

**The Sixth Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies**  
**Copenhagen, 8-10 October 2004**  
**Conference venue: DIIS, Strandgade 71, 1401 Copenhagen K**

**Conference Programme**  
(As of 31 August 2004)

**Friday:**

16.30 – 17.00: Registration at the Conference Venue

17.00 – 17.15: *Welcome*

**Jakob Skovgaard Petersen**, Associate Professor, Carsten Niebuhr  
Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen

17.15 – 18.30: *Colonialism and Transformation of the Middle East*

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Eugene Rogan**, University Lecturer in the Modern  
History of the Middle East, St. Antony's College, Oxford University

18.30 – 19.00: Informal Reception

**Saturday:**

9.00 – 10.15: *Euro-Sufism*

Keynote Speaker: **Mark Sedgwick**, Associate Professor, Department of  
History, American University in Cairo

10.15 – 10.30: Coffee Break

10.30 – 13.00: Workshops Part I

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch Break (Sandwiches)

14.15 – 16.30: Workshops Part II

16.30 – 17.00: Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.30: *The Question of the Construction of Frontiers between Europe and the  
Arab World*

Keynote Speaker: **Jocelyn Dakhlia**, Director of Studies, Historical  
Anthropology, EHESS, Paris

19.00: Dinner at Restaurant Noma

**Sunday:**

9.00 – 10.30: General Assembly Meeting

10.30 – 11.45: *Constitutionalism in the Arab World*

Keynote Speaker: **Nathan J. Brown**, Professor of Political Science and  
International Affairs, Director of Middle Eastern Studies Program, Elliot  
School of International Affairs, George Washington University

11.45 – 13.00: Lunch Break (sandwiches)

13.00 – 15.00: Workshops Part III

15.00 – 15.15: Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.15: *The European Union and the Question of Political Reform in the Arab World*

Keynote Speaker: **Mustapha Al Sayyid**, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Developing Countries, Cairo University, Affiliated Professor, Department of Political Science, American University in Cairo

16.15 - 16.30: *Closing Remarks:* **Ulla Holm**, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen

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**Programme**  
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**Saturday:**

**10.30 – 13.00: Workshops Part I**  
**(All Workshops Continue after Lunch)**

**Workshop 1: Israel and Palestine: Conflicts, History, Colonialism and Migrants**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *Idealists and Gold Diggers: Early Zionist Encounters with Palestine, 1880-1900*  
**Jakob Feldt**, Ph.D. Candidate, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 10.50 – 11.10: *The Jewish Diasporas and Migrant Settlers on the West Bank – An Obstacle to Peace?*  
**Danny Raymond**, Ph.D. Candidate, DIIS
- 11.10 – 11.30: *The Peace Process Caught Between Liberalism and Ethno-Nationalism*  
**Louise Mørup**, MA, Research Assistant, DIIS
- 11.30 – 11.50: Break
- 11.50 – 12.10: *The Development of Palestinian NGOs during the Oslo Years and beyond*  
**Michael Irving Jensen**, Ph.D., Researcher, DIIS
- 12.10 – 12.30: *The Representation of the Jenin Affair in Yated Neeman*  
**Hanne Desmentik**, MA, Lecturer, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 12.30 – 12.50: *The Palestinian Struggle in Israeli Media*  
**Steven Willadsen**, BA, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen

**Workshop 2: Middle East Reforms and EU Policies**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *International Relations in the Mediterranean and their Socio-Political Dimensions*  
**Tuomo Melasuo**, Senior Researcher, Tampere University
- 10.50 – 11.10: *The Impact of the EU's Concepts of Security on Mediterranean Regionalisation*  
**Ulla Holm**, Senior Researcher, DIIS
- 11.10 – 11.30: *The EU's Security Discourses*  
**Marianne Laanatza**, Senior Lecturer, Uppsala & Stockholm Universities
- 11.30 – 11.50: Break
- 11.50 – 12.10: *The Politics of Economic Liberalisation in Syria*  
**Søren Schmidt**, Ph.D. Candidate, Roskilde University
- 12.10 – 12.30: *Institutional Reform Processes in the Middle East: Implementing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Egypt*  
**Martin Hvidt**, Associate Professor, University of Southern Denmark
- 12.30 – 12.50: *Civilisation and the Question of Turkish EU-Membership: Some Reflections on the Significance of the Concept of Civilisation in Europe and Turkey*  
**Daniella Kuzmanovic**, MA, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen

### **Workshop 3: Iran in Transition**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *The Secularising Force of Empowered Religion: Preliminary Notes on a Comparison of Iranian and Egyptian Islamism*  
**Bjørn Olav Utvik**, Director of Middle East Studies, University of Oslo
- 10.50 – 11.10: *Islamism and Post-Islamism in Iran*  
**Yadollah Shahibzadeh**, Candidate of Philology, University of Oslo
- 11.10 – 11.30: *A Comparison of Revolutionary and Reformist Mobilisation*  
**Mohammad Javed**, Ph.D. Candidate, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 11.30 – 11.50: Break
- 11.50 – 12.10: *Is the End of the Khatami Era an End of the Reform Movement?*  
**Claus Pedersen**, Associate Professor, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 12.10 – 12.30: *Student Politics in Iran*  
**Rasmus Elling**, MA Student, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 12.30 – 12.50: *Luristan Nomadic Material Cultures in Denmark*  
**Pedram Khosrownejad**, Ph.D. Candidate, Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Iranian Studies, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

### **Workshop 4: Literature and Art**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *Demonising the Enemy: The Use and Mis-Use of Satan in the Writings of Sayyid Qutb*  
**Jean Butler**, Ph.D. Candidate, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 10.50 – 11.10: *The Orient in Danish 19th Century Culture*  
**Martin Zerlang**, Professor, Department of Arts and Culture, University of Copenhagen
- 11.10 – 11.30: Break
- 11.30 – 11.50: *The Impact of Symbolism on Persian New Poetry*  
**Heidi Ghomi**, Ph.D., Fellow Assistant Professor, Institute of Humanities and Cultural Studies, Iran
- 11.50 – 12.10: *Sulayman al-Bustani and his Arabic Translation of the Iliad*  
**Bo Holmberg**, Professor, Lund University
- 12.10 – 12.30: Break
- 12.30 – 12.50: *The Modernist Ka'bah: On Modern European Appraisals and Creative Re-use of the Ka'bah*  
**Thomas Hoffmann**, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Arts and Culture, University of Copenhagen

### **Workshop 5: The Middle East and Area Studies Controversy**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *Mesopotamian Turn and its Various Irrigation-Strategies – the Challenge of Bringing IR and Middle East Studies Together*  
**Morten Valbjørn**, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Aarhus
- 10.50 – 11.10: *European Territorial Legacy: Syrian Policies towards Lebanon and Hatay/Liwa' Iskandarunah*  
**Emma Jørum**, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government, Uppsala University
- 11.10 – 11.30: *German Perspectives on Middle East Politics: A Review of Recent Contributions*  
**Andre Bank**, MA, Institute for Political Science, University of Tuebingen  
**Rolf Schwarz**, Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva
- 11.30 – 11.50: Break
- 11.50 – 12.10: *Citizenship versus Traditional Forms of Allegiance in Some Successor States to the Ottoman Empire*  
**Vemund Aarbakke**, Dr.Philos., Research Scholar, Department of East European and Oriental Studies, University of Oslo
- 12.10 – 12.30: *History, Theory and Ideology in Middle East Studies: The Bases and Prospects for Multi-Dimensional Area Studies?*  
**Recep Boztemur**, Assistant Professor, Middle East Technical University
- 12.30– 12.50: *The State as Conceptual Variable in Modern Middle Eastern Studies*  
**Rasmus Alenius Boserup**, Ph.D. Candidate, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen

### **Workshop 6: Islam and Muslims in Europe and in Russia**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *The Discourse of Political Islam in the West: The Search to Overcome Dichotomous Reasoning*  
**Corinna Mullin**, (Title, Organisation????)
- 10.50 – 11.10: *Heritage Learners in Denmark: The New Challenge for CALL*  
**Helle Lykke Nielsen**, Associate Professor, Centre for Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark
- 11.10 – 11.30: *Kurdish Exile and Diaspora*  
**Charlotta Zettervall**, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, Lund University
- 11.30 – 11.50: Break
- 11.50 – 12.10: *Russian Muslims at the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Some Aspects of Tatar Muslim Culture*  
**Guzel Sayfullina**, Doctor, Utrecht University
- 12.10 – 12.30: *Commuting between Europe and the Middle East: Transnational Practice and Parents Concern*  
**Lene Kofoed Rasmussen**, Ph.D., Researcher, Danish National Institute of Social Research
- 12.30 – 12.50: *Ivan Anguéli: A Pioneer in West European Sufism*  
**Ashk Dahlén**, (job title?), Uppsala University

### **Workshop 7: European/Russian Relations with the Middle East: Past, Present and Future**

- 10.30 – 10.50: *Europe and the Middle East, from Entente Cordiale until Today*  
**Hassan Jamsheer**, Dr., Professor, Chair of Middle Eastern Studies, Institute of History, University of Lodz, Poland
- 10.50 – 11.10: *The Love-Hate Relationship between Europe and the Middle East: Examples of Unilateral and Enlightened Globalization*  
**Uichol Kim**, Professor, Department of Psychology, Chung-Ang University, Seoul

- 11.10 – 11.30: Break
- 11.30 – 11.50: *The Role of Europe in Track II Diplomacy between Israelis and Palestinians*  
**Iman Hamdy**, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, American University in Cairo
- 11.50 – 12.10: *Russia and Israel: Facing New Challenges and Opportunities*  
**Andrei V. Fedorchenko**, Head of Department, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences
- 12.10 – 12.20: Break
- 12.20 – 12.50: *Un-Finished Business: A Never-sent Diplomatic Note Confirms Moscow's Premeditation of the Six-Day War*  
**Isabella Ginor**, Fellow, The Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Gideon Remez**, Former Head of Foreign News, Israel Radio

## **Saturday**

### **14.15 – 16.30: Workshops Part II**

#### **Workshop 1: Israel and Palestine: Conflicts, History, Colonialism and Migrants**

- 14.15 – 14.35: *The Paradiplomacy of the Palestinian Minority Citizen in the State of Israel*  
**Sameh El-Souefi**, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Helsinki
- 14.35 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 2: Middle East Reforms and EU Policies**

- 14.15 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 3: Iran in Transition**

- 14.15 – 14.35: *EU Policies towards Iran and the Effects on Iranian Human Rights*  
**Anisseh Van Engeland Nourai**, Ph.D. Candidate, Institut d'Etudes Politiques
- 14.35 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 4: Literature and Art**

- 14.15 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 5: The Middle East and Area Studies Controversy**

- 14.15 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 6: Islam and Muslims in Europe and in Russia**

- 14.15 – 14.35: *Choosing the Fringe: On Islamism in Europe*  
**David Thurfjell**, (Title, Organisation???)
- 14.35 – 16.15: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

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- 14.15 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

## Sunday

### 13.00 – 15.00: Workshops Part III

#### **Workshop 8: Democratisation in Arab Countries**

- 11.00 – 11.20: *Democratisation in Morocco*  
**Julie Pruzan Jørgensen**, Ph.D. Candidate, DIIS
- 11.20 – 11.40: *Cooperation or Democratisation? The Barcelona Process and EU's Mediterranean Security Discourses*  
**Helle Malmvig**, Ph.D., Researcher, DIIS
- 11.40 – 12.00: *Europe and Iraq*  
**Amir Poursadigh**, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Tampere University
- 12.00 – 13.00: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 9: Islamic Law and Politics**

- 11.00 – 11.15: *In Reference to the Prophet: Divorce in an Egyptian Context*  
**Mona Abdel-Fadil**, Adviser for Refugees
- 11.15 – 11.30: *Human Rights and Islam: The Freedom of Expression from Western and Islamic Perspectives*  
**Henriette Sinding Aasen**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen
- 11.30 – 11.45: *Religion and Politics in the Muslim World*  
**Dietrich Jung**, Senior Researcher, DIIS
- 11.45 – 12.00: *Textualism and Reasoning in Saudi Arabian Jurisprudence*  
**Dorte Bramsen**, Ph.D. Candidate, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 12.00 – 12.15: *The Codified Shari'a: A European or an Islamic Law?*  
**Knut S. Vikør**, Associate Professor University of Bergen
- 12.15 – 13.00: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 10: Arabic Memoirs and Biographies**

- 11.00 – 11.15: *From the Kuttab to Global Fame; the Autobiography of Yusuf al-Qaradawi*  
**Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen**, Associate Professor, Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 11.15 – 11.30: *Reading Europe: Arab Youth and European Literature*  
**Tetz Rooke**, Associate Professor, Department of Oriental and African Languages, Göteborg University
- 11.30 – 11.45: *Righteous Women: Biographies on the first Muslim Women in kitaab at-tabaqaat al-kabiir by Muhammad Ibn Sa'd*  
**Pernilla Myrne**, Post-Graduate Student, Göteborg University
- 11.45 – 12.00: *One Day We'll be Looking Back at this with Nostalgia: Memoirs and Public Testimonies of the Lebanese Civil War*  
**Sune Haugbølle**, Ph.D. Candidate, St. Antony's College, Oxford University
- 12.00 – 13.00: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

#### **Workshop 11: Values and Identities in the Middle East**

- 11.00 – 11.20: *Middle Easterners: An Imagined Community*

**Aharon Klieman**, Director, The Abba Eban Graduate Program in Diplomatic Studies,  
Tel-Aviv University

- 11.20 – 11.40: *The Social Construction of the Maghreb: Cognitive, Institutional, and Economic Dimensions of the Regionalisation in the Southern Mediterranean*  
**Steffen Wippel**, Research Fellow, Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin
- 11.40 – 12.00: *Changing Values among Young Internet Users in the Middle East*  
**Albrecht Hofheinz**, Ph.D., Lecturer, (Organisation?????)
- 12.00 – 13.00: Questions, Discussion and Closing Remarks