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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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)

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**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 21st 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-Fininished 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
Anissh Van Engeland Noraï, Ph.D. Candidate, Institut d’Etudes Politiques
14.35 – 16.30: Questions, Discussions and Closing Remarks

Workshop 4: Literature and Art
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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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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*

**Dorthe 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-tabqaat al-kaabiir 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

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