Tuesday, October 6, 2020 11:00
III-02: Politics and Anti-Politics of Care in Turkey
Organized by Hayal Akarsu and Cagri Yoltar
Chair: Hayal Akarsu
Discussant: Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia University
Alize Arican, University of Illinois at Chicago
Figuring It Out in Tarlabasi, Istanbul
Seda Saluk, University of Michigan Ann Arbor “We Act Like Police Detectives”: Changing Regimes of Care in Public Health Clinics
Ferda Nur Demirci, University of Toronto
Rescaling ‘Brotherly Care’: Indebtedness and Familial Dilemmas in Soma, Turkey
Cagri Yoltar, Koç University
Contentious Politics of Care: The State, Family and Kurdish Women’s Mobilization in Turkey
Hayal Akarsu, Brandeis University
Suffocating Care: Police as Social Workers in Turkey

Gabriel Lavin, University of California Los Angeles
Indian Territory under Middle Eastern Airwaves: The Position of the Gulf in Early BBC Arabic Broadcasting c. 1933-1939
Andrea L. Stanton, University of Denver
Beyond News and Propaganda: Cultural and Entertainment Programming on the BBC’s Arabic Service
Sahar Bostock, Columbia University
Back: Arab Palestinian Listeners’ Discourse on Radio in Mandate Palestine

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 1:30
Roundtable IV-03: Crisis and Change: An Interdisciplinary Roundtable on Climate
Organized by Owain Lawson
Chair: Christopher S. Rose, St. Edward’s University
Christiane Gruber, University of Michigan
Najam Haider, Barnard College/Columbia University
Stephennie Mulder, University of Texas at Austin
Khodadad Rezakhani, Princeton University

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:00
V-19: Qajar Iran: From Cops to Princes
Chair: Vahid Vahdat, Washington State University
Aghil Daghighel, Rutgers University
The Colonial Refusal: On the Genesis of Ethnic Resistance Among Arab Communities of Iran
Navid Zarrinna, Columbia University
“Those Who Know”: The Transformation of Anti-Ulema Imagination in Iran
Kamran S. Aghaie, University of Texas at Austin
Cops and Criminals in Iran: The Modernization of Crime and Law Enforcement in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:30
VI-10: Against Middle East Studies
Organized by Esmat Elhalaby and Hana Sleiman

Hana Sleiman, University of Cambridge Alternative Lineages of Arab Studies
Huma Gupta, Brandeis University Seizing the Means of Calculation: Khair el-Din Haseeb and the Economic Value of Rural Architecture

Nader Atassi, Columbia University The Arab Transition Debate: The Fall of Feudalism and the Rise of the Asiatic Mode of Production in Arabic Historiography

Esmat Elhalaby, University of California Davis Area by Area: Non-Alignment and West Asian Studies after 1947

Thursday, October 8, 2020 1:30
VIII-12: Imagining the “Easterner”: Translation, Race, and trans-Asian Circulations from Nationalism to Decolonization
Organized by Peiyu Yang and Matthew Brauer

Chair: Michelle Hartman, McGill University
Discussant: Rebecca Johnson, Northwestern University

Peiyu Yang, William and Mary Nahdat al-Sin: Translating the Chinese Constitutional Revolution in Arabic Literary Journals

John Chen, Columbia University Debating Xinjiang in Cairo: Uyghur and Chinese Nationalisms’ Competition for Arab Public Opinion, 1927-49

Michael Hill, William and Mary Arabic and China’s Literary Revolutions

Matthew Brauer, University of Tennessee Imagining Whiteness: Racialized Tropes of Japan in North African Anticolonial and Decolonial Discourses

Thursday, October 8, 2020 1:30
VIII-14: Rethinking Mobility in Egypt: Railways, Migration, Football
Organized by Rana Baker

Discussant: Nada El-Kouny, Rutgers University

Ibrahim Elhoudaiby, Columbia University Moving Nation: Football clubs and the contestation of Egyptian nationalism

Rana Baker, Columbia University Mobility as a Work Discipline in Egyptian Railway Workshops: 1851-1920

Mai Alkhamissi, Princeton University “I care about the region”: Regional Belonging in North Africa

Thursday, October 8, 2020 1:30
VIII-17: History in Contemporary Fiction
Chair: Drew Paul, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Radwa El Barouni, Williams College Converging/Diverging Notions of History

Mustafa Oguzhan Colak, Leiden University Creating “New Turkey” by Television Series: The Political Economy of Turkish State Sponsored Historical Fictions

Hazar Halavut, University of Toronto Repression, Its Return, and the Textual Unconscious: Turkish Fiction on the Armenian Genocide

Mohamed Wajdi Ben Hammed, Columbia University Between the Utopia of the State and its Violent Realities: Ibn Khaldun in the Mirrors of his Autobiography and Modern Tunisian Fiction

Clarissa C. Burt, US Naval Academy Functions of Tragedy in Dramatizations of Harb al-Basus: Legitimacy, Dissimulation and Critique in Modern Recastings of the Jahiliyya Tale

Saturday, October 10 12:00 pm
Special Session Global Academy Event and Fellows Panel

Asli Bali, UCLA; Beth Baron, CUNY; Mimi Kirk, MESA;
Greta N. Scharnowsber, Institute of International Education; Judith Tucker, Georgetown University Approaches to Governance Through an Islamist Lens

Chair: Brinkley Messick, Columbia University
Discussant: Issam Eido, Vanderbilt University

Utku Balaban, Amherst College Industrial Islamism in Turkey

Nihat Celik, San Diego State University Islamic Humanitarian NGOs in Turkey


Chair: A. Holly Shissler, University of Chicago
Discussant: Sumercan Bozkurt-Gungen, Simon Fraser University

Evren Altinkas, University of Guelph Continuity Between the Committee of Union and Progress and the Kemalist Regime: The Role of Karakol

Melissa Bilal, UCLA The “Other” Ottoman Feminists: Repatriating Armenian Women’s Intellectual Legacy

Dilsa Deniz Turkish Islamic Synthesis: A Frame for Post-Ottoman Identity Politics of the Turkish Republic

Saturday, October 10 12:00 pm
Special Session The Political Economy and Ethics of Social Science Research in the Arab World
Chair: Lisa Anderson, Columbia University
Rabab el-Mahdi, American University in Cairo
Sari Hanafi, American University of Beirut
Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences
Saloua Zerhouni, Mohammed V University
Discussants: Sarah Parkinson, Johns Hopkins University and Maria Eriksson Baaz, Uppsala University

Tuesday, October 13 12:00 pm
Special Session: Responding to COVID-19 in the MENA Region: Insights on Education and Communication Challenges
Bassem Elbendry Ph.D. in Social Studies education at Teachers College, Columbia University,
Hiba Ibrahim is a PhD student of applied linguistics at York University in Canada.
Islam Karkour, Ph.D., is a Lecturer of Arabic in the College of Liberal Arts, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of New Hampshire.
Sara O. Ahmed is a current PhD student in the Anthropology and Education program at Teachers College, Columbia University

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:30
X-04: Black and Arab Across the Red Sea
Organized by Gehad Abaza, Anna Reumert, and Gokh Amin Alshaif
Chair/Discussant: Sherene Seikaly, University of California Santa Barbara
Anna Reumert, Columbia University Migrant or Worker? Sudanese Livelihoods and Memory in Beirut
Zachary Mondesire, University of California Los Angeles Race After Revolution: Imagining Blackness and Africanness in the “New Sudan”
Gokh Amin Alshaif, University of California Santa Barbara From al-Akhdam to al-Muhamashin: Genealogical Imagination, Power, and Resistance in Yemen’s Black Minority
Gehad Abaza, University of California Santa Barbara “The Fire is Here too”: Mobility, Livelihood and Labor among Sudanese Women in Cairo

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:30
X-08: Challenging the Mainstream: Contested Histories, Archives, and Alternative Mizrahi Voices
Organized by Noa Hazan Chair: Shirly Bahar
Noa Hazan, CUNY Cleaning up the Archive: Highlighting the Zionist American Organization of Hadassah from A New Mizrahi Perspective
Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University From Mainstream to Social Media: The Narrative of the Kidnapped Babies Affair and the Fight for Memory and Justice
Natalie Haziza, CUNY Graduate Center Traces of Absence: How the trauma of the Yemenite, Mizrahi and Balkan Kidnapped Children Affair is present in home movies and photographs
Shirly Bahar, Columbia University A Mother Tongue, A Daughter’s Voice: Mizrahi Women Poets’ Homecoming to the Arabic Language

Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:00am
XI-04: Global and Local Popular Entertainments of the Nahdah: An Interdisciplinary Approach
Organized by Alaaeldin Mahmoud Alaaeldin Mahmoud, American University of the Middle East Egyptomaniac Egyptians? Ancient Egypt in the Popular Literary Imaginary in Twentieth Century Egypt
Thana Al-Shakhs, American University of the Middle East Early Egyptian Film Industry and the Formation of Nationality
Hala Auji, American University of Beirut Visual Amusements: Printed Imagery in Nineteenth-century Arabic Publications
Raphael Cormack, Columbia University Oum Kalthoum vs Mounira al-Mahdiyya: What is an Egyptian Celebrity?

Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:00am
XI-08: Circularity and the Making of Time, Memory, and Everyday Life in the Middle East
Organized by Aamer Ibraheem
Ahmad Sukkar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Universal Circular Diagrams: Da Vinci’s Vitruvian Man and Ibn ‘Arabi’s Universal Human Being
Remzi Cagatay Cakirlar, Leiden University Three Types of Caliphate at the Wilsonian Moment
Erin Gould, Chapman University Historical Memory of the Halqa: The Circle in Moroccan Storytelling and Meaning Making
Aamer Ibraheem, Columbia University Points and Circles: Text, Reincarnation, and Druze in the Political Present
Yasemin Akçagüner, Columbia University *Star-Crossed Love and Cross-Eyed Children: Temporal Governance of Intimate Life in the Late Ottoman Empire*

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**11:00am**

**XI-11: Redefining Gender Relations and Rights in Transnational Contested Spaces**
Organized by Armaghan Ziaee and Eliana Abu-Hamdi
Chairs: Armaghan Ziaee and Eliana Abu-Hamdi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Armaghan Ziaee, University of Cincinnati
Rethinking Gendered Spatial Practices in Iran
Sopanit Angsusingha, Georgetown University
Defiant Manhood: The Application and Adaptation of Masculinity in the Boy Scout Movements in Iraq and Kenya (1930s–1950s)
Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia University *The Women’s Making of a Lebanese Revolution* Jillian Schwedler, Hunter College CUNY and Graduate Center
The Genders of Political Protests—and Protesters—in Jordan
Rukên Isîk, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Re-Thinking Transnational Feminist Solidarity: The Case of Kurdish Women’s Movement in Rojava

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**11:00am**

**XI-14: New Approaches to the Sciences of the Stars in Islamic Societies**
Organized by Scott Trigg Margaret Gaida, California Institute of Technology
Situating Arabic Astrology: Historiographic Tensions between Europe and the Islamic World
Pouyan Shahidi, Indiana University Bloomington
Moonlight, quintessence, and Gabriel: The explanation and use of the lunar spots across fields of intellectual inquiry in Islam
Scott Trigg, University of Hong Kong
Visualizing the Configuration (hay’a): On the Role of Manuscript Images in two 15th c. Astronomical Commentaries
Tunç Sen, Columbia University *The World-Fair Model of Global History of Science and Writing the Local History of Ottoman Astral Sciences*

**Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:30pm**

**XII-07: Petroleum and Socio-Ecologies in the Middle East**
Organized by Ciruce Movahedi-Lankarani
Discussant: Jennifer Derr, University of California Santa Cruz
Shima Houshyar, CUNY Graduate Center *Energy Infrastructures and Petro-modernity in Southern Iran during the Cold War*
Natasha Pesaran, Columbia University *Tracing a Political Ecology of Iraqi Oil Flows in the Interwar Levant*
Guillemette Crouzet, Warwick University *Imperial oil infrastructures and unruly imperial subjects: the Bakhtiar tribe and the British in early twentieth-century Persia*
Ciruce Movahedi-Lankarani, University of Southern California *Natural Gas and the Management of Biological Life in Iran*

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**11:00am**

**XII-13: Decolonization and French Colonial Rule**
Chair: Katherine E. Hoffman, Northwestern University
Badreddine Ben Othman, Binghamton University
“Hard-to-Handle Anger”: Hawad and the Tuareg Decolonial Imagination
Ethan Mefford, University of California Los Angeles “We’ll hold them by the throat”: The French grain blockade and resistance in the Moroccan Jbala
Fatima-Ezzahrae Touilila, Columbia University France, this “great Muslim Power”: la politique musulmane française and the fantasy of the Oriental Despot in the Maghreb
Kaoutar Ghilani, University of Oxford *Language, Nation-Building, and Legitimacy: Morocco’s Discourse on the Failure of Arabization*
Erin Twohig, Georgetown University “Nos ancêtres les Arabes/Our ancestors the Arabs”: Arabic-language teachers in postcolonial Algeria
Lyes Benarbane, University of Minnesota *Religious Rationality: The Humanist Islamism of Malek Bennabi*

**Friday, October 16, 2020 11:00am**

**XIII-06: Rural Imaginaries and the Making of Modern Lebanon**
Organized by Nova Robinson and Jeremy Randall
Discussant: Michelle Hartman, McGill University
Jeremy Randall, CUNY Graduate Center *The Rural Imaginary in Lebanese Cultural Productions*
Owain Lawson, Columbia University *A National Vocation: Engineering Nature and State in Lebanon’s Merchant Republic*

Nova Robinson, Seattle University *Imagining and Otherizing Rural Lebanese Women in the Early Post-Independence Period*

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**Friday, October 16, 2020 11:00am**

**XIII-18: Medieval Persianate Literacy Traditions**

*Chair: Jason Rodriguez Vivrette, University of California Berkeley*

*Catherine Ambler, Columbia University* *Without Bindings, Bound: The Ambiguity of Poets in Malih Samargandi’s Muzakkir al-Ashab*

*Ferenc Csirkes, Sabanci University* *The Politics of Turkic Literature at the Court of Shah Ismail I*

*Amanda Caterina Leong, University of California* *Merced The Princess Remembers: The Humayunnama as a Mirror for Princesses*

*Pranav Prakash, University of Iowa* *Interweaving Indian Tales and Persian Genres: Akhsitan Dihlavi’s Basatin al-UNS (c. 1325-26)*

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**Friday, October 16, 2020 1:30pm**

**XIV-03: Towards a History and Interpretations of the “Circle” in the Scientific and Visual Cultures of the Middle East**

*Organized by Adrien Zakar*

*Chair: Aamer Ibraheem, Columbia University*

*Discussant: Heather Ferguson, Claremont McKenna College*

*Maryam Patton, Harvard University* *Mirror of the Celestial Spheres: Towards Understanding Circles in Islamic Astronomy*

*Side Emre, Texas A&M University* *A Perfect Vessel to Ignite the Imagination: The Use, Function, and Metaphors of Circular Diagrams in 16th century Ottoman Mystical Cosmologies*

*Isin Taylan, Yale University* *The Circles of Lands, Atlas, and Ottoman Geographical Knowledge*

*Adrien Zakar, Stanford University* *Geographical Knowledge, Cosmography and Reform in the Late Ottoman Empire*

*Nur Sobers-Khan, British Library* *The Mass Production of the Cosmos: Concentric Diagrammes from Manuscript to Lithograph*

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**Friday, October 16, 2020 1:30pm**

**XIV-05: Queer Sights: Gender Expression in Visual Culture**

*Organized by Duygu Ula and Anne Marie Butler*

*Chair: Anne Marie Butler, Kalamazoo College*

*Discussant: Duygu Ula, Barnard College*

*Conor Moynihan, Rhode Island School of Design* *The Ring of the Dove: Mehdi-Georges Lahlou’s Queer Invocation of Al-Andalus*

*Sahin Acikgoz, University of Michigan Ann Arbor* *Yesilcam’s Other Daughters: Armenian Women and Ungendered Ethnoreligious Alterity*

*Lara Fresko Madra, Cornell University* *İz Özat’s Queer Pedagogies for Zisan’s Impossible Archives*

*Tugce Kayaal, University of Michigan* *Erotics of Death: Literary and Visual Representations of Martyrdom in World War I*

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**Saturday, October 17, 2020 11:00am**

**XV-02: Theories and Histories of Language in the Nahda: A Multidisciplinary Conversation across History and Literature**

*Organized by Olga Verlato and Nada Khalifa*

*Discussant: Rana Issa, American University of Beirut*

*Ziad Dallal, Bard College* *Language as Craft: Al-Shidyaq and the Politics of Language in the Nahda*

*Olga Verlato, New York University* *“Long Live this Language: “ History, Language, and Education in the Writings of ‘Abdallah Nadim*

*Hannah Scott Deuchar, New York University* *Equivalence, Debt and the Law of Economy in the Arabic Translation Debates*

*Nada Khalifa, Columbia University* *Language, Authenticity and Autonomy in Arabist Political Thought*

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**Saturday, October 17, 2020 11:00am**

**XV-05: Early Islamic Taxation in Theory and Practice: Abbasid and Fatimid Case Studies**
Organized by Aseel Najib Chair: Marina Rustow, Princeton University
Ali Asgar Alibhai, University of Texas Dallas God’s Water: Analyzing Land and Irrigation Taxation Systems Under the Early Fatimids
Khalil Andani, Augustana College A Fatimid Ismaili Exegesis of Zakat According to Nasir-i Khusraw
Aseel Najib, Columbia University The Kharaj in the Early Abbasid Period: A Conceptual History
Lorenzo Bondioli, University of Cambridge The Fiscal-Commercial Complex: Taxation and Capital in Fatimid Egypt

Saturday, October 17, 2020 11:00
Roundtable
XV-12: Imperial Decline? The Shifting Contours of U.S. Power in the Middle East
Organized by Danya Al-Saleh and Lisa Bhungalia
Chair: Danya Al-Saleh, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Omar Dahi, Hampshire College Abdullah Al- Arian, Georgetown University Qatar
Madiha Tahir, Columbia University Katty Alhayek, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Saturday, October 17, 2020 11:00 am
XV-19: Merchants, Economic Nationalism, and Economic Governmentality

Chair: Huma Gupta, Brandeis University Kareem Abdelbary, Independent Researcher
The unfoldings of economic nationalism: class, nation and ‘national bourgeoisie’ in early 20th Century Egypt
Atar David, University of Texas at Austin The Great Depression in Egypt Through Governmental Food Supply
Orcun Okan, Columbia University Capitalist Modernities and ‘Xenophobia’: Politics of Employment in post-Ottoman Turkey, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq in the 1920s
Robert J. Bell, New York University Competing Logics of Economic Development in the American Occupation of Iran, 1942-1945
Umit Eser, Independent Scholar The ‘Fig King’ of Smyrna: Aram Hamparzum Sheltering in Fata Morgana, 1914-1922

Saturday, October 17, 2020 1:30
XVI-04: From Misr to Egypt and al-Sham to Syria: Sovereignty, Community and Rule 1600-1913
Organized by Karim Malak
Chair: Alan Mikhail, Yale University
Charles L. Wilkins, Wake Forest University Mustafa b. Taha (d. 1681) and the Rise of the Urban Notables of Aleppo
Karim Malak, Columbia University Gunpowder Sovereignty in Egypt and the Levant: The Levant Crisis of 1839-41 revisited
Joshua Donovan, Columbia University Communal Reform at the Twilight of Empire: Orthodox Christians in the Levant and Egypt, 1880-1913