



SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA

Digest of Current Publications and Events

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CALL FOR PAPERS & CONFERENCES

Call for Papers: "A post-Erdogan Turkey in the making?".

Deadline: May 27th, 2019

ISA 61st Annual Convention

March 25th - 28th, 2020, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Kumru F. Toktamis (Pratt Institute, US) and Isabel David (University of Lisbon, Portugal) are hoping to put together a panel at next year's ISA conference on a political/cultural/social theme from Turkey - including but not limited to Kurdish politics, authoritarianism, elections, AKP splits, economic crisis, gender - with a general title of "A post-Erdogan Turkey in the making?".

If you are interested, please email (isabela_davidova@yahoo.com and kumru@pratt.edu) by May 27th with a 200-word abstract.

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Special issue CFP: Revisiting the riot (Theory in Action)

A Theory In Action Special Issue to Mark the 10th

Anniversary of AK Thompson's Black Bloc, White Riot

Deadline: September 15th, 2019

Published a decade after the 1999 "Battle of Seattle," AK Thompson's Black Bloc, White Riot explored the connection between political subjectivity and violence. By engaging with the movement's internal contradictions and conflicts, taking up its classed, gendered, and racialized dynamics as points for exploring the role of violence in politics, it remains a challenging intervention into the movement's voluminous 'post-mortem' literature.

Nearly ten years after its publication, Black Bloc, White Riot seems increasingly prescient. From the street fights of Tahir Square to the evictions of the Occupy encampments, from the direct action of Black Lives Matter and Abolish-ICE activists to confrontations with a resurgent far-right, the need to examine the role of violence in modern protest movements is great. And while the recent return of black bloc tactics and street-level political violence has (re)produced many of the same old debates, there also appears to be a new, pragmatic openness to questions regarding the role of violence in political transformation. This peer-reviewed special issue of Theory In Action invites theoretical and empirical contributions that reflect upon the themes introduced in Black Bloc, White Riot while engaging with the book's analytical and theoretical contributions and their ongoing relevance to contemporary movement debates. We welcome examinations of individual movements, comparative analyses of contemporary movements, or of movements 'then and now,' as well as theoretical contributions that aim to evaluate the book's central themes.

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TALKS & OTHER EVENTS

Freedom Fields: Gala Screening East - Q&A with dir. Naziha Arebi

Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7 PM – 10:30 PM

Rich Mix London, 35 - 47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA London, United Kingdom

The Festival of Football in association with Arts Canteen are incredibly proud to host a gala screening of the critically acclaimed documentary feature film FREEDOM FIELDS followed by a Q&A with the film's director, Naziha Arebi.

Filmed over five years, FREEDOM FIELDS follows three women and their football team in post-revolution Libya, as the country descends into civil war and the utopian hopes of the Arab Spring begin to fade. Through the eyes of these accidental activists, we see the reality of a country in transition, where the personal stories of love and aspirations collide with History. Freedom Fields is a 2018 documentary film by Libyan filmmaker Naziha Arebi.

An intimate film about hope, struggle and sacrifice in a land where dreams seem a luxury. A love letter to sisterhood and the power of team.

Awards :

- Best Film - Joburg International Film Festival
- Best Documentary - Karama Human Rights Film Festival - - Honourable Mention - Afrcan, Asian, Latin Americal Film Festival Milan

A film by * Naziha Arebi

SDI Productions Ltd / HuNa Productions

Libya / UK / Netherlands / USA / Qatar / Lebanon / Canada

Shooting Locations: Libya / Lebanon Year: 2018

Length: 97 minutes Languages: Arabic, English Subtitles: English

* Naziha Arebi

A Libyan/British artist and filmmaker who returned to Libya after the revolution to work and explore her father's homeland. Naziha worked as a writer and production manager with BBC Media Action and her short documentaries are now being shown in festivals worldwide. In 2012 she co-founded HuNa Productions, a Tripoli-based production collective, aiming at developing Libyan cinema as a tool for change.

She has since completed a series of educational shorts on Libyan reconciliation, worked as cinematographer on a 52' documentary about the Tabu tribe, and directed a 24' documentary on tragically assassinated Libyan activist Salwa Bughaghis. She also makes content for Hivos, Oxfam and UN Women in the MENA region and local NGOs. Naziha is a HotDocs Blue Ice and a Sundance Lab fellow.

Her artwork has been published extensively in print and exhibited globally and alongside her first feature FREEDOM FIELDS, she is also producing AFTER A REVOLUTION, in collaboration with Met Film (UK), EIE Film (Italy) and Urban Republic (USA). (164 words)

All ticket proceeds are supporting the HERA, a young Libyan NGO founded by those featuring within the film, using sport as a tool for reconciliation, trauma relief, healing and empowerment.

To find out more about HERA: https://www.freedomfieldsfilm.com/support_hera

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The Kurdish Women's Movement: On Revolution, Militarism and Body Politics

Tuesday 04 June 2019 4:00pm to 5:30pm

RESEARCH CENTRES MEETING SUITE, 9TH FLOOR, PANKHURST HOUSE, CLEMENT'S INN, WC2A 2AZ

Women have been at the forefront of many of the political and military struggles in the Kurdish Middle East, most visibly so since the outbreak of the 'Rojava Revolution' in 2012. But women have in fact since the foundation of the PKK in 1978 played an integral role in the ideological and political development of the Liberation Movement as a whole; as guerrillas, activists, politicians, mothers and prisoners. Isabel Käser will trace the complex history of the Kurdish Women's Liberation Movement, discuss how women's autonomous organisational structures have emerged and how they operate today between the mountains and the cities of the four different parts of Kurdistan. Her talk analyses the emancipatory power this movement holds but also unpacks some of the tensions that emerge from the interplay between militarism, the party's body politics and the movement's revolutionary quest for a more democratic Middle East.

Isabel Käser holds a PhD from SOAS where she worked on the Kurdish Women's Movement. Her work contributes to debates around gender and war, feminism and nationalism, as well as conflict and body politics.

Zeynep Kaya is Research Fellow at the LSE Middle East Centre. She is part of the UK DFID-Funded Conflict Research Programme and is leading projects on gendered drivers of conflict in Iraq, the impact of genocide on the Yazidi community, responses to internal displacement in Iraqi Kurdistan, WPS and displacement in the Middle East, and women's political participation in Kuwait. She is also a Lecturer at the Pembroke-King's Programme, University of Cambridge.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Your Sons Are at Your Service: Tunisia's Missionaries of Jihad

Aaron Y. Zelin

Columbia University Press, 2020

Tunisia became one of the largest sources of foreign fighters for the Islamic State—even though the country stands out as a democratic bright spot of the Arab uprisings and despite the fact that it had very little history of terrorist violence within its borders prior to 2011. In *Your Sons Are at Your Service*, Aaron Y. Zelin uncovers the longer history of Tunisian involvement in the jihadi movement and offers an in-depth examination of the reasons why so many Tunisians became drawn to jihadism following the 2011 revolution.

Zelin highlights the longer-term causes that affected jihadi recruitment in Tunisia, including the prior history of Tunisians joining jihadi organizations and playing key roles in far-flung parts of the world over the past four decades. He contends that the jihadi group Ansar al-Sharia in Tunisia was able to take advantage of the universal prisoner amnesty, increased openness, and the lack of governmental policy toward it after the revolution. In turn, this provided space for greater recruitment and subsequent mobilization to fight abroad once the Tunisian government cracked down on the group in 2013. Zelin marshals cutting-edge empirical findings, extensive primary source research, and on-the-ground fieldwork, including a variety of documents in Arabic going as far back as the 1980s and interviews with Ansar al-Sharia members and Tunisian fighters returning from Syria. The first book on the history of the Tunisian jihadi movement, *Your Sons Are at Your Service* is a meticulously researched account that challenges simplified views of jihadism's appeal and success.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aaron Y. Zelin is the Richard Borow Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and a visiting research scholar in the Department of Politics at Brandeis University. He is the founder of the website Jihadology.net, a primary source archive of global jihadi materials.

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Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine

CHIARA DE CESARI

Stanford University Press, September 2019

In recent decades, Palestinian heritage organizations have launched numerous urban regeneration and museum projects across the West Bank in response to the enduring Israeli occupation. These efforts to reclaim and assert Palestinian heritage differ significantly from the typical global cultural project: here it is people's cultural memory and living environment, rather than ancient history and archaeology, that take center stage. It is local civil society and NGOs, not state actors, who are

"doing" heritage. In this context, Palestinian heritage has become not just a practice of resistance, but a resourceful mode of governing the Palestinian landscape.

With this book, Chiara De Cesari examines these Palestinian heritage projects—notably the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Riwaq, and the Palestinian Museum—and the transnational actors, practices, and material sites they mobilize to create new institutions in the absence of a sovereign state. Through their rehabilitation of Palestinian heritage, these organizations have halted the expansion of Israeli settlements. They have also given Palestinians opportunities to rethink and transform state functions. *Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine* reveals how the West Bank is home to creative experimentation, insurgent agencies, and resourceful attempts to reverse colonial violence—and a model of how things could be.

About the author

Chiara De Cesari is Senior Lecturer of European Studies and Cultural Studies at the University of Amsterdam.

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The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria

Dara Conduit

Cambridge University Press, 2019

Having played a role in every iteration of Syrian politics since the country gained independence in 1946, the Muslim Brotherhood were the most prominent opposition group in Syria on the eve of the 2011 uprising. But when unrest broke out in March 2011, few Brotherhood flags and slogans were to be found within the burgeoning protest movement. Drawing on extensive primary research including interviews with Brotherhood members, Dara Conduit looks to the group's history to understand why it failed to capitalise on this advantage as the conflict unfolded, addressing significant gaps in accounts of the group's past to assess whether its reputation for violence and dogmatism is justified. In doing so, Conduit reveals a party that was neither as violent nor as undemocratic as expected, but whose potential to stage a long-awaited comeback was hampered by the shadow of its own history.

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JOURNAL ARTICLES & OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Media, identity, and online communities in a changing Arab world

By Eid Mohamed, Aziz Douai, Adel Iskander
New Media & Society, Vol 21, Issue 5, 2019

Our Special Issue captures the interplay of media, politics, religion, and culture in shaping Arabs' search for more stable governing models at crossroads of global, regional, and national challenges through systematic and integrated analyses of evolving and contested Arab visual and performing arts, including media (traditional and alternative), in revolutionary and unstable public spheres. This special issue examines the role of new media in the construction of online communities in the Arab world. It contributes to the understanding of how user-generated content empowers these new publics and the novel communities established by user comments on social media and news websites. Specifically, it explores these online communities and their perceptions of the role of user-generated content to contribute to politics, and potentially engage other citizens in the public debate.

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Precarious revolution: labour and neoliberal securitisation in Egypt

Dina Makram-Ebeid
Dialectical Anthropology (20 19) 43 :1 39–154

The article draws on precarious workers' engagement with the Egyptian revolution between 2011 and 2013. Despite their radical moves—reclaiming land previously appropriated by the state and staging various neighbourhood protests—the workers in this ethnography refused to associate with the revolution. Their curious position between radicality and dismissal of the revolution lays the groundwork to explore neoliberal securitisation. Although securitisation evolved globally alongside neoliberalism in order to facilitate accumulation by dispossession, the particular securitisation strategies used with disparate groups of workers, and their implication on the different ways workers make claims for a good life, still need further research. The article thus explores the class project of neoliberal securitisation. It argues that securitisation has generally been marginalised in studies of labour precarity, which have tended to point to the retrenchments of welfare benefits and insecurity under market conditions. By instead positing neoliberal securitisation as a class project, I show how the evolution of property relations is drawing new actors into the class struggle. The article thus re-centre class within the literature on labour precarity and the politics of security. Based on an ethnographic study in al-Tibbin, a town built around the largest and oldest steel factory in the south of Cairo, the article explores how the differential tactics used to securitise workers' communities deeply impacted their repertoires of political action, becoming a catalyst for class struggle between various groups of workers. Securitisation thus co-constituted precarity by continuously drawing new subjects to the class struggle. Despite this, scholars and revolutionary actors have accorded more attention to the 'spectacular' resistance of organised workers in contrast to precarious workers' ephemeral but influential engagements—a tendency that has been detrimental to the revolution's trajectory.

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Social Brokers and Leftist–Sadrist Cooperation in Iraq’s Reform Protest Movement: Beyond Instrumental Action

Benedict Robin-D’Cruz

International Journal of Middle East Studies

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This article develops a concept of social brokerage to explain leftist–Sadrist cooperation during Iraq’s 2015 protest movement. Conventional understanding holds that Iraq’s secular-leftist civil trend and Shi’i Islamist factions have been mutually isolated, and at times fierce antagonists, in Iraq’s post-2003 politics. This view has been challenged by an emergent political alliance between a faction of the civil trend and the Shi’i Islamist Sadrist movement. By comparing this alliance with the failure of another Shi’i Islamist group, ‘Asa’ib Ahl al-Haq, to involve itself with and exploit the protest movement, this article isolates the conditions which determined the dynamics of leftist–Islamist interactions. Shifting the focus away from elite politics and structural-instrumental explanations favored by rational choice models, this article reveals a longer backstory of social and ideological interactions between less senior actors that transgressed leftist–Islamist social boundaries. From this context, potential brokers emerged, capable of skilfully mediating leftist–Sadrist interactions.

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Remembering the Palestine Group: Global Activism, Friendship, and the Iranian Revolution

Naghmeh Sohrabi

International Journal of Middle East Studies

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The Palestine Group was a loosely connected collection of young anti-Shah activists some of whom were arrested and tried publically in 1970 for the crime of acting against the Pahlavi monarchy and Iran’s national security. Their plight became global, receiving support from anticolonial figures such as Jean-Paul Sartre. But while they played an important role in inspiring the revolutionary generation, in the historiography of the 1979 revolution and that of the global south, their story has been mostly forgotten. This article argues for remembering the Palestine Group by focusing on two facets of their prerevolutionary activism: the importance of a connection to the anti-imperial/colonial struggles that spread from “Asia to Africa”; and the centrality of maḥfilī politics (friendship circles) in addition to tashkīlātī (organizational) politics, which the historiography has traditionally emphasized. It demonstrates that as resistance shifted from maḥfil to tashkīlāt, it also shifted from a global struggle where Iran was one node out of many, to a nationalized struggle.

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NEWS PIECES & COMMENTARY

Awadeya Mahmoud Koko: From tea seller to union leader to ‘mother of the revolution’

Ariane Lavrilleux

May 21st, 2019

Mada Masr

Awadeya Mahmoud Koko shouts orders to her staff, raising her voice to be heard above the protest chants that fill the air of downtown Khartoum. She sits in a plastic chair on Gamhuriya Avenue by the main gate of a mass sit-in outside Sudan’s military headquarters — the epicenter of an uprising that led to the ouster of 30-year autocrat Omar El-Bashir last month.

“Hurry up, we don’t have much time left! No, don’t take that pan, we need to deep fry with oil,” Koko orders three men, who scramble to pick up huge cooking pots as thousands of demonstrators from Khartoum and neighboring towns stream in toward the protest encampment. Young volunteers in orange vests search people on their way in. Sunset is approaching and, with it, the breaking of the fast in Ramadan. Koko oversees the preparation of some 5,000 iftar meals, which will be distributed for free inside. This is rush hour.

Koko arrived at this site over a month ago and never left. The shaded sidewalk adjacent to the main gate of the sit-in has become her headquarters, furnished with a few thin mats and some tarp. “When I arrived on the first day of the sit-in, I didn’t find human beings, I found lions determined to fight for their rights. And I saw they needed my help,” she says, draped in an emerald-colored thobe. “For the first 11 days, I stayed here day and night to prepare tea, coffee and offer zalabya (sweet, ball-shaped fritters) because the revolutionaries had nothing to drink or eat. Then they asked me if I could cook meals,” she says.

Feeding the demonstrators became especially critical in keeping the sit-in alive during Ramadan, when temperatures soared and a standoff in negotiations dragged on between Sudan’s Transitional Military Council and protest leaders headed by the Coalition for Freedom and Change.

Koko now runs the biggest street kitchen of Sudan’s revolutionary sit-in. She even convinced her reluctant, apolitical husband to join in the protest and “do anything to help, even if it’s just chanting and clapping against the regime,” she says.

Unlike her husband, Koko is no novice when it comes to political struggle. Now approaching her 56th birthday, she is a veteran organizer and a legendary street tea seller who spent years challenging the authorities in one of the world’s most oppressive states.

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Saudi Arabia to execute three scholars after Ramadan: Report

Al Jazeera

May 22nd, 2019

Three leading Saudi Arabian scholars being held by Riyadh on multiple charges of "terrorism" will be sentenced to death, according to a report.

Citing two government sources and one of the men's relatives, Middle East Eye on Tuesday reported the three individuals - Sheikh Salman al-Awdah, Awad al-Qarni and Ali al-Omari - will be convicted and executed after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan concludes next month.

There was no comment from Saudi authorities on the report.

Al-Awdah is an internationally renowned progressive Islamic scholar described by UN experts as a "reformist", al-Qarni is a preacher, academic and author, and al-Omari is a popular broadcaster.

"They will not wait to execute these men once the death sentence has been passed," one unnamed source told Middle East Eye.

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Egypt bans Tahrir Square memorial for mother of revolutionary icon Khaled Saeed

Middle East Eye

May 23rd, 2019

Egyptian security services banned a memorial service in Cairo on Wednesday for Laila Marzouk, the mother of an Egyptian whose death and torture at the hands of Egyptian police was one of the main triggers of the 2011 revolution.

Marzouk died on Sunday in the US after a battle with cancer and was buried in Philadelphia, according to her family.

Marzouk's daughter, Zahraa Saeed, said on Facebook on Wednesday that security agencies had cancelled a symbolic funeral organised by friends and supporters of her mother in Omar Makram mosque in Tahrir Square.

She did not elaborate why the event was cancelled.

The murder of Khaled Saeed in 2010 helped ignite the January 2011 revolution against Hosni Mubarak's authoritarian rule.

Saeed, 28, is possibly one of the most famous torture victims in Egypt's history. He was tortured to death by two police officers in Alexandria on 6 June 2010, his murder is believed to be in retaliation for a video he posted online showing officers distributing loot and drugs seized during police raids among themselves.

Images of Saeed's disfigured face sparked nationwide protests against police brutality. A Facebook page set up in his memory, "We are all Khaled Saeed", became the main platform through which activists organised protests against police brutality and Mubarak's rule.

Its administrators chose 25 January as the date of the protest that marked the beginning of the Egyptian revolution because of its symbolism as National Police Day in Egypt.

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Sudan protesters plan general strike as talks falter

Middle East Eye
May 21st, 2019

Sudanese protest leaders called on their supporters on Tuesday to prepare for a general strike, after talks with the country's military rulers stalled on who will lead an agreed three-year transition.

Protest leaders had reached agreement with the ruling Transitional Military Council (TMC) on the other main aspects of the transition after veteran president Omar al-Bashir was deposed last month. But early on Tuesday, the generals balked at protesters' demands for a civilian head and a civilian majority for a new sovereign council to lead the transition.

"The main point of dispute that remains is concerning the share of representatives of the military and the civilians in the council and who will be the head of the new body," the two sides said in a joint statement.

The Sudanese Professionals Association, which took the lead in organising the four months of nationwide protests that led to Bashir's ousting, said: "In order to achieve a full victory, we are calling for a huge participation in a general political strike.

"The strike is our revolutionary duty and the participation in the sit-in... is a crucial guarantee to achieve the goals of the revolution."

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Egyptian students protest after technical problems ruin school exams

May 22nd, 2019

Middle East Eye

Egyptian secondary school students have staged nationwide protests over technical issues during end-of-year exams that started on Sunday - only to be met with violence by security forces.

Despite an ongoing national protest ban, thousands of students aged 15 and 16 took part in demonstrations and marches in many cities to demand the resignation of Education Minister Tarek Shawki and calling for reforms.

Footage shared on social media on Tuesday showed students chanting “down with the minister”, “he should leave, we will not leave” and “we are the wronged students”.

A number of protests were violently dispersed by security officers, and the arrests of several students were caught on camera.

One video showed a security officer subduing a female student in front of the education ministry in the capital.

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POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Research Assistant (Identity Politics in the Arab World)

London School of Economics and Political Science - Department of International Development

Deadline: June 3rd, 2019

The Department of International Development promotes interdisciplinary postgraduate teaching and research on processes of political, economic, and social development and change. The core concern of the Department’s Conflict and Civil Society Research Unit is to better understand the ways in which ordinary people seek to shape the decisions that affect their lives, with a particular focus on those experiencing conflict, prolonged violence, or war.

Applications are invited for a Research Assistant with demonstrable expertise and research experience on the role of identity politics in driving conflicts of Syria to contribute to the Citizenship and Legitimacy in the Arab World research project which is funded by a grant from Carnegie Corporation. The project investigates the question of how could legitimacy be built and improved in the Arab world by investigating the gap between top-down procedural notions of legitimacy and bottom-up substantive forms of legitimacy with particular focus on the case of Syria. It also study the ways in which exclusive identities have been constructed as a consequence of the conflict and its

impact on the peace process, and the role played by civil society in promoting counter-sectarian narratives and action. The project involves a comparative analysis between the constitutional process in Lebanon, Iraq and Syria: how it was shaped by identity politics and power-sharing deals, and how this contributed to continuing sectarianism, dysfunctional institutions lacking legitimacy and the ever-present threat of renewed conflict. The Research Assistant will also be involved in assisting the Principle Investigator of the project in the administration of the project and the organisation of its activities. The Research Assistant will also be involved in research activities with the Syria Conflict Research Programme (CRP).

You will have a completed Master degree in Social Science, Politics or Anthropology. You will have the ability to assist in producing independent original research; excellent command of both English and Arabic both orally and in writing; demonstrable ability to work independently under limited supervision and to prioritise work in response to deadlines. A substantive interest in sectarianisation and project management experience would be useful.

We offer an occupational pension scheme, generous annual leave and excellent training and development opportunities.

For further information about the post, please see the how to apply document, job description and the person specification.

To apply for this post, please go to www.lse.ac.uk/LSEJobs. If you have any technical queries with applying on the online system, please use the “contact us” links at the bottom of the LSE Jobs page. Should you have any queries about the role, please email r.turkmani@lse.ac.uk and/or a.mkhitaryan@lse.ac.uk.

More information and application [here](#)

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Departmental Lecturer - Contemporary Islamic Studies

University of Oxford - Faculty of Oriental Studies, Middle East Centre

Deadline: June 7th, 2019

We are seeking an excellent scholar to join the internationally-renowned academic team in Islamic Studies at Oxford. The post is to cover the Leave of Absence of a colleague, and will specialise in Modern Islamic Thought and Political Islam. This post may be of particular interest to an early career scholar.

The Departmental Lecturer will teach undergraduate and graduate students, through lectures and small group teaching: in particular, for the subjects of “Political Islam, Islamism and Modern Islamic Movements” and “Modern Islamic Thought”. This will also involve

preparing relevant materials, and assisting with course and syllabus organisation. He/she will assist with research supervision for dissertations and theses, with examination and other assessment for those courses, and with admissions. Some administrative tasks may also be required. The Departmental Lecturer will also be active in high quality academic research in the field of Contemporary Islamic Studies and Thought.

For this role you will hold, or be close to completing, a doctorate in a discipline relevant to modern Islamic Studies, and will demonstrate a depth and breadth of knowledge of Arabic sources and current debates sufficient to teach and carry out research in these areas to a very high standard. We are looking for a clear aptitude and ability to teach modern Islamic thought and politics, with some experience of both teaching and research. Your publication record should be appropriate to your career stage, but should show a commitment to communicating research in your field. Finally, you should show that you possess excellent communication and organisational skills, and are willing to undertake relevant administrative tasks.

The Departmental Lecturer will be offered a work room in the Middle East Centre, St. Antony's College, with basic clerical support.

The post will commence on 1 October 2019 and is fixed-term for 12 months. The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on 7 June 2019.

More information and application [here](#)

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Postdoctoral Scholar - Teaching Fellow, Middle East Studies (Anthropology)

University of Southern California

Deadline: Open until filled

The Department of Middle East Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles invites applications for a one-year post-doctoral fellowship in Middle East Studies. Researchers with training in Environmental Studies, anthropology, political economy, urban studies, and geography are particularly welcome to apply. This fellowship is renewable for a second year contingent upon administrative approval.

In addition to research, the successful candidate is expected to teach 3 courses per academic year and to participate in the intellectual life of the department and other units on campus. This person will receive a stipend of \$65,000 plus benefits. Applicants must have received their Ph.D. within the last five years or at the latest by August 15, 2019, the start date of the position. Review of complete applications will begin immediately. Further information is available by contacting Renee Almassizadeh (almassiz@usc.edu) or Ramzi Rouighi (rouighi@usc.edu).

USC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law or USC policy. USC will consider for employment all qualified applicants with criminal histories in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Los Angeles Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring ordinance.

In addition to the letter of application, applicants should include their curriculum vitae, a writing sample, three recommendation letters, and sample syllabi. Position will remain open until filled. In order to be considered for this position, all candidates must apply via the "Apply" link at <https://usccareers.usc.edu/job/los-angeles/postdoctoral-scholar-teaching-fellow/1209/11742439>.

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Aarhus University | Department of the Study of Religion, Associate Professorship in Arab and Islamic Studies

Deadline: June 13th, 2019

The School of Culture and Society invites applications for the position of associate professor in Arab and Islamic Studies. The position is placed at the Department of the Study of Religion, in the programme in Arab and Islamic Studies. The associate professorship is a permanent position, and the appointment begins on 1 January 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Position

The Department of the Study of Religion seeks to appoint a gifted researcher to develop a promising field of study of contemporary Arab and Islamic Studies at the highest international levels in collaboration with the School of Culture and Society's other fields of study.

The successful applicant will join the trans-disciplinary research unit Islamic Cultures and Societies Research Unit (ICSRU). Please see here and below.

Research

We are looking for scholars with a strong research profile in the modern or contemporary Arab or Islamic world, and with a research record that includes research focusing on some aspect of Shia Islam in the Arab world. Research related to globalisation, transnationalism or transregionalism which includes aspects of Islam would also be an advantage.

Research activities will be evaluated in relation to actual research time. Thus, we encourage applicants to specify periods of leave without research activities, in order to be able to subtract these periods from the span of the scientific career during the evaluation of scientific productivity.

Teaching

The successful applicant will teach and develop a range of introductory and advanced courses within Arab and Islamic studies and carry out BA and MA supervision. The associate professor will also be expected to participate in teaching development and educational development. Please read more [here](#)

Talent development

The successful applicant will be expected to undertake supervision of PhD students and to partake in the development and implementation of PhD courses as well as to participate in curriculum development.

Knowledge exchange

The successful applicant is expected to exchange knowledge with various sectors of society outside the university and to contribute actively to the general public debate in areas related to the position.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a PhD degree or similar qualifications in a field relevant to Arab and Islamic Studies, as well as research and teaching qualifications equivalent to those acquired during a three-year assistant professorship.

Applicants must also be able to document:

A relevant and internationally oriented research and publication profile

Appropriate competence in one or more relevant research languages

Participation in national and international research networks

Experience of or an interest in the exchange of knowledge with various sectors of society outside the university

Experience of and interest in attracting external research funding

Command of English at an academic level

Teaching experience, including experience with innovative teaching methods such as IT-based courses and teaching development

Experience in supervising student projects and an interest in researcher talent development.

Applications which do not include samples of publications (no more than eight, please) will not be considered.

Professional references or recommendations should not be included in applications. Applicants who are selected for a job interview may be asked to state professional references.

Applications are invited from all interested scholars, irrespective of gender or citizenship; teaching may be conducted initially in English.

If the successful applicant is not fluent in Danish, he or she will be expected to learn Danish within a period of approximately two years of appointment, and appropriate support will be given for this purpose.

The application must be uploaded in English by 13 June 2019.

Questions about the position may be addressed to Professor Mark Sedgwick, mjrs@cas.au.dk.

For more information about the application procedure, please contact HR supporter Marianne Birn, e-mail mbb@cas.au.dk

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University of California - Los Angeles - Assistant Professor of Early-Modern Ottoman History

Deadline: October 15th, 2019

EARLY-MODERN OTTOMAN HISTORY. The UCLA Department of History invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in 16th through mid-19th century Ottoman history. The department welcomes applications considering any theme or methodological approach. Appointment will begin on July 1, 2020. All candidates should have completed their PhD in history no later than June 30, 2020.

The deadline for receiving applications and required documents is October 15, 2019. Applications will be reviewed immediately thereafter.

The department welcomes candidates whose experience in teaching, research or community service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply online at <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF04522> to upload their information for this position. This position is subject to final administrative approval.

Documents should include a letter of application; curriculum vitae; writing sample; sample syllabi; and three letters of recommendation. A statement addressing the applicant's past and/or potential contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion is also required. Please visit the UCLA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion website for Sample Guidance for Candidates on the Statement of Contributions to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: <https://equity.ucla.edu/programs-resources/faculty-search-process/faculty-search-committee-resources/sample-guidance/>.

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