The Middle Eastern and North African Graduate Student Association at the University of Arizona Presents:

16th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies

Re-envisioning Boundaries: Navigating Society, Culture and Sovereignties

April 7–9, 2016
Thursday, April 7

9:00am-10:30am
**Piety, Biopolitics and Political Islam**  
Chair: Dr. Yaseen Noorani, University of Arizona  
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

- **Biopolitics through Resistance and Representation: Justice and Development Party and Formation of a Pious Generation**  
  Atacan Atakan, University of Arizona
- **The Sisters of Muslim Brotherhood: Islamic Activism for Better or for Worse**  
  Amira Elserafy, American University of Cairo
- **Reformist Murshids: Hasan Al-Banna and Hasan Al-Hudaybi**  
  Islam Allosh, University of Arizona
- **The Origins of the Islamists’ Notion of a Civil State, Dawla Madaniyya**  
  Ahmed Meiloud, University of Arizona

10:45am-12:15pm
**Syntax, Bilingualism, and Grammar in Persian Language**  
Chair: Dr. Simin Karimi, University of Arizona  
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

- **The Role of Syntactic Changes in the Use of Meters in Persian Poetry**  
  Mohsen Mahdavi, University of Arizona
- **What Factors Affect Word Recognition in Bilinguals?**  
  Rana Nicole Nabros, University of Arizona
- **The Minimalist Machine: Some Persian Examples**  
  Trevor Sullivan, University of Arizona

12:30pm-2:00pm
**Gender, Space and Neoliberalism in Modern Turkey**  
Chair: Dr. Can Açıksöz, University of Arizona  
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

- **Unsettled Geographies: Cold War Politics of “Space-Making” and “Scale-Making” in Turkey**  
  Secil Binboga, University of Michigan
- **Traugott Fuchs - An Eye-witness Account of a 'History of Contact' Between Germany and Turkey**  
  Martina Schwalm, University of Arizona
Intellectuals, Ultranationalists, and the State: An Analysis of the Article 301 Cases of Orhan Pamuk, Elif Şafak, and Hrant Dink
John Perugini, University of Arizona

2:15pm-3:30pm
Poetry, Mysticism and Romanticism in Arabic and Persian Literature
Chair: Dr. Kamran Talattof
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

Myth and Fairy Tale: A Critical Analysis of "The Girl of Narenj and Toranj" Tale,
Samin Espargham, University of Mashhad

Knowledge and the Poetic Subject in Rumi's Masnavi
Robert Landau Ames, Harvard University

Adonis and his Role in Arab Modernity
Faraj Hamdan, University of Arizona

2:15pm-3:30pm
State, Power, and Politics in the Middle East
Chair: Dr. Maha Nassar
Place: Marshall Building, Room 490

Peace and Responsibility to Protect Beyond Intervention: A MENA Case Study
Lyndall Herman, University of Arizona

Civic Violence and Competing Sovereignties: Beyond Sectarianism in the War in Iraq and Syria
Abraham Jimenez, University of Arizona

The Imagined Moral Ummah, How al-Qaeda’s Inspire Magazine Legitimizes Violence through Moral Exclusion
Lara Tarantini, University of Arizona

Special Event by MENA organization
3:45pm-5:30pm, Marshall Building, Room 490
Researching Multilingually in an Era of Neo-Orientalism
by Dr. David Gramling

Special Event, Taleghani Lecture Series
7:30 PM, Arizona Historical Society Auditorium
Days of Revolution: “Aliabad” of Shiraz in Iran and in the World
by Dr. Mary Hegland
## Friday, April 8

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### Special Event, Taleghani Lecture Series

1:00 – 2:30, Communication Building #311

Seminar with Taleghani lecturer Dr. Mary Elaine Hegland

Open to all graduate students
2:00pm–3:30pm,  
**Observe and Report: Academic Journalism in the Middle East**  
Chair: Dr. Maggy Zanger  
Place: Marshall Building, 490  
Panelists: Jennifer Hijazi and Hannah Gaber, University of Arizona

2:00pm-3:30pm  
**Diglossia, Translation, and Linguistic Changes in Modern Arabic**  
Chair: Dr. Samira Farwaneh  
Place: Student Union, Mesquite Boardroom  
**The Semitic Construct State: A Comparative Analysis of Arabic and Hebrew Expressions of Possession**  
Zoe Mae Kosoff, University of Arizona

**Embracing Diglossia: Developing a Successful Language Plan for the Kingdom of Morocco**  
Aaron James Graybill, University of Arizona

**The Acoustics of Word-Final Fake Geminates in Egyptian Arabic**  
Kyle Jones, University of Arizona

**Code-switching in the Political Speeches of Egyptian President Abdel Fattāḥ El-Sīsī: A Speech Act Perspective**  
Ahmad Ismail, University of Arizona

3:45pm-5:00pm  
**Reform, Hegemony, and Social Change in the Ottoman Empire**  
Chair: Dr. Linda Darling  
Place: Student Union, Mesquite Boardroom

**The Historic Ottoman Building of Hejaz Railway: Composition Characteristics and Upgrading Prospect**  
Mahmoud Zin Alabidin, F.S.M.V University, Istanbul

**Crimes Against Modernity or Modern Crime?: The Adaptability of “Traditional” Anatolian Bandits at the End of the Ottoman Era**  
Alexander Schweig, University of Arizona

**Ottomanization as Modernization: Reforming and Transforming Morocco and Mauritania in the Nineteenth Century**  
Abbas Issalmou, University of Arizona

**Commodities & Convergence with Statecraft: A Bibliographical Essay on the Impact of Global Commodity Trading in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire with Attention to Coffee**  
Rambo Reza, University of Arizona
Saturday, April 9

9:00am-10:30am
**Multi Culturalism and Migration in North Africa**
Chair: Dr. Julia Clancy-Smith
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

Gifting Aid? A Case Study of Faith-Based Humanitarianism in Cairo, Egypt,
Nada Helal, University of Oxford

**Judeo-Arabic and the Dissemination of Zionism in Tunisia**
Kamilia Rahmouni, University of Arizona

**Lived Experience and the Construction of Roman Egypt: Creolization on the Frontier**
Alena Wigodner, University of Arizona

11:00am–12:30pm
**Food, Art and Culture in the Middle East**
Chair: Dr. Amy Newhall
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

**Hummus, Kibbe, and Muhalabieh: Muslims, Christians, and Jews Transcending Sectarianism through a Shared Culinary Repertoire**
Brittany Power, University of Arizona

**“The Hell of Holot”**
Taylor Miller, University of Arizona

**Audio-Mobilities: Exploring Geographic Imaginaries in Palestinian Hip-Hop Culture**
Alexandar Karaman, University of Arizona

**The Online Sports News: A Comparative Study between Sports in the Arab Online Journalism and the American Online Journalism**
Ahmed Abdelzaheer Farghali, University of Arizona

1:00pm–2:30pm
**Migration and Survival**
Chair: Dr. Leila Hudson
Place: Student Union, San Pedro

**Turkey’s Role in the Syrian Refugee Crisis**
David Koopman, University of Arizona

**Refugees and the NGO-State Interface**
Mija Sanders, University of Arizona
Host Countries and the Exploitation of Migrant Labor,
Abraham Jimenez, University of Arizona

Violence and Abuse of Women and Children in Refugee Camps
Farah Kilani, University of Arizona

Women, Children and the Elderly: What is Really Going on in Syria?
Brittany Power and Islam Allosh
The Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization at the University of Arizona (MENA) began more than a decade 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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