



# **SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA**

## **Digest of Current Publications and Events**

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# CALL FOR PAPERS & CONFERENCES

## **The Global Conference on Women and Gender: Gender, Politics and Everyday Life: Power, Resistance and Representation.**

Christopher Newport University

March 19-20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Abstract Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Christopher Newport University's College of Arts and Humanities seeks abstracts for the forthcoming Global Conference on Women and Gender.

This year's conference theme is **Gender, Politics and Everyday Life: Power, Resistance and Representation.**

This interdisciplinary conference brings together participants from all academic fields to engage in wide-ranging conversations on gender and politics around the world. While formal politics loom large in 2020, we encourage an expansive understanding of political action and expression, inspired by Carol Hanisch's essay, "The Personal is Political," which sees all relationships of power as political and connects women's experiences, self-expression, and values to their lives as political actors and subjects.

Topics may include but are not limited to the past and/or present intersection of gender and politics in:

- Suffrage expansion
- Feminism
- Voting and candidacy
- Organizing and activism
- Media representation
- Artistic and literary expression
- Motherhood and family life
- Sexuality and gender identity
- Reproductive rights
- Race and racism
- Disability rights
- Employment
- Poverty
- Education
- Health
- Violence
- Religion
- Law
- Business and management
- Leadership
- Social media

Submissions from any academic discipline are welcome, including but not limited to:

- Art
- Biomedical ethics
- Communication studies
- Economics
- Environmental science
- Gender studies

- History
- Literature
- Medicine
- Philosophy
- Political science
- Psychology
- Religious studies
- Sociology

We also invite professionals in nonacademic settings to submit proposals.

Both panel and individual paper proposals are welcome. **The deadline for submissions is October 1, 2019.**

Please include with your 350- to 500-word abstract: your full name and your academic or professional affiliation and rank (e.g., graduate student, professor, artist). Abstracts that greatly exceed the 500-word count may not be considered. We will also include a few competitively selected undergraduate panels in the 2020 conference. All submissions will be peer-reviewed and those accepted will be notified no later than October 15, 2019.

Paper presentations will ideally be 15-20 minutes in length and can be considered for our annual publication.

Please contact us at [ahconf@cnu.edu](mailto:ahconf@cnu.edu) if you have any questions.

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## **Edinburgh Studies on Modern Turkey**

Series Editor(s): Alpaslan Özerdem (George Mason University), Ahmet Erdi Öztürk (Linköping University)

Edinburgh Studies on Modern Turkey is a new series of academic books that examine the domestic and international issues of the Turkish Republic from the 1920s until present time. This broadly defined frame brings together both interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary approaches, covering research on the country's history and culture as well as political, religious, and socio-economic developments.

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**Write for Edinburgh Studies on Modern Turkey**

Proposals are welcome for studies that further the wide-ranging discussions of Turkey within its local and global context, utilising an eclectic range of methodological and theoretical approaches. The series invites both detailed, area-specific case studies and broadly construed, interdisciplinary surveys of relevant topics. If you have a proposal suitable for this series we'd love to hear from you. Find out how to submit your proposal [here](#).

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## CALLS FOR SUPPORT

### **Advocate for Palestinians' fundamental right to education and academic freedom**

#### **Israel forcing international lecturers out of West Bank Palestinian universities**

Birzeit University, Adalah, Al-Haq now fighting to end escalating discriminatory Israeli policy aimed at preventing international academics from staying in the West Bank and refusing to renew visas for those with teaching contracts.

Israel is refusing to issue work permits for international academics working at Palestinian universities in the occupied West Bank and is escalating a harsh visa policy that is forcing them to abandon their students and leave the country. Murky and arbitrary Israeli regulations leave international lecturers and their families in constant uncertainty and subject to deportation at any time.

Now, a Palestinian university in the West Bank, together with two Palestinian human rights groups, are taking legal action.

After three consecutive academic years during which Israel has intensified its efforts to force international lecturers to leave the country, Birzeit University, Al-Haq, and Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, are demanding an immediate halt to this policy targeting Palestinian academic freedom and isolating Palestinian institutions of higher learning. Birzeit University – despite operating under Israeli military occupation – must be guaranteed the ability to exercise its right to freedom of education.

In a [letter sent on 30 April 2019](#) to Israeli Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, Israeli Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit, Israeli Chief Military Advocate General Sharon Afek, and the Israeli military's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) Kamil Abu Rokon, Birzeit University, Al-Haq, and Adalah demand that Israel:

- lift the restrictions preventing international academics employed by Birzeit University from staying and working in the West Bank;
- refrain from imposing arbitrary restrictions on the duration of stay or extension of stay for international academics;

order the publication of a clear and lawful procedure for issuing entry visas and work permits for international academics in the West Bank, which will enable the university to manage and maintain its academic freedom.

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The Right to Enter's (RTE) outreach to academics in their grassroots campaign defending the rights of access, movement and residency in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territory. The campaign now seeks for help with attention, advocacy and media.

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## **RECENT & FORTHCOMING BOOKS**

### **Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine**

Chiara De Cesari

Stanford Studies in Middle Eastern and Islamic Societies and Cultures

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.

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## **The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria**

Dara Conduit

Cambridge University Press, July 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**

### **Special Issue: "Political and civic participation of young people in North Africa: behaviours, discourses and opinions"**

Revista de Estudios Internacional Mediterráneos (REIM) published in July 2019 a special issue titled "Political and civic participation of young people in North Africa: behaviours, discourses and opinions" edited by Thierry Desrues and Marta Garcia de Paredes (IESA-CSIC).

You can access the special issue online at:

<https://revistas.uam.es/index.php/reim/issue/view/reim2019.26/showToc>

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### **Social Brokers and Leftist-Sadrism Cooperation in Iraq's Reform Protest Movement: Beyond Instrumental**

Benedict Robin-D'Cruz

International Journal of Middle East Studies

Volume 51, Issue 2 May 2019

This article develops a concept of social brokerage to explain leftist–Sadrism 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 Sadrism 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  
Volume 51, Issue 2 May 2019

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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## **Haunted Histories: Nasserism and The Promises of the Past**

Sara Salem  
Middle East Critique, July 2019

This article revisits the Nasserist project through the lens of haunting. It explores the afterlives of Nasserism, in particular in relation to Egypt’s move toward a free market economy from the 1970s onwards. To do this, I explore the Nasserist project in order to excavate some of the promises that were made and to trace the legacies these created. I argue that both these promises—only partially fulfilled—and the social violence they at times contained—continued to act as powerful political memories that limited Egyptian politics in the decades that followed. Thinking of Nasserism as a form of haunting allows for a deeper understanding of how different political projects seep into one another, problematizing the notion of a linear teleological or providential trajectory consisting of distinct eras. In distinction to work that has mobilized the concept of haunting (originally theorized by Jacques Derrida) in order to elaborate on the historical manifestation of damaging or violent legacies in the present, I



argue that Nasserist forms of haunting should be read as both a productive and destructive normative force in the present. This article puts forward examples of both, particularly in relation to questions of social justice, socialism, and anti-imperialism.

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## **Before constitution-making: the struggle for constitution-making design in post-revolutionary Egypt**

Tereza Jermanova  
Acta Politica

Scholars have recently become attentive not only to the institutional designs that constitutions set up, but also to the constitutional change processes. Most authors, who are concerned with the effects the design of constitution-making processes have on outcomes, have focused on the main constitution-making bodies and their characteristics, leaving aside the question of what happens before members of constituent assemblies meet to deliberate. This article makes the point that to better understand constitution-making and its outcomes, we need to take into account the overlooked early stage of constitutional change when political actors debate and set the rules for how a constitution will be made. Building on various political science perspectives and the case study of the 2011–2012 constitutional reform in Egypt, it underscores the inevitably contentious nature of the design of a constitution-making process. It also highlights the impact that unresolved conflicts over the design can have for the agreement on a constitution between political opponents in the context of a democratic transition. In Egypt, adoption of a broadly accepted constitution was hindered by on-going struggles between Islamists and non-Islamists over their preferred constitution-making designs. The article also outlines the factors that make the settlement on constitution-making rules unlikely.

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## **NEWS PIECES & COMMENTARY**

### **Iranian Academic Arrested for Spying**

Wednesday, 17 July 2019  
AIDA GHAJAR  
Iran Wire

A Paris-based Iranian academic has been arrested in Iran on probable charges of espionage and is believed to have been undergoing interrogations for three weeks, IranWire has learned.

According to reports sent to IranWire, Revolutionary Guards' Intelligence Organization agents arrested Fariba Adelhah, a social sciences researcher at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), in the last week of June, although news of the arrest has just emerged. Adelhah had been living in Iran over the last few months to conduct research on Iran and its neighboring countries. She had also spent her research time in some of these countries, including Afghanistan.

Sources told IranWire that the academic, who holds dual Iranian-French nationality, had spent a period of time in Qom along with a French student. In recent years Adelkhah had been conducting research on Qom seminaries and, in cooperation with research centers that she had been working with, brought Qom clergymen to Paris to attend seminars on numerous occasions. The sources said her arrest, which was confirmed by human sciences scholars in Paris, was unexpected. She was thought to have been under interrogation since her arrest. At the time of reporting, there was no information about the French student who had accompanied Adelkhah.

Iranian government spokesman Ali Rabiei confirmed the arrest, but stated that he didn't know who had carried it out. Such remarks usually indicate that the Revolutionary Guards' Intelligence Unit is responsible. The unit is only answerable to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and is at times at odds with Iran's Ministry of Intelligence. IranWire has been told that French officials and the French embassy in Tehran have been informed of her arrest, and are following up on her situation. The arrest comes at a time of tense relations between Iran and France.

Iran and France have entered into prisoner exchange deals in the past, including in the case of [Clotilde Reiss](#), a French student who was arrested on spying charges. She was exchanged for Ali Vakili Rad, who was one of several people responsible for the murder of Shapour Bakhtiar, the Shah's last prime minister, in 2010. Some Iranian analysts based in France believe that Adelkhah's arrests fits a familiar pattern, whereby Islamic Republic officials take dual nationals hostage in order to use them as leverage when dealing with other governments. In recent years several dual nationals have been arrested in Iran, including the Iranian-American businessman [Siamak Namazi](#), the Iranian-British charity worker [Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe](#), medical disaster relief specialist Dr. [Ahmad Reza Jalali](#) and [Hamid Babaei](#), all of whom remain in prison and face charges including espionage and taking action against national security.

### **Academia as a "Security Threat"**

Others believe that the arrest of Fariba Adelkhah has nothing to do with either her dual nationality or Iranian-French relations. Instead, they argue her arrest is part of the Revolutionary Guards' Intelligence Organization and the Ministry of Intelligence's policy of controlling and monopolizing all research about Iranian society, whether it is conducted from inside or outside the country.

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## **Migrant Domestic Workers in the Middle East: between state ignorance and obsolete laws**

Youmna Cham, May Ghanem, Abir El Danaf  
International Development LSE blog  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Following recent celebrations for International Domestic Workers' Day, Youmna Cham, May Ghanem and Abir El Danaf explore the Kafala System and the daily injustices Women Migrant Domestic Workers are encountering in the Middle East and particularly in Lebanon.

Imagine yourself working more than 15 hours a day without a break, not a moment's respite, and where you are not entitled to a day off or any leisure time; or just imagine yourself working in an environment where your employer confiscates your identity and privacy. Take a moment and just think you're working in a place where you are randomly subjected to sexual harassment, where you are constantly beaten up and prevented from joining labor unions. Surely you don't want to end up in such poor and inhumane work conditions, but unfortunately millions of Domestic Workers coming from different parts of the world – Ethiopia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Sri-Lanka, Tanzania, Kenya, etc. – hoping for better future end up in such horrific undignified working conditions.

Millions of women and girls around the world are employed as domestic workers in private households. They clean, cook, take care of children and elderly, and perform other caring tasks as assigned by their employers. Despite their crucial role, Migrant Domestic Workers (MDWs) and particularly women are being exploited everywhere in the world, in many countries of the Middle East, and especially Lebanon.

### **Current status of Women Migrant Domestic Workers**

Lebanon is a country that steals the spotlight when it comes to mistreating women Migrant Domestic Workers (WMDWs) coming from different African and Asian countries. Human Rights Watch and other watchdog organizations documented thousands of human rights violations against WMDWs by their employers – they often work for long hours with no breaks; they are not entitled to the average wages; they are often exposed to sexual and verbal abuse, often stripped from their traditions (food, clothes and hair care) and most importantly they are not protected under the Lebanese labor code.

Lebanon's 250,000 migrant domestic workers fall under the abusive "Kafala" or Sponsorship system that is the leading cause of the violence against MDWs; this may be true for many other Arab receiving countries.

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## Hundreds march in Sudan to honour 'martyrs' of protests

Al Jazeera  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

[Sudanese](#) police fired tear gas as hundreds of demonstrators marched in capital Khartoum towards a prominent square to honour dozens of people killed in the months-long protest movement that has rocked the northeast African country.

The rallies on Thursday came a day after protest leaders and the army rulers inked a [power-sharing deal](#) to form a joint civilian-military body tasked with installing a civilian administration - the main demand of the demonstrators.

Witnesses said men and women chanting revolutionary slogans and waving Sudanese flags headed towards the Green Yard, a prominent square in Khartoum in response to calls from a key protest group.

As they marched, the demonstrators shouted slogans that have been the rallying cries of the uprising that led to the toppling in April of President Omar al-Bashir: "Civilian rule, civilian rule!" and "Freedom, peace, justice!"

"The rallies are a tribute to those honourable martyrs of the December revolution," the Sudanese Professionals Association said in a statement.

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## New NGO law criticized as mere cosmetic change

Rana Mamdouh  
July 17, 2019  
Mada Masr

Parliament overwhelmingly approved on Monday a new law governing the operations of non-governmental organizations to replace a 2017 law currently in place.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi first called for the 2017 law to be amended in November following widespread domestic and [international criticism](#) of its provisions. While Sisi [had ratified](#) the 2017 law, its executive bylaws were never passed, creating an ambiguous legal landscape for NGOs in Egypt.

Soon after Sisi's call for changes to the 2017 law, the prime minister created a committee to review the law, host a series of national dialogue sessions and propose amendments. In April, the committee announced it would draft an entirely new law to replace the 2017 law. A month later, the Cabinet approved a draft prepared by the Minister of Solidarity, Ghada Waly, and it was submitted to Parliament earlier this month for discussion before it was formally approved on Monday. The law will go into effect once it is ratified by the president.

Parliamentary Speaker Ali Abdel Aal claimed that the new law addresses 99% of the criticisms of the 2017 law, which severely restricted NGO activities and included jail terms for non-compliance. However, rights groups rejected the changes in the new law as merely cosmetic. In a joint [statement](#), 10 Egyptian rights groups rejected the new law as a

“rebranding” of the “repressive” 2017 law. “It is animated by the same underlying hostility to civil society organizations, and seeks to subordinate them to the security apparatus,” the statement reads.

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## POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### **Research Associate and Visiting Faculty for 2020-21 in its Women’s Studies in Religion Program**

Harvard Divinity School  
Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Each year Harvard Divinity School selects five candidates for full-time Research Associate and Visiting Faculty positions in its Women's Studies in Religion Program. Proposals for book-length research projects using both religion and gender as central categories of analysis are welcomed. They may address women and religion in any time, place, or religious tradition, and may utilize disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches from across the fields of theology, the humanities, and the social sciences.

#### Responsibilities

Research Associates are required to be in full-time residence at Harvard Divinity School while carrying out their proposed research projects during the academic year. Associates meet together regularly for collective discussion of research in progress. Each associate teaches a one-semester course related to the research project, and the associates present their research in a public lecture series and at an annual conference.

#### Eligibility

Positions are open to candidates with doctorates in the fields of religion and to those with primary competence in other humanities, social science, and public policy fields who demonstrate a serious interest in religion and hold appropriate degrees in those fields. Selection criteria emphasize the quality of the applicant's research prospectus, outlining objectives and methods; its fit with the Program's research priorities; the significance of the contribution of the proposed research to the study of religion, gender, and to its field; and an agreement to produce a publishable piece of work. Applicants for the 2020–21 academic year must have received the PhD by October 1, 2019. Applications from those whose degrees have not yet been awarded will not be considered.

*More information and application [here](#)*

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## **Research Analyst, Middle East Program - Palestine/Israel Project**

Carnegie Endowment

Deadline: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a global network of policy research centers in Russia, China, Europe, the Middle East, India, and the United States, is seeking a full-time Research Analyst based in Washington, DC. This position will report to Carnegie's DC-based Middle East Program. This is anticipated to be a 16-month position.

The Research Analyst will contribute to Carnegie papers and reports, write and co-author op-eds and articles, assist in organizing events and meetings in Washington and in Palestine/Israel and/or Jordan, engage regularly with government officials, policymakers, experts and civil society interlocutors, assist Carnegie fellows and nonresidents with research and writing on U.S. foreign policy towards Palestine/Israel, and other duties or subjects as assigned by the program.

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in social science or political/international affairs; and a master's degree or equivalent experience in a research-focused role, and familiarity with Palestine/Israel political, security, economic and human rights issues and US foreign policy in relation to the same. The ideal candidate will have experience working and/or living in the Palestinian territories. Applicants must be self-starters with excellent attention to detail, be able to work independently, adapt quickly and possess strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Native or near-native level language skills in both English and Arabic are required.

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## **Frida Global Advisory Committee**

Deadline: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

FRIDA is recruiting passionate and committed young feminist activists from the Middle East and North Africa region to join its Global Advisory Committee!

Since its founding, FRIDA has relied on a Global Committee of Advisors made up of mostly young feminist activists from all over the world. The FRIDA Advisory community is 59-strong and spans across 43 countries. These Advisors play a key role in the following areas:

- Collaborating in FRIDA's annual participatory grantmaking process by conducting outreach, screening applications, reviewing final results, and supporting due diligence.
- Supporting grantee partners' capacity development and communication with FRIDA.
- Informing strategy and programmatic decisions in various areas of FRIDA's work through thematic working groups such as Communications, Resource Mobilization, Capacity Development, and Grantmaking.
- Informing FRIDA's regional strategies.

FRIDA relies on its advisors to build a safe space, and to support each other, staff and grantee partners to critically reflect and build on our combined vision for young feminist organizing globally.

Requirements:

**Must haves for eligible candidates:**

- Aged under 35 years at the time of application
- Three or more years demonstrated commitment to advancing women's rights, equality and non-discrimination and feminist movement building;
- Skills in such areas as project management, communications, workshop facilitation, capacity-building, movement building and/or monitoring and evaluation;
- Good command of English is important, as well as at least one of the following languages: Arabic, Turkish, Farsi, Kurdish. [French and/or Spanish are desirable, but not mandatory]

Located or from the following countries where we do not currently have advisors and/or need more advisory support: **Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania, Morocco, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Western Sahara, or Turkey.**

**Preferably engaged or working in the following thematic areas:**

- Environmental and climate justice;
- Tech Feminism and Digital Security i.e. Access to information technology, applications, web-development etc for activist communities;
- Legal feminism and approaches to justice;
- Safety and security in feminist activism;
- Movement building, community mobilization and social justice organizing;
- Grassroots organization development and leadership;
- Working with girls and adolescents under the age of 18;
- Areas of conflict or post-conflict;
- Experience and/or expertise in migration, the rights of migrants, refugees and people living under occupation;
- Sex worker OR sexual & reproductive health and rights movement. This must include good knowledge of the issues and challenges faced by the sexual rights movement;
- Migration and the rights of migrant community groups;
- Arts for activism such as theater, street art, or music;
- Rights of minority, ethnic, and rural groups
- Rights of people living with disabilities;
- Care economy and domestic worker rights;
- Sexual orientation and gender identity & expression (SOGIE) related issues and a good knowledge of SOGIE organizations and networks on the continent.

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**Research Assistant, Middle East and North Africa programme**

Deadline: August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is seeking a talented and motivated Research Assistant (RA) to support the design and implementation of research and activities for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) programme. The MENA programme will undertake analysis of key developments in conflict, peace and security in the region.



SIPRI is especially interested in candidates with work experience in or on the MENA region or a specific country. Further, thematic knowledge in the field of conflict, peace and security in relation to the MENA region would be considered a useful asset.

### **Context**

SIPRI is an independent international institute whose core mission is to undertake research and activities on security, conflict and peace. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public. SIPRI provides excellent opportunities for scientific and personal development. SIPRI is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture.

### **Main tasks and responsibilities**

The RA is responsible for supporting a range of research tasks, including the following:

- Contribute to establishing the SIPRI MENA programme and assisting with creating its research agenda;
- Support the SIPRI MENA programme's publications and outreach activities;
- Build networks with policymakers, the media and the wider research community;
- Assist in communicating research findings widely and effectively by producing shorter written outputs, giving interviews, and if required, presenting research at meetings and through social media;
- Support researchers, senior researchers, the Director of Studies and the programme coordinator in developing the programme;
- Network—if and when required—with donors, policymakers and the media to disseminate relevant research and policy findings; and
- Take part in the collective life of the Institute.

### **Requirements**

The successful candidate will possess the following experience and skills:

- A Master's degree or be in the process of obtaining a Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g. International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political Science, Social Sciences);
- Excellent writing and communication skills in both English and Arabic;
- Experience (through studies or work) in conducting qualitative research.

While not essential, desirable experience and skills include:

- Experience of working in the MENA region;
- Knowledge of the main international and regional organizations working in the MENA region;
- Knowledge of other relevant languages such as French.

### **Contract period**

Starting 1 September 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter. The appointment will be for two years initially. The post is full-time and the successful applicant will be expected to reside in Stockholm. The post may involve occasional travel. The salary package will be negotiated individually.

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## **Humanities Research Fellowships for the Study of the Arab World**

Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The NYU Abu Dhabi Research Institute invites scholars who wish to contribute to the vibrant research culture of NYUAD's Saadiyat campus to apply for a residential fellowship, starting September 2020.

For questions, please email Alexandra Sandu,  
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The Institute welcomes applications from scholars working in all areas of the Humanities related to the study of the Arab world, its rich literature and history, its cultural and artistic heritage, and its manifold connections with other cultures. This includes, among others, (Early) Islamic Intellectual History and Culture, any areas of particular relevance to the MENA region, as well as projects thematically connected to existing research projects and initiatives at NYUAD's divisions of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences (see [Research](#)).

Both distinguished scholars with an established reputation and promising young scholars who are in the beginning of their career can apply for a research fellowship.

Each fellow receives a competitive stipend commensurate with experience, housing, health insurance, work/office space on campus, full access to NYUAD's library facilities (with close connections to NYU's main library in New York), research allowance, an opportunity to host a small workshop funded by the Research Institute, and support for travel to and from Abu Dhabi.

We expect successful candidates to commence their appointment on September 1st, 2020, pending final administrative approval.

*More information and application [here](#)*

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## **Institute for Advanced Study: Opportunities for Scholars for the Academic Year 2020-2021**

Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, free from teaching and other university obligations. Each year scholars from around the world apply to come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Those who are chosen are offered a membership for a set period. Members receive access to the extensive resources of the Institute, including offices, access to libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some secretarial services.

THE SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES supports scholarship in all fields of historical research, but is concerned principally with the history of western, near eastern and Asian

civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, art history, the history of science, and late modern history with a special emphasis on the history of international relations. The School also offers the Edward T. Cone Membership in Music Studies. Each year the School welcomes approximately forty Members selected on the basis of both external and internal review. Most are working on topics in the above mentioned fields, but each year the School also selects some scholars working in other areas of historical research. Members in the School are appointed for either one term (first term Sept. 21 to Dec. 18, second term Jan. 11 to April 9) or for two terms, amounting to a full academic year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS include a substantial record of publication and a PhD awarded by no later than December 31, 2018. (Scholars with a PhD awarded in 2019 are expected to wait at least one year before applying.) The School takes into account the stage of the scholar's academic career when evaluating the list of publications, but applicants should have at least several articles already in print in scholarly publications in order to be considered eligible. Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply. Scholars are not required to have a current institutional affiliation.

MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED to remain in residence in Princeton during term time. Members' only other obligation is to pursue their own research. If they wish, they may also participate in seminars and meetings within the Institute, and there are ample opportunities for contacts with scholars at nearby universities.

INSTITUTE STIPENDS will normally be offered up to a maximum of \$78,000 for the full academic year, or \$39,000 for one term. A few senior scholars will be offered additional funding to help make up for losses in salary. Stipends may be supplemented by other grants, including sabbatical salaries, but if the total exceeds the salary at the time of application the Institute stipend will be reduced accordingly. Scholars with full sabbatical funding, other grants, retirement funding, or other means may apply for a non-stipendiary membership. Institute stipends are intended to replace lost salary to fund Members; they are not intended to pay for teaching replacements in Members' home institutions. A few Assistant Professors who meet additional eligibility requirements will be selected for Mellon Fellowships that will provide full year support matching their salaries and benefits at the time of application. (Detailed information about this program is on the website: <https://www.hs.ias.edu/mellon>.) Some short-term visitorships (for less than a full term, and without stipend) are also available on an ad-hoc basis. (To inquire about visitorship opportunities contact the Administrative Officer at [HSao@ias.edu](mailto:HSao@ias.edu).)

FUNDING FOR MEMBERS comes from a variety of sources. The Center for Spain in America supports one John Elliott Member pursuing research in the history and culture of Early Modern Spain. The Patricia Crone membership supports one scholar working in the field of Near Eastern Studies. The Starr Foundation membership and the Roger E. Covey membership each support Members in the field of East Asian Studies. The Edward T. Cone membership annually supports one scholar in Music Studies. A Gerda Henkel membership will be offered to one scholar from the European Union, and there are other named memberships that are not tied to any specific field or nationality. Some Members will also be supported by the Institute's own endowment or through foundation grants. The School also welcomes scholars sponsored by the ACLS through the Frederick Burkhardt Fellowships for recently tenured professors. (To apply see: <https://www.acls.org/programs/burkhardt/>.) Specific sources of funding will be determined after scholars have been selected.

Further information and membership application materials may be found on the School's web site, [www.hs.ias.edu](http://www.hs.ias.edu). (Updated application materials for the 2020-2021 academic year will be posted there in early June.) Inquiries may be sent by email to the Director of Membership Programs at [hsappquery@ias.edu](mailto:hsappquery@ias.edu) or by post to: Member Programs, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Completed membership applications must be submitted by October 15, 2019.

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