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*“Threats to the cultural continuity in the Middle East faced with
the challenges of modernity”*

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***Conference Venue:** Institute of Archaeology of the Jagiellonian University,
Gołębia 11, 33-332 Kraków, Poland.

PROGRAMME

August 24th

- 9:30-10:30 Registration
- 10:30-10:40 Opening: Dr. Hab. Marcin Brocki: Welcome to Participants
Head of the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology
Jagiellonian University
- 10:40-10:55 Dr. Soheila Shahshahani: “Welcome to the 4th Commission of
Anthropology of the Middle East of the IUAES Conference in
Krakow”
- 10:55-11:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:15-13:00** **Panel 1: REPRODUCTION, POPULATION, STATE**
Convener and Chair: Dr. Soraya Tremayne, University of
Oxford, UK
- 11:15-11:35 Marie Ladier-Fouladi, Professor at CNRS-EHESS (IIAC),
Paris, France
*“Iran between horizon of population and populationist horizon
of policy”*
- 11:35-11:55 Fatima Zohra Boulefdouï, Demographer Researcher, CRASC,
Algeria
“The Transition of fertility in Algeria: State of play”
- 11:55-12:15 Behnaz Hosseini, Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford University,
UK
*“Continuous decline in population of non-Muslim minorities in
Iran”*
- 12:15-12:35 Kamiar Alaei, Visiting Professor, St. Antony College, Oxford
University, UK.
*“An Overview of history of HIV/AIDs in the MENA region: A
case study from Iran”*

- 12:35-13:00 Discussion
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:40 Panel 2: (UN)SETTLING MIDDLE EAST REFUGEES: REGIMES OF INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE, AND THE UNITED STATES**
 Conveners & Chairs:
 Professor Marcia Inhorn, Yale University.
 Professor Lucia Volk, San Francisco State University, US.
- 14:00-14:20 Marcia Inhorn, Yale University
"America's wars and Iraqis lives: Refugee vulnerabilities and regimes of exclusion in the United States"
- 14:20-14:40 Are John Knudsen, Senior Researcher at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway
"The Gaza buildings: Emergency urbanism in Sabra, Beirut"
- 14:40-15:00 Árdís K. Ingvars, PhD candidate in Sociology from the University of Iceland
"The Social butterfly: Hunted subjectivity among male refugees"
- 15:00-15:20 Lucia Volk, San Francisco State University
"Asylum laws vs. Asylum lives: A Syrian refugee's struggle for inclusion in Germany"
- 15:20-15:40 Discussion
- 15:40-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 16:00-17:20 Panel 3: PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST**
 Conveners and Chairs:
 Mohammad Shahbazi, Professor Jackson State University
 Zahra Sarraf, M.D., Dena Hospital, Shiraz
- 16:00-16:20 M.Shahbazi, A.Sarraf, A.Ahmadiazad, E.Karimi

“Applying innovative public health practices to women’s breast cancer screening in southwest Iran”

16:20-16:40 Yamina Rahou, National Center for Research in Social and Cultural anthropology (CRASC), Algeria
& Souad Laguer, Anthropology Research Center at CRASC, Algeria
“The Health status of the Algerian population: Progress and major challenges”

16:40-17:00 Discussion

19:00 Dinner

August 25th

9:00-10:20 Panel 4: SPORTS IN MIDDLE EASTERN SOCIETIES
Convener & Chair:
Professor Emeritus Christian Bromberger
Aix-Marseille, France

9:00-9:20 Christian Bromberger, Professor Emeritus, Aix-Marseille
“Introduction” and “Football, politics, society in Iran: Some aspects”

9:20-9:40 Tomoko Yamagishi, Professor at School of Political Science and Economics at Meiji University, Tokyo
“Neck, Maternity, and Sex-change Operation: Controversy on the gender norms of Iranian football players”

9:40-10:00 Esther Hertzog, Levinsky Academic College
& Assef Lev, Herzliya; Ono Academic College
“The threat of old age and ageism in gyms in Israel”

10:00-10:20 Tiago Duarte Dias, Universidade Federal Fluminense
“Dalkurd FF: in between Kurdish identity and Swedish sociability”

- 10:20-10:40** Discussion
- 10:40-10:50** Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:40-11:50** **Panel 5: FOOD AND COOKING**
 Convener & Chair:
 Christian Bromberger, Professor Emeritus University of Aix-Marseille, France
- 10:40-11:00 Christian Bromberger, University of Aix-Marseille, France
“Introduction” and “specificity of Gilak cuisine”
- 11:00-11:20 Reiko Otsubo, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Tokyo
“Changing meanings of Qat chewing inside and outside Yemen”
- 11:20-11:40 Bożena Gierek, Center for Comparative Studies of Civilisations, Jagiellonian University, Kraków
“Middle East Restaurants in Kraków”
- 11:40-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-12:40** **Panel 6: SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF WORLDVIEWS IN MIDDLE EASTERN ENCOUNTERS**
 Conveners & Chairs:
 Leonardo Schiocchet, Institute of Social Anthropology, Austria
 Maria Six-Hohenbalken, Institute of Social Anthropology, Austria
 Patricia Scalco, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 12:00-12:20 Leonardo Schiocchet, ISA, Vienna, Austria
“Wellbeing As a key site for the encounter between Arab-speaking refugees and Austria”
- 12:20-12:40 Maria Six-Hohenbalken, ISA, Austria
“Transnational Encounters and challenges for the Yezidi community and its worldviews”

- 12:40-12:50 Discussion
- 12:50--14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:40 Panel 6 (continued):**
Chair: Dr. Leonardo Schiocchet, Institute of Social Anthropology, Austria
- 14:00-14:20 Patricia Scalco, Univ. of Helsinki, Finland
“The road to somewhere: An approach to location and relocation through the trajectories: Syrian men in Istanbul”
- 14:20-14:40** Sabine Bauer-Amin, social anthropologist and researcher at the Austrian Academy of Sciences Institute for Social Anthropology as well as member of ROR-N, Vienna, Austria.
“Encounters Within A Middle Eastern Christian Community In Austria”
- 14:40-15:00** Zuzanna Błajet, Institute of Oriental Studies, Jagiellonian University in Krakow,
“The Isma’ili religious organization in Moscow: Its activity and its impact on the process of migrants’ socio-cultural adaptation to host country”
- 15:00-15:20 Coffee Break
- 15:20- 15:40 Panel 7: ANTHROPOLOGY OF ART & ARCHITECTURE**
Convener and Chair:
Dr. Farniyaz Zaker, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, UK.
- 15:20-15:40** Orkide Izci, University of Padua and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.
“Refugee Camps As ‘A Sense of Place’: Kurdish Women’s Everyday Life Practices And Agencies”

- 15:40-16:30 **Panel 8: MUSIC, DANCE, AND THE MIDDLE EAST**
 Conveners and Chairs:
 Rajko Muršič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
 Danila Mayer, Museum of Art History, Vienna, Austria
- 15:400-16:00** Danila Mayer, Museum of Art History, Vienna, Austria
“Refugee youth and music in Vienna”
- 16:00-16:20** Rajko Muršič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
“Pass the Bless: Voices and sounds of Middle-East musicians in Slovenia”
- 16:20-16:30 Discussion
- 16:30-16:45 Coffee Break
- 16:45-17:00 **Special Session on The Journal of the *Anthropology of the Middle East* and Zubaydeh Ashkanani Prize.**
- 18:30 Dinner
- August 26th**
- 9:30-11:10 **Panel 9: Ethno-History of the Middle East**
 Convener & Chair:
 Fakhri Haghani, Rutgers University, New Jersey
- 9:30-9:50 Soheila Shahshahani, Associate Professor, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran
“Clothing and its meaning according to documents of Qajar Period”
- 9:50-10:10 Dr. Azim Malikov, Senior Research Fellow at the Faculty of Arts of Palacký University, Olomouc, The Czech Republic
“History and the culture of Dzungans of Central Asia in discourses of pre-Soviet, Soviet and post-Soviet periods”

- 10:10-10:30 Cafer Sarikay, PhD Student, Department of History, Boğaziçi Univ.
“Representation of the Middle Eastern Communities in the 1893 Chicago World’s Columbian Exposition”
- 10:30-10:50 Matthias Battis, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Modern and Contemporary Historical Research, Vienna.
Farniyaz Zaker: Department of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford.
“Russo-Iranian relations through the prism of the life of Fatemeh Sayyah”
- 10:50-11:10 Discussion
- 11:10-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00** **Panel 10: RITUALS AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**
Conveners and chairs:
Paulo Gabriel Hilu da Rocha Pinto – Professor of Anthropology, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil.
Liza Dumovich – NEOM/Universidade Federal Fluminense
- 11:30-11:50 Paulo G. Pinto, Universidade Federal Fluminense
“Rituals, Religious Experience and Sacred Topographies in the Ziyarat al- Arba’iyyin, in Iraq”
- 11:50 -12:10** Liza Dumovich, NEOM/Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil
“Shaping subjectivities, moralizing the nation: religious rituals and national imaginaries in the Gülen community in Brazil”
- 12:10-12:30** Maroussia Bednarkiewicz
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Aga Khan University
“Rituals as guardians of Muslim unity: The case of the adhān”
- 12:30-12:50** Ahmad Shekarchee, Assistant Prof. of Sociology Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran
“Three Parallel Narratives Of Arba ‘Īn”

- 12:50-13:10 Jabbar Rahmani, Institute for Social and Cultural Studies, Tehran
“Ashura evening: A miniature of feminine cultural change”
- 13:10-13:30 Discussion
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break
- 15:00- 16:30 Panel 11: Research in Progress**
Convener & Chair: Dr. Soheila Shahshahani, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran
- 14:30-14:50 Anna Krasnowolska, Professor at Oriental philology of the Uniwersytet Jagiellonski, Krakow
“Polish Second World War refugees in Tehran”
- 14:50-15:10 Roxanna Varzi, University of California, Irvine.
“Henri Corbin, Philosopher, in Tehran”
- 15:10-15:30 Krzysztof Lalik, Institute of Middle and Far East, Jagiellonian University, Krakow
“Maintenance and shifting of ethnic boundaries: The ambiguousness of ethnic identity of Chaldo-Assyrian in nowadays Iraq”
- 15:30-15:50 Amir Najafi, Free Lance Anthropologist
“Ta'ziyeh is shedding; Transformation of Ta'ziyeh as an Iranian religious performance after Islamic Revolution”
- 15:50-16:10 Ahmad Shekarchee, Assistant Prof. of Sociology, Shahid Beheshti University
“The Iraqi Shiite community from a pure old locality to a young emerging globalism”
- 16:10-16:30 Discussion
- 16:30-16:50 Coffee Break
- 16:50-18:00 **Commission Business Meeting:**

Agenda: Dates for Next Year Conference
Suggestions for Panels
Summer Workshops in Krakow?
All participants are welcomed to this session