



SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA

Digest of Current Publications and Events

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FEATURED POSITION: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN GENDER AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Deadline: 31 August 2018

The Department of Global Development Studies (DEVS) at Queen's University invites applications for a Tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of Gender and Social Movements in the Islamic World. We welcome applicants whose research examines the rise of diverse social movements that have challenged authoritarian states, ailing development models, and cultural and political norms around gender and sexuality throughout the Islamic World. The geographic focus is open. We seek an innovative researcher and educator interested in exploring global/local levels of scholarly and experiential engagement. The successful applicant will assume responsibility for one or more of our core undergraduate and graduate courses such as The Political Economy of Development, Culture and Development, and Research Methods. The preferred start date is July 1, 2019.

Candidates must have a PhD or equivalent degree completed at the start date of the appointment. The main criteria for selection are academic and teaching excellence. The successful candidate will provide evidence of strong potential for outstanding teaching contributions at the undergraduate and graduate levels. S/he will be expected to work collaboratively with other members in the department in the area of curriculum design. Methodological innovation and comfort with current and emergent teaching technologies will also be assets. The successful candidate will provide evidence of high quality scholarly output that demonstrates potential for independent research moving beyond the dissertation and leading to peer-assessed publications. Candidates must provide evidence of strong communicative and interpersonal skills combined with a flexible attitude and ability to work in an interdisciplinary, collaborative environment. The successful candidate will also be expected to make substantive contributions through service to the department, to the Faculty, to the University, and/or to the broader community. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Queen's is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ persons. DEVS is enriched intellectually, socially and culturally by the presence and participation of people from diverse educational backgrounds, including from the Global South.

To comply with Federal laws, the University is obliged to gather statistical information about how many applicants for each job vacancy are Canadian citizens / permanent residents of Canada. Applicants need not identify their country of origin or citizenship, however, all applications must include one of the following statements: "I am a Canadian citizen / permanent resident of Canada"; OR, "I am not a Canadian citizen / permanent resident of Canada". Applications that do not include this information will be deemed incomplete.

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CALL FOR PAPERS & CONFERENCES

Reconstructing Neighborhoods of War: Beirut, Warsaw, Dresden, Aleppo et al

Orient-Institut Beirut, 29 November - 1 December 2018

Deadline: 1 August 2018

Reconstructing neighborhoods destroyed in war involves two aspects which are both interrelated and interdependent: From the technical perspective issues as mapping the damages, developing strategic plans for reconstruction, restoration and renovation of buildings and infrastructures, and, in the process, possibly archeological examinations.

From the social perspective it involves questions pertaining to the social fabric of the destroyed neighborhoods. For neighborhoods are the spatial and social clusters which make up cities. A neighborhood is not only a city quarter, i.e. a bounded geographical territory made up of living spaces but also a series of social networks of varying intensity where neighbors interact in various ways. While the spatial concept of neighborhood has long been the focus of geographical, architectural and archeological research, the social concept of neighborhood has been quite neglected. This is especially true when it concerns the question of reconstruction after armed conflict.

Neighborly relations are multi-faceted and ambiguous. Mostly sociological research has shown that the concept of neighborliness, i.e. the set of expectations or norms for behavior in a neighborhood entails mostly an aspect of mutual aid in either the daily life (more socially inclined neighbors) or an emergency (less socially inclined neighbors). Neighbors can have a wider network of neighborly relations or one close to their living space. Research has shown that only a minority, even in big Western cities, prefers total anonymity and independence. Much less research has been undertaken in non-western neighborhoods where, as a hypothesis, also kinship and group affiliation plays a role in neighborhoods.

Everywhere, however, the mostly forced spatial relationships of neighborhood are on the one hand a source of mutual aid and cooperation and, at the same time, by their very nature, also the source of potential friction, hostility and even violence. Neighborhoods have been described as extensions of one's household, i.e. one's most personal space. Conflicts between neighbors thus are particularly bitter and long-lasting. Residents can be tied to and anchored in their neighborhoods in mostly two ways which reflect the double aspect of neighborhood: they can be attached to the actual locale with its specific traits. Or they can be tied more to the relationships and social networks they have established with their neighbors.

When it comes to the successful reconstruction of cities after wars, all these aspects play a role. The aim of the conference is to find out in a historical and comparative way how neighborhoods had to be socially structured for them to be reconstructed in a way so that they function successfully again. Or, in cases where they did not function well how they could be reconstructed in a better way. We

consciously want to compare cities from various world regions (Europe, Eastern Europe, Middle East) and of different sizes, which are of course situated within specific historical political war and post-war settings. We therefore invite concrete examples of cases of neighborhoods which had to be rebuilt after conflict. We encourage the bottom-up perspective which especially looks at people on the ground – neighbors, neighborhoods, local responsibilities and stakeholders for reconstruction and how they used (and use) the possibilities open to them in the face of political and other odds.

Questions to be tackled (and to be chosen from) :

1. What kind of neighborhood(s) in both the spatial and the social sense are you dealing with? We invite both mappings as well as analyses of the social fabric.
2. What kind of neighborly relations were to be found among the residents? What kinds of active and lived neighborliness, in varying degrees of intimacy? Is this especially important when it comes to neighborhoods made up of a mix of diverse groups and individuals cohabitating the same space? Or were/are good neighborly relations vital in the face of difficult living conditions in the city/country?
3. What kind of attachment to the neighborhood did prevail? Was it to the place itself or to the social networks of the neighbors living there? After reconstruction, who came back to live there? People with strong place attachment to the physical space of the neighborhood? Or people who had rather been attached to the social networks of the neighborhood? Do people come back to live with their old neighbors again even if there was hostility and armed conflict between them?
4. In which neighborhoods does integration of refugees function more, where does it function less?
5. What was the role of the state/government and what policies were put in place to either encourage old neighborhoods to function again after reconstruction, or to build new neighborhoods with the aim to attract new residents? What were the specific goals of government in these policies? Or did governments follow blindly the plans and maps of technocrats and developers?
6. Are people today satisfied with the ways their cities and neighborhoods were reconstructed? What were their wishes, how did they voice them, and are they satisfied with the reconstruction, which can be a process spanning a generation and more, today?
7. What kinds of neighborhoods came out most successful in having their quarter and city reconstructed according to their wishes? What was the difference to other neighborhoods and cities which were less successful?
8. What are the myths and heroic stories that were constructed after the war regarding neighbors and citizens, and the reconstruction of neighborhood and city?
9. Finally: What lessons can be learned from the historical cases of the reconstruction of cities destroyed in war today, as Aleppo, Mosul and others?

Please send preliminary title and abstract (ca. 300 words) until August 1, 2018 to sek@orient-institut.org and schaebler@orient-institut.org.

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The Radical Sixties: Aesthetics, Politics and Histories of Solidarity

28–29 June 2019, University of Brighton, UK

Deadline: 28 September 2018

An international interdisciplinary conference jointly organized by the University of Brighton's Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics (CAPPE); Centre for Design History (CDH) and Centre for Memory, Narrative and Histories (CMNH).

"The Sixties" continue to engage scholars from many disciplines in debates over what exactly changed; and, indeed, whether the various protest movements were in fact radical at all in their political demands. Both nostalgically celebrated as a revolutionary heyday and lamented as a failed political project, the decade continues to haunt veterans and preoccupy scholars fifty years on.

However, these long-held evaluations remain parochially centred on European and North American experiences in a handful of cities in this tumultuous decade. Crucially, a Third Worldist perspective, despite its centrality for activists in the 1960s, is conspicuously marginalized in today's scholarship. It has been argued—and demonstrated—that decolonisation struggles and anti-imperialist resistance spanning the three continents of the Global South, from Cuba to Algeria and all the way to Vietnam, both politically informed a new generation of contestation and offered a new radical horizon of Leftist internationalism. And yet "The Sixties" continues to be universalised on the basis of myopically "Western" speculations about what makes radical politics possible.

This conference thus seeks to decentre the established loci of "The Sixties". It builds on recent efforts to expand and complicate the spatiality and temporality of the global sixties and calls for new analyses of this critical historical conjuncture from the standpoint of solidarity. For today we seem to know very little about how solidarity constituted a nodal theme for radical Leftist politics in the 1960s; its intellectual frameworks and transnational politics, associated aesthetics and cultures of circulation. How was solidarity conceived, imagined and radically enacted in the border-crossings, both spatial and intellectual, of revolutionaries in the "long" 1960s?

We invite contributions from any discipline that explore notions and manifestations of solidarity as articulated in the interstices that, more than 50 years ago, opened up shared spaces of political struggle and prefigured radical horizons of possibility. In particular, we seek explorations of solidarity as expressed in new aesthetic modes of transnational dissent and carried through the circulatory practices of radical cultures and associated flow of new revolutionary subjectivities.

Topics:

- Theorisations of radical forms of New and/or Third World Left solidarity (politics/ aesthetics/ global scope/ tactics/subjectivities)

- Histories of solidarity with, and within, the Third World (South–South and/or North-South linkages, networks and movements)
- Arts, cultures and aesthetics of solidarity (design, film, print, literature, poetry, music, visual and material culture broadly construed)
- Solidarity in circulation (objects, ideas and images on the move)
- Mobility of activists, intellectuals and artists
- Nodal cities/spaces of encounter
- Solidarity in public spaces of protest
- Memories, legacies and futures
- Leftist internationalism, transnationalism, cosmopolitanism from below
- Opening public roundtable on the evening of 27 June 2019 (Speakers to be confirmed)

Conference keynote speakers:

Vijay Prashad, Tricontinental Institute for Social Research.

Cynthia Young, Pennsylvania State University.

Submission Guidelines

Please send proposals for individual papers/ and or panels by 28 September 2018 to:

Radical60s@brighton.ac.uk

Individual paper proposals should include: name of presenter and contact information; proposed paper title; abstract (250 words); short biography (50 words).

Panel proposals should be pre-formed and include: title and short rationale for the panel (100 words) with 3-4 corresponding individual paper proposals (as per above-guidelines).

Accepted proposals will be notified by November.

There is limited bursary support available for applicants: if you wish to apply, please send a paragraph explaining your need for support, together with your abstract. Decisions will be made on the basis of both abstract and need.

Organizing Committee

Zeina Maasri (convener); Cathy Bergin; Francesca Burke; Andrea Garcia Gonzalez; Garikoitz Gomez Alfaro; Megha Rajguru; Zoe Sutherland.

For any enquiries regarding proposals, please contact Zeina Maasri: Z.EI Maasri@brighton.ac.uk

For all general enquiries, please contact: Radical60s@brighton.ac.uk

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The Iranian Revolution as a World Event

13 and 14 December 2018

University of Amsterdam

Deadline: 23 July 2018

“The Iranian Revolution as a World Event” is a conference organized at the University of Amsterdam in order to mark the 40th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution of 1978-79, rightly considered as one of the most significant events of 20th century world history.

Firstly, the causes of the Iranian Revolution are deeply rooted in the domestic-international nexus embodied in uneven development, urbanization, migration, the oil crisis of 1973, the Cold War, etc. Secondly, the dynamics of the Iranian Revolution posed a serious challenge to prevalent perspectives on revolutions, (political) Islam, and modernity, giving rise to important subsequent debates on social theory. Thirdly, the consequences of the Revolution have gone far beyond political structures, impacting culture, everyday life, the arts and social relations. In a geographical sense, the Iranian Revolution had an intense impact on the region and the world, signaling amongst others the rise of Islamist movements, altering geopolitical relations, eliciting reactions from regional and global powers and political formations alike, creating diasporic transnationalism, and more.

This workshop seeks to reconsider the revolution’s causes, dynamics and consequences from local, national and transnational perspectives. It will consist of a public event with a keynote speaker and a number of sessions organized around the following core themes:

- Global and Regional Dimensions of the Iranian Revolution;
- The Subaltern and the Iranian Revolution (categories such as organized and unorganized women and workers, the unwaged, ethnic and religious minority communities, the secular and Islamic-oriented left, and anarchists, should be taken into consideration);
- Intellectual Receptions of the Iranian Revolution.

The organizers welcome papers on any of these themes. The travel and hotel expenses of only a limited number of participants can be reimbursed due to limited financial resources, hence early applications are advised. Applicants are kindly requested to specify whether any travel assistance is available from their own institution.

Abstracts (300 words max.) should be sent before 23 July 2018 to IranianRevolutionConference@gmail.com. The organizers (Artemy M. Kalinovsky and Peyman Jafari) will select the papers and communicate the results by the end of July.

Confirmed speakers at the conference include Touraj Atabaki (International Institute of Social History), Kaveh Ehsani (University of Illinois), Peyman Jafari (University of Amsterdam/International Institute of Social History), Artemy M. Kalinovsky (University of Amsterdam), Michiel Leezenberg (University of Amsterdam), Kamran Matin (University of Sussex), Norma Claire Moruzzi (University of Illinois), Naghmeleh Sohrabi (Crown Center for Middle East Studies), Siavush Randjbar-Daemi (University of St. Andrews), Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi (University of Oxford), and Martin van Bruinessen (Utrecht University), Maaike Warnaar (Leiden University).

This conference is organized with the support of and in collaboration with Amsterdam School for Historical Studies (ASH), Amsterdam School for Regional, Transnational and European Studies

(ARTES), Amsterdam Center for Middle Eastern Studies (ACMES), International Institute of Social History (IISH).

RECENT & FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Blogging from Egypt - Digital Literature, 2005-2016

Teresa Pepe

Edinburgh University Press - January 2019

Six years before the Egyptian revolution of January 2011, many young Egyptians had resorted to blogging as a means of self-expression and literary creativity. This resulted in the emergence of a new literary genre: the autofictional blog. Such blogs are explored here as forms of digital literature, combining literary analysis and interviews with the authors. The blogs analysed give readers a glimpse into the daily lives, feelings and aspirations of the Egyptian youth who have pushed the country towards a revolution. The narratives are also indicative of significant aesthetic and political developments taking place in Arabic literature and culture, giving an insight to the mindset of Arab youth in times of a cultural and political revolution.

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JOURNAL ARTICLES & OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Beyond failure and success - Revolutions and the politics of endurance

Walid el Houry

Radical Philosophy 2.02 (June 2018)

In recent years, the themes of failure and disappointment have been increasingly central to both media coverage and academic analysis of protest movements in the 'Arab region' and beyond. The ongoing wars in Syria, Yemen, Libya and Iraq, the violent repression of the Bahraini protests, and the rise of Abdel Fattah al-Sisi to power in Egypt with unprecedented levels of repression, have each been instrumental in the growing perception of failure and disappointment as an inevitable fate of the uprisings that erupted in late 2010. Such sentiments and assessments are not limited to this region. We see them also in other contexts and places, for example with regard to the increasing violence of the Turkish State against any form of opposition and the violent campaign against the Kurdish areas in the East, as well as the failure of the Syriza government in Greece to deliver on its promises to oppose austerity and provide an alternative form of governance. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Transformations in Minority Religious Leadership: The Yezidis, Shabak, and Assyrians in Northern Iraq

Michiel Leezenberg

Sociology of Islam, Volume 6, Issue 2, Publication Year : 2018

This paper discusses three religious communities in Northern Iraq that are characterized by the shared fate of having been targeted by the 2014 “Islamic State” (IS) offensive. These events dramatically brought home the vulnerability of these communities in post-Saddam Iraq; but the precarious status of these groups was already painfully visible even to the most casual observer prior to the IS onslaught. In this paper, I trace the rather different trajectories of these—initially broadly comparable—minority groups, with a focus on the changing articulation and legitimation of religious leadership. I do so by pointing out some of the longer-term tendencies among these groups, while treating religious leadership in terms of patronage.

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Sufi Religious Leaders and Sufi Orders in the Contemporary Middle East

Mark Sedgwick

Sociology of Islam, Volume 6, Issue 2, Publication Year : 2018

This article examines the authority of the Sufi shaykh, which it divides between the esoteric and the exoteric (which includes the social implications of esoteric authority) and analyses with help from Weber. In principle Sufi shaykhs are among the most important leaders of the Sunni faithful. In practice, however, the Sufi shaykh now has much less power and authority than might be expected. This is partly because modern states have, in general, reduced the power of Sufi shaykhs, and because decline in the power of the ‘ulama’ has included the decline of the power of Sufi shaykhs who are also ‘ulama’. It is also because there is an inverse relationship between the power of the shaykh and the size of his ṭarīqa (order). The most powerful shaykh is the one with primarily charismatic authority, but his ṭarīqa will be small. The largest ṭarīqa is led by a shaykh whose authority depends on tradition and heredity; his power is not so great. This paradox is not changed by the availability, for political reasons, of new sources of state support for the leadership role of Sufi shaykhs as an alternative to Salafi and ikhwāni Islam.

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NEWS PIECES & COMMENTARY

Iraq protests: What you should know

Al-Jazeera, 22 July 2018

Thousands of Iraqis have taken to the streets of Najaf, Basra, Maysan, Dhi Qar and Karbala, rallying against rising unemployment, corruption, poor governance and perceived Iranian interference. Smaller protests have also erupted in the capital, Baghdad. The scale and ferocity of the protests have seen security forces use live ammunition, tear gas, and water cannon on the crowds, killing at least 14 since July 8, according to police and medical sources. Despite being home to oilfields that account for the vast majority of the oil Iraq exports, these southern areas, like most of Iraq, remain largely underdeveloped, with residents suffering from chronic power outages, lack of access to clean and safe drinking water and uncollected waste. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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Southern Iraq unrest: Protest outside oil field near Basra

Osama Bin Javaid

Al-Jazeera, 18 July 2018

A wave of protests that have rocked southern Iraq entered a second week as the government battles to contain mounting anger over the poor services and unemployment. People are still protesting across southern Iraq, despite a promise by the prime minister to create jobs and improve public services. The unrest began in the oil-rich province of Basra last week and has spread to several other large cities. Demonstrators say they're not benefitting from Iraq's vast oil wealth, because of government corruption and mismanagement. *Watch [here](#)*

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Irish senate backs bill banning trade with Israeli settlements

Al-Jazeera, 18 July 2018

The Irish Senate gave its support on Wednesday to a legislation prohibiting the import or sale of goods and services produced in occupied territories around the world, including Israeli settlements considered illegal under international law. The proposed law - passed 25 to 20 - to make it an offence to trade in such goods and services was introduced by an independent senator and drew support from all Ireland's major political parties except the governing Fine Gael party. The bill will now go to the lower house of parliament for a debate and vote. If passed, the bill will have to go through several more stages of review and amendment before it is signed into a law. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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'We are one': Jordanians rally support for displaced Syrians

Arwa Ibrahim

Al-Jazeera, 6 July 2018

A week ago, Amjad Thiabat, a car mechanic in al-Ramtha, a town near Jordan's border with Syria, shared a video on Facebook issuing an urgent call for action. A wave of new refugees was massing at the other side of the frontier, seeking shelter from ferocious bombardment by pro-government forces in the southern Syrian province of Deraa. They were in pressing need of everything: food, water, clothes, medicine. "I came to this square [al-Hajuj Square] and called out to the people of al-Ramtha to act," Thiabat told Al Jazeera on Friday. His appeal touched a nerve among Jordanians. The video was widely shared online, and contributions started pouring instantly - not only from al-Ramtha but all over Jordan. "I drove this truck full of donations because we are one with the Syrians," said Mohamed Shibani, a 41-year-old retired officer who came to al-Ramtha all the way from Shoubak, in the south of Jordan. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Postdoc positions : Max Weber Programme, EUI Florence

Deadline : 18 October 2018

The Max Weber Programme (MWP) at the European University Institute (EUI) is the largest and most innovative postdoctoral programme in the historical and social sciences in Europe.

The MWP is open to eligible applicants who are within 5 years from the completion of their PhD, from anywhere in the world, regardless of nationality and including non-EU citizens. Preference is given to applicants who have only just completed their doctorate and have not had a post-doctoral fellowship before.

The MWP is a global programme at a global institution located in Italy. Like the Fellows, Professors and Researchers at the European University Institute come from across Europe - from Portugal to Russia, and beyond it - from Asia and the Antipodes to North and Latin America, contributing their different academic traditions to the distinctive mix of the Institute. The language of the programme is English.

The Programme is among the most selective – attracting circa 1200 applicants each year - in the fields of political and social sciences, economics, law and history for some 55-60 Fellowships. The Programme awards 1, 2, and exceptionally 3 year long fellowships according to departments. The Fellowship provides a grant of 2000 EUR per month plus - when appropriate - a family allowance. Fellows in the Department of Economics and Political and Social Sciences who stay on for a second year will have the possibility of applying for a Part-time professor contract (level PR9/1) for 12 months involving some teaching duties and mentoring Ph.D. researchers: net remuneration would be approximately 820 EUR in addition to the monthly grant. The MWP operates a maternity leave policy.

In addition to the scholarships funded by the Max Weber Programme itself, there are additional grants available that are funded by governments/foundations in Australia, Finland, Poland, Slovenia and Japan to which nationals of these countries (and in some cases residents in these countries) may also apply. Suitable applicants of any nationality may also apply for a second year at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva (IHEID). NB the availability of special grants varies from year to year- in some years more countries and agencies may offer grants and in others fewer. Up to date details can be found [here](#). We automatically consider eligible applicants for these opportunities.

The Max Weber Fellows enjoy the superb research facilities of the European University Institute (including an outstanding library, a shared office space, and a personal research fund of 1000 EUR - 2000 EUR for second or third year Economics Fellows who are on the job market). The MWP is unique among postdoctoral programmes in helping Fellows to become full members of a global academic community. Fellows are given training and support in all aspects of an academic career – from publishing and presenting, teaching, applying for research grants and jobs. A particular focus is placed on communicating effectively in English to different kinds of academic audiences.

Its placement record is second to none: most Max Weber Fellows secure an academic position in the finest institutions around the world upon completion of the Programme.

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The Bassem Chit Fellowship for The Study of Activism, Beirut

Deadline: 15 July 2018

Lebanon Support, in partnership with the Arab Council for the Social Sciences, the Orient-Institut Beirut, and the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Beirut Office are happy to announce the launch of the Bassem Chit fellowship for the study of activism.

Bassem Chit was a founding member of Lebanon Support and was its Executive Director between 2008 and 2014. He had more than 14 years professional experience in information and knowledge

management in development and humanitarian contexts in parallel to his social and political activism, in Lebanon and the region.

The Bassem Chit fellowship for the study of activism is a one-year post doctoral fellowship based in Beirut, Lebanon. The fellowship is a joint initiative of Lebanon Support, the Arab Council for the Social Sciences, the Orient-Institut Beirut, and Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Beirut Office. The fellowship aims to give early career scholars (0-3 years out of the Phd) in the social sciences the opportunity to conduct research on activism in the Arab world. The Bassem Chit fellowship accepts proposals in Arabic, English, or French.

Disciplinary and Thematic Focus:

The Bassem Chit Fellowship program aims at targeting scholars in the social sciences, particularly in the fields of political science, economics, sociology, anthropology, education, demography, media and cultural studies, among others., We also encourage applications from the humanities, including applications covering literature, cultural studies, history, philosophy and arts.

During the fellowship, the scholar will be requested to:

- Assist in Lebanon Support's mapping of collective actions and produce quarterly digests
- Produce an in-depth research paper on their research topic to be published on Lebanon Support's **Civil Society Knowledge Centre**
- Organise a round table at the OIB around their research
- Participate and present a paper at the ACSS Fourth Conference that will be held on April 12-14 2019
- Organise a round table event on issues pertaining to collective action at Lebanon Support.

The fellowship duration is 12 months, and the earliest starting date is September 2018. The fellowship is hosted at Lebanon Support, and funded by both the Arab Council for the Social Sciences and Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Beirut Office.

Applicants are eligible if they:

- Are citizens or nationals of an Arab country: An Arab country is defined by its membership in the League of Arab States. The term "national" refers to full-time and long-term residents of an Arab State, including those who do not have citizenship, as in the case of stateless refugees. Arab scholars residing outside the region at the time of application would be eligible only if they hold an Arab citizenship and are not in a tenure-track position and/or do not have access to research resources from their institution and/or country of residence. Accepted fellows are required to spend their 12 months fellowship period in Beirut at Lebanon Support's offices.
- Are junior scholars (0-3 years out of the Phd) who have a doctoral degree in a social science or humanities discipline (obtained from within or outside the Arab region). Applicants who did not obtain their PhDs at the time of application will be ineligible.
- Have high quality academic credentials including proficiency in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods. Applicants are required to submit a proposal (10-15 pages) building on their doctoral dissertation. Proposals that are not based on or not relevant to the applicant's PhD dissertation will be disqualified. Proposals should highlight the applicant's academic credentials and outline a research problem. Applicants should also provide a publications plan in addition to a 3-year career plan.

- Have versatility to take on organisational roles when required, and the ability to work independently as well as with teams as outlined.

Timeline

- June 20, 2018: Application forms are available online.
- July 15, 2018: Deadline for submissions.
- Last week of July 2018: Decisions are communicated to applicants.
- August 2018: Accepted applicants sign their contracts.
- September 2018: Fellowship starts.
- April 2019: Present at the ACSS Fourth Biennial Conference in Beirut-Lebanon.

Applicants are required to create an account and a Profile Page on the ACSS Applications Platform, then apply to the fellowship using the online application form for the Bassem Chit Fellows Programme.

More information and application [here](#)

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Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies (of the Global South), Trinity College

Deadline: 1 October 2018

The Department of Political Science and the International Studies Program at Trinity College invite applications for a joint, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Comparative Politics of the Global South commencing with the 2019-2020 academic year. We especially welcome applications from candidates whose research intersects the subjects of comparative urban politics, ethnic politics, and/or contentious politics. The successful applicant will be expected to design courses that contribute to both Political Science and International Studies. The candidate should demonstrate the potential for becoming an outstanding scholar and teacher. The Ph.D. should be in hand or expected by the end of August, 2019.

To ensure full consideration please submit a letter of application (including statement of research and teaching interests), CV, graduate transcript, sample of scholarly writing, course syllabi and evaluations (if available) and at least three letters of reference on <https://trincoll.peopleadmin.com> by October 1, 2018.

Trinity College is coeducational independent, nonsectarian liberal arts college with approximately 2,200 undergraduate students and 200 faculty members, located in Hartford, Connecticut. Candidates should have a strong commitment to undergraduate and interdisciplinary teaching in a liberal arts context, and a well-articulated plan for sustained research. The College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer committed to attracting and supporting a faculty of women and men who fully represent the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the United States. We seek applications from minorities, women, and other under-represented groups.

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Assistant Professor in the History of the Modern Middle East, University of British Columbia

Deadline: 1 September 2018

The Department of History, University of British Columbia (Vancouver) invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant professor in the history of the modern Middle East, with an expected start date of 1 July 2019. Thematic and geographic specialty is open.

The successful candidate will show outstanding potential as an innovative scholar and researcher, as evidenced by their record of intellectual engagement, published work, and/or work in progress. A strong commitment to teaching excellence at both the graduate and undergraduate level is also required. Candidates must have a Ph.D. or will have a Ph.D. in hand by July 1, 2019.

Applicants should apply through the UBC faculty careers website www.facultycareers.ubc.ca/30298. Applicants should upload (in the following order, and not exceeding 12 megabytes per attachment): a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, up to three article-length samples of scholarship (including published articles, unpublished papers, or book/dissertation chapters), a sample syllabus for a broad introductory undergraduate course on modern Middle Eastern history, a sample syllabus for an advanced undergraduate or graduate course on a relevant topic, and evidence of teaching effectiveness.

Applicants should also arrange to have three signed and confidential letters of reference sent by email to Ms. Janet Mui, hist.recruitment@ubc.ca or by mail to: Ms. Janet Mui, Modern Middle East Search, Department of History, University of British Columbia, 1297-1873 East Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1, CANADA. All materials should be received by September 1, 2018.

Applicants with questions about the position are welcome to contact the search chair, Dr. Steven Lee, by email at stevenhl@mail.ubc.ca.

This position is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

More information and application [here](#)

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Assistant/Associate/Professor of Islamic and Middle East Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki

Deadline: 28 August 2018

The Faculty of Arts (<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts>) of the University of Helsinki is Finland's oldest institution for teaching and research in the humanities and the largest in terms of the structure and range of disciplines. It is also a significant international community fostering research, education and cultural interaction.

The successful applicant may be appointed to a permanent professorship or a fixed-term associate/assistant professorship (tenure track system), depending on his or her qualifications and career stage.

The focus of Islamic studies is on the history of Islam, the religion itself and Islamic cultures and societies from the 7th century to the present. The appointee can be acquainted with either the historical or current forms of Islam. The geographical focus is on the Middle East (the MENA region). Familiarity with other regions central to Islam, the global manifestations of Islam or classical Arabic are considered an asset. The successful candidate is particularly expected to have a creative perspective on the development of the field.

The professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies will work within the overall context of African and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Helsinki.

An appointee to the position of assistant/associate professor within the tenure track system shall hold a doctoral degree, have the ability to conduct independent scholarly work and have the teaching skills necessary for the position. In addition, applicants for assistant professorships shall demonstrate their capability and motivation as regards an academic career through publications and other means.

An appointee to a full professorship shall hold a doctoral degree and possess top-level scholarly qualifications and experience in the supervision of scientific research, along with the ability to provide top-level research-based teaching as well as to supervise theses and dissertations. In addition, the appointee shall present documentation of international cooperation in the field of research that he or she represents. Holders of professorships shall also have the skills necessary to serve as academic leaders.

When assessing the qualifications of each applicant, attention will be paid to both scholarly and teaching qualifications. Scholarly qualifications include scientific publications and other research results of scientific value, success in obtaining external research funding, international research

experience as well as international elected positions. When considering the teaching qualifications of each applicant, attention will be focused on teaching experience and pedagogical training, the ability to produce learning material, other teaching merits and, if necessary, a demonstration of teaching skills as well as participation in doctoral education. The applicant's leadership and interaction skills as well as activity in the academic community will also be taken into account.

To successfully attend to the duties of the position, the appointee must have good Arabic and English skills. If the appointee is not proficient in Finnish or Swedish, he/she is expected to acquire moderate proficiency within a reasonable time after the appointment. Support for language studies is offered. The salary for the position will be based on levels 8–10 (professor) and 7 (assistant/associate professor) of the requirement scheme for teaching and research positions in the salary system of Finnish universities. In addition, a salary component based on personal performance will be paid. Annual gross salary for a full professor varies between 64,000 and 96,000 euros, and for an assistant/associate between 50,000 and 68,500 euros, depending on the appointee's qualifications and experience.

Applicants are requested to enclose with their applications a single PDF file that includes the following documents in English:

- 1) A curriculum vitae
- 2) A report (max. 5 pages) on pedagogical expertise
- 3) A report (max. 5 pages) on the applicant's research activities (including activities in scientific communities, the acquisition of research funding and international scholarly work)
- 4) A report (max. 2 pages) on how the applicant intends to develop his or her research and focus his or her activities, if appointed
- 5) A numbered list of publications.

For instructions see <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts/faculty/instructions-to-appli...>

Applicants are kindly asked to prepare for the situation in which, after the closing of the application period, the Faculty may request them to submit up to 10 publications of their choice to be sent to the assessors.

Please submit your application through the University of Helsinki Recruitment System via the link below. Applicants who are employees of the University of Helsinki are requested to leave their application via the SAP HR portal <https://saphr.it.helsinki.fi/irj/portal>.

Further information may be obtained from Jussi Pakkasvirta, Head of Department of Cultures, [jussi.pakkasvirta\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:jussi.pakkasvirta(at)helsinki.fi).

For information on the University of Helsinki as an employer and a description of the tenure track system please see <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/university/working-at-the-university>.

In case you need support with the recruitment system, please contact [recruitment\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:recruitment(at)helsinki.fi).
More information and application [here](#)

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Assistant Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College

Review of applications from: 1 July 2018

We invite applications for a tenure-track position in formal theory and quantitative methods with specialization in international relations or comparative politics. The position will be filled at the assistant professor level beginning in Fall 2019. Ph.D. in political science required. Candidates should have experience teaching introductory research methods at the undergraduate level and supervising research employing statistical analysis. The successful candidate will teach and advise students in both Politics and the interdisciplinary International Relations Program. Teaching load is 2/2. Salary is competitive.

We will begin accepting applications on July 1, 2018. Applicants should submit a cover letter, C.V., graduate transcripts, a sample syllabus of an introductory course in research methods, a sample syllabus of a course in their field of specialization, a short writing sample, and statements concerning (1) research interests, (2) teaching philosophy, (3) the mentoring of a diverse student body. Deadline for applications is September 1, 2018. Applicants should also arrange to have three letters of reference submitted on their behalf. Electronic prompts to referees will be generated automatically after the completed application has been submitted. Instructions are online at <http://jobsearch.mtholyoke.edu>.

Mount Holyoke is an undergraduate liberal arts college for women with 2,200 students and 220 faculty. Over half the faculty are women; one-fourth are persons of color. Mount Holyoke College is located about 90 miles west of Boston in the Connecticut River valley, and is a member of the Five College Consortium consisting of Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts.

Mount Holyoke College is committed to enriching the educational experience it offers through the diversity of its faculty, administration, and staff members. Mount Holyoke seeks to recruit and support a broadly diverse faculty who will contribute to the college's academic excellence, diversity of viewpoints and experiences, and relevance in a global society. In furtherance of academic excellence, the College encourages applications from individuals from underrepresented groups in the professoriate, including faculty of color, faculty with diverse gender identities, first generation college students, individuals who have followed non-traditional pathways to college due to exceptional talent and motivation in the face of adversity, such as societal, economic or academic disadvantages, and individuals with a demonstrated commitment to applying and including diverse backgrounds and perspectives to learning, scholarship, service, and leadership in the academy.

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Assistant Professor Political Science: Comparative Politics/International Relations, San Jose State University

Deadline: rolling

Applicants must have a PhD in Political Science or International Relations (degree must be awarded by the time of appointment) in the sub-fields of Comparative Politics or International Relations, with a specialization in the politics of Europe (including Russia/CIS countries) or the Middle East. Evidence of teaching excellence is essential. Applicants are expected to demonstrate the ability to conduct high-quality research and produce peer-reviewed academic publications. Applicants should have a demonstrated record of awareness of and sensitivity to educational goals of a multicultural population as might have been gained in cross-cultural study, training, teaching, and other comparable experience.

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will start in August 2018, and teach introductory and advanced courses in

Comparative Politics and International Relations, such as International Organization, Eurasian Politics,

Politics of the European Union, and Middle Eastern Politics. Candidate must address the needs of a student population of great diversity - in age, cultural background, ethnicity, primary language, and academic preparation - through course materials, teaching strategies, and advisement.

Salary Range:

Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Starting Date: August 17, 2018

Eligibility:

Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

Application Procedure:

For full consideration, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., syllabi and evaluations), a sample of scholarly writing, at least three original letters of reference with contact information, and unofficial transcripts by September 15, 2017 to apply.interfolio.com/42711. Please direct questions to: Dr. Melinda Jackson, Chair Department of Political Science One Washington Square San José State University

San José, California

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Please include

Job Opening ID (JOID) on all correspondence.

San José State University is California's oldest institution of public higher learning. The campus is located on the southern end of San Francisco Bay in downtown San José (Pop. 1,000,000), hub of the world-famous Silicon Valley high-technology research and development center. Many of California's most popular national, recreational, and cultural attractions are conveniently close.

A member of the 23-campus CSU system, San José State University enrolls approximately

30,000 students, a significant percentage of whom are members of minority groups. The University is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty so our disciplines, students and the community can benefit from multiple ethnic and gender perspectives.

San José State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, or disability. This policy applies to all San José State University students, faculty, and staff as well as University programs and activities. Reasonable accommodations are made for applicants with disabilities who self-disclose. Note that all San José State University employees are considered mandated reporters under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and are required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

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