

# BRISMES Annual Conference 2014

The Middle East in Global Perspective: Interactions Across Time and Space

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# Welcome and Introductions

## Welcome from BRISMES

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this year's annual conference of the British Society for Middle East Studies (BRISMES) at Sussex University near Brighton.

The diversity of the papers being presented this year is a true reflection of our attempt to put "The Middle East in Global Perspective". In analysing events in the Middle East there is a tendency for journalists and other observers to consider the Middle East as a region in isolation from the rest of the world, when in reality the region has always been a hub of inter-connections through trade, empires and cultural exchange.

In reflection of modern global themes there is a strong emphasis this year on the interactions between arts, cinema, journalism (including citizen journalism) and political movements. Issues of multiple identities, including amongst exiles and outside influences on the region are also strong and I particularly welcome the inclusion of papers on gender issues. I hope you will be invigorated by this diversity in approach.

BRISMES is particularly pleased to be able to hold this year's annual conference at Sussex University to help underline the University's interest in Middle Eastern Studies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the University of Sussex and Professor Matthew Cragoe of the School of History, Art History, and Philosophy for their continuous support. I would also like to thank Dr Hilary Kalmbach whose inspiration and hard work have helped make the conference possible, as well as her fantastic team, including project coordinator Amy Slonje.

The publisher's exhibition will again be a centre piece of the BRISMES annual conference with thanks to all the publishers who are taking part, and the Sussex team for their help in organising the exhibition.

Our keynote lecture will be given by Professor Asef Bayat of the University of Illinois, with the title '**After the Arab Spring**'. We have several other plenary sessions on the programme, including contributions from Professor Marilyn Booth of the University of Edinburgh, Professor Francis Robinson of Oxford, and Professor Mark Sedgwick of Aarhus University.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Pearson Memorial Lecture, sponsored by MELCOM International (the Middle East Libraries Committee), which will be held on Monday 16 June, at 2:30 in the afternoon. It will be given by Professor Ulrich Marzolph with the title '**Printing as an agent of tradition: Printed materials in nineteenth-century Qajar Iran**'.

And this year, thanks to the help of the British Council and the Moroccan Embassy, we have a new innovation for a BRISMES conference: a screening of "They are the Dogs", an award-winning film by Moroccan film-maker Hicham Lasri. Please join us at the Duke of York cinema on Sunday 15 June at 11 am for the UK premier of this film, followed by a question and answer session with the director. On Monday evening 16 June, after a buffet dinner, we will discuss Middle Eastern and North African cinema further in an event that includes a screening of the short film SOFIA and a panel including filmmaker Ani Lauri Boulahri, film star Bila Boulahri, and Dr Jamal Bahmad of Philipps University of Marburg. Thank you to Professor Martin Evans and Yasmin El Derby, the founder of the MENA Film Hub, for making these events possible.

We have one further sponsor, I.B. Tauris Publishers, who I would like to thank for helping to make this conference possible. I would also like to thank all of you for participating. I hope you enjoy the conference.

***Frances Guy, President BRISMES***

## About the Sussex Middle East initiative

University of Sussex is hosting this event as part of its growing investment in the field of Middle Eastern Studies. Over the past two years, it has hired six new academics– a Chair in Israel Studies, two Lecturers in Middle Eastern History, a Lecturer in Philosophy, a Professor of Modern History, and a Professor of Anthropology – to join its ten existing Middle East specialists.

At its founding, the University of Sussex engaged in innovative, multi-disciplinary study of multiple world regions. Schools such as African and Asian Studies, European Studies, and English and American Studies brought together academics with strong disciplinary backgrounds to engage in teaching and research focused on specific areas of the world. Since then, however, the university has shifted to a disciplinary-focused school structure, which distributed regional specialists into departments across the university.

The university is in the process of founding a Middle East Centre that will help the university recapture and expand upon its area studies legacy, enabling it to make a significant contribution to the study of the Middle East in the United Kingdom and Europe. This centre will consolidate and expand upon research and international partnership activities, as well as introduce innovative teaching programmes, related to the study of the Middle East, broadly conceived.

The centre combines a focus on the region with strong ties to specific disciplines, enabling us to consider critically what particular disciplines bring to regional studies, and vice-versa, with the goal of advancing debates in both. It places the Middle East in a global context, examining connections between individual countries and sub-regions within the Middle East and ties between the Middle East and other parts of the world, as well as how the Middle East fits into wider transnational, global, and international networks. It has an especially wide geographic scope, as it brings together academics studying contexts stretching from North Africa to Afghanistan, and Turkey to Sudan and the Indian Ocean coast, as well as Muslims in Europe. Its core of academics study the Arabic-speaking Middle East from 1800 onwards, but it also integrates the study of North Africa and Israel within the umbrella of Middle Eastern Studies. Finally, the centre's research and teaching programmes include an emphasis on application of knowledge, and engagement with educators, policymakers, and business interests.

Its affiliated staff include:

### HISTORY

Professor Martin Evans  
Dr Hilary Kalmbach  
Dr Jacob Norris  
Professor David Tal

### ANTHROPOLOGY

Professor Magnus Marsden  
Professor Filippo Osella

### PHILOSOPHY

Dr Antony Booth

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Dr Kamran Matin  
Dr Fabio Petito  
Dr Jan Selby

### ENGLISH

Professor Matthew Dimmock

### LAW

Dr Michael Kearney

### GEOGRAPHY

Dr Michael Collyer  
Dr Ceri Oeppen  
Dr Katie Walsh

### INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Dr Mariz Tadros

We look forward to introducing ourselves to you at this conference, and continuing to work with the Middle East Studies community in Britain as we develop the centre.

***Dr Hilary Kalmbach, Director of the Sussex Middle East initiative***

## About BRISMES

BRISMES is the premier organisation for MENA and Islamic Studies in the UK and beyond. To strengthen its position, BRISMES has recently taken steps to enhance its profile and further extend its research strands. Our principal aim is to ensure that BRISMES remains the “go to” organisation in the United Kingdom for all experts and all those with an interest in the MENA region and/or Islamic Studies, no matter the sector within which they work.

This means taking BRISMES into new fields of research and new interactions with partners not only in our home countries and the MENA region itself but also worldwide, including in the private sector. At the same time, we shall be sure to retain and improve on the Society’s highly valued existing services to its members and to all those with whom we interact.

### ***Our main objective is to enhance our established strengths***

The membership package offers our members:

- A subscription to the prestigious refereed journal, the *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, as well as the BRISMES Newsletter which carries information about Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies topics and events from Britain and around the world
- An email information service providing fortnightly announcements of news and events
- Reduced-rate registration for the BRISMES Annual Conference, which brings together researchers from all disciplines in a friendly, informal environment ideal for networking
- Our new ‘members only’ section on the website, which will enable members to access a range of information, including our newly launched calendar of events

As we reinforce our position as the main association of MENA and Islamic studies in the UK, our aim is for all UK academics working in the field to join us. The resulting nucleus of expertise will enable us to attract more members with relevant interests from outside academia; secure government funding for the continuation and expansion of first class research in the UK; and encourage collaboration with colleagues worldwide, whose membership we also welcome.

In collaboration with the British Academy, CASAW and St Andrew’s University, we have established a database of MENA and Islamic studies expertise and MENA/UK academic links. This database aims to:

- provide a comprehensive source of information on research related to Middle Eastern and North African studies (including Islamic studies) in the UK;
- detail existing research links between universities in the UK and in the MENA region in all humanities and social sciences disciplines, be they MENA/Islam-related or not.

## Membership Special Offer

To show our commitment to our aims, conference delegates will receive complimentary membership until the end of the year. This means that all delegates will receive a copy of the Journal and have access to the members’ only section of the website.

Our next annual conference will be held at Leeds on 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 with the title *Liberation?* We hope that you will all continue your membership to ensure you receive timely information about this, and to be able to take advantage of the reduced registration rate available to members.

For further information about our activities and to join, please visit: [www.brismes.ac.uk](http://www.brismes.ac.uk)

# Outline of Sessions

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Film Event

- 11.00 - 13.00 **UK Premier of Moroccan Film *They Are the Dogs*** (Duke of York Cinema, Brighton)  
Director Hicham Lasri will attend for a Q&A session after the film  
*Tickets available directly from the Duke of York*

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – The Middle East in Global Perspective, Day 1

- 8.00 – 9.15 **Registration, Tea & Coffee**
- 9.15 – 9.30 **Opening & Welcome Addresses (Jubilee Lecture Theatre)**  
Professor Michael Farthing, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sussex  
Frances Guy, BRISMES President and Representative for U.N. Women in Iraq, former UK Ambassador to Lebanon (2006-2011) and Yemen (2001-2004)
- 9.30 – 10.30 **Plenary Session: The Middle East in Global Perspective I (Jubilee LT)**  
Professor Marilyn Booth (Edinburgh), Professor Mark Sedgwick (Aarhus),  
Dr Benjamin Thomas White (Glasgow), Chair: Dr Hilary Kalmbach (Sussex)
- 10.30 – 11.00 Tea & Coffee
- 11.00 – 13.00 **Panel Session 1**
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.30 **BRISMES AGM (Jubilee LT)**– *all members encouraged to attend*
- 14.30 – 16.30 **Panel Session 2**
- 14.30 – 15.30 **The Pearson Memorial Lecture: ‘Printing as an agent of tradition: Printed materials in nineteenth-century Qajar Iran’ (Jubilee LT)**  
Professor Ulrich Marzolph, University of Goettingen, Germany  
*Organised by the Middle East Libraries Committee (MELCOM)*
- 16.30 – 17.00 Tea & Coffee
- 17.00 – 18.15 **I.B. Tauris Plenary Session: The Middle East in Global Perspective II (Jubilee Lecture Theatre)**  
Professor Francis Robinson (Oxford), Dr Andrew Arsan (Cambridge),  
Chair: Dr Jacob Norris (Sussex)
- 18.15 – 19.45 **Buffet Dinner and Drink Reception** (Main Foyer, Jubilee Building)  
*Catering by the Wild Cherry, Brighton*
- 19.45 – 21.15 **New Middle Eastern and North African Cinema (Jubilee Lecture Theatre)**  
**Screening of *SOFIA* followed by discussion about filmmaking in the region**  
Ani Lauri Boulahri (Filmmaker), Bila Boulahri (Film star Bella Wilde)  
Yasmin El Derby (Film Curator, founder MENA Film Hub)  
Dr Jamal Bahmad (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)  
Chair: Professor Martin Evans (Sussex)

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – The Middle East in Global Perspective, Day 2

8.00 – 8.30	Registration
8.30 – 10.30	<b>Panel Session 3</b>
10.30 – 11.00	Tea & Coffee
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Panel Session 4</b>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Panel Session 5</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Tea & Coffee
16.30 – 17.15	<b>Keynote Address: ‘After the Arab Spring’ (Jubilee Lecture Theatre)</b> Professor Asef Bayat (University of Illinois)
19.30 – 21.30	<b>Conference Dinner, Al Duomo, Brighton</b> – <i>ticketed event (additional fee)</i>

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Middle Eastern Studies Engaging Wider Audiences

8.00 – 8.30	Registration
8.30 – 10.30	<b>Panel Session 6</b>
10.30 – 11.00	Tea & Coffee
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Panel Session 7</b>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Panel Session 8</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Tea & Coffee
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Roundtable Discussion: A Question of Impact: Increasing Engagement between Academics and Policy Makers</b> Cornelia Sorabji, Head of Research Analysts, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Chris Doyle, Director of the Council for Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) Matt Dixon, Senior Cultural Analyst, Human Factors, Ministry of Defence) Chair: Greg Shapland, Research Counsellor, Middle East and North Africa, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

## Conference Sponsors

We would like to thank the British Council and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco for their sponsorship of the Sunday and Monday film events, and I.B. Tauris Publishers for their support of the conference, including one of the Monday conference plenaries.



# Publishers' Exhibition

## ***About the Publishers' Exhibition***

The BRISMES Publishers' Exhibition is an opportunity for publishers and institutions to connect with around 300 Middle East experts and practitioners from around the world and share information, publications and other materials from their organisation.

The Publishers' Exhibition will be located on the ground floor of the Jubilee Building. It will open at on Monday morning 16 June and will run for the duration of the conference.

## ***List of Exhibitors***

Ashgate Publishing Ltd

Brill

Cambridge University Press

Cengage Learning

Combined Academic Publishers Ltd

Edinburgh University Press

Hurst Publishers

The Islamic Manuscript Association

I.B. Tauris Publishers

Lynne Rienner Publishers

Oxbow Books

Oxford University Press

The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

Routledge

Saqi Books

Syracuse University Press

Turkish Review

# Practical Information

## Location

The University of Sussex is located at Falmer on the outskirts of Brighton, within easy reach of London and major international airports at Gatwick and Heathrow. The BRISMES Annual Conference 2014 will be held at the newly-built Jubilee Building. For directions please see the Maps & Directions section below.

## Conference Organisation Team

### Steering Committee

Dr Hilary Kalmbach (chair)  
Dr Jacob Norris  
Dr Michael Collyer  
Dr Kamran Matin  
Professor Martin Evans

Dr Michael Kearney  
Dr Feras Alkabani  
Dr Heba Youssef  
Dr Vanessa Iaria

### Conference Project Manager

Amy Slonje

### Stewards

Molka Abassi, Sajjadllah Alhawsawi, Yasamin Alkhansa, Daniel Ben-Chorin, Kourosh Kouchakpour, Salman Mohammed, Mohamed Sholkamy

## Registration and Assistance

The conference registration and information desk is located on the ground floor at the entrance of the Jubilee Building. If you need help, please contact the information desk or speak to a conference steward.

## Name Badges

Name badges will be provided at the registration desk. You are required to wear your badge at all times during the conference. At the end of the conference, please return your badge to the registration desk.

## Refreshments

Lunch, coffee and tea will be available to all conference delegates. These will be served on the Ground Floor of the Jubilee at times indicated in the conference programme.

## Monday Film Screening and Buffet Dinner

This evening event will be held at the Jubilee Building from 18.00-21.00. It will include a drink reception and a buffet dinner in the main foyer, followed by a film screening in the main lecture theatre. This evening event is included in the conference cost package.

## Tuesday Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place on Tuesday 17 June at the Al Duomo in central Brighton. Those registered for the conference dinner will receive a ticket at registration. The tickets should be brought to the dinner. The dinner will be served at 19.30.

## **Wifi**

An access code for the wifi is available. Ask a conference steward or at the information desk.

## **Prayer Room**

A mosque can be found in the Falmer House. Please see no 55 on the map below or ask any member of the conference team for assistance and directions.

## **Taxis**

Brighton & Hove Radio Cars: 01273 20 40 60

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## **Notes for Speakers**

- Presenters should familiarise themselves with the location and time of their panel, and arrive at the room 10 minutes before the start of the panel. Panels will start on time.
- The conference programme is very full and panels cannot run over time. Presenters must not speak for longer than the allotted time for their paper. If this happens, the chair will stop the presenter, regardless of the point reached in the presentation.
- Following all presentations, the chair will open the floor to the audience for questions and comments. If many people wish to ask questions, please be fairly brief in responding so as to enable a good flow in the discussion.

# Maps & Directions

## How to get to University of Sussex from Brighton

### Train

Falmer train station is directly opposite the University campus. Pedestrian access is through a subway under the A27 - follow signs for the University of Sussex (the University of Brighton has a campus at Falmer too). Falmer is on the line between Brighton and Lewes, about eight minutes' travel time in each direction. Four trains an hour go there during the day time. Visitors travelling via London and the west should take a train to Brighton and change there for Falmer.

### Local buses

The 23, 25, 28 and 29 buses run between the centre of Brighton and the University, bringing you directly to campus. You can catch a bus from the Old Steine in Brighton; the 25 also runs from Churchill Square. The 28 and 29 go from the Old Steine and stop right outside the



University campus on their way to Lewes and beyond. Travel time is about 20-30 minutes. Bus timetables and information is available from Brighton buses. **Jubilee Building bus stop: Bramber House**

### Taxi

Taxis are available at both Brighton and Lewes train stations and at many places in the centre of Brighton. It is about four miles (six kilometres) from central Brighton to the University. (There is no taxi service at Falmer station itself.) It is often quicker to catch the train to Falmer from Brighton or Lewes.

## How to get to the Jubilee Building once on the Sussex campus

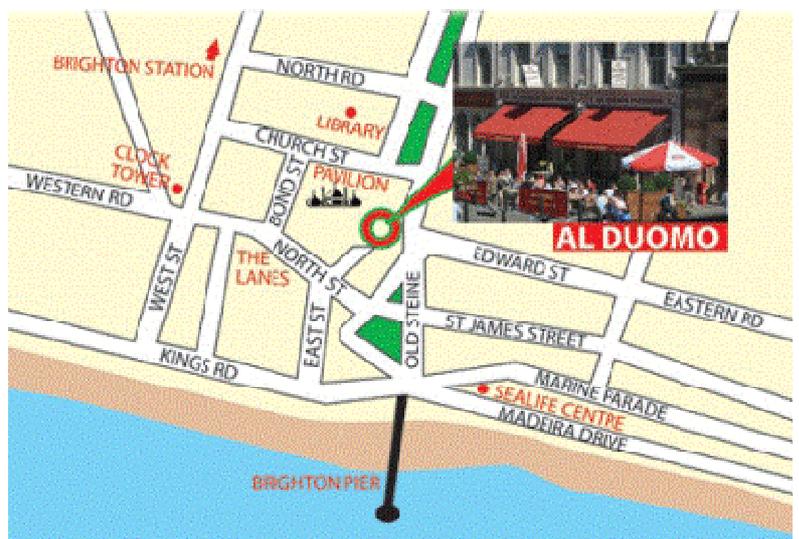
Please see the Campus map included with your conference pack. Jubilee Building is no 15. **Jubilee Building bus stop: Bramber House.** Falmer train station is the  symbol at the bottom of the map.

## How to get to the Conference Dinner from campus (Tuesday 17 June)

The conference dinner will be held in **Al Duomo restaurant** which is in Brighton city centre, right behind the Brighton Pavilion. The restaurant address is Al Duomo, 7 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, BN1 1EE.

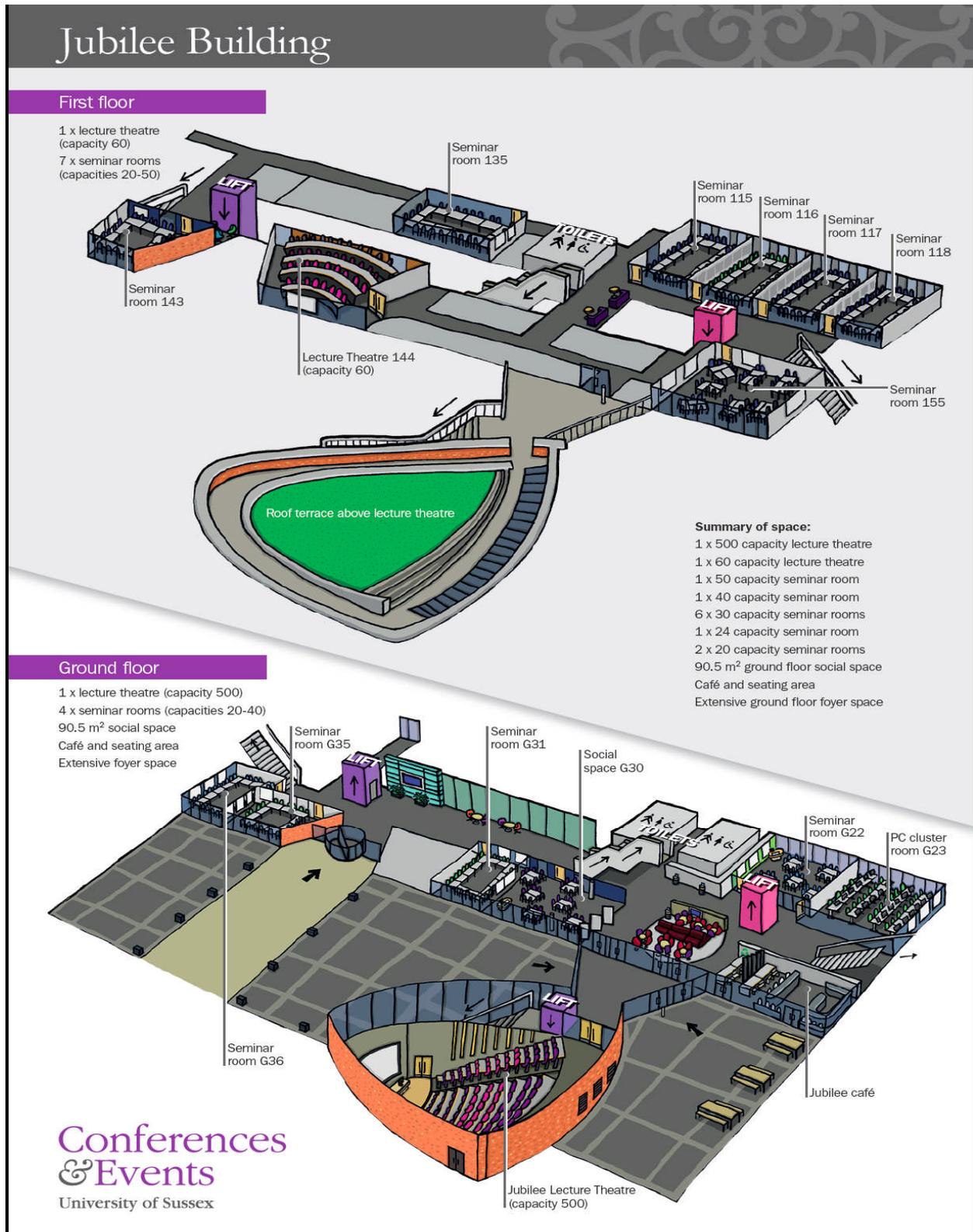
If travelling by rail, take the train from Falmer and get off at Brighton station. From there it's a 10 minute walk (see map on the right).

The dinner starts at 7.30pm so please make sure you arrive in good time. From the Sussex campus the journey by rail or taxi takes **roughly 30 minutes**.



## Once inside the Jubilee Building

All conference events other than the Tuesday night conference dinner will be held in the Jubilee Building. **Conference registration** is located on the ground floor opposite seminar room G31 (in front of you when you enter the main revolving doors). The **publishers' exhibition** is located on the ground floor in social space G30.



# Conference Programme

## Panel Session 1: Monday 16 June, 11.00-13.00

### **Panel 1A , The In-between 'National': Literary Networks between the Arab World and the Americas, SR 115**

Chair: Rasha Chatta, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

*Tout ce qu'on ne voyait pas: On the Agency of Voice in the National Imaginary of Arab Migrant Writers in Quebec*

Rasha Chatta, School of Oriental and African Studies

*'Bidun' (Stateless) Literary Networks between Kuwait and Canada*

Tareq Al-Rabei, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Writing the National: Arab and Arab-Latino Literary Presence in Latin America*

Alexandria Milton, School of Oriental and African Studies

Discussant: Ayman A. El-Desouky, School of Oriental and African Studies

### **Panel 1B, Unpacking the Mandate: The Global Interactions of Mandatory Palestine, SR 116**

Chair: Roberto Mazza, Western Illinois University

*The Palestine Papers - Revelations of secrets on the road to Peace. Conflict transformation in the Israeli Palestinian Peace Process after historical leak of documents*

Feryat Sannuroglu, Aston University Birmingham

*Cultural aspects of centre - periphery relations in the Middle East, Haifa as a case study*

Maayan Hilel, Tel Aviv University

*My heart is in the West, and I am at the Ends of the East- Western Historiography and History Textbooks in Mandate Palestine*

Yoni Furas, Oxford University

*Globalizing Palestine: the Balfour Declaration as a blueprint for colonial development*

Roberto Mazza, Western Illinois University

### **Panel 1C, Overlooked Facets of Revolution, SR 117**

Chair: Jeroen Gunning, Durham University

*On Narratives of Political Trauma: Activists in (Post)Revolutionary Egypt*

Vivienne Matthies-Boon, University of Amsterdam

*Revolution as moral contract*

Alice Wilson, University of Cambridge

*I used to be afraid, now I'm an Egyptian': 'overcoming fear' as a central mobilisatory tool in the 'January 25 Revolution'*

Jeroen Gunning, Durham University

*Tahrir square: the intertwining scales of production of a revolutionary place*

Delphine Pages-El Karoui, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales

*"Globalisation has done its job" - Young Egyptians' Everyday Cosmopolitanisms*

Sina Birkholz, Bielefeld University

Discussant: Andrea Teti, University of Aberdeen

**Panel 1D, Shale Gas: Geo-Strategic Implications for the Gulf and the Wider Region, SR 118**

Chair: Mina Toksoz, Manchester University Business School

*Geostrategic Implications Beyond the Gulf.*

Mina Toksoz, Manchester University Business School

*The shale gas revolution: how big and for how long?*

Peter Kiernan, The Economist Intelligence Unit

*Shale Gas: Geostrategic Implications in the wider region*

Gareth Winrow, Independent Energy Analyst

*Shale-gas: the response from the Gulf and implications for relations with the US*

Crispin Hawes, Teneo Intelligence

**Panel 1E, Geopolitics, SR 155**

Chair: Barbara Allen Roberson, London Metropolitan University

*Narrative and Agency: Beyond the "Invention" of the Middle East*

Mehdi Beyad, School of Oriental and African Studies

*The New Middle East and Construction of a Geographical Space: A Critical Geopolitics Approach*

Ismail Numan Telci/Nebi Mis, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Sakarya University

*How "peripheral states" have become "pivotal states" in Middle Eastern politics:*

*Comparative studies of the political influence of Turkey and Iran in the Middle East during the 2000s*

Kohei Imai, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

*Who believes in a new Arab Cold war?*

Ruth Hanau Santini, Università L'Orientale

**Panel 1F, The Politics of Neoliberal Restructuring in Egypt I: Rural Dynamics of Accumulation, Dispossession and Resistance, SR G36**

Chair: Roberto Roccu, King's College London

*Never say no to Panda." GCC investments in Egyptian food and agriculture, and the power of production, state and ideology*

Christian Henderson, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Land concentration, neoliberal agrarian restructuring and rural class formation in contemporary Egypt: a global perspective*

Giulio Iocco, University of Leeds

*The Soviet's support to Egypt between 1950 and 1960 and the reflection of it in the press.*

Levent Kucuk, Ardahan University

*Land reclamation in Egypt, economic liberalization and restructuring of rural territories*

Delphine Acloque Desmulier, University of Paris Ouest

*An ever-expanding frontier in Egypt? Food commodification and state making*

Marion Dixon, Ithaca College

Discussant: Ray Bush, University of Leeds

### **Panel 1G, Culture and Representation, Jubilee Lecture Theatre**

Chair: Ilka Eickhof, the University of Amsterdam

*Middle Eastern Music as "World Music": A Political Perspective*

Elizabeth M.B. Woods, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Arab Art is the 'New Cool'*

Catherine Cornet, EHEES/University of Rome II

*The Clean Fighting Turk? Positive Images of Turkish Soldiers in First World War Britain and the Government's 1917 Bid to Quell Them*

Halette Wilson, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Amateur Photography and Used Postcards: Alternative Understandings of the Orientalist Archive of Morocco during the Early Twentieth Century*

Colette Apelian, Berkeley City College

*The Rise of "War Cinema" in Iran and its Changes after the End of Iraq-Iran War*

Ali Mohammad Tarafdari, Islamic Azad University

### **Panel Session 2: Monday 16 June 14.30-16.30**

#### **Panel 2A, Travelling Literature, World Literature, SR 115**

Chair: Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

*A Caliph, an Emperor, an Empress and a Travelling Elephant: East-West Medieval Interactions in the 9th Century*

Hooda Shawa, Kuwait University

*Between the Past and the Future: Modern Political Liaisons & Homoeroticism in T E Lawrence's Oriental Masquerade*

Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

*The Epistemology of al-Rihla: The Theory and Practice of Seeking Knowledge in Islam*

Matthew Schumann, Princeton University

*Tools of the Trade: The Economy of Theatrical Exchange at the Court of the Great Mughal*

Lubaaba Al-Azami, George Washington University

#### **Panel 2B, Britain, Zionism and Palestine SR 116**

Chair: James Dickens, University of Leeds

*From the 'Arab Center' to the Palestine Solidarity Committee: The Campaign for Palestine in Britain, 1932-1982*

Ilan Pappé, University of Exeter

*Religious Zionism in the 19th Century*

Heba Youssef, University of Sussex

*Gender is what States Make of it: Gender, Nation-building and War in Israel*

Katharine Brooks, University of Oxford

*A Matter of Faith or a Matter of Power? The IDF (Israel Defence Forces), the Ultra-Orthodox and the Status Quo*

Olena Bagno, Institute for National Security Studies

*Reframing Israel-Palestine: critical Israeli responses to the Palestinian call for Just Peace*

Teodora Todorova, The University of Nottingham

Discussant: Ilan Pappé, University of Exeter

### **Panel 2C, Global Impacts of the Arab Spring, SR 117**

Chair: Oliver Bast, University of Manchester

*Iran's Regional role after Arab spring*

Rania Abdul Wahab, Ain Shams University

*The Cross-Impact of the Arab Spring on the GCC States*

Gamal Selim, Port Said University

*Russia and the Middle East after the Arab Spring: Challenges and Opportunities*

Nikolay Kozhanov, St. Petersburg State University

*Weakening stability by providing aid? Western interests and aid policies since the 'Arab Spring'*

Beata Paragi, Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies

*From 2009 to 2013: Green Movement, Arab Spring, and Hassan Rouhani's Election for Presidency in Iran*

Pinar Arikan, Middle East Technical University Department of International Relations

### **Panel 2D, When the Centre Cannot Hold: How the Arab Spring, Changing Global Energy Markets, and the Rise of the Developing World Have Enriched the Gulf Economies and Provided New Avenues of Influence While Shattering the Foundations of Their Foreign Policies, SR 118**

Chair: Philipp O. Amour, University of Exeter

*The Rise and Future of the Middle Eastern Regional System: Dynamics of the Gulf Security and the Arab Spring*

Philipp Amour, University of Exeter

*The Limitations of Conquest: Riyadh's China Mart and Saudi Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century*

Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State University

*A Sectarian Gulf Spring: The Bahrain Experience*

Nancy Jamal, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain

*Qatari Foreign Policy after the 2011 Uprisings: What do moves towards Africa and Asia Really Mean?*

Lubna Sharab, University of Massachusetts

Discussant: Sean Foley, King Saud University

### **Panel 2E, Geo-strategy and Geopolitics, SR 155**

Chair: Katharina Dalacoura, London School of Economics

*Islamist Perspectives on Energy Issues: A Comparative Analysis*

Emmanuel Karagiannis, King's College London

*The Perspective of an Emerging Hydrocarbon Economy in Lebanon: a Preliminary Assessment of its Political Implications*

Filippo Dionigi, The London School of Economics and Political Science

*Transitioning to modernity: policing and security model development and the transferability of western models to Arab Islamic States*

Andrew Williams, Institute of Policing and Criminal Justice Studies, University of Cumbria

**Panel 2F, The Politics of Neoliberal Restructuring in Egypt II: Urban Dynamics of Accumulation, Dispossession and Resistance, SR G36**

Chair: Andrea Teti, University of Aberdeen

*Contesting urban space in Cairo: towards new forms of urban citizenship?*

Azzurra Sarnataro, University of Rome La Sapienza

*Deprivation through Modernization: The Production of Water Scarcity in Cairo's Informal Areas*

Deena Khalil, University College London

*Unsecure tenure and policies of land commodification: The targeting of vulnerable communities in Egypt*

Yahia Shawkat, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights

*Questioning Neo-liberal governance: The case of Maspero*

Mohamad Abotera, Ahmad Borham and Ahmed Zaazaa, Madd group

Discussant: Gennaro Gervasio, The British University in Cairo

**Panel 2G, Global Connections through Literature and Poetry, SR G31**

Chair: Lloyd Ridgeon, University of Glasgow

*Kurdish Poetry and the Emergence of Nationalism*

Farangis Ghaderi, Soran University/University of Exeter

*Identity on the borderline of self and other: representations of identity in two Kurdish novels*

Kaveh Ghobadi, University of Soran /University of Exeter

*From Anatolia to India: Reading Halide Edib Adivar's The Shirt of Flame as The Daughter of Smyrna*

Aysegul Turan, Washington University in St. Louis

*Omar Khayyám, the Theosophical Society, and the Western reception of Sufism*

Mark Sedgwick, Aarhus University

**Panel Session 3: Tuesday 17 June, 8.30-10.30**

**Panel 3A, Religious Networks, SR 115**

Chair: Hilary Kalmbach, University of Sussex

*Commanding Muslims to be Different from Non-Muslims in Mid-20th Century Syria*

Youshaa Patel, Lafayette College

*Contentious Responses to International Trends: The Case of Iraq (1914-1920)*

Aula Hariri, Queen Mary University of London

*Secularizing the Sacred: the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem as a Representative of Greek Nationalism in the Holy Land*

Konstantinos Papastathis, Université du Luxembourg

*The Da'wa Salafiyya: Waltzing Between Purity and Politics*

Laurence Deschamps-Laporte, University of Oxford

### **Panel 3B, Palestine, SR 116**

Chair: David Tal, University of Sussex

*The Palestinian zakat committees, contested local welfare producers.*

Lars Gunnar Lundblad, Hordaland fylkeskommune

*Hamas' political transformation and its resistance discourse (2003-2006)*

Hsiu-Ping Bao, Institute of Islamic and Arabic studies, University of Exeter

*Revising (Palestinian) Feminist Narratives: Gender, Nation and the Colonial Condition*

Rabab Abdulhadi, San Francisco State University

*Overcoming post-colonialism in the Eastern Mediterranean Area*

Lorenzo Kamel, Harvard University/Bologna University

*What keeps me here: Arab Christian civil organizations in Israel and the Palestinian Territories*

Paul Rowe, Trinity Western University

### **Panel 3C, Reiterations of Power: The Arab Spring and Contestations of Western Hegemony, SR 117**

Chair: Eid Mohamed, University of Guelph

*When the Postcolonial Hijacks the Revolutionary: Gender as a Sub-text*

Shereen Abouelnaga, Cairo University

*Transgressing a Revolution: Yemen between 9/11 Echoes & Arab Spring Unrest*

Waleed Mahdi, University of Minnesota/Taiz University

*Morsi's Regional Woes: Emigration & State Sovereignty in post-'Arab Spring' Egypt*

Gerasimos Tsourapas, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

*The revolution "from below" and the misinterpretations "from above". The case of Syria's neglected civil society*

Billie Jeanne Brownlee, University of Exeter

*Globalizing New Citizens: Arab Spring in a World of Overlapping Identities*

Eid Mohamed, University of Guelph

### **Panel 3D, Islamic Predestination in Changing Worlds: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, SR 118**

Chair: Alice Elliot, University College London and Laura Menin, University of Milano Bicocca

*Predestination contested. Discussing the issue of predestination in turn-of-the-century Egypt*

Ammeke Kateman, University of Amsterdam

*Contested Islamic predestination: Arab Spring and divergent interpretations of global politics by Muslim reformist groups and youth in Birmingham, UK*

Sufyan Abid, University of Sussex

*Making destiny in a Moroccan town: an ethnography of Islamic predestination*

Alice Elliot, University College London

*It Wasn't Destiny»: Love and Work in the Old City of San'a'*

Luca Nevola, Università degli Studi di Milano

Discussant: Laura Menin, University of Milano Bicocca

**Panel 3E, Everyday Life in the Globalizing Gulf I: Segmented Labour Markets and Segregation in Urban Spaces, SR 155**

Chair: Pardis Mahdavi, Doha

*Terrain Vague: The everyday lives of migrants inside Abu Dhabi's Sector 13*

Yasser Elsheshtawy, United Arab Emirates University

*Shards and splinters: power and space viewed from Doha, Qatar*

Robina Mohammad, University of Brunei Darussalam and James Sidaway,  
National University of Singapore

*Migration Infrastructures, Surveillance and Practices of Care and Control: Filipino Muslims in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*

Mark Johnson, University of Hull

*Segregation, Power, and the Imagineers: On Qatar and the Nature of Authoritarianism in the GCC*

Andrew Gardner, University of Puget Sound

**Panel 3F, Kurdish Political Structures, SR G36**

Chair: Frances Guy

*The 21st Century: Is it really the Era of the Kurds?*

Ahmed Fawaz, Cairo University/University of Aberdeen

*Politico-cultural structures in the Middle Eastern states and the endogenous nature of state-building in Kurdistan*

Ismail Erdem, Royal Holloway, University of London

*The political repercussions of economic evolution in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Zana Khasraw Gulmohamad, University of Sheffield

*Turkish foreign policy in flux: the case of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq*

Nathaniel Handy, University of Exeter

*A Decade of Vacillating Development Policies in the Kurdish Governorates of Iraq: From Positive Reform to Punitive Resettlement during the 1970's*

Melisande Genat, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales/Stanford  
University

**Panel 3G, Political Activism and Media, SR G31**

Chair: Oliver Bast, University of Manchester

*Mediating the Egyptian Revolution 25 January 2011: Liberal vs religious voices.*

Noha Mellor, University of Bedfordshire

*Political Activism in the Guise of Conventional Journalism; The evolution of print journalism in the age of the Internet - The Iranian experience*

Naghmeh Mahmoudikashani, University of Southern Denmark

*Image Politics and The Art of Resistance in Syria*

Nour Sacranie, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Popular Culture & the Egyptian Revolution*

Nadia el Kholy, Cairo University

*Challenging the status quo: citizen-journalism as a tool of power during the first year of the Syrian uprising, 2011-12*

Zaher Omareen, Goldsmiths

### **Panel 3H, Middle Eastern Refugees in Global Perspective, 1860–present, SR 143**

Chair: Benjamin White, University of Glasgow

*The Middle East in the global history and historiography of refugees, c.1860–1940*

Benjamin White, University of Glasgow

*Armenian and Assyrian refugee camps in interwar Iraq and Syria*

Laura Robson, Portland State University

*Making of refugee-ness in French-Syria*

Seda Altug, Bogaziçi University

*Turkey's Approach to Mass Refugee Influxes: Iraqi and Syrian Refugees in a Comparative Perspective*

Emine Busra Unluonen, Gazi University

Discussant: Andrew Arsan, University of Cambridge

### **Panel Session 4: Tuesday 17 June, 11.00-13.00**

#### **Panel 4A, Global Networks, SR 115**

Chair: Barbara Allen Roberson, London Metropolitan University

*People and politics: the peculiar demography of Kuwait and the gulf states*

Allan Hill, University of Southampton

*The Scholarly Network between Ḥaramayn and India According to Shāh Walī Allāh*

Yuri Ishida, Waseda University

*The contribution of funduqs to trade between Islamic and Christian societies in the Middle Ages*

Benedikt Koehler, Earhart Foundation

*Inclusive growth and health in MENA*

Randa Alami, School of Oriental and African Studies

*The emergence of Arab Gulf countries' investment in ASEAN countries: a review of trends and opportunity*

Mohd Fauzi Abu-Hussin, University Technology Malaysia/Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin

#### **Panel 4B, Britain and the Middle East, SR 116**

Chair: Jacob Norris, University of Sussex

*The Chaldean Catholic community in Britain 1967-2012 - Moving between Baghdad and London*

Kristian Girling, Heythrop College, University of London

*Activism in Exile - The Bahraini Uprising as viewed from the UK*

Sossie Kasbarian, University of Lancaster

*Pilgrimage, Muslim Identity and the UK migrant*

Mohammad Mesbahi, The Islamic College

*The Consequences of Imperialism on Independence in the Gulf: Britain's Role in the Depositions of Shaikh Saqr of Sharjah in 1965 and Shaikh Shakhbut of Abu Dhabi in 1966*

Helene von Bismarck, Independent Researcher

*Down with Britain, away with Zionism: the "Canaanites" and the LEHI between two adversaries*

Roman Vater, University of Manchester

**Panel 4C, Emancipatory Politics in the Arab Revolutions, SR 117**

Chair: Jamie Allinson, University of Westminster, London

*Ranciere in Cairo? From Democratic Transition to Emancipatory Politics in the Egyptian Revolution*

Jamie Allinson, University of Westminster, London

*The Arab Revolutions and the rebirth of the workers' movement in the Middle East*

Anne Alexander, University of Cambridge

*The Limits of Law as a Revolutionary Tool: Rough Music in Egypt since Jan 25 2011*

Nadine El-Enany, Birkbeck College, University of London

*Gender and transnational mobilisation in the Egyptian (post-) revolutionary processes*

Lea Mueller-Funk, University of Vienna

**Panel 4D, Women's Roles in Religion, Politics and Society, SR 118**

Chair: Heba Youssef, University of Sussex

*Assessing the Role of International Actors in Enhancing Women's Status in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Deniz Gokalp, London School of Economics and Zeynep Kaya, American University in Dubai

*Islamist Gender Activism: Moroccan Nadia Yassine Imagines the Life of the Prophet, 2010*

Ruth Roded, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Between resistance and acquiescence: Halaqas and female agency in Yemeni society*

Christina Hellmich, University of Reading

*Controlling women's bodies, controlling space: the case of female sports in public places in post-revolutionary Tunisia*

Maaïke Voorhoeve, Humboldt Universitat

*Comparing the female electoral and political performance in Iran and the GCC*

Luciano Zaccara, Georgetown University SFS-Q

**Panel 4E, Everyday Life in the Globalizing Gulf II: Migrants, Citizens and Transformations in Urban Cultures, SR 155**

Chair: Filippo Osella, University of Sussex

*In and Out Moves of the Bahraini Opposition: Political Exile in Bahrain and its Impact on the 2011 Crisis*

Claire Beaugrand, Ifpo

*Resilient residents: migrants' community and anti-migration policies in Saudi Arabia*

Hélène Thiollet, CERI Sciences Po

*Neutralised Bachelors and Hypersexual Maids: Migrant Sexual Stereotypes*

Jane Bristol-Rhys, Zayed University and Caroline Osella, School of Oriental and African Studies

*X-Family - rhizomatic mutations and biopolitical modalities within the South Asia/Abu Dhabi labour migration dispositif*

Michael Cowen, University of Manchester

**Panel 4F, Modern Jordan, SR G36**

Chair: Greg Shapland, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

*We are the very model of a moderate Muslim state? Jordanian soft security strategy during the war on terror and beyond*

Stacey Gutkowski, King's College London

*The role of hashemite family on Iraq under the ottoman rule and the policies of the middle east*

Levent Kucuk, Ardahan University

*The Muslim Brotherhood and Jordan's Role in the Middle East Peace Process After 1989*

Wisam Hazimeh, University of East Anglia

*The influence of the Palestinian immigrants on the evolution of the relations between the Hashemite Regime and the Jordanian Ikhwan during the Israel-Palestine Peace Process*

Volkan Gulsen, Istanbul Kultur University

*Questioning the role of tribalism in Jordanian university violence*

Caroline Ronsin, European University Institute

#### **Panel 4G, Media and Society, SR G31**

Chair: Paul Starkey, University of Durham

*Censorship, Creativity and Resistance Across Time and Space*

Misha Zand, University of Copenhagen

*Late Twentieth Century Enlightenment Debate in Damascus and Cairo*

Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab, Kaete Hamburger Kolleg

*Drawing Death from Across the Sea: Algerian Cartoonists in Exile during the Civil War, 1991-2002*

Elizabeth Perego, Ohio State University

*The Social Media Convergence: A Study of Satellite TV Channels and Social Media in post-revolutionary Iran*

Babak Rahimi, The University California

#### **Panel 4H, How to Get Published, SR 143**

Maria Marsh, Editor – Middle East, I.B. Tauris Publishers

### **Panel Session 5: Tuesday 17 June, 14.00-16.00**

#### **Panel 5A, Networks of Intellectuals, SR 115**

Chair: Paul Starkey, University of Durham

*Thaqafat al-Takhalluf 'inda al-Arab: Contemporary Arab Intellectual Portrayal of the 'Culture of Backwardness': An Intellectual Historiography*

Bader Mousa Al-Saif, Georgetown University

*Arab thought, North African intellectuals and knowledge production in the 1960s and 1970s*

Idriss Jebari, University of Oxford

*'GRAVE RÉVÉLATIONS': The Case of the Algerian Colon Press versus Isabelle Eberhardt and Victor Barrucand*

Kirsty Bennett, University Of Sussex

*A Call to Arms?: Communist Responses to the Algerian Revolution*

Jonathan Hill, King's College London

*Qiyas in the Ibn al-Haytham's Research*

Sobhi Rayan, al Qasemi Academy

**Panel 5B, The European Union's Involvement in Conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa, SR 116**

Chair: Irene Fernandez Molina, College of Europe

*With regard to the Middle East Peace Process, how true is the claim that the EU is a payer but not a player?*

Caglar Ezikoglu, University of Reading

*Squaring the circle? The EU, Regional Cooperation and Conflict Transformation in the Middle East and North Africa*

Hirah Azhar, Department of Political Science and Justine Louis, American University in Cairo

*Studying the Egypt-European Union Relationship: Ghosts of a Colonial Past*

Laura Kandle, University of Edinburgh

*From Declaratory to actual policy? A case study about EU relations with Israel*

Mattia Toaldo, European Council on Foreign Relations

*Western Sahara: A Silent Conflict Taking a 'Parliamentary Detour' to Get to Brussels*

*The European Union's support for Fayyad's state-building plan: Motives, consequences and implications*

Dimitris Bouris, College of Europe

Discussant: Dimitris Bouris, College of Europe

**Panel 5C, Citizenship Rights in the MENA Region after the Awakenings, SR 117**

Chair: Pietro Longo, University of Naples l'Orientale; Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

*Empowering citizenship rights in Tunisia between Islamism and constitutional drafting*

Pietro Longo, University of Naples l'Orientale and Ruth Hanau Santini, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

*Otherizing the religious other in the Middle East*

Mariz Tadros, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

*Understanding political transitions through Citizenship studies*

Ruth Hanau Santini, Università L'Orientale

*Citizenship rights in Morocco between popular protest and Constitutional reforms*

Olivier Deau, Centre de Recherche sur l'Afrique et la Méditerranée

**Panel 5D, Anti-Colonial Metropolises in the Interwar Period, SR 118**

Chair: Olivia A. Holmberg Luce, University of Oxford

*The Global Interaction of Moroccan Nationalists in Paris*

Olivia Holmberg Luce, University of Oxford

*International students, interwar London and the case for anticolonial solidarity*

Brant Moscovitch, University of Oxford

*Networking resistance: transnational associations and the growth of anticolonialism in Cairo, 1919-29*

James Roslington, University of Cambridge

*Anticolonial discourse and political mobilisation: the case of the Etoile Nord-Africaine / Parti du Peuple Algérien in the Interwar Period*

Rabah Aissaoui, University of Leicester

**Panel 5E, Everyday Life in the Globalizing Gulf III: Community-making, Home and Belonging, SR 155**

Chair: Katie Walsh, University of Sussex

*Affinity and Friendship in the Gulf city: possibilities of convivial relatedness*

Laavanya Kathiravelu, Nanyang Technological University

*Between Global Citizenship and Qatarization: Negotiating Qatar's new knowledge economy within American branch campuses*

Neha Vora, Lafayette College

*Identity and belonging among second generation South Asian immigrants in Dubai*

Idil Akinci, Independent Researcher

*Immobilized Migrancy: Rethinking Intimacy and Labor in the Gulf*

Pardis Mahdavi, Pomona College

**Panel 5F, Securitisation, Security and Survival in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, SR G36**

Chair: Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University

*The Foreign Policies of Small States: An Analysis of Jordan's Nuclear Energy Policy*

Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University

*The External Dimensions of Democratisation in Jordan*

Artur Malantowicz, University of Warsaw

*The Impact of US Aid on Regime Survival and Policy-Making in Jordan Between 2000-2013*

Tarfah Elfayez, Nottingham Trent University

*Gender and the Global Political Economy of Freshwater: An Investigation of the Reproductive, Productive and Virtual Water Economies of Jordan*

Anna Eklund, Lund University

*Special Economic Zones as Nodes of Regional Economic Integration: an exploration of economic integration and security in Jordan*

Murad El-Anis, University of Durham

**Panel 5G, Urban Policies in the Arab World between the Global and the Local, Jubilee Lecture Theatre**

Chair: Samer Bagaeen, University of Brighton and Ala Al-Hamarneh, University of Mainz

*The Political Economy of Neoliberal Urbanism in the Arab World*

Ala Al-Hamarneh, University of Mainz

*Social sustainability and the built environment in the global cities of the Middle East*

Samer Bagaeen, University of Brighton

*Spatial Restructuring and Urban Policy in the GCC: Muscat and Manama*

Jonas Margraff, University of Mainz

*Between the Local and Global: Motorized Vehicles and Everyday Life in Early French Colonial Fez, Morocco (1912-1930s)*

Colette Apelian, Berkeley City College

*Urban policies in Ramallah.*

Mariangela Gasparotto, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

Discussant: Fouad Marei, Free University Berlin

## Panel Session 6: Wednesday 18 June, 8.30-10.30

### Panel 6A, Social Development and Networking, SR 115

Chair: Greg Shapland, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

*What factors explain citizens' usage of and views about the importance of wasta in the Middle East and North Africa?*

Asma Ali Farah, Royal Holloway, London, UK

*The Nearest in Love to the Believers*

Richard Gauvain, American University in Dubai

*The Transformation of Social Welfare Institutions in Egypt: From Nasser to Sadat*

Yusuke Kawamura, Durham University

*Civil Associations and Organisational Democracy in Saudi Arabia: The Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry*

Hendrik Kraetzschmar, University of Leeds

*The Moroccan policy with focus on empowerment of marginalized groups. Can it be a model for other Mediterranean countries like Turkey and Algeria?*

Marianne Aringberg Laanatza, Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

### Panel 6B, British Colonialism, SR 116

Chair: Jacob Norris, University of Sussex

*Bourgeois Society under Colonial Rule: The Palestinian Arab Middle Class under the British Mandate*

Itamar Radai, Tel Aviv University

*The effect of Transregional Networks on West Bank-Jordanian relationships*

Harel Chorev, Tel Aviv University

*Political Bodies and Sacred Spaces: the Spiritual Geography of Omdurman and Khartoum*

Katie Hickerson, University of Pennsylvania

### Panel 6C, Cultural Politics and Representation in the Frame of the Arab Spring, SR 117

Chair: Martin Evans, University of Sussex

*The organisation of the Muslim cult in post-revolution Tunisia*

Anna Grasso, CHERPA Sciences Po-Aix

*The Palestinian "world's of art" at the age of the Arab spring*

Marion Slitine, IFPO

*From Mubarak to al-Shohada: Revolutionary "Martyrs" and Street Art*

Hyun Jeong Ha, University of Texas at Austin

*From Ridiculous to Deadly Serious: Iconoclasm and Anti-Americanism in the Middle East*

Evren Eken, Royal Holloway University of London

*Cultural Politics and Representation in the frame of the so-called Arab Spring*

Ilka Eickhof, the University of Amsterdam

### Panel 6D, International Relations in Theory and Practice, SR 118

Chair: Kamran Matin

*The Rise, Fall, and Recent Revival of Euro-centrism in International Relations Theory*

Hasan Yalcin, Istanbul Commerce University

*Recasting Iranian Modernity: International Relations and Social Change*

Kamran Matin, University of Sussex

*Iran and International Relations of the Middle East after the Arab Spring: Challenges Ahead for the Rohani Administration*

Bayram Sinkaya, Yildirim Beyazit University

*Anxiety and Panic in International Relations; A Comparative Analysis of the Saudi Foreign Policy in 1979 and 2011*

May Darwich, University of Edinburgh

*Statist, Federal, and Transnational Politics: Implications of Turkey's foreign relations with the Kurdistan Regional Government (2007-2013)*

Burcu Ozcelik, University of Cambridge

### **Panel 6E, Peace and War, SR 155**

Chair: Jan Selby, University of Sussex

*Missed Opportunities in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Case of the Arab Peace Initiative*

Elie Podeh, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Tenuous Link: Israel's Nuclear Arsenal and Regional Proliferation*

Stephen Ellis, University of Leicester

*Who Missed Peace Prior to the October 1973 War?*

David Tal, University of Sussex

### **Panel 6F, Turkish Politics I: Protest, SR G36**

Chair: Heba Youssef, University of Sussex

*Foreign Policy as a Constitutive Element of Social Movements: The case of Gezi Protests in Turkey*

Derya Göçer Akder, Middle East Technical University

*A common voice in turkey against state brutality*

Elif Genc, York University

*Put a city on a – different - map. The cultural struggle for the definition of Diyarbakir/ Amed as the capital of Kurdistan*

Francesco Marilungo, University of Exeter

*State-led civil society in Turkey and problems of democracy*

Jessica Doyle, University College Dublin

### **Panel 6G, Women, Gender, and Religious Texts, SR G31**

Organised by the British Association for Islamic Studies

Chair: Shuruq Naguib, Lancaster University

*Representations of women in the Qur'an's narratives: A close look at the discursive allocation of roles*

Tahira Amin, Lancaster University

*Sisters' Act: Muslim Women Reading Religious Texts*

Alyaa Ebbiary, SOAS and Shuruq Naguib, Lancaster University

*Blurring boundaries: Aesthetics and the radical reform in Islamic leadership in Egypt from the 1930s.*

Hilary Kalmbach, University of Sussex

## Panel Session 7: Wednesday 18 June, 11.00-13.00

### Panel 7A, Financial Networks, SR 115

Chair: Hannes Baumann, King's College London

*The currency of Riyalpolitik: Three case studies of Saudi financial power and US hegemony*

Hannes Baumann, King's College London

*The Construction of a Tacit Alliance - the Political Economy of Iranian-Chinese Relations*

Sahra Joharchi, Nottingham Trent University

*The effects of growing Israeli-Jordanian economic cooperation on Jordanian politics and economy - the promotion of an Israeli-Jordanian transit trade route*

Benjamin Schuetze, School of Oriental and African Studies

*The history and politics of taxpayer-tax administration relations in Egypt*

Moritz Schmoll, London School of Economics and Political Science

*The role of the central bank of Libya in an era of globalisation*

Abdlgalil Aboasnina, Central Bank of Libya

### Panel 7B, The Political Economy of Knowledge Production in European Democracy Assistance Programmes to the Middle East, SR 116

Chair: Jeroen Gunning, Durham University

A roundtable discussion with:

Andrea Teti and Vivienne Matthies-Boon of University of Aberdeen

Abdelghany Sayed, Ana Almuedo Castillo, Diana Alzeer and Riya Alsanah

### Panel 7C, The Multiple Narratives of the Libyan Uprising, SR 117

Chair: Igor Cherstich, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Revolutionary narratives intertwined: the reception of rhetoric in slogans and popular poetry in Libya*

Adam Benkato, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Narratives of resistance and the sacrificial destruction of the Libyan body*

Matteo Capasso, Durham University

*Tribalism as a Flexible Idiom: The Tribal and the National as coexisting Narratives in Libya*

Igor Cherstich, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Against Monolingualism: A Clash of Linguistic Narratives*

Simone Mauri, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Covering Libya: A Framing Analysis of Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera Arabic, BBC Arabic and BBC World News Coverage of the 2011 Libyan Uprising*

Sumaya Alnahed, South Bank University

Discussant: Matteo Capasso, Durham University

### Panel 7D, Contemporary Iran in Comparative Perspective: An Analysis of Iranian and Western Historiography from the Shah to Khomeini, SR 118

Chair: Claudia Castiglioni, University of Venice

*On the Right Side of History: American Perspective of the Shah's Great Civilization Project*

Claudia Castiglioni, University of Venice

*Confronting present times with sacred history. The use of Islam's historical figures in Khomeini's discourse*

Constance Arminjon, Ecole pratique des hautes études

*On the perception of Iranian religious life*

Morvarid Ayaz, EPHE

*Neighbouring Comrades: A Critical Comparison of the Tudeh Party of Iran and the Iraqi Communist Party, 1941-1947*

Rowena Abdul Razak, University of Oxford

*Politics by other means: the making of Iran's drug policy*

Mazyiar Ghiabi, University of Oxford

### **Panel 7E, Maghreb Migration and Borders, SR 155**

Chair: Greg Shapland, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

*Across the Sahara – Caravan tracks and mobility, trading networks and multicultural exchange in the Eastern Maghreb of the 18th and 19th centuries*

Jacqueline Passon, University of Freiburg

*A Bourdieusian Analysis of the EU's "Southern" Border and North Africa*

Amy Manktelow, Nottingham Trent University

*Connectivity between the Maghreb and the Sahara: Contemporary strategies of small scale trade and smuggling*

Ines Kohl, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences

*Reimagining Security: Sub Saharan Migration in North Africa*

Allison McManus, Terre Des Hommes

*Morocco's 2014 regularisation and geopolitical culture*

Michael Collyer, University of Sussex

### **Panel 7F, Turkish politics II: Religion and Development, SR G36**

Chair: Jan Selby, University of Sussex

*The Turkish Economic Development Model in Comparative Perspective: Insights from a 'Work in Progress'*

Oguzhan Goksel, Durham University

*Turkey's AKP Government: Hardly a Passive Secularist*

Bilge Azgin, Near East University

*The Evolution of the Turkish Islamic Movement: Insights from a Trajectory of Ideological Transformation*

Oguzhan Goksel, Durham University

*The Transformation of Islamist Politics in Turkey*

Hasan Yalcin, Istanbul Commerce University

*The institution of state-sponsored female preachers (vaizeler) in Turkey. Between women's religious authority and institutional change*

Chiara Maritato, Università degli Studi di Torino

### **Panel 7G, Literature, Poetry and Drama, SR G31**

Chair: Feras Alkabani, University of Sussex

*The Resurrection of the Storyteller on Arab and African Stage*

Nagla Hadidy, Cairo University

*"I will not rise up and revolt": The life story of political activists in Arabic fiction and beyond.*

Shaymaa Hussein-Samy, Durham University

*Depictions of the Middle East: Bestsellers from East and West*

Hala Sami, Cairo University

*Fact and Fiction at Orhan Pamuk's Museum of Innocence*

Duygu Tekgul, Yeditepe University

*Reinterpreting Ottoman Lyrical Poetry from Glasgow to New Jersey: "Western" Perspectives and Their Receptions in the Turkish Intellectual Scene*

Ezgi Ulusoy Aranyosi, University of Oxford

## **Panel Session 8: Wednesday 18 June, 14.00-16.00**

### **Panel 8A, International Connections, SR 115**

Chair: Michael Collyer, University of Sussex

*The Role of the Military for Democratization during the Arab Spring - the cases of Tunisia, Egypt and Syria*

Søren Schmidt, Aalborg University

*Negotiations between Israel and Transjordan about Jerusalem, 1949-1951*

Elad Ben-Dror, Bar-Ilan University

*Regional Stability Relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan: Domino-Effect Link versus a Relationship in Transition towards the End of the Road*

Khurshid Khan, The Ministry of Women Affairs

*National Liberation in a Post-colonial Context: Second Generation Decolonisation in the Middle East*

Yaniv Voller, University of Edinburgh

*Falconry Diplomacy: Analysing the GCC-Kazakhstani political partnership*

Luca Anceschi, University of Glasgow

### **Panel 8B, Arabist Activists: The role of Arabophile British Diplomats in Middle Eastern Polities in Transition, c.1900-1950, SR 116**

Chair: Jason I. Pack, University of Cambridge

*The Appeal of Natural Leaders: An Exploration of the Anglo-Sanussi Relationship and pro-Sanussi officials with Britain's Imperial Bureaucracy (1887-1969)*

Jason Pack, University of Cambridge

*Citizen diplomacy and anticolonial imperialism in interwar North Africa: the strange history of Captain Robert Gordon Canning*

James Roslington, University of Cambridge

*Philby of Arabia and Williamson of the Gulf*

John Slight, University of Cambridge

Discussant: Jason I. Pack, University of Cambridge

### **Panel 8C, Elites and the Arab Spring, SR 117**

Chair: Martin Evans, University of Sussex

*Firewalling Diffusion: Elite-Bargaining and Authoritarian Resilience in Morocco and Algeria.*

Merouan Mekouar, York University

*Political Elites and Authoritarian Transition: Explaining the Role of the Egyptian Elite in 2011*

Ian Kelly, Dublin City University

*Teaching about a Revolution: Learning about Local Politics at Cairo University*

Francesca Burke, Council for British Research in the Levant - British Institute in Amman

*Pathway to MENA revolutionary situation: When the mass mobilization and the split within military elite matter*

Priscilla Álamos-Concha, Université catholique de Louvain

*From new york to benghazi and back? norm diffusion and norm localisation of r2p on libya and Syria*

Silvia Colombo, International Affairs Institute

### **Panel 8E, Cosmopolitanisms in the Modern Middle East and North Africa, SR 155**

Chairs: Samuel Everett, School of Oriental and African Studies, and Michael Farquhar, London School of Economics

*A Religious Cosmopolitanism? Migration and the Islamic Educational Sphere in Mecca from the Late Nineteenth Century*

Michael Farquhar, London School of Economics and Political Science

*Gender, Labour, and Cosmopolitanism: the Case of the Aleksandrinke in Early 20th Century Egypt*

Francesca Biancani, Bologna University

*Ottomans Abroad: Ottoman Identity in Emigre Thought, 1890-1914*

David Beamish, School of Oriental and African Studies

*A Cosmopolitan colonial situation? Presentist perspectives on Judeo-Arab cultural production in late nineteenth and early twentieth-century Algiers*

Sami Everett, School of Oriental and African Studies

Discussant: Hilary Kalmbach, University of Sussex

### **Panel 8F, Turkish politics III: International Relations, SR G36**

Chair: Kamran Matin, University of Sussex

*More Science Less Isolation: Science Diplomacy and The Case of Turkey*

Guliz Sutcu, University of Sussex

*The International Origins of the Ottoman Empire*

Kerem Nisancioglu, University of Westminster

*Turkey's Discourses and Practices of Peacemaking and Peacebuilding in the Middle East*

Ozker Kocadal, Cyprus International University

*A Constructivist Approach to Changing Turkish-Israeli Relations under the Justice and Development Party (JDP) Governments (2002-2013)*

Meltem Demircan Özütam, Yeditepe University

### **Panel 8G, Contemporary Syria and Lebanon, Jubilee Lecture Theatre**

Chair: Feras Alkabani

*Taking the Syrian Revolt out of Syria: South Lebanon's Rashaya and its Transnational Links to the Mahjar in 1925*

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