



SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA

Digest of Current Publications and Events

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CALL FOR PAPERS & CONFERENCES

Feminism in Crisis? Gender and the Arab Public Sphere

19 & 20 January 2018

Conference at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Deadline: 5 November 2017

Conveners: Carmen Geha, Assistant Professor of Public Administration Sara Mourad, Assistant Professor of Media Studies Rim Saab, Assistant Professor of Social Psychology

The Arab public sphere is characterized by a patriarchal logic that ignores, sidelines, and violates women's interests, needs, and rights. In government, public institutions, social movements, and the media, the exclusion of women from public life has had historical and ongoing repercussions on their economic, political, and symbolic status in society. Since the beginning of the popular uprisings in 2011 and the subsequent civil and regional wars, women in the Arab world have become a renewed subject of knowledge production and policy debates. International non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations have acknowledged and addressed the particular experiences and challenges of women in times of revolution, war, and displacement. Governments across the region have passed new legislations addressing domestic violence, sexual harassment, and personal status laws.

In the midst of the geopolitical crises sweeping the region, and between state-feminism's lip service to women's rights on one hand and the NGOization of activism and political participation on the other, this interdisciplinary academic conference asks: what can feminism accomplish? Contributions will address this question in the context of the following four streams:

- 1) Civil society, social movements, and collective action
- 2) Political economy, electoral and public institutions
- 3) Media, representation, and creative practices
- 4) War, conflict, and displacement

Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Hoda Elsadda, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Cairo University, founding member of Women & Memory Forum Nadje Al-Ali, Professor in Gender Studies and Chair of the Center for Gender Studies at SOAS University

We invite theoretical and empirical submissions from scholars from a wide range of fields and disciplines that apply a feminist and intersectional lens to the study of violence, inequality, and injustice in societies in the Arab region and their diasporas. We are interested in a variety of topics including gender roles and identities, women's rights and policy-making, the transformation of masculinity and femininity, feminist organizing and community-building, the intersections of feminism with labor, LGBT, anti-racist, and anti-sectarian movements, as well as theoretical and methodological orientations in the study of gender and sexuality.

We welcome a variety of presentation formats, such as individual paper presentations, panel sessions and roundtable discussions. The working language of the conference will be English (submission and presentations in Arabic are welcome but no translation will be provided). A selection of accepted papers will potentially be published in a themed special journal issue.

Deadline for abstract submission: 5 November 2017. Submissions should be emailed to aub2018conference@gmail.com. Selected contributors will be notified by 20 November 2017.

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23rd Alternative Futures and Popular Protest conference in Manchester

26 - 28 March 2018, Manchester Metropolitan University

Deadline: 26 February 2018

From 1995 to 2017, Manchester Metropolitan University hosted a series of very successful annual international conferences on 'ALTERNATIVE FUTURES and POPULAR PROTEST'. We're very happy to announce that the Twenty Third AF&PP Conference will be held between Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th March 2018.

The Conference rubric will remain as in previous years. The aim is to explore the dynamics of popular movements, along with the ideas which animate their activists and supporters and which contribute to shaping their fate.

Reflecting the inherent cross-disciplinary nature of the issues, previous participants (from over 60 countries) have come from such specialisms as sociology, politics, cultural studies, social psychology, economics, history and geography. The Manchester conferences have been notable for discovering a fruitful and friendly meeting ground between activism and academia.

PRELIMINARY CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite offers of papers relevant to the conference themes. Papers should address such matters as:

- * contemporary and historical social movements and popular protests
- * social movement theory
- * utopias and experiments
- * ideologies of collective action
- * etc.

To offer a paper, please contact either of the conference convenors with a brief abstract:

EITHER Colin Barker, email: c.barker@mmu.ac.uk

OR Mike Tyldesley, email: m.tyldesley@mmu.ac.uk

(Please use email, especially as both Colin Barker and Mike Tyldesley are now retired gents.)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

One way we organise this particular conference is that we ask those giving papers to supply them in advance, for inclusion in a Dropbox folder of the complete papers which will be available to all delegates from the conference opening.

* *Preferred method*: send the paper to Colin Barker as an email attachment in MS Word or .pdf format. Any separate illustrations etc. should be sent separately, in .jpg format.

* Final date for receipt of *abstracts*: Monday 26th February 2018

* Final date for receipt of *actual papers*: Monday 12th March 2018

These are *final dates*. The earlier we receive abstracts, and actual papers, the better.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS

The conference will run from lunch-time Monday 26th March until after lunch on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

The conference cost will be inclusive of three lunches, teas/coffees. The full cost is £150.00, with a cost of £90.00 for students and the unwaged.

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TALKS & OTHER EVENTS

The Home That Was Our Country - A Memoir of Syria

16 October 2017, 5:30-7:30

College Hall B1, AUB, Beirut

Speaker: Alia Malek

At the Arab Spring's hopeful start, Alia Malek returned to Damascus to reclaim her grandmother's apartment, which had been lost to her family since Hafez al-Assad came to power in 1970. Its loss was central to her parents' decision to make their lives in America. In chronicling the people who lived in the Tahaan building, past and present, Alia portrays the Syrians—the Muslims, Christians, Jews, Armenians, and Kurds—who worked, loved, and suffered in close quarters, mirroring the political shifts in their country. Restoring her family's home as the country comes apart, she learns how to speak the coded language of oppression that exists in a dictatorship, while privately confronting her own fears about Syria's future. *The Home That Was Our Country* is a deeply researched, personal journey that shines a delicate but piercing light on Syrian history, society, and

politics. Teeming with insights, the narrative weaves acute political analysis with a century of intimate family history, ultimately delivering an unforgettable portrait of the Syria that is being erased. *More information* [here](#)

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Redefining the Political: The Ultras Football 'Movement' in Egypt

17 October 2017, 5:15pm to 7:15pm

Venue: LSE, Room 9.04, 9th Floor, Tower 2, 2 Clement's Inn, Mobil Court, London WC2A 2AZ

Speaker: Rabab el-Mahdi

In this talk, Rabab El-Mahdi examines the tumultuous path of Egypt's revolutionary process through the lens of the Ultras football fan groups. The story of the Ultras represents a microcosm of Egypt's recent travails and poses questions about mainstream understandings of the country's political landscape. Through focusing on this movement that is often either demonized or romanticized, El-Mahdi shows the significance of the interplay between class and agency in shaping Egypt's politics at a time of historic change. *More information* [here](#)

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WRRS: Dancing with Words: Subverting the Master Narrative in Saudi Women's Literature

25 October 2017, 2:00pm

Venue: Board Room, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, Oxford

Speaker: Dr Basma Al Mutlaq (School of Oriental and African Studies)

As in other parts of the world, women's empowerment has gained prominence in today's Saudi Arabia, with a surge in initiatives and leadership projects – all seeking to address the themes of 'reform', 'renewal' and 'change.' Drawing on Michel Foucault's 'counter memory' theory, I examine women's discourse as a space of identity, power and agency that counters the 'master narrative' of a patriarchal and religious culture. Surveying women's literature between 1960 and 2015, this seminar which is based on my forthcoming book *Saudi Women Writers: Gender, Identity and Resistance*, examines how women writers are challenging their male-dominated culture and responding to the institutionalization of their womanhood. It begins by discussing women's struggle for rights in the kingdom, and how the 'woman issue' has been used as political bargaining chip by both religious/national and Western discourses. Subsequent chapters discuss themes born out of these women's work, which are 'Breaking Taboos', 'Globalization, Women and the City', 'Violence and Gender' and 'Incarcerated bodies'. *More information* [here](#)

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Yemen: From War to Famine

27 October 2017, 12:30- 7:00

Venue: Upper Lounge, Reed Hall, Streatham Campus, University of Exeter, UK

Yemen has been ravaged by years of war, which has claimed the lives of thousands. It has left millions more on the brink of famine and cholera is now spreading throughout the country at an alarming rate. The aim of this conference is to bring attention to the current humanitarian crisis, explore how it came to be, and discuss what should be done. It will shed light on the situation on the ground, share insights from local perspectives and discuss the complicity of the wider international community. Throughout the afternoon, internationally-renowned experts, including politicians, academics, and humanitarian actors, will present their thoughts on the situation in Yemen, each from a distinct perspective. In the evening there will be a screening of a documentary that offers a sobering glimpse into everyday life in the war-torn country. *More information* [here](#)

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The University under Fire: Academic Freedom and Production of Knowledge in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia

28 October 2017, 10:00 to 16:30

Venue: IAIS Building/LT1, University of Exeter

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the issues of academic freedom, academic professions, and the production of knowledge in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia today. Examining the current situation, we will also take a historical perspective. Indeed, if the repression and clamp down on academia following the Arab Springs, the attempted Turkish Coup, and the (rebranding of) authoritarianism in the region, seem extraordinary, pressure on academia and academics is not new. The workshop will give voice primarily to the academics who have first-hand experience working in these contexts, including doctoral students who shape the future of academia and will discuss the borders and the relationship between academic professions and activism in context of repression.

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Legalizing Authoritarianism in Egypt

30 October 2017, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Venue: Forum Transregionale Studien, Wallotstr. 14, 14193 Berlin

Speaker: Amr Hamzawy

Chair: Alia Mossallam

Egypt's new authoritarianism is closing the public space, cracking down on autonomous civil society

and independent political parties, asphyxiating the practice of politics, and pushing citizens away from peaceful and active engagement in public affairs. Fundamental to these policies has been lawmaking. Passing new undemocratically spirited laws such as the protest and terrorism laws, introducing legal amendments targeting civil society and opposition parties, and extending the jurisdiction of the military court system to refer more civilians to military trials have been at the center of the new authoritarian adaptation of lawmaking for its own purposes. *More information [here](#)*

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Sharing the land of Canaan – Popular Resistance in Palestine Towards Sharing the land of Canaan

1 November 2017 - 7:00pm

Venue: Investcorp Auditorium, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, Oxford

Speaker: Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh (Bethlehem & Birzeit Universities)

Co-sponsored by Friends of Birzeit University]

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Palestinian Rights, the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Movement, and Transnational Solidarity

7 November 2017, 6.15 pm

Venue: Wolfson Theatre, LSE

Speakers: Omar Barghouti, Samia Al-Botmeh, John Chalcraft, Magdalena Rafeef Ziadeh

Chair: Ayça Çubukçu

The week commencing 6 November marks 100 years since the Balfour declaration, in which the British government promised the Zionist movement a Jewish national home in Mandate Palestine. It is also 50 years since the start of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories (East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip). The Israel/ Palestine conflict is ongoing, but the diplomatic and political process has been stagnant for almost two decades. Since 2005, however, Palestinian civil society has led a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel, aiming to pressure the latter to concede basic rights to Palestinians. The movement has grown apace, scoring some high profile successes and, especially since 2010, attracting attention in the corridors of power. This panel brings together leading BDS protagonists, rights-activists and academics to discuss the movement and its prospects. What sort of transnational solidarity does the BDS movement propose? What sorts of normative claims does the movement make? What are its strengths and weaknesses? What are its most important achievements and failures to date? *More information [here](#)*

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Neoliberal Development, Protest and Mobilization between the Urban and the Rural: Reflections on the Tunisian Revolution and its Aftermath

07 November 2017, 18:00-20:00

Venue: 4th Floor, Auditorium 2, Bush House, King's College, London

Speaker: Sami Zemni

This presentation engages in the debate on urban contentious politics by returning to the Tunisian revolution. I reflect on how movements, provoked by neoliberal restructurings, emerged, and show how these ultimately came together to form a mass movement demanding radical political change. By analyzing the socio-spatial roots of the Tunisian revolution and by sketching the classes, social groups and movements that coalesced against authoritarian rule in early 2011, I will argue that new urban social movements have deployed new strategies of action, repertoires of contention, created new networks of solidarity and activism and how, in the end, new forms of collective mobilization and claim making are shaping the urban. However, to understand these trends I will also argue that we must re-conceptualize the urban from a relational perspective, that is, an approach that sees the urban as a relational space where movements connect and develop in relation to developments of the rural space. The interplay between urban and rural dynamics of contention seems crucial to understand the nature of unfolding events. *More information* [here](#)

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The Balfour Declaration, One Century After

26 October 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Venue: Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS, London

Speakers: Gilbert Achcar, Avi Shlaim, Jacob Norris, Karma Nabulsi

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Filming Revolution: A Meta-Documentary about Filmmaking in Egypt since the Revolution

08 November 2017, 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Forum Transregionale Studien, Wallotstr. 14, 14193 Berlin

Speakers: Alisa Lebow, Refqa Abu-Remaileh

Documentary took some time to embrace the tremendous potential unleashed by the interactive affordances of Web 2.0, but more than a decade later, it is beginning to find its forms. And while

many still cling to the assurances of narrative with ‘storytelling’ reigning supreme even in the digital database world, we must admit that a rupture has taken place. No longer bound by the linear progression of time or its inherent limitations in terms of narrative causality, the interactive documentary offers opportunities only dreamt of in previous eras. Drawing from the tradition of the essay film and other experimental documentary modalities, this talk will emphasize the tremendous potential for data-base documentary to expand upon some of documentary’s historical strengths. This talk will look at the current state of interactive documentary, broadly speaking, with its current emphasis on ‘storytelling’, arguing in fact, that documentary has long retained the freedom not to tell a story, and the interesting paths it has taken as a result. Associative rather than narrative logic—something that documentary has always availed itself of—suits the non-linear form even better than its linear counterpart. Using my own interactive project, *Filming Revolution* as a case study, we will consider why some interactive projects have productively resisted the compulsion to narrate a story, for reasons as much to do with the politics as the poetics of its subject. *Filming Revolution* (www.filmingrevolution.org) is a data-base meta-documentary, about filmmaking in Egypt since the revolution. *More information* [here](#)

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING BOOKS

No Exit - Arab Existentialism, Jean-Paul Sartre, and Decolonization

Yoav Di-Capua

2018 - University of Chicago Press

It is a curious and relatively little-known fact that for two decades—from the end of World War II until the late 1960s—existentialism’s most fertile ground outside of Europe was in the Middle East, and Jean-Paul Sartre was the Arab intelligentsia’s uncontested champion. In the Arab world, neither before nor since has another Western intellectual been so widely translated, debated, and celebrated. By closely following the remarkable career of Arab existentialism, Yoav Di-Capua reconstructs the cosmopolitan milieu of the generation that tried to articulate a political and philosophical vision for an egalitarian postcolonial world. He tells this story through the use of new Arabic and Hebrew archives, including unpublished diaries and interviews. Tragically, the warm and hopeful relationships forged between Arab intellectuals, Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and others ended when, on the eve of the 1967 war, Sartre failed to embrace the Palestinian cause. Today, when the prospect of global ethical engagement seems to be slipping ever farther out of reach, *No Exit* provides a timely, humanistic account of the intellectual hopes, struggles, and victories that shaped the Arab experience of decolonization and a delightfully wide-ranging excavation of existentialism’s non-Western history.

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Faith and Resistance - The Politics of Love and War in Lebanon

Sarah Marusek

2018 – Pluto Press

Exploring the rise of Shi'i activism in Lebanon and the broader Middle East, in *Faith and Resistance* Sarah Marusek offers a timely analysis of the social and political evolution of Islamic movements. These movements, she shows, have long existed in opposition to a number of different forces. And while that opposition has often been full of contradictions, the growing popularity of such movements has nonetheless led to increasing economic and political powers. Marusek shows here how resistance groups reconcile the acquisition of power with their larger anti-colonial aspirations.

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Trade Unions and Arab Revolutions - The Tunisian Case of UGTT

Hèla Yousfi

2018 - Routledge

This book traces the role of the UGTT (the Tunisian General Labour Union) during Tunisia's 2011 revolution and the transition period that ensued – Tunisia being the Arab country where trade unionism was the strongest and most influential in shaping the outcomes of the uprising. The UGTT; From its role as the cornerstone of the nationalist movement in the colonial era, has always had a key place in Tunisian politics: not so much a labour union but as an organisation that has always linked social struggles to political and national demands. Examining the role played by the UGTT in Tunisia's revolution and more generally in the restructuring of the Tunisian political arena during the three years following the popular uprising. This book asks searching questions such as; how did UGTT interact with the popular uprising that led to the departure of Ben Ali? What was the role played by the UGTT in the "political transition" leading to the adoption on January 26, 2014 of the first democratic constitution in the country's history? How successful was the UGTT in neutralizing the risk of self-implosion caused by the different political and social crises? And what are the challenges that the UGTT faces in the new political landscape?

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Microfoundations of the Arab Uprisings - Mapping Interactions between Regimes and Protesters

Frédéric Volpi and James M. Jasper (Eds)

October 2017 - Amsterdam University Press

This book brings together a roster of prominent contributors to present a strategic interactionist perspective on the study of contentious politics in the Middle East in response to the Arab uprisings. The common thread among the contributions is an interest in the micro-level interactions between various strategic players, including not only the mobilization of protestors during the uprisings but also the responses of regimes. The book also examines short to medium-term adaptations of the regimes and the collective action of opponents in the post-uprisings period, as well as the subsequent trajectories of the protestors themselves in the face of new forms of authoritarianism or democratization.

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The Crime of Nationalism: Britain, Palestine, and Nation-Building on the Fringe of Empire

Matthew Kraig Kelly

October 2017 - University of California Press

The Palestinian national movement gestated in the early decades of the twentieth century, but it was born during the Great Revolt of 1936–39, a period of Arab rebellion against British policy in the Palestine mandate. In *The Crime of Nationalism*, Matthew Kraig Kelly makes the unique case that the key to understanding the Great Revolt lies in what he calls the “crimino-national” domain—the overlap between the criminological and the nationalist dimensions of British imperial discourse, and the primary terrain upon which the war of 1936–39 was fought. Kelly’s analysis amounts to a new history of one of the major anticolonial insurgencies of the interwar period and a critical moment in the lead-up to Israel’s founding. *The Crime of Nationalism* offers crucial lessons for the scholarly understanding of nationalism and insurgency more broadly.

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Instability in the Middle East - Structural Causes and Uneven Modernisation 1950–2015

Karel Cerný

November 2017 - University of Chicago Press

Middle Eastern instability is manifest externally in many ways: by crises afflicting governing regimes, the rise of political Islam, terrorism, revolution, civil war, increased migration, and the collapse of

many states. This book examines the roots of this instability using a theoretically original and empirically supported historical-sociological comparative analysis. Countering common interpretations of postcolonial Middle Eastern development, *Instability in the Middle East* focuses on the highly uneven and unsynchronized pace of change in individual sociodemographic, economic, and political dimensions of modernization. Drawing on the theory of multiple modernities, Černý investigates the broader cultural, religious, and international political context of uneven modernization in the Middle East and tests his model using a time series of dozens of indicators over the past fifty years, revealing a long-term trend of cumulative change across the region.

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Rap Beyond Resistance: Staging Power in Contemporary Morocco

Cristina Moreno Almeida
2017- Palgrave Macmillan

This book fills the gap in existing literature by exploring other forms of political discourses in non-Western rap music. Theoretically, it challenges and explores resistance, arguing towards the need for different epistemological frameworks in which to look at narratives of cultural resistance in the Arabic-speaking world. Empirically, it provides an in-depth look at the politics of rap culture in Morocco. *Rap Beyond Resistance* bridges the humanities and social sciences in order to de-Westernize cultural studies, presenting the political narratives of the Moroccan rap scene beyond secular liberal meanings of resistance. By exploring what is political, this book brings light to a vibrant and varied rap scene diverse in its political discourses – with an emphasis on patriotism and postcolonial national identity – and uncovers different ways in which young artists are being political beyond ‘radical lyrics’.

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Where are the Unions? - Workers and Social Movements in Latin America, Middle East and Europe

Sian Lazar (Ed)
2017 - University of Chicago Press

The start of this century has been marked by global demands for economic justice. From the wave that swept through Latin America to the Arab revolutions and the Occupy and anti-austerity movements in Europe and North America, the past twenty years have witnessed the birth of a new type of mass mobilization. Looking closely at this worldwide push for change, *Where are the Unions?* is the first book to compare the challenges faced by movements in Latin America with those in the Arab world and Europe. As the contributors to this volume show, workers’ strikes and protests played a critical role in these mass movements, yet their role has been significantly understated in many narratives of these events. *Where are the Unions?* corrects this oversight by focusing on the

complex interactions among organized workers, the unemployed, the self-employed, youth, students, and the state, while critically assessing the concept of the precariat—the social class made up of people without job security. With contributions from four continents, this is the most comprehensive look at the global context of mass mobilization within the last two decades.

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Crisis and Class War in Egypt - Class Warfare, the State and Global Political Economy

Sean McMahon

2016 - University of Chicago Press

The toppling of the Mubarak regime in Egypt was initially greeted with widespread optimism with many hoping that it would provide a powerful model for change throughout the Middle East. However, this optimism faded as the brief period of democracy gave way to a renewed military dictatorship intent on cracking down on dissent. In *Crisis and Class War in Egypt*, Sean McMahon examines why the transition was so short and what this may mean for resistance movements in the region. McMahon argues that events since the fall of Mubarak constitute a string of counterrevolutions, led by the older elite represented by the military. Though they initially endorsed the overthrow of Mubarak and colluded with the Muslim Brotherhood, they turned on them when it no longer suited their interests. Now this elite has turned its efforts against the Egyptian workers, peasants, and activists who originally drove protests against the Mubarak regime. Consequently, McMahon sees these events in Egypt as the product of a wider crisis of capitalism, perpetuating class struggles across the Middle East. *Crisis and Class War in Egypt* provides a much-needed corrective analysis of Egypt today, revealing where Egypt's revolution went wrong, and how it can be saved.

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Revolution in Rojava - Democratic Autonomy and Women's Liberation in the Syrian Kurdistan

Michael Knapp, Anja Flach, and Ercan Ayboga

2016 - Pluto Press

Given the widespread violence and suffering in Syria, it's not unreasonable that outsiders look at the situation as unrelentingly awful. And while the reality of the devastation is undeniable, there is reason for hope in at least one small pocket of the nation: the cantons of Rojava in Syrian Kurdistan, where in the wake of war people are quietly building one of the most progressive societies in the world today. *Revolution in Rojava* tells the story of Rojava's groundbreaking experiment in what they call democratic confederalism, a communally organized democracy that is fiercely anti-capitalist and committed to female equality, while rejecting reactionary nationalist ideologies. Rooted in the ideas of imprisoned Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan, the system is built on effective

gender quotas, bottom-up democratic structures, far-sighted ecological policies, and a powerful militancy that has allowed the region to keep ISIS at bay. This first full-length study of democratic developments in Rojava tells an extraordinary and powerfully hopeful story of a little-known battle for true freedom in dark times.

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Egypt - Contested Revolution

Philip Marfleet
2016 - Pluto Press

Many obituaries have been written for Egypt's attempted revolution. But for Philip Marfleet, the revolution is an ongoing process best understood by examining the complex, changing relations among its principal actors. In *Egypt*, Marfleet gives a robust, wide-lens account of the political struggle unfolding from just before the "Arab Spring" of 2011 to the summer of 2015. In his exploration of the events unfolding in Egypt over these tumultuous five years, Marfleet asks what can be learned from Egypt and the political upheavals that continue to affect societies in the Middle East and throughout the global south. Testimonies from participants across the political spectrum explore their engagements in the streets, workplaces, campuses, and neighborhoods, in addition to the formal political arena. Drawing on considerable primary research, *Egypt* offers one of the best participant-orientated accounts of the country's struggle published to date.

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Rival Kurdish Movements in Turkey - Transforming Ethnic Conflict

Mustafa Gürbüz
2016 - Amsterdam University Press

The place occupied by Kurds in Turkish society has changed remarkably in recent years. Around the turn of the millennium, the Turkish state still denied their very existence, whereas now Kurdish parties are seen as key parts of Turkish political life. This book uses the situation of the Kurds in Turkey as a case study for attempting to understand the conditions that foster nonviolent civic engagement in emerging civil societies. How and why did the Kurds choose participation over rebellion, discarding the violent approach of the PKK and opting instead for organization within the structures of the state? And what can their success teach us about possible ways to encourage similar approaches in other developing democracies?

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Marxism and the Muslim World

Maxime Rodinson
2015 – Zed Books

In the aftermath of the Arab Spring, Maxime Rodinson's Marxist analyses of contemporary politics and economics in the Muslim world are more salient than ever. In this collection, Rodinson emphasizes the economic and political, rather than religious, characteristics of Islam, covering topics like the history of the Marxist movement in the Islamic Middle East; the dialogue between socialism and Islam, and Marxism and Arab nationalism; the relationship between national conflicts and class struggle, and the history of communism in Arab states such as Syria and Egypt. Unashamedly political and polemical, Rodinson offers an insightful picture of political Islam and Marxism, and their profound implications for the Arab working class—and the future of the region.

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Tunisian Revolutions: Reflections on Seas, Coasts, and Interiors

Julia Clancy-Smith
2014 - Georgetown University Press

In December 2010 an out-of-work Tunisian merchant, Mohamed Bouazizi, set himself on fire and precipitated the Arab Spring. Popular interpretations of Bouazizi's self-immolation viewed economic and political despair as the root of the Tunisian revolution, but as Julia Clancy-Smith points out Tunisia's long history of revolutions and protest movements presents a far more complicated set of causes. Proposing a conceptual framework of "coastalization" v. "interiorization," Clancy-Smith examines Tunisia's last two centuries and demonstrates how geographical and environmental and social factors also lie behind that country's volatile history. Within this framework Clancy-Smith explores how Tunisia's coast became a Mediterranean playground for transnational elites, a mecca of tourism, while its interior agrarian regions suffered increasing neglect and marginalization. This distinction has had a profound impact on the fate of Tunisia, and has manifested itself in divisive debates over politics and religion and gender that have led to a series of mass civic actions that continue to this day. Clancy-Smith proposes a fresh historical lens through which to view the relationship between spacial displacements, regionalization, and transnationalism.

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Feminist Activism, Women's Rights, and Legal Reform

Mulki Al-Sharmani (Ed)
2013 – Zed Books

This ground-breaking collection investigates the relationship between feminist activism and legal reform as a pathway to gender justice and social change. Since the advent of feminist movements

legal reform has been a popular and yet contentious vehicle for seeking women's rights and empowerment. This important book looks at comparative insights drawn from field-based research on the processes, the challenges, and the outcomes of legal reform and feminist activism. *Feminist Activism, Women's Rights, and Legal Reform* brings together cases from Middle East, Latin America, and Asia of the successes and failures of reform efforts concerning the promulgation and implementation of new family laws and domestic violence codes.

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NEWS PIECES & COMMENTARY

Activists on trial in Morocco for violating national security after using app

Aida Alami

11 October 2017, Middle East Eye

The trial of seven Moroccan writers and pro-democracy activists has again been postponed, some accused of undermining national security, amid a crackdown on pro-democracy voices. The seven have been accused for allegedly promoting independent journalism, after teaching citizen journalists how to use Story Maker, a smartphone app that produces and publishes news stories. Five stand accused of violating national security and could face up to five years in prison. The other two are accused of benefitting from foreign funding to harm the image of Morocco. "This trial is political," said Maati Monjib, a Moroccan historian at Mohammed V University in Rabat who is among those charged with a national security violation. "Its aim is to silence us." A court in Rabat on Wednesday postponed the trial, for the ninth time in two years. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Activism and political organising in academia: a conversation with Ilan Pappé

Carol Que

11 October 2017, openDemocracy

... for me it's been a long journey, finding the golden mean between scholarship and activism. Probably one of the biggest hurdles was the criticism that my work would be too political, too politicised... implying that it is of a lesser quality. It takes a while to be bold enough, and say that this is almost a ridiculous idea, that one can write an objective history of a place where a conflict rages on today. In fact, in almost every case, one would find it quite presumptuous to think that the historian

can provide a neutral narrative. The only way that you can provide a neutral narrative, and this is also true for social sciences, not only for analysing the past but also analysing the present – the only way to do it is to be extremely boring, to be so careful, to be so literal, that you don't say anything of significance. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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[Egypt:] Students strike out at universities as new campus dress codes imposed

Mai Shams El-Din

10 October 2017, Mada Masr

Students on Egypt's public university campuses are now subject to new dress codes that prohibit a range of fashion choices, from ripped jeans, baggy or tight fitting pants, "revealing" clothes that "that evoke the desires of male students" and galabeyas, to certain hairstyles that some administrators have called "disgusting" and judge to be at the root of issues like sexual harassment or improper university behavior. Students have struck out against the new regulations, with some saying it amounts to "moral guardianship." The Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministry Spokesperson Adel Abdel Ghaffar told Mada Masr on Sunday that during a meeting ahead of the new academic year, the High Council for Universities instructed university administrations to bring "discipline" back to Egyptian campuses. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Assad has won the war - now Syrian activists hope to win the peace

Olivia Alabaster

10 October 2017, Middle East Eye

It is a narrative that regional and world powers have begun to accept: the Syrian war is over, and Bashar al-Assad has won. After six years of conflict, and half a million dead, what little military will remains – on either side - is focused on defeating the remnants of Islamic State. But a counter-narrative is being pushed by those opposition members in far flung capitals: regardless of the military outcome, transitional justice must be served, and democracy will eventually prevail. "It's not about who wins. It's about how we release the detainees, and ending torture, and finding out where the missing people are," said Mazen Darwish, a Syrian civil rights activist who himself was released from prison in 2015. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Iraqi Kurdistan: the fight for a seat at the table of nations

Charles Glass

6 October 2017, openDemocracy

Of the 72 percent of registered voters who turned up at the polls, a little more than 93 percent opted to separate their homeland from Iraq. Independence, however, is fraught with the dangers of disputed borders, ferocious opposition from its neighbors and internal dissent. As a longtime “friend of the Kurds” who made his first illegal attempt to enter Iraqi Kurdistan from Iran in 1974 with ABC News’ Peter Jennings but succeeded many times thereafter, I want to see them free and secure. More than that, my wish is to see them avoid the destruction and displacement of the kind that Saddam Hussein inflicted on them in 1975, 1988 and 1991, when the United States abandoned them to their fate. Their leaders would be well advised to proceed with caution. The Iraqi Kurds’ antagonistic leaders are Massoud Barzani in Arbil and Hero Ibrahim Ahmad, a formidable woman who acts as a kind of regent while her husband, former Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, languishes in a semi-coma. The Barzanis and Talabanis, though rivals, guided their people through the dark years of genocide by the Iraqi government and brought them to the semi-independent status they enjoy today. For that, they deserve our respect. They probably do not deserve my advice, but I’ll offer it anyway. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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For the 119th Time, Israel Demolished the Palestinian Bedouin Village al-Araqib

Matthew DeMaio

6 October 2017, Muftah

On Tuesday, October 4, Israeli police demolished the Negev village of al-Araqib for the 119th time since 2010. The village is home to around 220 Palestinian Bedouin citizens of Israel and is formally unrecognized by the state of Israel. The residents of al-Araqib have been ordered to pay for the demolitions, at a cumulative cost of more than \$600,000. Al-Araqib’s dubious unrecognized status is shared by thirty-five Bedouin villages, most of which were founded after their current inhabitants were displaced during the Nakba. Altogether, these villages are home to around half of the 160,000 Palestinian Bedouin citizens of Israel and do not have basic services, like water and electricity. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Palestine 2015 attacks triggered new path of resistance

Linah Alsaafin

4 October 2017, Al-Jazeera

Just before noon on a warm October day, a shopkeeper in the Old City of Jerusalem was thinking about the young man who moments ago had asked him for a lighter, despite not carrying any cigarettes. Suddenly, the shopkeeper heard screams and a large commotion. As he stepped outside his store he saw the same young man stabbing a Jewish settler with a knife, before taking the settler's gun and shooting another settler. The shopkeeper ducked back inside his store. Later he would tell local media that he had never seen anyone carrying out such an attack with such quiet calmness, almost with serenity. The young man was Muhannad Halabi, a law student at the Al-Quds University, who was just a few weeks short of his 20th birthday. Israeli forces shot him dead at the scene, but not before he had killed two Israelis and injured two others. Halabi's act was lauded by Palestinians as the spark of the October 2015 uprising. His stabbing and shooting of settlers had opened up the way for a surge of attacks carried out by individual Palestinians - politically unaffiliated, mostly under the age of 25 - against Israelis in the occupied West Bank, Jerusalem and modern day Israel. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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The Israeli algorithm criminalizing Palestinians for online dissent

NADIM NASHIF and MARWA FATAFTA

4 October 2017, openDemocracy

The Palestinian Authority's (PA) arrest of West Bank human rights defender Issa Amro for a Facebook post last month is the latest in the the PA's recent crackdown on online dissent among Palestinians. Yet it's a tactic long used by Israel, which has been monitoring social media activity and arresting Palestinians for their speech for years – and has recently created a computer algorithm to aid in such oppression. Since 2015, Israel has detained around 800 Palestinians because of content they wrote or shared online, mainly posts that are critical of Israel's repressive policies or share the reality of Israeli violence against Palestinians. In the majority of these cases, those detained did not commit any attack; mere suspicion was enough for their arrest. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Egypt escalates crackdown on LGBT people after rainbow flag display

3 October 2017, Middle East Eye

Egyptian authorities have arrested at least 22 people in the past four days as part of a campaign against LGBT people, a rights group has said. Thirty-two men and one woman have now been detained since rainbow flags were displayed at a pop concert in Cairo last month, according to

activists. Anal examinations have been reportedly carried out on five of those arrested, reported Amnesty International on Monday. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Not another story of failed liberation: tensions in Bashur and Rojava in the light of the referendum

Huseyin Rasit

22 September 2017, openDemocracy

In less than a week, the people of Bashur will go the polls to vote on independence. As the referendum decision has created ripples through the Middle East and beyond, the reactions of Turkey, Iran, and Iraq have been predictably hostile. After all, in the last hundred years since the World War One, these states have repeatedly tried to keep the Kurds in line through a combination of war, repression, and even attempts at genocide. So, one should not be so surprised as they throw various threats at the KRG now. More interesting, however, is how the political fractures among Kurdish people and different parts of Kurdistan have become more manifest. Indeed, we now have at least two Kurdistans: Bashur with its capitalist modernization and Rojava and its allies with their democratic confederalism. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Women's Testimonies of the Tunisian Uprising (2011-2015)

Rania Said

18 September 2017, Muftah

Testimonial narratives are an essential feature of intellectual life in post-totalitarian societies. Post-Soviet Eastern Europe, post-dictatorial Latin America, and post-Apartheid South Africa all witnessed a proliferation of autobiographical accounts by victims of the *ancien régime*, seeking to reclaim their public voice. Currently, post-Ben Ali Tunisia is witnessing the same phenomenon. More and more activists and intellectuals have begun reflecting on the past, in order to forge the country's future. What is remarkable about this wave is the increasing number of women, including both activists and intellectuals, who have written autobiographical accounts of the uprising and its aftermath. Most of these reflections were written retrospectively after the fall of Zine el Abidine Ben Ali's regime and in the middle of the transitional period leading up to Constituent Assembly elections in October 2011 and the first free presidential elections in November 2014. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Targeting the Ultras: Why are security forces trying to erase the memory of the stands?

Mai Shams El-Din

18 September 2017, Mada Masr

Security forces arrested 150 Ahly Football Club fans (Ultras Ahlawy) from Borg al-Arab stadium in Alexandria on Saturday, the most recent incident in a pattern of detaining members of Egypt's football fan associations. Thirty two of those arrested during the match between Ahly and Tunisia's Esperance have been held and charged, the remainder were released, according to Lawyer Mohamed Hafez. Saturday's arrests did not follow the typical pattern of clashes between Ultras and security forces, Hafez says, suggesting that fans were arrested for wearing shirts bearing the number 74, a reference to the fans that were killed during the 2012 Port Said stadium violence. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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A trip to southern Tunisia: The struggle for social justice in North Africa continues

Hamza Hamouchene and Nada Trigui

13 September 2017, Middle East Eye

This spring, we travelled with a group of activists, all working on issues of extractivism, natural resource sovereignty and workers rights, to meet Tunisians pushing for the same. Here's what we learned on our journey. Six years after the start of the revolutionary process in Tunisia, there is a sense of unrest, disenchantment and disillusion in the country. Social mobilisations, protests and occupations are multiplying, reflecting the ongoing resistance of the Tunisian people to the oppressive economic and political structures that led them to revolt in the first place. People are asking what happened to the promises of the 2011 revolution and the demands of social justice and national dignity. How is it possible to be unemployed when wealth is being created in mines and quarries and gas fields just around the corner? *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Morocco and the return of autocracy - Playing with fire

Mohamed Taifouri

5 June 2017, Qantra

Observers of the political scene in Morocco cannot but see a retreat from democracy. It seems that those who hold the kind of views which have been circulating in and outside Morocco in the wake of Abdelilah Benkirane's dismissal as head of government have not read any of the political literature about modern Morocco. Apparently, the state is determined to continue a programme of reform,

albeit at its own pace and according to its own priorities, whilst adducing examples and slogans in its support such as "a new constitution, early elections, electoral neutrality" etc. The current process of reform is no more than that of a system bent on renewing its authoritarian rule and extending its control internally, whilst at the same time enhancing its image and ensuring its acceptance internationally. After a quarter of a century of an official reform policy, this choice reflects the uncertainty which has become part of a political system trying to remain in the grey zone between a closed system and an open one. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Professor International Studies, UCI

Deadline: 31 December 2017

The International Studies Program at the University of California, Irvine invites applications from outstanding scholars involved in critical interdisciplinary global research with substantive foci in political, sociocultural, historical, legal, geographical and economic issues to apply for a tenure-track assistant professor position. All candidates with a research agenda that engages complex global issues and cuts across foci in creative ways will be considered. The successful candidate will hold a PhD in a relevant discipline in the social sciences or humanities. Candidates should address explicitly how critical and global perspectives are deployed and/or local-global dimensions feature in their research. Candidates should have an outstanding record of research, publication, teaching and professional service.

The International Studies Program is planning to become a full department with a unique doctoral program. The candidate will be involved in building an innovative, interdisciplinary and diverse intellectual environment and developing curriculum around global theory, research, and pressing regional and transnational issues.

Applicants should submit a cover letter highlighting qualifications, evidence of teaching excellence, statement of teaching, curriculum vitae, up to three publications and ensure three letters of reference are submitted by the deadline. A separate statement that addresses past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion must also be included in the application materials. These materials should be directed to Professor Eve Darian-Smith, Director, International Studies, University of California, Irvine CA 92697-5100.

Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2017 and continue until the post is filled.

Preference may be given to those candidates who demonstrate a sustained commitment to advance equitable access to higher education, and who have performed public and university service that addresses the needs of underrepresented minority populations.

The University of California, Irvine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer advancing inclusive excellence. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, or other protected categories covered by the UC nondiscrimination policy. A recipient of an NSF ADVANCE Award for gender equity, UCI is responsive to the needs of dual career couples, supports work-life balance through an array of family-friendly policies, and is dedicated to broadening participation in higher education.

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Assistant Professor in Ottoman History, NYU

Deadline: 31 October 2017

The Departments of History and of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at New York University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Ottoman history, to begin September 1, 2018, pending administrative and budgetary approval. Applicants' research may focus on any period or aspect of Ottoman history, but we are particularly interested in candidates specializing in the pre-1800 period. Applicants must have the Ph.D. in hand by the time of appointment and be prepared to teach at both the undergraduate and graduate levels (including broad surveys of Ottoman history) and to supervise doctoral dissertation research.

Those wishing to apply should submit a detailed cover letter describing research and teaching experience, C.V., writing sample (a published article, conference paper or dissertation/book chapter), syllabi, and three letters of recommendation via the NYU History Department Employment.

The Faculty of Arts and Science at NYU is at the heart of a leading research university that spans the globe. We seek scholars of the highest caliber that embody the diversity of the United States as well as the global society in which we live. We strongly encourage applications from women, racial and ethnic minorities, and other individuals who are under-represented in the profession, across color, creed, race, ethnic and national origin, physical ability, gender and sexual identity, or any other legally protected basis. NYU affirms the value of differing perspectives on the world as we strive to build the strongest possible university with the widest reach. To learn more about the FAS commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion, please read here. (<http://as.nyu.edu/content/nyu-as/as/administrative-resources/office/dean/diversity-initiative.html>). EOE/Affirmative Action/Minorities/Females/Vet/Disabled/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity.

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Assistant Professor – Middle Eastern History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The Department of History at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UA Little Rock) invites applications for a position at the tenure track Assistant Professor – Middle Eastern History (R96970) level with a starting date of August 16, 2018. UA Little Rock offers a competitive salary and attractive fringe benefits. This position is governed by state and federal laws, and agency/institution policy. Teaching responsibilities include World Civilization history survey courses, upper level and graduate courses, and MA thesis supervision. An active research agenda that will lead to publications is required. Service is expected at department, college and university levels, along with community engagement. Qualifications: Ph.D. in history or related field. Experience with or willingness to participate in online teaching and learning.

The History Department is home to a number of programs including a master's degree in Public History. For more information on the History Department visit <http://ualr.edu/history/> UA Little Rock is a research-intensive doctoral institution with a metropolitan university mission. Founded in 1927 and part of the University of Arkansas system since 1969, UA Little Rock serves a diverse population of roughly 12,000 students. For more information on UA Little Rock visit <http://ualr.edu> .

Required Education and/or Experience: Ph.D. in history or related field. College level teaching experience required including experience with or willingness to participate in online teaching and learning.

Application materials must be submitted through the UALR PeopleAdmin online application system. Additional information about this position and application requirements are available under the Jobs link on the Human Resources' website at <http://ualr.edu/humanresources/>. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

This position is subject to a pre-employment criminal background and financial history check. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication and/or adverse financial history information alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and actively seeks the candidacy of minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities. Under Arkansas law, all applications are subject to disclosure. Persons hired must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States.

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Two-year Junior Research Fellow, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University

Deadline: 31 October 2017

Outstanding scholars of Middle East politics, economics, history, religion, sociology, or anthropology are invited for the 2018-2020 academic years.

The Crown Center for Middle East Studies is offering two-year fellowships to outstanding scholars of Middle East politics, economics, history, religion, anthropology, or sociology for the 2018-2020 academic years. This consecutive, two-year fellowship is targeted at junior scholars with PhD in hand and not yet tenured. The fellowship's goal is to allow junior scholars the flexibility and means to advance a specific research project related to the contemporary Middle East.

Because of this unique opportunity for a two-year fellowship, there will not be an application cycle during Fall 2018. The Center will resume its annual application cycle for one-year fellowships in Fall 2019 for the 2020-2021 academic year.

About the Crown Center

The Crown Center is committed to conducting balanced and dispassionate research of the modern Middle East that meets the highest academic standards. In addition, the Center seeks to help make decision- and opinion-makers better informed about the region. The scope of the Center's research includes the 22 members of the Arab League as well as Turkey, Iran, and Israel. The Crown Center's approach is multi-disciplinary in its study of the politics, economics, history, security, sociology, and anthropology of the region's states and societies.

The Center's research staff reflects its broad geopolitical focus. During its 12 years of operation, scholars with high-level expertise about Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the smaller GCC states, as well as Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya, have conducted research at the Center. In addition to hosting conferences, seminars, and workshops, the Center publishes the *Middle East Brief* series, which are concise analyses of contemporary developments and events in the Middle East. The Center's core faculty also teach undergraduate- and graduate-level courses in numerous departments at Brandeis University.

Eligibility

The 2018-2020 Junior Research Fellowship is open to both recent PhDs (as a post-doctoral position) and assistant professors in Middle East-related fields. A PhD must be completed by September 1, 2018.

This fellowship is a two-year appointment beginning September 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2020. The annual stipend is \$48,000. In addition, funding is available for research, travel, and related expenses. Fringe benefits will be available during the two-year appointment period.

Fellows are expected to be in residence at the Crown Center during the tenure of the fellowship. During their residence, fellows are required to write a *Middle East Brief* each year and participate in all Crown Center seminars, conferences, and other events.

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PhD Studentship: Cross - Community Oral History, Post - Conflict Geography and Conflict Resolution at West Belfast

Deadline: 30 October 2017

PhD Studentship in collaboration with Falls Community Council and University of Brighton
Applications are invited for an AHRC - funded PhD at the University of Brighton: " Cross - Community Oral History, Post - Conflict Geography and Conflict Resolution at West Belfast Interfaces ". This is offered under the TECHNE Doctoral Training Partnership Awards scheme. The partner institutions are the University of Brighton and Falls Community Council (FCC) in West Belfast .

The studentship will be supervised by Professor Graham Dawson and Professor Catherine Moriarty of the University of Brighton and Claire Hackett of FCC . This full - time studentship, which is funded for three years at standard AHRC rates, will begin on 1 October 2018 . The Studentship This studentship will investigate, evaluate and contribute to further development of the Dúchas Oral History Archive as a tool for conflict resolution and reconciliation in West Belfast. Established by Falls Community Council in 1999, the original aim of the Archive was to record experiences of the Northern Ireland conflict in nationalist West Belfast. This has expanded through peacebuilding work with working class communities across Belfast .

Over time, contacts with unionist communities emerged, were nurtured, and developed into a cross - community partnership for gathering interviews and creating opportunities for public and private conversations about history and memory. The archive now contains a range of collections and includes interviews from residents at the interfaces between the unionist Shankill and nationalist Divis, Clonard and Springfield areas. The project involves critical exploration of the strategies and practices devised by Dúchas to build relationships across divisions and to acknowledge and deal with a conflicted history. It will examine the Archive's conception of the relationship between oral history and conflict resolution, and how conflict s and division s that arise in community and cross - community oral history practice on West Belfast's interfaces have been addressed in its work .

Dúchas 's influence on local under standings about the value of cross - community history - making and memory - work , and its role in the societal and policy conversation about the significance of storytelling work in dealing with the past , will be considered . The project also involve s detailed engagement with the narratives collected in the Archive , and pioneer their use in making an interpretative history of experiences and memories of 'place' on both sides of the interfaces before, during and after the Troubles. Drawing on current academic scholarship on life history and memory

of conflict , post - conflict geography and conflict resolution, and attending to differences within as well as between interface communities, the project will explore how these stories may inform a local history concerned with community identity and relationship, spatial division and fragmentation, social (dis)connectedness , and grass - roots agency in relation to State policy and practice . Through this twin approach, the studentship will advance further development s in cross - community storytelling and archiving practices by the Dúchas Archive and its partnership organisations , and contribute to wider debates amongst community practitioners, policy - makers and academics about the uses and limitations of oral history in conflict resolution and reconciliation.

Eligibility: Applicants must satisfy AHRC eligibility requirements and should normally have a Masters degree and interdisciplinary academic experience in one or more of the following: life history research, cultural memory studies, historical cultural studies, social history, cultural geography, social anthropology. Practical experience of an oral/community history project, and/or peace - building/conflict resolution work, and/or archiving, would be an advantage. Applicants must be a resident of the UK or European Economic Area (EEA). In general, full studentships are available to students who are settled in the UK and have been ordinarily resident for a period of at least three years before the start of postgraduate studies.

Fees - only awards are generally available to EU nationals resident in the EEA. International applicants are normally not eligible to apply for this studentship. Funding Subject to AHRC eligibility criteria, the studentship covers tuition fees and a grant (stipend) towards living expenses. The value of the stipend for 2018/19 is yet to be confirmed. However, it is likely to be £14, 553 plus £550 additional stipend payment for Collaborative Doctoral Students. Students can apply for an additional six months stipend to engage in extended development activities such as work placements. For more information visit: <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/skills/phdstudents/fundingandtraining> .

As a TECHNE student, the person selected will have full access to the TECHNE Doctoral Training Partnership development activities and networking opportunities, joining a cohort of about 50 students per year from across seven universities in London and the south - east. See www.techne.ac.uk . TECHNE students can also apply for additional funding to support individual or group training and development activities.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit via email a curriculum vitae (no more than two pages), a sample of writing, a brief letter outlining their qualification for the studentship, and the names and contact details of two academic referees to brighton - doctoral - college@brighton.ac.uk no later than 5pm on 30 October 2017 .

All documents should be submitted in either a MS Word or PDF format. Please ensure the subject line of your email appears as 'surname, first name – FCC /Brighton studentship.' Interviews are scheduled to be held in Brighton the week beginning 13 November 2017 . Shortlisted candidates will be required to complete an application to the Doctoral Programme at the University of Brighton.

For further information please contact Professor Graham Dawson (g.dawson@brighton.ac.uk | +44 (0)1273 643301

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