Letter from SSA Graduate Student Representative

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Dear SSA members,

I am pleased to announce the ‘Graduate Student Corner,’ a section dedicated to the contribution of graduate students conducting research on Syria. In previous years, the SSA had a section called ‘Student Voices.’ In establishing ‘Graduate Student Corner,’ we seek a wider participation from scholars engaged in doing research on Syria. While the current crisis in Syria poses several difficulties for carrying out fieldwork inside Syria, many scholars still conduct their researches at the periphery of the country in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and Iraq.

Graduate students can contribute to the Graduate Student Corner by submitting ‘research notes,’ ‘notes from the field,’ and reports/reviews on conferences and workshops related to Syria. Undoubtedly participating in the graduate corner does not prevent you from contributing to other SSA’s sections such as ‘Book Reviews’ and ‘Feature Articles.’

In my capacity as the SSA’s graduate student representative, I list funds, studentship, fellowships, and summer schools which are Syria and/or Arabic-related. I am a PhD candidate at the University of Exeter, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Center for Kurdish Studies. My research interests include memory, history, media, cultural politics, border studies, and refugees.

I look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,
Kawa Morad, May 2014