Workshop Program

Thursday 19 August

9.45-10.15 Welcome and introduction round (Prof. Mark Sedgwick, Chair of NSMES, Aarhus University et al.)

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-12.00 Workshop 1 War/ authoritarian states and societal structure

Chair: Prof. Hannu Juusola (University of Helsinki)

Yasmeen Al-Eryani (Tampere University): Temporal Ruptures: Educators from the vantage point of political upheaval

Commentators: Tiina Hyyppä, Idunn Lüllau Holthe

Amir Barjasteh (Tampere University): Politics in Imagining Communities: An Epistemic Governance Approach to New Authoritarianism in Modern History of Iran

Commentators: Tiina Hyyppä, Majid Imani

Tiina Hyyppä (University of Helsinki): Civil Governance in Protracted Conflicts: Local Councils in Syria

Commentators: Yasmeen Al-Eryani, Amir Barjasteh

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Keynote by Dr. Amro Ali (American University in Cairo): “Thinking with metaphor in a literal era.”

15.00-15.15 Break

15.15-16.15 Workshop 2 Social Media

Chair: Dr. Thorir Jonsson Hraundal (University of Iceland)

Şeyda Bağdoğan (Copenhagen Business School): Considering Virtual Ethnography with the Digital Entrepreneurship of Turkish Women Cooking on YouTube

Commentators: Majid Imani, Laura Wickström

Majid Imani (Tampere University): Everyday Activism: Social Media and Anthropology of the Future of Change in Iran
Commentators: Şeyda Bağdoğan, Amir Barjasteh

18.00 Optional Evening Program

Friday 20 August

9.00-10.30 Workshop 3 Land, Arab Spring and Space

Chair: Prof. Helena Lindholm (University of Gothenburg)


Commentators: Tia Kangaspunta, Idunn Lüllau Holthe

Tia Kangaspunta (University of Helsinki): Changing Citizens: A Comparative Study of the Revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, and Sudan

Commentators: Yasmeen Al-Eryani, Robert Forster

Idunn Lüllau Holthe (University of Oslo): Between Heritage and Satellites: Land Conflicts and Inequality in Post-Arab Spring North Africa

Commentators: Tia Kangaspunta, Markku Haranne

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-12.15 Workshop 4 Theological and ideological movements

Chair: Dr. Olof Heilo (Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul)


Commentators: Mattias Gori Olesen, Erik Sundblad

Mattias Gori Olesen (Aarhus University): Orientopia: Muḥammad Luṭfī Jumʿa (1886-1953) and Drang nach Osten in Interwar

Commentators: Erik Sundblad, Nina Björkman

Erik Sundblad (Stockholm University): In Search of a Universal Approach to Islamic Scripture - The epistemological and Methodological Malleability of the Qurʾān-alone Movement in Egypt

Commentators: Nina Björkman, Mattias Gori Olesen

12.15-13.00 Lunch
13.00-14.00  **Workshop 5 Economy and ecology**

Chair: Prof. **Mark Sedgwick** (Aarhus University)

**Markku Haranne** (Tampere University): *Turbulent Eastern Mediterranean: Natural Gas, Interests, Conflicts and Cooperation*

Commentators: Laura Wickström, Robert Forster

**Laura Wickström** (Åbo Akademi University): *Contemporary Key Figures of Islamic Eco-Philosophy*

Commentators: Markku Haranne, Şeyda Bağdoğan

14.00-14.30  **Words of closure (The Board of NSMES)**