MESA 2013: SSA Business Meetings

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Executive Board Meeting (Thursday, 10/10, 1:30-2:30pm; Crescent, 4th Floor): Meeting for current members of the SSA Executive Board.

Business Meeting (Thursday, 10/10, 3-3:45pm, Southdown, 4th Floor): All general members and prospective members of SSA welcome. Agenda: SSA Election results, Treasury report, new business.

SSA Panel Discussion: (10/10, 4-5:30pm, Southdown, 4th Floor): “Current Perspectives on the Syrian Uprising”

MESA 2013: SSA-Sponsored Panels

[P3549] Cities of Stone: Issues in the New Social History of Syria, Part I (Friday, 10/11/13 8:30am)

Watenpaugh, Heghnr (UC Davis): “The Courtyard House as an Object of Heritage in Syria: The Politics of Urbanization, Memory and Gender”

Vivian Elyse Semerdjian (Whitman College): “Urban Displacement and the Passing of Aleppo's Armenian Community: A Eulogy for Judayda”

James P. Grehan (Portland State University): “The Life and Times of a 'Christian Mufti': Shaykh Bishara al-Khuri (1805-1886) and the Birth of a Sectarian Legal System”

Michael Provence (UC San Diego): “Rural-Urban Integration and Alienation in Syria during the Mandate and Beyond”

Benjamin Smuin (UC San Diego): “Berets and Bullets: Military Instruction and Nationalism in French Mandate Syria”

Fred H. Lawson (Mills College): Chair; Discussant.

[P3550] Cities of Stone: Issues in the New Social History of Syria, Part II (Friday, 10/11/13 11:00am)

Seda Altug (Bogazici University): “The Pillars of making of French-Jazira and Sectarianism”

Dick Douwes (Erasmus University Rotterdam): “The impact of the creation of Hatay on communities and their regional relations”

Geoffrey D. Schad (Independent Scholar, History): “Ambivalence and Accommodation: Aleppo's Industrial Bourgeoisie and the Corporatist Bargain”

Laura C. Robson (Portland State University): “Assyrian and Armenian Refugee Camps in Interwar Syria”

Keith D. Watenpaugh (UC Davis): “Debating National Citizenship in 1930s Syria: Edmond Rabbath, Minorities and the Régime de cloisons étanche”

Fred H. Lawson (Mills College): Chair; Discussant.
[P3310] The Palestinians in Syria: Their Past, Present and Changing Realities (Saturday, 10/12/13 11:00am)

Anaheed al-Hardan (ICI Berlin): “Remembering the Nakba in Syria”

Nell Gabiam (Iowa State University): “Palestinian Refugees in Syria: Imagining Liberation and Return Beyond the Nation-State”

Bassem Sirhan: “The Unknown Fate of Palestinian Refugees in Syria in Light of the Syrian Conflict”

Faedah Totah (Virginia Commonwealth University): “Refugees in Historic Places: Palestinians in the Old City of Damascus”

Dawn Chatty (University of Oxford): Chair; Discussant.

[P3399] The City Inscribed: Tales of Ottoman Damascus Saturday (Saturday, 10/12/13 2:30pm)

Sooyong Kim (Koc University): “A Remarkable Place Indeed: Damascus in Evliya Çelebi’s Book of Travels”

Helen Pfeifer (Princeton University): “How To Win Friends and Influence People: Prescribing Etiquette in Damascus Majalis”

Dana Sajdi (Boston College): “Ibn ‘Asakir’s Children: Narrations of Damascus from the 12th to the 18th Centuries”


Helen Pfeifer (Princeton University): Chair.

MESA 2013: Other Syria-Related Panels and Events

[P3366] In a Glass Darkly?: Re-Framing Islamic Inspiration in Modern Arabic Literature (Thursday, 10/10/13 5:30pm)

“Contested Frames: Recasting Arab Muslim Womanhood in Lalla Essaydi’s Art” by Al-Samman, Hanadi

"And the greatest of these is Love": ‘Afifa Karam's Re-Imagining of Islam in Fatima al-Badawiyya” by Saylor, Elizabeth

“The Romantic Islamist Aesthetics of Muhammad Qutb” by Noorani, Yaseen

“Engaging Islam: The Role of Faith in Robin Yassin-Kassab's The Road From Damascus” by Hilal, Reem M.

**[P3558] Administering the Ottoman Provinces** (Thursday, 10/10/13 5:30pm)

“Belgradi Rashid: An Urban Muslim Perspective on Dual Administration in Belgrade during Serbian Autonomy (1817-67)” by Aytekin, E. Attila

“De-Ottomanization of the Balkans: Formation of Bulgarian Rule in Ruse, 1878-85” by Celik, Mehmet

“Preserving Pomak Heritage in Bulgaria: The Case of Salih A?a of Pa?makl?, the Pomak Governor of the Ah? Çelebi Kaza of the Ottoman Empire (1798-38)” by Myuhtar-May, Fatme

“Surveying like a State: Situating a Proposed Bosnian Railroad in the Evolution of Ottoman Governmentality” by Schweig, Alex

“Ottoman Constitutional Reform and Agricultural Change: The Travails of a post-1908 Vali” by Williams, Elizabeth

**[P3436] Theorizing Ideology in Light of the Arab Uprisings** (Friday, 10/11/13 8:30am)

“Contours of a New Arab Left” by Haugbolle, Sune

“Ideological changes - Changes in studies on ideology” by Sing, Manfred

“Neoliberal Autocracy and Protest in Syria” by Wedeen, Lisa

“Living Ideology within Lebanese Communist Biographies” by Younes, Miriam

**[P3248] Materializing Piety at the Shrines of the Ahl al-Bayt** (Friday, 10/11/13 11:00am)

“May God be pleased with all the Companions of His Prophet”: Sunni Patronage of Shi’i Shrines in Medieval Aleppo” by Mulder, Stephennie

“At the Threshold of the Sacred: Nineteenth Century Persian Narratives of Pilgrimage to Najaf” by Aslan, Rose

“Economies of Piety at the Syrian Shrine of Sayyida Zaynab” by Szanto, Edith

“Arizeh Nevisi: Votive Petitioning to Al Mahdi , The Imam Zaman in The Islamic Republic of Iran” by Shirazi, Faegheh

**[P3568] Sexuality on the Margins** (Friday, 10/11/13 11:00am)

“Interrogating Gender Difference in Islamic Law: The Case of Interfaith Marriage” by Azam, Hina

“The Role of Women in Marriage as Seen by three Salafis: Obstacles, Rights, and Duties” by Badareen, Nayel

“Measuring Manhood: Reverend Henry Jessup, Evangelical Protestantism and Masculinity in Syria, 1856-1910” by Dannies, Kate

“Interrmarriage and Gendered Citizenship: The Struggles of Iranian Women Married to Afghan Refugees” by Gerami, Shirin

“Egyptian Youth Navigating Liminality: Gendered Consequences of Informal Legal Practices Among Couples Involved in ‘Urfi Marriages” by Salem, Rania

**[P3429] Towards the Centennial: WWI in the Middle East--The Home Front as a Battlefield: The
**Ottoman Empire in World War I** (Friday, 10/11/13 2:00pm)
“Eating Grass in WWI Syria: Animals and Identity in the Discourses of the Famine” by Al-Qattan, Najwa
“War, Gender and the State: Soldiers' Families in the Ottoman Home Front during World War I” by Akin, Yigit
“What Price History Can Teach Us About Famine: World War I in Greater Syria” by Foster, Zachary
“Food and Fodder: The Ottoman Hunger Crisis, 1914-1918” by Aksakal, Mustafa

**Winning Media Battles** (Friday, 10/11/13 2:00pm)
“Civil War, Radio and Fairuz (Again): Musical Shifts in the Syrian Radioscape during the Crisis” by Bothwell, Beau
“The Syrian Civil War in Lebanese Nightly News” by Carr, Daryl
“All the News That's Fit to Tweet: Egypt's Rassd News Network and the Rise of Volunteer Reporting” by Faris, David
“Pleasantries for Power: Interviewer and Interviewee Mujamala Practice on Bila Houdoud” by Fish, Laura
“The Politics of Masculinity in the Mini-Series of Syrian Screenwriter Samer Redwan: Cultural Expression and Protest amidst Government Co-optation and War” by Joubin, Rebecca

**Iran and Syria through the Lens of Local Histories** (Friday, 10/11/13 4:30pm)
“Historiography and the Desecration of Zoroastrian Fire Temples in Early Islamic Iran” by Magnusson, Andrew
“Perspectives from the Peripheries: Strategies for 'Centering' Persian Histories from the 'Peripheries’” by Hanaoka, Mimi
“A City between the Pen and the Grave: The Geographical Imagination of Ibn Tulun's History of al-Salihiya” by Sherman, William
“Hidden in Plain Sight: The Nimatullahi Sufi Order and the Cultivation of Private Archives” by Golestaneh, Seema

**The Arab World in Transition: The Remaking of Public Discourse** (Friday, 10/11/13 4:30pm)
“The Conflicting Poetic Voices of Ahmad Abd al-Muti Hijazi” by Athamneh, Waed
“Ideology and Political Discourse in Syrian Textbooks” by Masud, Muhammad
“From 'Oppressed' to 'Oppressor': Power and Corruption in Al-Kouni’s Knights of Slaughtered Dreams” by Al-Sheikh Hasan, Abdullah

**Responses to Kemalism in the Middle East from 1920s through 1940s** (Friday, 10/11/13 4:30pm)
“Kurdish Nationalists Respond Kemalism in Syria and Lebanon: Rival Nationalisms and Similar Visions” by Akturk, Ahmet Serdar
“Iraqi Kurdish Intellectuals and the Kemalism: Admiration and Dismay” by Bajalan, Djene
“A Strong Ally or a Possible Threat?: Iranian Perceptions of Kemalist Turkey” by Atamaz, Serpil

[P3267] AME-Tribe and Diatribe: Anthropology Meets Political Science (Saturday, 10/12/13 8:30am)
“Tribalism, Strategies and Metaphysics of Identity” by Anderson, Jon W.
“Syrian Tribes, National Politics and Transnationalism” by Chatty, Dawn
“The Return of Tribalism in Contemporary Tunisia” by Michalak, Laurence O.
“Tribalism in Yemen: Social Capital Confronts Political Unrest” by Adra, Najwa

[P3370] Revisiting Arab Theater: The Construction of Resistance (Saturday, 10/12/13 11:00am)
“The Interrogation as Represented in Syrian Theatre” by Ziter, Edward
“Dialogue in the Legacy of Saadallah Wannous” by Al-Saleh, Asaad
“Staging Resistance through Romance: The Case of Shawqi’s ‘Majnun Layla’” by Maanaki, Bilal
“The Revolution Will Be Staged Tonight: Contemporary Socio-Political Theater in Yemen and Oman” by Hennessey, Katherine

[P3420] Suspect Service: Migrating Women, Labor and Prostitution in the Interwar Mediterranean (Saturday, 10/12/13 11:00am)
“Female Migration from Italy to Egypt in the 19th and 20th Centuries: The Case of the Aleksandrinka” by Biancani, Francesca
“Regulation of Prostitution and the Egyptian Medical Profession” by Kozma, Liat
“Women in Service and other Scandals in the Moral Economy of the Mandate Mediterranean” by Pastor de Maria y Campos, Camila
“Tracking the Usual Suspects: The Foreign Prostitutes, White Slavers and “Terrible Turk” of Interwar Istanbul” by Wyers, Mark

[P3304] The Transnational Middle East: Culture and Political Society in Arab Diasporas (Saturday, 10/12/13 2:30pm)
“Petitioners and Politics: Syrian Emigres and the League of Nations in 1925” by Bailony, Reem
“Sound Minds in Sound Bodies: Nadi Homsi and Patriotic Masculinity in Syrian Brazil, 1920-1932” by Fahrenthold, Stacy
“‘Carrying Africa Around on his Face': Imagining 'Africa' in Lebanese Fiction” by Hayek, Ghenwa
“Reconstructing the Boundaries of Belonging: Transnationalization among Middle Eastern Immigrants in the United States” by Acehan, Isil
[P3245] **The Politics of Violence** (Saturday, 10/12/13 2:30pm)

“Repression without Borders: Middle East Authoritarianism as an International Problem” by Brownlee, Jason

“The Old Guard and the Die Hards: Violence, Finance, and Generational Effects in Fateh” by Parkinson, Sarah

“Cycles of Cosmetic Reform, Flawed Elections, Violence and Democratization in Old and New Democracies: The Middle East and North Africa in Comparative Perspective” by Reif, Megan E.

“Mortal Allies: A Theory of Factionalism and the Civil War in Syria” by Schulhofer-Wohl, Jonah

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[P3502] **AME-Language and Conflict: Linguistic Anthropology in the Arab(ic) World** (Saturday, 10/12/13 2:30pm)

“Contested Ideologies in the Scriptorial Landscape of Lebanon” by Riskedahl, Diane

“Interlocutor, Activist, FOAF, Character: Participation Roles of a Bahraini Twitter Parody Account” by Johnson, Amy

“They Don’t Like to Develop Themselves': Linguistic Practices and Class Conflict in Neoliberal Syria” by Terc, Mandy

“Reinscribing Contention: The revolutionary acts of written darija in Morocco” by Schulthies, Becky

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[P3301] **New Histories of National Development during the Middle Eastern Cold War** (Saturday, 10/12/13 2:30pm)

“Each of us uses the weapons available to us: The Algerian Revolution, the Oil Crisis of 1973, and the Apex of Third Worldism” by Byrne, Jeffrey

“Exporting the Soviet Central Asian experience” by Kalinovsky, Artemy

“The Point of No Return: Naksa, National Development, and the United States in Lebanese Imaginations” by Labelle, Maurice Jr. M.

“How the Cold War was Entrapped into the Middle East: The Case of Ba’thist Syria and the German Democratic Republic, 1963-1970” by Trentin, Massimiliano

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[P3617] **Blended Rhythms** (Saturday, 10/12/13 2:30pm)

“The Emergence of Tarab Through Merging Memories: Oriental Dance, Saidi, and Umm Kalthum” by Bordelon, Candace A.

“From Melody to Text: Re-Composing the Nahda Debate on the Codification of Music” by Jamjoum, Hazem

“Arab Music in Latin America: Music and Representation in Buenos Aires, Argentina” by Shaheen, Andrea

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[P3471] **Towards the Centennial-WWI in the Middle East--The Wilsonian Moment in Greater Syria: Struggles for Justice and Self-Determination Denied, 1918-1923** (Saturday, 10/12/13 5:00pm)

“Between Ottoman, Arab and Palestinian Nationalism: The Career of Shaykh al-Muzzafar, 1917-
1923” by Halabi, Awad
“Political Possibilities in 1919 Greater Syria” by Patrick, Andrew
“Syrian-Turkish Relations, 1918-1921” by Rafeq, Abdul-Karim
“Syrian Political Parties and the Palestine Question, 1918-1920” by Salhi, Muhamnad
“Justice Interrupted: Shaykh Rashid Rida, the Aborted 1920 Syrian Arab Constitution, and the Demise of a Liberal Consensus” by Thompson, Elizabeth

[P3608] Claiming Our Rights as Citizens (Saturday, 10/12/13 5:00pm)
“How Working to Stop Sexual Assault at Protests in Cairo Affects Women's Rights Organizing” by Langohr, Vickie
“Breaking the Barrier of Fear: Personal Transformation in the Syrian Uprising” by Pearlman, Wendy
“Competing Visions: Remaking the Relationship between Ruler and Ruled in Abdullah’s Jordan” by Spath, Andrew M.
“From Subjects to Citizens: The Arab Spring, the Internet and the Reinvention of Politics” by Zayani, Mohamed

[P3562] Politics of Notables in the Bilad Al-Sham (Sunday, 10/13/13 8:30am)
“Networking Organizations: A New Approach to Elite Families in the Fertile Crescent” by Chorev, Harel
“Pious Foundations (Waqfs) in Jerusalem as a Tool for the Rise of Local Notables During the 18th Century” by Eroglu Memis, Serife
“The Political Economy of Clientelism in Provincial Iran” by Raisi, Alireza
“Differing views on eighteenth century muftis of Damascus” by Salem, Basil
“Negotiating Borders: Jabal 'Amil and the Seven Shi'i Villages” by Sayed, Linda

[P3609] Early Modern Social Tensions (Sunday, 10/13/13 11:00am)
“Marriage as Status: Preserving the Existing Social Hierarchy in the Ottoman Context” by Atabey, Ali
“Glimmers of a Specialized Court System in the Eighteenth Century: The Davud Pasha Court in Istanbul” by Kayhan Elbirlik, Leyla
“Alawī Peasants, Landlords and Gentry in 18th-Century Syria” by Winter, Stefan
“Rethinking the Student Rebellions in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire: The Case of Bursa” by Yıldırım, Onur