The Middle Eastern and North African Graduate Student Organization of the University of Arizona presents:

The 15th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference

Spatial and Temporal Imaginaries: Transcending Power, Identity and Body

Thursday, March 26 – Saturday, March 28
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About MENA
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 academic exchanges and cultural events 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.

Unless otherwise noted, panels take place in the following locations:

Student Union, Catalina Room
1301 East University Boulevard,
Tucson, AZ 85719

Marshall Building, Room 311
845 N. Park Avenue,
Tucson, AZ 85719

Gender and Women’s Studies, Room 100
925 N Tyndall Ave
Tucson, AZ 85721
Thursday, March 26

Panel 1 - Refugees, Displacement and Identity
8:30 - 10:00 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Leila Hudson

Discourses and Narratives on Syrian ‘Kuma’ Brides in Turkey
Mija Sanders, University of Arizona

Turkish Asylum Policy, the Impact of the European Union and Other Factors before and during the Syrian Crisis
Bengü Ezgi Aydın, New York University

Negotiating the Spatial Ruptures of Displacement: Sahrawi Identity in the Tindouf Refugee Camps
Samia Errazzoukie, Georgetown University

Panel 2 - Maghrib and the Issues of Transnationalism
10:15 - 11:45 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Carine Bourget

Fatima Tabaanrant: Towards a Transnational Discourse of Amazigh Identity
Hafsa Oubou, University of Arizona

Hip-Hop, Education, and Social Engagement in Paris and its Suburbs
Charles Norton, University of Arizona

The Will to Power in 19th Century Mauritania
Cheikh Tijani Ould Isselmou, University of Arizona

Panel 2B - Queering Area Studies: Cyprus, the Balkans and Middle East Studies
10:15 - 11:45 (Gender and Women’s Studies, 100)
Chair: Professor Eithne Luibheid; Discussant: Seçil Uluşık

The Sworn Virgins of Albania: Universal Political Identity and a Governmentalized Desire for Savable Subjects
Justine Ostrowski, University of Arizona

Reimagining National Borders, States and Identities in Contemporary Artistic Practices in Cyprus
Sandra Zito, Independent Researcher
Between Orientalism and Europeanization: Cyprus, the Balkans and the Partitioning Violence of Area Studies
Saffo Papantonopoulou, University of Arizona

12:00 – 1:00: “Deep Dish” Conversation with Paul Amar
McClelland Park Building, Room 402, 650 North Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719

Panel 3: Transformations in Post-Revolutionary Egypt: Culture, Art and Politics
12:00 - 1:30 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Charles Smith

Categorizing Christians in the Middle East: Christian-Muslim Relations and the National Unity Paradigm in Post-2011 Egypt
Candace Lukasik, University of California, Berkeley

Sisi, the Sinai, and Salafis: a Perfect Equation for Instability in a Power Vacuum
Lyndall Herman, University of Arizona

The Graffiti of Mohamed Mahmoud and the Politics of Transition in Egypt: The Transformation of Space, Sociality and Identities
Nouran el-Hawary, American University in Cairo

The Limits of Civility
Salma Abdel Salam, New York University

Panel 4: Practicing, Teaching and Studying Middle Eastern Languages
1:45 – 3:15 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Sonia Shiri

Emphasis Spread in Lebanese Arabic
Charles Joukhadar, University of Arizona

Polyglossia in Arabic Language Textbooks
Zoe Kosoff, University of Arizona

Being Israeli in the United States: the Role of Community in Modern Hebrew Language Maintenance
Kyle Jones, University of Arizona

Beyond the OPI: Building a Receptive Vocabulary Knowledge Test for Arabic Learners
Janelle Moser, University of Arizona
Panel 5: Writing Space in Middle East Literature
3:30 – 5:00 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Kamran Talattof

Gendered Spaces in Egypt: Sexual Harassment and Violence, and the Body in Fatma Mansour’s *Shakmagia*
Dalia Ebeid, University of Arizona/Cairo University

*From Femininity to Females: Exile in the Case of Monireh Ravanipour’s Stories”*
Pouye Khoshkhoosani, University of Arizona

1948 from Two Different Generations of Palestinians: Elias Sanbar and Rasha Salah
Abir Zihri, University of Arizona

*Cairo: Banning Reality and Publishing Fiction*
Noran Amin, University of Wyoming

Thursday March 26 Post-Panel Events

5:30: Screening of the film entitled *Tinghir-Jerusalem, Echoes from the Mellah* and Discussion. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Marshall Building, Room 490, 845 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719

6:00: Miranda Joseph Endowed Lecture by Paul Amar entitled “The Security Archipelago: Rethinking Sexuality Politics in an Age of Global Counter-revolution.” The lecture will be followed by a reception. The University of Arizona Center for Creative Photography, 1030 N. Olive Rd, Tucson, AZ 85721

7:30: Taleghani Lecture by Ervand Abrahamian, “The 1953 Coup Revisited.” The lecture will be followed by a reception. Student Union Memorial Center, Santa Rita Room, 1103 E. University Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85719
Friday, March 27

Panel 6: Differential Bodies, Subjectivities and Sexuality
8:30 – 10:00 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Susan Stryker

The Immortal, the Undead and the Monster: Flagellation and Abjection in Lebanese Shi’i Discourses of Resistance
Miranda Mayer, Georgetown University

Bodies and Sexuality-Assemblage: Where What You Do and Who You Do Can Come Together
Kristyn Johnson, Georgia State University

Spatializing Identities: Creating Iranian Queers
Tahereh Aghdasifar, Emory University

10:00 - 11:30: Interview with Jasbir Puar by Lee Medovoi. Marshall Building, Room 311, 845 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719

Panel 7: Shaping Youth, Identity and Publicness through Education
10:15 - 11:45 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Jill Koyama

Being a Part of the Big Circle: Public Sphere and Children in the Ottoman Empire (1908-1918)
Atacan Atakan, University of Arizona

The Deaf Leading the Deaf (and the Deaf-Blind): an Ethnographic Account of Deaf Education at the Holy Land Institute for Deaf and Deaf-Blind Children, Jordan
Timothy Loh, Georgetown University

‘Türk’ Yerine ‘Türkiyeli’: Turkish Teachers in West Germany and the Contestation of Turkishness Abroad
Brian van Wyck, Michigan State University

Turkey’s North Caucasian Diaspora: Alternative Education Models for Cultural and Linguistic Preservation
Shyla Doğan, University of Arizona
Panel 8: Women on the Move: Space, Affect and Politics
12:00 - 1:30 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Zeynep Korkman

Revolutionary Grief: the Affective Politics of Kurdish Motherhood in Turkey
Nicholas Glastonbury, Pennsylvania State University

New Urban Spaces and Women’s Use of Public Space: the Case of Tripoli, Libya
Fathia Elmenghawi, New Jersey Institute of Technology

State Feminism in Middle East and Central Asia: Case Study of Soviet Tajikistan, 1953-1985
Zamira Yusufjonova-Abman, University of California, Santa Barbara

Panel 8 B: Politics, Bodies and Internet Technologies
12:00 - 1:30 (Marshall Building, 311)
Chair: Professor Maisa Taha

Cross-Cultural Cross-Dressing Shared on the Internet: the Non-Muslim Hijabis
Lara Tarantini, University of Arizona

‘The Olympic Movement on the Internet:’ a Comparative Study between the English and Arabic Content of the Olympic Movement in Wikipedia.Org
Ahmed Abdelzaheer, University of Arizona

Gezi Movement: a ‘Twitter Revolution’?
Meltem Odabas, University of Arizona

Panel 9: Ottoman Imaginaries in Spaces, Writings and Art
1:45 - 3:15 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Linda Darling

Searching for the Beloved: Rediscovering Homoerotic Representations in Ottoman Art
David Q. Loisel, University of South Florida

Coffee Made Cuckolds and Eunuchs: Interaction with an Ottoman Drink in the 17th Century English Society
Mary Pierce, University of Arizona

Ottoman History Writing in the Late Empire: Image of Crimea after the Crimean War
Varuzhan Geghamyan, European University at Saint Petersburg
Transforming Masculinity and Male Sexuality in Modernity: From the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic
Brittany Haynes, University of Arizona

Panel 10: Challenging Grand Narratives: Power Dynamics, Legal Culture and Social Actors in Middle East Histories
3:30 - 5:00 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Douglas Weiner

The Link between Socio-Economic and Legal Status as Reflected in Ottoman Fatwa Compilations
Ali Atabey, University of Arizona

Politics of Taxation, Multi-Tiered Elite Networks and the Non-Muslim Local Power Holders in the Ottoman Empire: the Case of Chorbadjis, 1790-1860
Seçil Uluuşik, University of Arizona

Anarchist and Institutional Transnationalism in the Mediterranean: a Snapshot Dated 1898
Lucia Carminati, University of Arizona

Friday March 27 Post-Panel Events

6:00: 15th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies Keynote Address by Jasbir Puar entitled “The ‘Right’ to Maim: Disablement, Gaza and Disaster Capitalism.” The lecture will be followed by a reception. Center for English as a Second Language (CESL), Room 102, 1100 E James E Roger’s Way, Tucson, AZ 85721.
Saturday, March 28

Panel 1: Thinking about the Islamic State: Power, Politics and Space
8:30 - 10:00 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Leila Hudson

IS’s Caliphate on Twitter and YouTube: the Discourse of a Counter-Global Witch-Hunting
Ahmed Meiloud, University of Arizona

The Revival of the Caliphate: State-Formation and Territoriality in the Islamic State
Feras Klenk, University of Arizona

Islamic State Inc. – Maximization
Abraham Jimenez, University of Arizona

Five US Policies, which Contributed to the Rise of ISIS (and Are Now Being Rehashed to Combat Them)
Musa al-Gharbi, University of Arizona

Panel 12: Remaking Space: Historical, Legal and Socio-Psychological Dimensions
10:15 - 11:45 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Amy Newhall

Cultural Heritage as a Minority Right: Turkish Law and Practice in Comparative Perspective
Joanna Wulfsberg, University of Arizona

Seeking Ways to Rebuilt Aleppo, Structurally and Socially
Mahmoud Zin Alabadin, Yıldız Technical University

How French is French Damascus? Urban Development of Damascus during French Mandate
Miriam Mayer, University of Arizona
Panel 13: Traumatic Memories, Collective Images and Performativity
12:00 - 1:30 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Can Açiksöz

Beyond the Face-Two-Face Encounter: Undocumented Women Immigrants and the Specters of Armenian Genocide
Nora Tataryan, University of Toronto

Recollective Performativity and Embedded Violence in Gazan Collective Memory
William Cotter, University of Arizona

Music, Myth and Memory: The Role of the Baalbeck International Festival in Lebanese Collective Memory
Jennifer Hijazi, University of Arizona

Panel 14: Cultural Representation, Political Economy, and Social Space in the Persian/Arabian Gulf and the Broader Middle East
1:45 - 3:15 (Student Union, Catalina Room)
Chair: Professor Brian Silverstein

Landscapes of Temporary Migration in Defining Us and Them
Dalal Musaed Alsayer, Harvard University

Political Economy of Saudi Arabia: Job Localization and the Question of Human Capital. Lessons Learned from Bahrain and Oman
Faisal Kattan, Georgetown University

Oil Capitalism and Imperial Imaginary: Representing Persian in the Anglo-Persian Oil Companies Petroleum Promotional Schemes
Reza Mortaheb, Rutgers University/ New Jersey Institute of Technology

Habitus of the Islamic Turkish Economic Elites in the Elite Circulation Period: the Case of the Kurdish Question
Selçuk Aydın, King’s College London University

Saturday March 28 Post-Panel Events

3:30 - 5:00 pm: A Reading by Zafer Şenocak entitled "Atlas of a Tropical Germany: Irritations about Language, Politics and Identity.” Snacks and refreshments will be served. Marshall Building, Room 490, 845 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719.
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