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The Re-invention of Traditions in the Middle East



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******* 9:30 UK Time//11:30 Istanbul Time//10:30 Central European Time *******

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Day 1: August 7th, 2021

9:30 UK Time

9:30-9:40 Registration

9:40 -9:50 Dr Soheila Shahshahani: Welcome Note to Participants

9:50-10:00 Dr Richard Wittmann: Welcome Note to Participants (Orient-Institut Istanbul)

10:00 Panel 1: Research in Progress

Convenor: Dr Soheila Shahshahani

- 10:00-10:20 Professor Christian Bromberger: “Eyes and Eyebrows among other ways of Communication and Beautification”
- 10:20-10:40 Dr Azim Malikov: “Transformation of the Veneration of the Islamic Saints of Samarkand in the Context of Religious Policy in Uzbekistan”
- 10:40-11:00 Dr Sara Bamdad: “Perceptions of Trans Bodies in Iran: A Review of the Literature”
- 11:00-11:20 Wesam Hassan: “Lotteries in Istanbul: Entangled Realities of Luck and Fate”
- 11:20-11:40 Ana Clara Alves de Oliveira: “Veiled Faces, Exotic bodies: An Ethnographic Study About the Female Photographic Images in the Pierre de Gigord’s Ottoman Photographic Collections”
- 11:40-12:00 *Discussion + Coffee/Tea*

12:00 Panel 2: NGOs or another face of nations in the Middle East

Convenors: Dr Anna Romanowicz and Dr Daniel Tower

- 12:00-12:20 Dr Nahal Nafisi: “Re-articulations of Doing Good and Doing Well at the turn of the Iranian Century”
- 12:20-12:40 Massumeh Hosseini Toosi: “New Face of Iranian Charities: Policy and Practice”
- 12:40-13:00 Dr Anna Romanowicz: “Class Dimension and NGOs’ Politics of ‘Doing Good’”
- 13:00-13:20 *Discussion*
- *13:20-14:20 (60 min break)*

14:20 Panel 3: Religion and Everyday Life: Shaping Religious Identities, Performing Social Practices

Convenors: Dr Liza Dumovich and Dr Paulo Pinto

- 14:20-14:40 Dr Paulo Pinto: “Secrecy and Reconfigurations of Druze Identity in Brazil”

- 14:40-15:00 Dr Liza Dumovich: “A Conditioned Agency: Women, Discipline and Space in the Gülen Community in Brazil”
- 15:00-15:20 Dr Bruno Ferraz Bartel: “The power of Musical Aesthetics: Ritual and Emotion in contemporary Moroccan Sufism”
- 15:20-15:40 *Discussion + Coffee/Tea*
- 15:40-16:00 Burcu Kalpaklioglu: “Dower and Materiality in Religiously Committed Women’s Life Narratives in Istanbul”
- 16:00-16:20 Amir Najafi: “Induced liminality; The Case of Shia Mourning in Iran”
- 16:20-16:40 Anna Maria Raietparvat: “Iranians and the Elamites: Iranian Christian Transnational Networks”
- 16:40-17:00 *Discussion + Coffee/Tea*

17:00 Panel 4: Is Patriarchy in Crisis in the Middle East?

Convenor: Dr Soraya Tremayne

- 17:00-17:20 Professor Janet Afary & Professor Roger Friedland: “Non-Standard Marriages or Unions in the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia: A Facebook Survey”
- 17:20-17:40 Professor Mary Hegland: “Social, Cultural, Economic, and Political Changes Allow Closer Wife-Husband Relationships: Five Stories of Marital Devotion from Shiraz”
- 17:40-18:00 Professor Esther Hertzog, Dr Assaf Lev, and Dr Moshe Levy: “Patriarchy in Disguise: Regaining Male dominance through the Ninja Competition”
- 18:00-18:20 Thomas McGee: “Born of ISIS Genocide: Challenging Nationality Acquisition and Religious Identity Construction for Children of Yezidi Survivors”
- 18:20-18:40 *Discussion*

Day 2: August 8th, 2021

9:30 UK Time

9:30-9:40 Registration

9:40-9:50 Dr Soheila Shahshahani: Welcome Note to Participants

9:50: Panel 5: Is there a Middle Eastern Body?

Convenors: Dr Claudia Liebelt and Dr Melike Sahinol, “Introductory Remarks”

Discussant: Dr Sertaç Sehlükoglu

⇒ 10:00 Session I: Regulating the “Middle Eastern” Body

- 10:00-10:20 Dr Cimen Gunay-Erkol and Dr Gunes Sezen: “Iskat-I Cenin”: Ahmed Rasim’s Critical Approach to Ottoman Bodies”
- 10:20-10:40 Dr Dani Kranz: Unwanted Bodies in Israel: Non-Jewish, Female, Partners and Spouses of Israeli Citizens
- 10:40-11:00 Dr Melike Sahinol and Dr Burak Taxdizen: “Colonizing Men’s Bodies: Nature Culture Metaphors Around Hair Transplantation”
- 11:00-11:20 *Discussion*

○ **11:20-11:30 coffee/tea (10 min break)**

⇒ 11:30 Session II: (Re)Imagining the “Middle Eastern” Body

- 11:30-11:50 Dr Mathew Gagne: “Queer Male Desire in Beirut and the Production of Abstract Distinctions between Middle Eastern and Non-Regional Bodies”
- 11:50-12:10 Dr Hande Guzel: “(Re)producing the Gendered Middle Eastern Body in Academic Discourse”
- 12:10-12:30 Kamran Behrouz and Setarreh Fatehi: “a Diasporic Parallax”
- 12:30-12:50 *Discussion*
- *12:50-13:50 lunch (60 min break)*

13:50: Panel 6: Making of Cultural Hero and Heroine

Convenor: Dr Bozena Gierek

- 13:50-14:10 Dr Pedro Bogossian-Porto: “The making of a Hero: Nokol Pashinyan’s Journey in the Armenian Velvet Revolution”
- 14:10-14:30 Dr Joanna Bocheńska: “From *Namûs* to Dignity: Challenging the Image of Faithful Woman in the Modern Kurdish Literary and Cinema Narratives”
- 14:30-14:50 Dr Bozena Gierek: “Power of Media in Making Hero: An Example of Turkish Ertuğrul”
- 14:50-15:10 *Discussion*
- *15:10-15:20 coffee/tea (10 min break)*

15:20 Panel 7: Re-articulation of Tradition: Discourse Shift, Cultural Change and Politics

Convenor: Dr Mehrdad Arabestani

- 15:20-15:40 Professor Mary E. Hegland & Maryam Karimi: “Considering Cultural Change in the Tradition and Religiously-Advised Practice of Child/Early Marriage in Iran”
- 15:40-16:00 Mehrdad Arabestani: *White Hājī Fīrūz: Avant-garde or Conservative?*
- 16:00-16:20 Dr Jabbar Rahmani: “Nowruz as a Context of Negotiation Between Society and Political System”
- 16:20-16:40 Maral Sahebame: “Transforming the Marriage Discourse in Iran”
- 16:40-17:00 *Discussion*
- *17:00-17:10 coffee/tea (10 min break)*

17:10- 18:00 Panel 8: Commission Meeting (*All participants are invited to be present at this meeting*)

- Announcement of the winner of the Zubeydah Ashkanani Prize for the best article of the year 2019
- Discussion on Title for the Commission Meeting of Next year
- Proposal of specific Panels
- Other Views and Perspectives

Day 3: August 9th, 2021

9:30 UK Time

9:30-9:40 Registration

9:40-9:50 Dr. S. Shahshahani: Welcome Note to Participants

9:50 Panel 9: Educational Perspective on Immigration in the Middle East

Convenor: Dr Esther Hertzog:

- 9:50-10:10 Dr Esther Hertzog: “Discourse of Integration and Practices of Separation: The Absorption of Ethiopian Immigrants’ Children in the Israeli Educational System”
- 10:10-10:30 Dr Adi Binhas: ‘Immigration Policy vis-à-vis Teachers’ Views Regarding Immigrant Students: The Israeli Case”
- 10:30-10:50 Janet Cohen: “Ideologically-Motivated Migration to Development Towns and its Influence on the Potential for Educational Mobility of the Local Community”
- 10:50-11:10 Professor Anna Krasnowolska: “School Memories of the Iranians - A Preliminary Report”
- 11:10-11:30 *Discussion + Coffee/Tea*

11:30 Panel 10: Visual Anthropology (film screening)

Convenor: Mina Rad

Dr Narges Bajoghli: Skin That Burns (25 min)

Abtin Sarabi: The people of the wind (Ahle Hava) (57 min)

Mina Rad: Persian Tales, Jean-Rouche in Iran (59 min)

Discussion + Coffee/Tea

Thank you for your participation
Hope to see in our 2022 Commission on Anthropology of the Middle East
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