



BRISMES

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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 Raquel¹, Suárez Collado Ángela²

¹ *University of Granada, Granada, Spain*, ² *Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain*

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

Gennaro Gervasio¹, Andrea Teti²,

¹ *UK British University in Egypt, Cairo, Egypt*, ² *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 Khalil¹

¹ *Northwestern University, Doha, Qatar,* ² *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^{1,2}

¹ *University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria,* ² *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 Río¹

¹ *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, ² 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 Fazaeli¹, Melanie Hoewer¹

¹ *Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, ² 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

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 Brown¹

¹ *Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates,* ² *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 Trombetta¹

¹ *Independent scholar, Beirut, Lebanon, ² Italian News Agency ANSA, Beirut, Lebanon*

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

Yakein Abdelmagid

Duke University, Durham, USA

4b. 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^{1,2}

¹ University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy, ² 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

Iranian Student Activism: Factor of Democratic Change?

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^{1,2}

¹ Georgetown University, SFS-Qatar, Doha, Qatar, ² OPEMAM, Madrid, Spain, ³ 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^{1,2}

¹ Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK, ² 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

Iлона 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^{1,2}

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

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

Pietro Longo^{1,2}

¹ University of Naples l'Orientale, Naples, Italy, ² CISIP - Italian Center for the Study of Political Islam, Naples, Italy

What Comes after Jihad: The Jihadist Utopia of Islamic Emirate

Ludovico Carlino^{1,2}

¹ University of Reading, Reading, UK, ² CISIP, Napoli, Italy

The Old and the New of Lebanese Salafism

Marco Di Donato^{1,2}

¹ University of Genova, Genova, Italy, ² 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 Ciddi¹, Lisel Hintz²

¹ Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA, ² 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^{1,2}

¹ St.-Petersburg State University, St.-Petersburg, Russia, ² 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 Valbjørn², Martin Ledstrup¹

¹ University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, ² 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^{2,1}

¹ Sciences Po, Paris, France, ² 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^{1,2}

¹ *Harvard Islamic Legal Studies Program, Cambridge, MA, USA,* ² *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

University of Urbino, Urbino, PU, Italy

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

Massimiliano Cricco

University of Urbino, Urbino, PU, Italy

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^{1,2}

¹ *S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, Singapore,* ² *Institute of Fan Culture, Wuerzburg, Germany*

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^{1,2}

¹ *Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, France,* ² *Université Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), Paris, France*

13.00 - 15.00

Wednesday

June-26

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^{1,2}

¹ *Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy,* ² *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^{1,2}

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

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

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

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The Political Economy of Turkish-Syrian Relations

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

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

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7e. IRANIAN ETHNIC IDENTITY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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Perso-Centrism and the Iranian National Identity

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

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

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PA-Society Interaction between Colonial Subjugation and Neoliberal Assault

Tariq Dana

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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

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

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

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

Alexander Baxter

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

Justin McGuinness

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Transitional Justice and the Arab Spring from a Gender Perspective

Elham Manea

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

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

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Popular protest against energy projects in the Turkish Black Sea region

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

Jessica Doyle

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State-Society Relationship: The Evolution of Power Relations in Syria

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Saudi Clerics: Interpreting the Arab Revolts

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Religious Strategies of Power in Morocco's Arab Spring

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

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

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