The Middle Eastern and North Africa Graduate Student Organization at the University of Arizona Presents:

**The 19th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies:**

*Cultural Transactions between the Middle East and the World*

March 28-29, 2019
Thursday, March 28

9:00 am - 10:00 am
Conference Registration opens in the Bonine Commons, Marshall Building Room 440

10:00 am - 11:20 am
Language, Discourse, and Society in the MENA Region
Organizer: Kamilia Rahmouni, University of Arizona
Chair: Dr. Sonia Shiri, University of Arizona
Place: Presidio Room, Student Union

The Morphological Integration of Coptic Loanwords into Egyptian
Sayed Issa, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

Is it Possible to Bridge the Gap between Sociolinguistic and Theoretical Linguistics? The Case of Diglossic Variation in Arabic
Essa Al-Faifi, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

The Language Vitality of Moroccan Tamazight
Aaron Graybill, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

Shuk or Souk: A Virtual Journey to Machane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem
Brittany Power, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

11:30 am - 12:45 pm
Maghreb/Sahara Studies
Chair: Dr. Gökçe Günel, University of Arizona
Place: Presidio Room, Student Union

Interactions between the Intimate and the Public in Magrebi Female only Spaces
Salma Rebhi, Department of French and Italian, University of Arizona

Legality as a Critique: The Construction of Zaway Identity and the Contestation of Hassan Law
Abbas Braham, School of MENAS, University of Arizona
Ma’ al-Aynian: Saharan Citizenship Before the Western Sahara
July Blalack, SOAS, University of London

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Modern Middle Eastern Societies
Chair: Dr. Leila Hudson, University of Arizona
Place: Presidio Room, Student Union

The Changing Role of Female Special Education Teachers in Saudi Arabia
Haya Alshahrani, Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies, University of Arizona

The Construction of Modern Shia Society through Memory in Iran
Robin Brackett, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

Iranian Influence and Ambitions in Syria
Berk Ozmeral, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

The Syrian Conflict as a Microcosm for Middle Eastern Social and Political Dynamics
Brandon Patrick, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Arabic Literature and Culture, Past and Present
Chair: Dr. Yaseen Noorani, University of Arizona
Place: Presidio Room, Student Union

Taboos and Embargoes: Retelling Taboos and Embargoes of Homeland’s Stories in Diaspora
Riham Ahmed, Department of English, Aswan University, Egypt

The Formation of ‘Abd al-Qāhir al-Jurjānī’s (d. 471/1078) Poetics
Mohamed Moustafa, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

Tahqiq, Human Perfection, and Sovereignty: Ibn ‘Arabi and Early-Modern Islamic Empire
Christian Blake Pye, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Whom Should We Shoot: Assigning Blame and Revising History in 70s Egyptian Cinema
Hazem Fahmy, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin
4:00 pm-5:00 pm
Palestinian Culture and Society
Chair: Dr. Maha Nassar, University of Arizona
Place: Presidio Room, Student Union

From Ramallah to Berlin and Back Again - Transnational Feminism and the Circuits of Palestinian Hip-Hop
Alexander Karaman, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Arizona

Specters of Accountability: Visceral Experience of Touring the Nakba with Zochrot
Neal Feldman, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

Keynote Address
6:00-8:00 pm, ILC Building, Room 150
Spring Equinox in North Africa: Ships, People, and Things in the Sea
by Dr. Julia Clancy-Smith
Professor of History and Regents Professor of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
University of Arizona

---Reception to Follow---
# Friday, March 29

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Islamic Cultures in the Americas and Europe
Chair: Dr. Austin O’Malley, University of Arizona
Place: Sabino Room, Student Union

Arab/Muslim stand-up comedy in the US, Latin America, and Europe: A discursive analysis
Ahmad Ismail, Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (SLAT), University of Arizona

La Morisca: Moorish Identity in Mexico as Told Through the Medina Women
Kaitlyn Armendariz, School of MENAS, University of Arizona

Special Talk
Spring 2019 Middle Eastern and North African Studies Colloquium Series
Center for Middle Eastern Studies
3:00-4:00 pm, Marshall Building, Room 490
Why Should We Attend to Texts On Yemeni Tribal Law
by Dr. Paul Dresch
Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford

Special Film Screening
6:00-8:00 pm
AME 205, 1130 N. Mountain Ave.
Naila and the Uprising (2017)
Followed by a discussion with Dr. Maha Nassar
Associate Professor of Middle Eastern History, University of Arizona
The Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization at the University of Arizona (MENA) began almost two decades ago with the help of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) and the School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MENAS). We have a long history of activity both on and off campus and are devoted to furthering scholarship of the Middle East and North Africa. The organization provides a platform for graduate students to participate in the planning of cultural events and academic exchanges related to the region. Furthermore, MENA aims to serve the University of Arizona and larger Tucson community in pursuit of a deeper sense of the culture, diversity, and history of this region. MENA began hosting the Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies in April 2001. Dedicated to providing an opportunity for graduate students to receive valuable feedback on their academic papers in context and delivery, the conference has expanded to include graduate students from numerous universities within and outside the United States.

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