Danielle Haque (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Nina Shoman-Dajani (Moraine Valley Community College) *Witnessing Solidarity and Rejecting Normalization: From World Cup in Qatar to Palestine, and the Diaspora*

[VIII-11] "Now is the Turn of the East": Pan-Easternism in the Middle East and Asia

Organizer: Mikiya Koyagi (University of Texas at Austin)

Peiyu Yang (George Mason University) *Travels through the Other: Ghassan Kanafani's The Sun Rise in Asia as Solidarity-Building Translation*

[VIII-12] Entering and Exiting Transregional Medico-Legal Borders across the Twentieth Century

Organizer: Lauren Banko* (University of Manchester)

Dr. Lauren Banko* (University of Manchester) *Laboring across the Medico-Legal Border: Working-Class Migrants, Illness, and Immigration Control between Palestine and Egypt, 1930-1948*

Dr. Chris Sandal-Wilson (University of Exeter) *Border-Crossing Patients and the History of Psychiatry in British Mandate Palestine*

[VIII-22] Microhistories of Arab Internationalism: The Lebanese National Movement

Organizer: Nour MJ Hodeib (Graduate Center, CUNY)

Dr. Nathaniel George (SOAS, University of London) *Abu Jubran and Jabal 'Amil in the Age of the Palestinian Revolution*

[VIII-26] Geographies of Domination and Dispossession in Palestine

Chair: Jasmin Habib (University of Waterloo)

Kimberly B. Katz* (Towson University) *Between Jordanian and International Law: UNRWA's Involvement in Jordanian Court Cases*

Chloé Chbat (University of Manchester) *Bordering and Immobility: A Study of the Palestinian Body within the Settler Colonial Context in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT)*

Yair Agmon (University of California, Los Angeles) *Waste, Revival, and Dispossession: Territorial Ecology in East Jerusalem*

Atwa Jaber* (Graduate Institute, Geneva) *No Bridges Will Take You Home: The Jordan Valley*

Exodus of 1967 Re-examined Through Oral History.
Mekarem Eljamal (Columbia University) *Authority over Spatial Identity: Municipal
Documentation Narrating Lydd's Identity*

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 3:00 PM – Session IX

[IX-4] Environmental Anthropology and the Middle East

Sponsored by Association of Middle East Anthropology (AMEA)
Organizer/Chair: Sa'ed Atshan* (Swarthmore College)
Munira Khayyat (American University in Cairo)
Tessa Farmer (University of Virginia)
Anne Meneley (Trent University)
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins* (Bard College)

[IX-6] Settler Colonial Violence, Palestine, and White Supremacy

Organizer: Stephen Sheehi* (College of William & Mary)
Chair: Lara Sheehi (George Washington University)
Stephen Sheehi* College of William & Mary
Saree Makdisi, University of California, Los Angeles
Sherene Razack, University of California, Los Angeles
Lara Sheehi, George Washington University

[IX-13] Power, Language, and Identity in MENA Contexts

Organizer: Sheera Talpaz (Oberlin College)
Organizer: Rachel Schine (University of Maryland, College Park)
Alexander Jabbari (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities) *Urdu in Palestine, Hebrew in India:
Muslim Philology before 1947*

[IX-25] The Strategies and Dynamics of Israeli Occupation in Palestine

Chair: Lawrence Davidson (West Chester University)
Judith Hoppermann (University of Glasgow) *Control, Dispossession, Exploitation:
Understanding the Political Economy of the Colonialism-Neoliberalism Nexus in West
Bank Agriculture*
Cora Enterline (Trinity College Dublin) *Drinkers with a Religion Problem: Religious Terroir in
Israeli Settlement Wineries*
Nur Arafeh (Carnegie Middle East Center) *Entrenching Dependency and Promoting Local
Agency in Counterinsurgency: A Case Study of U.S.-Led Trade Facilitation Programs in
Hebron*

[IX-28] TV, Film, and Theater

Chair: Zeynep Sertbulut (Haverford College)
Sherena Razek (Brown University) *Unruly Atmospheres: Speculating Palestinian Filmic
Interventions in the Air*

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 5:30 PM – Session X

[X-2] Queering the Question: Rethinking Middle East Studies through Queer Methodologies

Organizer/Chair: Umayyah Cable (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

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[X-3] MESA's BDS Vote and the Question of Palestine

Organizer: Maya Wind (University of British Columbia)

Chair: Noura Erakat* (Rutgers, State University of New Jersey)

Discussant: Abdel Razzaq Takriti (University of Houston)

Discussant: Samia Al-Botmeh (Birzeit University)

Nadia Abu El-Haj (Columbia University)

Rafeef Ziadah (King's College London)

[X-4] It's Complicated: Cultural Memory and Hope in Impermanent Landscapes

Organizer: Nefissa Naguib (University of Oslo)

Organizer: Gisele Chagas (Universidade Federal Fluminense)

Gustavo Barbosa (Universidade Federal Fluminens)

[X-20] Palestine and Constellations of Indigeneity

Sponsored by the Palestinian American Research Center

Organizer: Omar Alsayyed (New York University)

Chair/ Discussant: Nasser Abourahme (Bowdoin College)

Omar Alsayyed (New York University) *Anti/Coloniality and the Metaphors of Capital*

Tamar Ghabin* (New York University) *Crises and Counterinsurgency: How the U.S. and Israel Reconstructed the Category of the Terrorist*

Wael Omar (SOAS, University of London) *Beyond the "Tragedy": Exploring the Politics of Transnational Recognition*

Ruba Akkad (Texas Christian University) *From Homeplace to Community: Reconfiguring Sumud through Residential Graffiti in Palestine*

[X-26] Palestine and Literature

Chair: Atwa Jaber* (Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Alexei Perry Cox *Solidarity Poetics: "Why This Impulse" to "Familiar the Wind": Poetry as a Production of Dynamical Attunement in George Abraham's "Apology|Ploy" and Layli Long Soldier's "Whereas Statements"*

Terri Ginsberg (International Association of Middle Eastern Studies) *How "Palestinian" Is It?: The Precession of Hasbara*

Loaay Wattad* (Tel Aviv University) *Colonial Subversive Mimicry: Translating Zionist Children's Literature into Arabic*

Aya Labanieh (Columbia University) *Treachery and Translation: The Allegiances of Hebrew in*

Emile Habibi's Palestine and al-Tahir Wattar's Algeria
Rania Said (University of Massachusetts Boston) *Solidarity with Palestine in Post-Revolution
Tunisian Literature*
Laila Riazi (University of California, Berkeley) *The Night of the Non-Event: Apocalyptic
Visions, Speculative Poetics, Irrecoverable Histories*

SATURDAY, 05 NOV 8:30 AM – Session XI

[XI-3] Memory Studies Beyond Nationalism in the Arab World(s)

Organizer: Layla Zbinden (University of Southern California)
Chair: Sarah Gualtieri (University of Southern California)
Layla Zbinden (University of Southern California)
Sarah Dweik (Pennsylvania State University)
Laura Albast (Institute for Palestine Studies)

[XI-4] Indigenous Theories and Contemporary SWANA Studies

Organizer: Mark Levine (University of California, Irvine)
Organizer: Lucia Sorbera (University of Sydney)
Megan Awwad (University of Southern California)

[XI-7] Power, Place, and Space: Ethnographies in and of Jordan

Organizer: Kyle Craig (Northwestern University)
Timothy Y. Loh (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Matthew DeMaio* (George Washington University) *Accumulating Amman: Belongings and
Attachments over Iterations of Palestinian Displacement*

[XI-11] Palestinian Revolutionary Becoming: Building Movement, Relations, and Praxis

Organizer/Chair: Jennifer Mogannam (University of California, Santa Cruz)
Organizer: Mjriam Abu Samra (University of California, Santa Cruz)
Mjriam Abu Samra (University of California, Santa Cruz) *Crossing the Bank: How Palestinian
and Jordanian Students Waded Together in Times of Political Turmoil*
Basem Kharma (University of Milan) *Palestinian Action in Italy through the 1970s: Adapting
the Palestinian Cause to the Local Political Tradition*
Samar Saeed* (Georgetown University) *From Amman to Washington D.C.: How the Palestinian
Revolution Mobilized University Campuses*
Abdalla Bayyari (Khaled Shoman Foundation Darat Al Funun) *Necro - Sovereignty Politics in
Palestinian Archives: A Decolonial Approach*

[XI-12] Memories and Archives of Revolution: Kurdistan and Palestine

Organizer: Chadni Desai (University of Toronto)

Chandni Desai (University of Toronto) *Fugitive Liberation Archives: From Tunis to Gaza, tracing the moves of the PLOs visual archive*

[XI-15] The Arab World on Display: The 1930s Arab Exhibitions in Jerusalem and Beyond

Organizer/Chair: Nadi Abusaada* (ETH Zurich)

Nadi Abusaada* (ETH Zurich) *Self-Portrait of a Nation: The Arab Exhibitions in 1930s Jerusalem*

Kirsten Scheid* (American University of Beirut) *From The Arab Exhibition to National Art Exhibitions*

Sary Zananiri (Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens) *Exporting the "Holy Land" as Nationalist Legitimation? Yousef Zoughbi and His Diplomatic Commissions*

Nisa Ari* (Montserrat College of Art) *Patron Saints of Palestinian Art: Zulfa al-Sa'dī's Pan-Arab Portraits and the Value of Decommodification*

Nadine Nour el Din (Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London) *Egypt in Palestine: National Participation at the 1933-34 Arab Exhibitions in Jerusalem*

[XI-16] Entangled Histories of Family in the Late Ottoman Empire

Organizer: Kate Dannies (Miami University)

Organizer: Umit Kurt (University of Newcastle)

Kristen Alff* (North Carolina State University) *Global Futures: The Political Economy of Greek Orthodox Business Families*

[XI-23] Spatiality and Urban Development

Chair: Michael A. Toler (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Faiq Mari* (ETH Zurich) *Alternative Spaces of Revolt: The Commons of Palestinian Liberation Struggle*

[XI-28] Disappearances and Visual Politics

Chair: Helen Makhdomian (University of California, Los Angeles)

Lila Sharif (Arizona State University) and Nova Robinson (Seattle University) *How We Talk about Absences: Reflections on Feminist Writing for Palestine*

SATURDAY, 05 NOV 11:00 AM – Session XII

[XII-4] Sports, Resistance, and Inter-National Solidarity: The Case of Palestine

Organizer: Kathryn Kalemkerian (Champlain College)

Abdullah Al-Arian (Georgetown University in Qatar)

Kathryn Kalemkerian (Champlain College)

Hillary Kipnis (Independent Consultant)

Ha Dong (McGill University)

[XII-6] Politics and Cultures of Midwifery: Epistemologies, Expertise, and Praxes

Organizer: Frances S. Hasso* (Duke University)

Frances S. Hasso* (Duke University) *The Politics of Contemporary Maternity and Childbirth: Lines of Conflict among Palestinian Healthcare Professionals*

Livia Wick* (American University of Beirut) *Narrating Oral Histories of Struggle: Ascension through Class, Oral Histories, and Disjunctive Stories*

Angel M. Foster* (University of Ottawa) *Exploring the Role of Midwives in Contraception and Abortion Care in the Middle East and North Africa: Lessons Learned from Tunisia*

[XII-9] Ethics from the Margins: Ethical Decision-Making, Performance, and Identity Practices Amongst Marginalized Groups in the Middle East

Organizer: Johnathan Norris (Boston University)

Alyssa Paylor (University of Notre Dame) *“Ānā Mawǧūd!” Presence, Performance, and Ethical Subjectivity in Palestinian Cross-Border Anti-Occupation Activism*

[XII-15] Exploring Inclusive Teaching Methodologies in S.W.A.N.A. Studies

Organizer: Elizabeth Saylor (North Carolina State University)

Anna Tyshkov (Columbia University) *Palestinian Oral History as Pedagogy: A Reciprocal Approach to Teaching and Learning*

[XII-21] Revisiting Middle Eastern Political Thought

Chair: Seyed Hassan Akhlaq (Coppin State University)

Michaëlle L. Browers* (Wake Forest University) *The Political Thought of a Nablusi “Notable” before the Nakba: Muhammad ‘Izzat Darwaza*

[XII-24] The Making and Unmaking of Sovereignty/ies: Past and Present

Chair: Omar Cheta (Syracuse University)

Michael Samuel* (Emory University), co-author: Ian Lustick (University of Pennsylvania) *Israel, Annexation, and Sovereignty: Within the Green Line and Across It*

SATURDAY, 05 NOV 1:30 PM – Session XIII

[XIII-7] The SWANA Region through the Lens of History and Photography: Possibilities, Uses and Issues of Visual Archive

Organizer: Hend Ben Salah (Université du Québec à Montréal)

Claudia Polledri (Université de Montréal)

Stephen P. Sheehi* (College of William and Mary) *The Orientalist Archive is a Stolen Archive*

[XIII-11] The World in a Word: the Politics of (Un)Translation in Middle Eastern Studies

Organizer: Samantha Pellegrino (University of Chicago)

Stephanie Kraver (University of Chicago) *Tracing Baħr in Mahmoud Darwish’s Poetry: From 1982 to the First Intifada*

[XIII-11] The World in a Word: the Politics of (Un)Translation in Middle Eastern Studies

Organizer: Helen Makhdoumian (University of California, Los Angeles)

Helen Makhdoumian (University of California, Los Angeles) *On Nested Memories of Removal: From the Literary Afterlives of the 1915 Aghed to the Literary Afterlives of the 1948 Nakba*

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

THURSDAY, 02 NOV 3:00 PM – Session I

[I-12] The Sisi Regime and the Limits of Authoritarian Upgrading in Egypt

Organizer: Hesham Sallam (Stanford University)

Chair/Discussant: Joel Beinin* (Stanford University)

THURSDAY, 02 NOV 5:30 PM – Session II

[II-2] Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the Middle East: Knowledge Production in the Contemporary Moment

Organizer: Zeina Zaatari (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Kirsten Scheid* (American University of Beirut) *Art as Material Form and Agent: Becoming Middle Eastern Women*

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 8:30 AM – Session III

[III-6] Packrats and Hoarders of Arabic Literature Organized

Organizer/Chair: Samuel England* (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Samuel England* (University of Wisconsin-Madison) *Four Lines, 33 rpm: Ruba 'iyyat in Arabic Public Spheres*

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 11:00 AM – Session IV

[IV-1] Rewriting Histories and Narratives from the Arab Region: Alternative Archives, Marginalized Voices

Sponsored by the Arab Council for Social Studies and MESA

Organizer: Seteney Shami (Arab Council for the Social Sciences)

Chair: Dina Rizk Khoury* (George Washington University)

[IV-13] Demystifying the Middle East in the Undergraduate Classroom through Virtual Exchanges

Sponsored by the Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Organizer: Marcus Smith (Lindenwood University)

Maia Carter Hallward* (Kennesaw State University) *Engaging with the Other Online*

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 1:30 PM – Session V

[V-1] Yassin al-Haj Saleh: Reflections on Revolution and the Struggle for Democracy in Syria

Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Anthropology (AMEA)

Organizer/Chair: Steven Heydemann (Smith College)

Wendy Pearlman* (Northwestern University)

[V-8] US-Gulf Cultures of Empire

Organizer/Chair: Neha Vora (Lafayette College)

Organizer: Natalie Koch (Syracuse University)

Danya Al-Saleh* (University of Washington, Seattle), co-author Neha Vora* (Lafayette College)

Gulf Petro-Education, Climate Action, and US Empire

FRIDAY, 03 NOV 4:00 PM – Session VI

[VI-3] Roundtable on Gender, Nation, Emigration and the State: A Tribute to Laurie Brand*

[VI-4] Conducting Fieldwork on Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Middle East and North Africa

Organizer/Discussant: Lisa L. Wynn (Macquarie University)

Organizer/Discussant: Angel M. Foster* (University of Ottawa)

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 8:30 AM – Session VII

[VII-16] On the Edge: Post-Conflict Political Generations of Women and Youth Activists in the 'Second Wave' of the Arab Spring

Organizer: Rola El-Husseini (Lund University)

Organizer: Sarah Anne Rennick (Arab Reform Initiative)

Discussant/Chair: Michaelle L. Browsers* (Wake Forest University)

[VII-17] Children's Incarceration in Modern Egypt

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

Organizer: Hanan H. Hammad (Texas Christian University)

Chair: Dylan Baun (University of Alabama in Huntsville)

Discussant: Heidi Morrison* (University of Wisconsin- LaCrosse)

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 3:00 PM – Session IX

[IX-7] Practical Pedagogies of Engagement: Building Intercultural Understanding Through Concrete Activities

Sponsored by the Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Organizer: G. Carole Woodall (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)

Organizer: Victoria Hightower (University of North Georgia)
Maia Carter Hallward* (Kennesaw State University)

SATURDAY, 04 NOV 5:30 PM – Session X

[X-5] Archiving Iran in/of the Diaspora

Organizer/Chair: Leila Pourtavaf (York University)

Cancelled: Persis Karim* (San Francisco State University)

[X-22] From Empire to Republic: Open Wounds, Survival, and Revolt

Chair: Yasemin Bavbek (Brown University)

Kent F. Schull* (Binghamton University) *SUNY Providing for the Saints: Mormon Missionary Efforts to Provide for Their Armenian Converts in the Late Ottoman Empire (1898-1928)*

[XI-31] From Empire to Republic: Open Wounds, Survival, and Revolt

MESA Global Academy Workshop

Organizer: Mimi Kirk (MESA Global Academy)

Discussant: Laurie Brand* (University of Southern California)