



**BRISMES**

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies

## **BRISMES Annual Conference 2013**

**Popular Movements  
in the Middle East and Islamic World**



### **BRISMES 2013 FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**11.00 – 13.00**

**Monday**

**June-24**

#### **1a. ANALYTICAL IMPLICATION OF THE ARAB UPRISINGS: CONCEPTUAL TOOL, AREA STUDIES THEORY**

**Chair: Andrea Teti**

*University of Aberdeen, Scotland*

**Beyond the Democratization and Authoritarianism 'Paradogma': Towards a 'Genuine Science of (Middle East) Politics'**

Morten Valbjørn

*Department of Political Science & Government, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark*

**European Politics towards the Unfinished Revolutions in the Mediterranean**

Patricia Bauer

*European Peace University, Stadtschlaining/Burgenland, Austria*

**Dance of the Seven Veils: Governmentality and Resistance in European Democracy Promotion Initiatives in the Arab World**

Helle Malmvig

*Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen, Denmark*

**Towards a Critical Theory of the Egyptian Revolts: Beyond Securitisation and Neoliberalisation**

Vivienne Matthies-Boon

*University of Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands*

#### **1b. LOCAL NETWORKS AND EVERYDAY LIFE**

**Palestinian Political Factions in Lebanon: An Everyday Perspective**

Perla Issa

*Exeter University, Exeter, UK*

**Mapping the Local Urban Grassroots Movements during the Arab Revolts**

Ala Al-Hamarneh

*University of Mainz, Mainz, Germany*

**The Arab Spring and Social 'Non-movements': New Actors and New Horizons**

Randa Aboubakr

*Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt*

**Ethnography of Everyday Life in the Southern Suburbs of Beirut. Local Responsiveness to Humanitarian Intervention.**

Estella Carpi

*The University of Sydney, NSW, Australia*

### **1c. ISSUES IN ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN POLICY**

#### **The Emergence of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement**

Suzanne Morrison

*London School of Economics, London, UK*

#### **Change in the Middle East and Continuity in Israeli Security Discourse and Policy**

Stuart Maltman

*University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK*

#### **Tribal Youth and the Appropriation of Politics: Elections at the University of Jordan**

Caroline Ronsin

*European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

### **1d. CONTINUITY AND CHANGE BEFORE AND AFTER THE ARAB SPRING I**

**Chairs: Paola Rivetti**

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **Degrees of Authoritarian Continuity and Democratic Change Before and After the Arab Uprisings. A Theoretical Perspective**

Paola Rivetti

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **IMF and World Bank Negotiations with Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt: Determining Degree of Change and Continuity Resulting from the Arab Spring**

Bessma Momani

*University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada*

#### **The Project of Advanced Regionalization in Morocco: Actors, Strategies of Change and Old Balances**

Ojeda García Raquel<sup>1</sup>, Suárez Collado Ángela<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Granada, Granada, Spain*, <sup>2</sup> *Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain*

#### **Contesting Democracy: The Independent Left Before and After the Egyptian Uprising**

Gennaro Gervasio<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Teti<sup>2</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> *UK British University in Egypt, Cairo, Egypt*, <sup>2</sup> *University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland*

### **1e. REGIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE SYRIAN UPRISING**

**Chairs: Francesco Cavatorta**

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **Between Religious Solidarity and Purposive Neutrality: How Lebanese Christians Manage the Syrian Crisis**

Isabel Ruck

*Sciences Po./CERI, Paris, France*

#### **Improving Lebanon's Sovereignty through the Army: Shifting Political Discourse and Civil-Military Relations in the Wake of the Syrian Crisis**

Marina Calculi

*Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy*

#### **The Syrian Uprising, 2011-2013: A Stalled Revolution and Its Implications**

William Harris

*University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand*

#### **The Religious Manifestations of the Syrian Crisis**

Stéphane Valter

*Université du Havre, LE HAVRE, France*

**Identity and Politics: The Shi'a of Iraq and the Syrian uprising**

Ranj Alaaldin

*London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK*

15.00 – 17.00

Monday

June-24

**2a. THE ARAB SPRING: TWO YEARS ON: A RUDE AWAKENING FOR EUROPEANS?  
(CASAW/BRISMES Network People Power and State Power: Religious and Political Dialogue in  
the Middle East and North Africa)**

**Chair: Sarah Wolff**

*Queen Mary University of London*

**Discussant: Christopher Phillips**

*Queen Mary University of London*

**International Misunderstandings and the 2010-2011 Democratic Revolutions in Tunisia and Libya**

Frederic Volpi

*University of St-Andrews, St-Andrews, UK*

**EU Security Practices in the Mediterranean Region, Redux?**

Sarah Wolff

*Queen Mary, University London, London, UK*

**Is There a New Middle East? Secular Revolts, Islamic Democracies and Authoritarian Durability**

Thomas Demmelhuber

*University of Hildesheim, Hildesheim, Germany*

**EU Policy Responses to the Arab Uprisings: Conceptions of Democracy in PfdSP, NRCN and  
Delivering Democracy**

Andrea Teti

*University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK*

**2b. SPACES OF POLITICAL CHANGE**

**Chair: Lisa Barrington**

*University of Lund, Lund, Sweden*

**Resistance on the Hills: Representations in Literature**

Peyman Amiri

*University of Lund, Lund, Sweden*

**Controlling Land, Maintaining Power: An Agricultural Genealogy of Libya from the Ottomans to  
the Jamahiriyya**

Matteo Capasso

*University of Lund, Lund, Sweden*

**Home is Where the Heart (of Politics) Is: Space, Power and the Relationally Constituted  
Significance of Housing in Bahrain**

Lisa Barrington

*University of Lund, Lund, Sweden*

**Arab Youth Movements, Rhizomes and the Fate of Uprisings**

Joe Khalil<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Northwestern University, Doha, Qatar,* <sup>2</sup> *London School of Economics, London, UK*

## 2c. ISLAM AND PALESTINE IN ISRAEL

### Islam in Israel: The Case of the Israeli Islamic Movement

Nijmi Edres

*University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy*

### The Politics of Space and Palestinian Struggle in Jaffa-Tel Aviv, Israel

Sharri Plonski

*School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, UK*

### Fanā' from Annihilation in God to Collective Action: The Shadhiliyya-Yashrutiyya in Contemporary Israel

Linda Sijbrand

*University of Exeter, Exeter, Devon, UK*

### Local Shrines as Popular Religion in Ottoman Palestine

Andrew Petersen

*University of Wales Trinity Saint David, WALES, UK*

## 2d. CONTINUITY AND CHANGE BEFORE AND AFTER THE ARAB SPRING II

### Chair: Rosita di Peri

*University of Turin, Turin, Piedmont, Italy*

### State Formation and Differential Tangents of the Arab Uprising in Arab North Africa

Raymond Hinnebusch

*University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Fife, UK*

### 'Conquering' the Touristic Sector in Tunisia

Rosita Di Peri

*University of Turin, Turin, Piedmont, Italy*

### When Internationalization Encounters Resistance: Universities in Egypt and Morocco before and after the Uprising

Florian Kohstall

*Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany*

### Between the Caliphate and Bretton Woods: the *Ikhwan* and Egypt's foreign policy

Giorgio Musso

*University of Genova, Genova, Italy*

## 2e. RELIGION AND LEADERSHIP – STRATEGIES OF AUTHORITY, LEGITIMATION AND POWER (BRISMES Faith, Politics, and Society Research Network)

### Chair and Discussant: Hilary Kalmbach

*University of Sussex, Brighton, UK*

### Strategies of Legitimation: Hizbullah, Asad and the Syrian Uprising

Nasrin Akhter

*University of St Andrews, Fife, UK*

### Defining the legitimacy of a religious government: Recent developments in political theory among Iranian clerics

Constance Arminjon

*Ecole pratique des hautes études, Paris, France*

### Maintaining Credibility, Authority, Relevance in a Time of Fragmenting Authority: A Study of Shaykh Yusuf al-Qaradawi and the 'School of the Middle Way

David Warren

*University of Manchester, Manchester, Lancs, UK*

### The Islam Online Crisis: Evolving Crisis Narratives and the Struggle(s) for Religious Authority and Ideology

Mona Abdel-Fadil

*Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies, Oslo, Norway*

**'Adl and Shari'a : the conception of Justice in Sayyid Qutb's Political Theory**

Carimo Mohomed

*Universidade Nova - New University, Lisboa, Portugal*

## 2f. IRAN AND THE REGION

**Chair: Paola Rivetti**

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**Same Dynamics but Different Outcomes. Comparing Regime Trajectories in Iran and North Africa**

Paola Rivetti

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**Ethnic Minorities and the State in Iran**

Alam Saleh

*University of Bradford, Bradford, UK*

**Isolation or Opportunity? Iran and Hizbollah in the New Middle East**

James Worrall

*University of Leeds, West Yorkshire, UK*

**Women's Protests and Civil Society in Iran**

Hamideh Sedghi

*Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA*

09.00 – 11.00

Tuesday

June-25

## 3a. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE ARAB UPRISINGS

**The Saudi Position towards the Arab Spring: Between Neutralisation and Capitalisation**

Mansour Almarzoqi Albogami

*Sciences Po de Lyon, Lyon, France*

**The International Dimension of the Arab Uprisings: Constructing an Open Model of Regime Trajectory in Egypt**

Ian Kelly

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**Transnational Dynamics in the Arab Spring Revolutions: Networks of Political Participation in Egyptian Social Fields in Vienna**

Lea Mueller-Funk<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria,* <sup>2</sup> *Sciences Po Paris, Paris, France*

**The Arab Spring, Palestine, Israel, and the New Middle East Order**

Philipp Amour

*Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey*

**The Impact of the Arab Spring on the Question of Palestine**

Yaser Alashqar

*Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

## 3b. PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS AND POLITICAL LIFE

**Chair: Katerina Dalacoura**

*London School of Economics, London, UK*

**Politics and Islamism in Contemporary Turkey: Debates on Culture in International Relations**

Katerina Dalacoura

*LSE, London, UK*

**Ahmad Kasravi and the Iranian experience of cultural assimilation**

Lloyd Ridgeon

*Glasgow University, Glasgow, UK*

**A Theo-political Response to Egyptian Islamic Revival Movement in Turkey: Sheikh al-Islam versus Muhammed Abduh**

Necmettin Gokkir

*University of Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey*

**Adib Ishaq's Concept of Freedom and its Importance in the Arab Springs**

Regina Chatruch del Río<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, <sup>2</sup> Spanish National Research Council (CCHS-CSIC), Madrid, Spain*

**3c. IRELAND AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Chair: Hilary Kalmbach**

*University of Sussex, Brighton, UK.*

**Gendered Images and Women's Rights in Iran and Ireland**

Roja Fazaeli<sup>1</sup>, Melanie Hoewer<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, <sup>2</sup> University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

**Anti-Colonialism and Neutrality: The Political Context of Ireland's Educational Links with the Arab World**

Oliver Scharbrodt

*University College Cork, Cork, Ireland*

**Salafi- Oriented Algerian Women in Ireland - Echoes from North Africa**

Yafa Shanneik

*University College Cork, Cork, Ireland*

**3d. LITERATURE AND POLITICS: PALESTINE, SYRIA AND THE GULF**

**Chair: Rita Sakr**

*University of Kent, Canterbury, UK*

**Palestinian Literature and the (Failed) Arab Spring**

Isabelle Hesse

*University of York, York, UK*

**Resisting Neoliberalism in Raja Shehadeh's *Occupation Diaries***

Nicola Robinson

*University of York, York, UK*

**Split Vision: America in the Eyes of Gulf Arab Travelers**

Kamal Abdel-Malek

*American University in Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

**Syrian Prison Writings: An Archive of Human Rights Abuses, Popular Discontent, and Radicalisation**

Rita Sakr

*University of Kent, Canterbury, UK*

**From Ben Sadok to Yamaha -Football, Violence and the Struggle for the Self in the Fiction of Rachid Boudjedra**

Philip Dine

University of Ireland, Galway, Galway, Ireland

### 3e. FROM OUTSIDE: FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

**Chair: Jane Bristol-Rhys**

*Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*

#### **Worrying Influence: Migrants in the UAE**

Jane Bristol-Rhys

*Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*

#### **Terranova II: Ibero-Americans Discover the Arabian Gulf**

Federico Vélez

*Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*

#### **Reconsidering National Awareness in the Arab Gulf: Expatriate Labour, Dissent, and Nationalism across the Trucial States**

Kristi N. Barnwell

*University of Illinois, Springfield, IL, USA*

#### **East meets East: Shifting Priorities and Socio-Economic Links between the UAE and East Asia**

Christopher Brown<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates,* <sup>2</sup> *Durham University, Durham, UK*

### 3f. GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES OF SECTARIAN VIOLENCE IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

**Chair: Mohammad Mesbahi**

*Islamic College, London, UK*

#### **Iraq and Arab Spring: Sectarian Concerns or Geo-Political Calculations**

Fouad Kadhem

*University of Exeter, Exeter, UK*

#### **Iraq's Post-New Constitution Era: New Nationalism or Over-Whelming Sectarianism**

Ali Al Hakim

*Middlesex University, London, UK*

#### **Western Dilemma and the Complicated Positions of Iraq and Syria**

Mohammad Mesbahi

*Islamic College, London, UK*

#### **The European Double-Faced View on Syria Protests in Comparison with Bahrain**

Nehad Khanfar

*An-Najah University, Nablus-West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territory*

11.30 – 13.30

Tuesday

June-25

### PLENARY SESSION: THE PEARSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

#### **Islamic Manuscript Collections in Dublin**

Dr. Elaine Wright,

**Curator of the Islamic Collections, The Chester Beatty Library Dublin**

Dr Jason McElligott

**The Keeper, Marsh's Library Dublin**

Alasdair Watson, Curator of Middle Eastern & Islamic Manuscripts, Bodleian Library, Oxford  
*Organised by the Middle East Libraries Committee (MELCOM)*

Please note that this event takes place in the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle, from 11-30 to 12-30 and will be followed by a tour of the Chester Beatty Collections.

#### 4a. ART AND POLITICS

##### **Puppets against Tyrants: Digital Dissent and Political Rhetoric in the Syrian Uprising**

Marwan Kraidy

*University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA*

##### **Will Kafranbel's Political Cartoons Save Syria? The Sense of Civic National Identity in the Syrian Uprising**

Lorenzo Trombetta<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Independent scholar, Beirut, Lebanon, <sup>2</sup> Italian News Agency ANSA, Beirut, Lebanon*

##### **The Art of Resistance: Aesthetics, Politics and New Public Spaces in Egypt**

Yakein Abdelmagid

*Duke University, Durham, USA*

#### **NEGOTIATING THE ARAB SPRING: NARRATIVES OF REVOLUTION AND CHALLENGES OF GOVERNANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (CASAW/BRISMES Network People Power and State Power: Religious and Political Dialogue in the Middle East and North Africa)**

**Chair: Ewan Stein**

*University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK*

##### **From counterpublic to public: Islamist dilemmas in post-revolutionary Egypt**

Ewan Stein

*University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK*

##### **Arab Spring pathways in Tunisia and Algeria: from leaderless revolts to (a) revolution or (b) authoritarianism**

*Frederic Volpi*

*University of St. Andrew's, UK*

##### **Trajectories towards authoritarian resilience or democracy? The narratives of old and new elites in Tunisia and Yemen, and their impact on the countries' political prospects**

Larissa Alles

*University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, UK*

##### **Courtesy vs. contempt: Islamist discourse in Egypt and the terms of public debate**

Kawther Alfasi

#### **4c. THE ARAB SPRING AND THE ISSUE OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION: POLITICAL PARTIES IN MOROCCO, YEMEN, TUNISIA AND LIBYA**

**Chair: Lise Storm**

*Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK.*

##### **Party Politics and prospects for democracy in North Africa**

Lise Storm,

*Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK.*

##### **The Institutionalization of Islamist Political Parties: Morocco and Yemen**

Eva Wegner and Vincent Durac

*German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany; University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*



**Al-Nahda and Salafism in Tunisia: The influence of anti-systemic Islam on the institutionalized one**

Stefano M. Torelli<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy, <sup>2</sup> Italian Centre for the Study of Political Islam (CISIP), Naples, Italy

**The reconstruction of Libyan political parties within a context of revolt**

Laura Feliu, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

**4d. CONFLICT, RESISTANCE AND DOMINATION IN IRAN I**

**Chair: Roja Fazaeli**

*Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

**Degrees of Authoritarian Continuity and Democratic Change Before and After the Arab Uprisings. A Theoretical Perspective**

Paola Rivetti

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**The Political Role of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the Context of Authoritarian Governments; The Case of Iran**

Mohsen Moheimany

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**The Emergency of the Green Movement and Its Relation with the Arab Spring**

Luciano Zaccara<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Georgetown University, SFS-Qatar, Doha, Qatar, <sup>2</sup> OPEMAM, Madrid, Spain, <sup>3</sup> Exeter University, IAIS, Exeter, UK

**Resistance and Reform in Iranian History: Lessons from the White Revolution**

Claudia Castiglioni

*University of Milan, Milan, Italy*

**4e. NEW TECHNOLOGIES, NEW LANGUAGE AND THE 'ARAB SPRING'**

**Gender, New Media Technologies and Social Change in Iraq**

Peter Wilkin, Hamdi Malik

*Brunel University, London, UK*

**Virtual Resistance and the "Arab Spring": From Passive Empathy to Interactive Revolt**

Nida Shoughry

*Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey*

**'Identity or Identities?' The Discursive Construction of Muslim Identities by Contemporary Muslim Televangelists**

Shaimaa El Naggar<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK, <sup>2</sup> Fayoum University, Fayoum, Egypt

**Revolutionizing the language: The impact of changes on Arabic language**

Yehia Mohamed

*SFS-Q, Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar*

**Counter-revolutionary internet usage by the Syrian state to suppress the Syrian uprising**

Miriyam Aouragh

*University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.*

**4f. THE POLITICS OF THE GULF STATES**

**Slick Operators: Rents, Cooptation, and Social Peace in Qatar**

Jessie Moritz

*Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia*

## **Trust and Transformation: A Case Study of Iranian-Saudi Arabian Relations**

Sahra Joharchi

*Nottingham Trent University, Nottinghamshire, UK*

## **The Independence Movement in Hadramawt: Realistic Aspiration or Pipe Dream?**

Iain Walker

*University of Oxford, Oxford, UK*

## **Techno-Politics in International Relations: Saudi Arabia's Techno-Nationalism and International Politics**

Makio Yamada

*University of Oxford, Oxford, UK*

## **But Does the Fire Burn? Revolution and the National Myth in Qatar and Kuwait**

Ilona Gerbakher

*Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, USA*

**14.30 – 16.30**

**Tuesday**

**June-25**

### **5a. SALAFISM AFTER THE ARAB SPRING**

**Chair: Ludovico Carlino**

*University of Reading, Reading, UK, CISIP, Napoli, Italy*

**Discussant: Francesco Cavatorta**

*Dublin City University, Ireland*

## **Salafism in Tunisia: An Alternative to “Institutional Islam”?**

Stefano M. Torelli<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy,* <sup>2</sup> *Italian Centre for the Study of Political Islam (CISIP), Naples, Italy*

## **The Salafi Incognita: The Rise of the "Liberation Party" in Tunisia**

Pietro Longo<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Naples l'Orientale, Naples, Italy,* <sup>2</sup> *CISIP - Italian Center for the Study of Political Islam, Naples, Italy*

## **What Comes after Jihad: The Jihadist Utopia of Islamic Emirate**

Ludovico Carlino<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Reading, Reading, UK,* <sup>2</sup> *CISIP, Napoli, Italy*

## **The Old and the New of Lebanese Salafism**

Marco Di Donato<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Genova, Genova, Italy,* <sup>2</sup> *Italian Center for the Study of Political Islam - CISIP, Naples, Italy*

### **5b. TURKEY AND THE REGION**

## **The Limits of Soft Power: Turkey and the Syria Crisis**

Christopher Phillips

*Queen Mary, University of London, London, UK*

## **Peace in Turkey?**

Tim Jacoby

*Univeristy of Manchester, Manchester, UK*

## **Who We Are vs. What We Want: Constraints of Party Identity on Domestic and Foreign Policy Formulation in Turkey**

Sinan Ciddi<sup>1</sup>, Lisel Hintz<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA*, <sup>2</sup> *George Washington University, Washington DC, USA*

### 5c. ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

#### **Political Stability of the Islamic Regime in Iran and the Issue of Food Security**

Nikolay Kozhanov<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *St.-Petersburg State University, St.-Petersburg, Russia*, <sup>2</sup> *Institute of the Middle East, Moscow, Russia*

#### **Food Security Policy in the Middle East: A Focus on Jordan**

Justa Hopma

*Aberystwyth University, Dyfed, UK*

#### **Going it alone? The Kurds, independence and oil.**

Rod Thornton

*University of Kurdistan-Hewler, Erbil, Iraq*

#### **Waqf (Endowment) Islamic Finance Tools for Financing the Development and Education**

Aly Khorshid

*University of Reading, Reading, UK*

### 5d. CONFLICT, RESISTANCE AND DOMINATION IN IRAN II

**Chair: Roja Fazaeli**

*Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **Online Narratives: The Iranian Women's Movement**

Roja Fazaeli

*Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **Islamic Fiqh Concerning Women**

Fatih Masjedi

*Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin*

#### **Reconciling Religiosity and Secularity: An Iranian Revisionist Discourse**

Naser Ghobadzadeh

*The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia*

### 5e. NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE ARAB UPRISINGS

**Chair: Francesco Cavatorta**

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **Arab Revolutions as Testimony to the 'End of History'?**

Berdal Aral

*Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey*

#### **How Islamism became what states made of it: a constructivist approach to the Islamist rise to power in Tunisia and Egypt.**

Filippo Dionigi

*London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK*

#### **International Society and the Middle East: Islamism as a primary institution?**

Morten Valbjørn<sup>2</sup>, Martin Ledstrup<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark*, <sup>2</sup> *University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark*

#### **The Extraordinary Politics of the Tunisian Revolution**

Sami Zemni

*Middle East and North Africa Research Group - Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium*

## Measuring the Middle, East or West?

Mona Chalabi<sup>2,1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sciences Po, Paris, France, <sup>2</sup> New Middle Eastern Studies, London, UK

### 5f. INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES ON YEMEN

**Chair: Vincent Durac**

*University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

#### **Bridging the Gaps: Reflections about the Interdisciplinary Research on Yemen**

Marianus Hundhammer

*University, Erlangen, Germany*

#### **Authoritarian Resilience or Democratic Opening among Political Actors in Yemen?**

Larissa Alles

*University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, UK*

#### **Which Way to Heaven? Al-Qaeda and the Challenge of Islamist Pluralism in the Republic of Yemen**

Christina Hellmich

*University of Reading, Reading, UK*

#### **Promoting democracy - the case of Yemen**

Maria-Louise Clausen

*University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark*

#### **Reclaiming the Lives of the Troubled Nation: Street Corner Universities, Theatre Groups and Intellectuals in Revolutionary South Yemen**

Susanne Dahlgren

*Academy of Finland, Helsinki University, Finland*

09.00 – 10.00

Wednesday

June-26

### PLENARY SESSION: ADDRESS BY THE TÁNAISTE AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE, EAMON GILMORE, T.D.

10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday

June-26

### 6a. ROUNDTABLE: THEORIZING THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER THE ARAB UPRISINGS: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE STUDY OF ARAB POLITICS

**Chairs: Frederic Volpi and Morten Valbjørn**

*St. Andrew's University, St Andrew's, UK and Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark*

Helle Malmvig (Regional Order)

*Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen, Denmark*

Raymond Hinnebusch (Historical Sociology)

*St. Andrew's University, St Andrew's, UK*

Christopher Phillips (Arabism)

*Queen Mary University of London, UK*

Frederic Volpi (Revolutionary Theory)

*St. Andrew's University, St Andrew's, UK*

Morten Valbjørn (Post-Democratization)

*Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark*

Ewan Stein (Islamism)  
*University of Edinburgh, UK*

#### **6b. DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS OF PALESTINIAN POLITICS**

##### **The Civil-Military Dilemma: Hamas Since 2006**

Somdeep Sen

*University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark*

##### **Popular Resistance by the Palestinians since the Second Intifada**

Claudia Saba

*University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland*

##### **Moderation by Inclusion? The Political Participation of the Palestinian Hamas**

Benedikt Grossmann

*Munich School of Political Science, Munich, Bavaria, Germany*

#### **6c. CONSTITUTIONS AND REGIME CHANGE**

**Chair: Maaïke Voorhoeve**

*Harvard Islamic Legal Studies Program, Cambridge, MA, USA; University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

##### **The New Tunisian Constitution: Understanding the Public Debates on the Role of 'Sharia' in their Historical, Political and Ideological Contexts**

Maaïke Voorhoeve<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Harvard Islamic Legal Studies Program, Cambridge, MA, USA,* <sup>2</sup> *University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

##### **Constitutions and Regime Change in the Arab World**

Azin Tadjdini

*University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway*

##### **Constitutionalizing Women's Rights in Egypt**

Monika Lindbekk

*University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway*

#### **6d. TRANSVERSALITY AND TRANSCULTURALISM AMONG MINORITIES AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN NORTH AFRICA**

**Chairs: Leila El-Houssi**

*University of Padua, Padua, Italy*

**Massimiliano Cricco**

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##### **The National Front for the Salvation of Libya: From the Exile to a Key Role in Post-Gaddafi Libya (1981-2013)**

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##### **Church, Intellectuals and Youth Movements: The New Reflection on Secularism and Tradition within the Coptic Community in Contemporary Egypt**

Alessia Melcangi

*University of Catania, Catania, Sicily, Italy*

##### **Salafi Islam Versus Devotional Islam: A Clash of Minorities?**

Leila El Houssi

*University of Padua, Padua, Italy*

##### **Israel in the Tunisian Political Debate after the Revolution**

Filippo Petrucci

*Università di Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy*

**New Strategies for Social Movements of Mauritania: Fighting Slavery, Fighting Power, Fighting “Bad Islam”**

Giuseppe Maimone

*University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy*

**A Revolution before the Revolution: Algerians Springs**

Marisa Fois

*University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy*

**6e. NARRATIVES OF MIDDLE EASTERN HISTORY**

**Rooted in history: the politics of Middle Eastern and North African soccer**

James M Dorsey<sup>1,2</sup>

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**Woodrow Wilson, the Ottomans, and the Unintended Consequences of Neutrality**

Andrew Patrick

*New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*

**Landscapes of Resistance: Iraq 1861-1918**

Camille Cole

*University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK*

**Understanding Muslim Mass Protest Movements. The Muslim Brotherhood during the Second World War in Egypt.**

Margot Dazey<sup>1,2</sup>

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**7a. ISLAM, GENDER AND POLITICS**

**Female Support for Islamist Political Parties: Beyond Feminist Narratives**

Erika Biagini

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**A Transnational Perspective on the Arab Uprisings: Women’s Activism and Aid Policy in Tunisia**

Giulia Daniele<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy,* <sup>2</sup> *University of Exeter, Exeter, UK*

**The Growing Influence of Saudi Women - A Silent and Remarkable Innovation?**

Marianne Laanatza

*Center of Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Lund, Sweden*

**All for Allah?: Examining Muslim Women’s Political and Civil Society Participation**

Sarah Fischer

*American University, Washington, DC, USA*

**7b. WHERE RELIGION AND NATIONAL IDENTITY INTERSECT**

**Chair: Sharri Plonski**

*School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London*

**Palestine as Holy: Religious Nationalism in Palestine, 1917-1929**

Nicholas Roberts

*Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, USA*

## **The Exclusivity of Holiness**

Erik Freas, Kyle Sater

*City University of New York-BMCC Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, New York, USA*

## **Religious Nationalism as an Alternative to Ethnic Nationalism: The Case of Iran and the Muslim Middle East**

Kamran Scot Aghaie

*The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA*

## **Algeria and Postcolonial Studies**

Jonathan Hill

*King's College London, London, UK*

## **7c. EXPRESS YOURSELF – ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS OF MUSLIM FAITH IN THE POSTMODERN ERA**

**Chair:** Claudia Päßgen

*University of Erfurt, Erfurt, Germany*

**Discussant:** **Rebecca Sauer**

*University of Heidelberg, Germany*

## **Relief, Redemption, Rebellion - Some Remarks on the Interrelation of Islam and Gangsta Rap**

Claudia Päßgen

*University of Erfurt, Erfurt, Germany*

## **"Expressing the Love of Allah inside of Me" - Contemporary Islamic Calligraphy as a Global Art Practice**

Danijel Cubelic<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany,* <sup>2</sup> *CRC "Material Text Cultures", Heidelberg, Germany*

## **Modern Islamic Preaching - A Transcultural Question of Content and Form**

Jan Scholz<sup>1,2</sup>

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## **7d. REGIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARAB UPRISINGS: TURKISH-SYRIAN RELATIONS**

**Chair:** **Raymond Hinnebusch**

*University of St Andrews, St Andrews, UK*

## **Turkey-Syria Relations after the Syrian Uprising: Theoretical Perspectives on the Move from Amity to Enmity**

Raymond Hinnebusch

*University of St Andrews, St Andrews, UK*

## **Paradise Lost: A Neoclassical Analysis of Turkish Foreign Policy and the Case of Turkish-Syrian Relations**

Ahmet Kasim Han

*Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey*

## **The Political Economy of Turkish-Syrian Relations**

Özlem Tür

*Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey*

## **The Regional Level in Syria-Turkey Relations in Post-Arab Uprisings Era**

Meliha Altunisik

*Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey*

**Rethinking (De)Securitisation in Syrian-Turkish Relations: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives on Water Security**

Marwa Daoudy

*Oxford University, Oxford, UK*

**7e. IRANIAN ETHNIC IDENTITY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Chair: Rasmus Christian Elling**

*University of Copenhagen*

**Perso-Centrism and the Iranian National Identity**

Khodadad Rezakhani<sup>1,2</sup>

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**Race, Religion, Language: Contemporary Articulations of 'Aryanism' in the Iranian World**

Philip Grant

*University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK*

**Ēr, Ērān, Iran, and Aryan: The History of a Word through the History of a Land**

Sara Mashayekh

*Central School of Speech and Drama, London, UK*

**“Arab Invasion” and Decline, or the Import of European Racial Thought by Iranian Nationalists’**

Reza Zia-Ebrahimi

*Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK*

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**Chair: Alaa Tartir**

*The London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE, London, UK*

**8a. THE STATE OF PALESTINE AND THE NEW MIDDLE EAST**

**The Occupied “State” of Palestine: An Outcome of the Neo-liberal Fayyadism, or Another Regional and International Failure, or Both?**

Alaa Tartir

*The London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE, London, UK*

**PA-Society Interaction between Colonial Subjugation and Neoliberal Assault**

Tariq Dana

*Hebron University, West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territory*

**Taming Jabal An-Nar? An Analysis of Popular Consent and the Palestinian Authority’s Post-Intifada Security Agenda in the City of Nablus**

Philip Leech

*University of Plymouth, Devon, UK*

**The Absence of Revolution: Palestine, Authoritarianism and the Arab World**

Tahani Mustafa

*university of Exeter, Exeter, UK*

**Should Donor Aid to Palestinians Be Viewed through a Neoliberal or Neo-Colonial Lens?**

Jeremy Wildeman

*University of Exeter, Exeter, Devon, UK*

**8b. JUSTICE, VIOLENCE AND CITIZENSHIP**



**The Special Tribunal for Lebanon and Its Concrete Effects on Lebanese Politics: Hegemony or Justice?**

Alexander Baxter

*Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK*

**Spectacularized Violence in Sites of Spirituality. Attention, Media and Heritage in Post-Revolutionary Tunis**

Justin McGuinness

*American University of Paris, Paris, France*

**Transitional Justice and the Arab Spring from a Gender Perspective**

Elham Manea

*University of Zurich, Switzerland*

**8c. CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE STATE**

**Chair: Francesco Cavatorta**

*Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland*

**Permanent Revolution: The Shifting Nature of "Civil Society" and the Battle for Public Space in Tunisia**

Edwige Fortier

*School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, England, UK*

**Social Movements in Post-Revolutionary Egypt and Tunisia: Hemmed in by a Closing Political Space or True Guardians of the Revolutions?**

Sandra Pogodda

*University of Manchester, Manchester, UK*

**Popular protest against energy projects in the Turkish Black Sea region**

Ståle Knudsen

*University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway*

**The Role of Civil Society Organisations in the Advancement of Women's Human Rights: A Turkish Case Study.**

Jessica Doyle

*University College Dublin, Dublin 4, Ireland*

**8d. RELIGIOUS FRAMING OF THE ARAB SPRING**

**Saudi Clerics: Interpreting the Arab Revolts**

Raihan Ismail

*Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australia National University, Canberra, Australia*

**Religious Strategies of Power in Morocco's Arab Spring**

James Roslington

*University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK*

**Competing Theologies: Ramifications of the Islamist - Traditionalist Divide in Post-Mubarak Egypt**

Walead Mosaad

*University of Exeter, Devon, UK*

**What They Really Want is a Caliphate! British Salafi Reactions to the Arab Spring**

Kirstine Sinclair

*University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark*