

Perceptions of a Global Middle East 19–20, August, 2021

Online Nordic PhD summer school organized by the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies.

Please note that all times are given in CEST.

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 Hyypä, 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 Hyypä, Majid Imani

Tiina Hyypä (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)*

Robert Forster (Chr. Michelsen Institute in Bergen): *Myths, Practice, and the Consolidation of an Informal Neighbourhood in Tripoli, Lebanon, 1955-2020*

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)*

Nina Björkman (Åbo Akademi University): *Discourse, Islam and decoloniality. Muslim Maximalist Responses to the Colonial Matrix of Power – A Study of the Muslim Brotherhood, Hizb ut-Tahrir and Tablighi Jama`at*

Commentators: Mattias Gori Olesen, Erik Sundblad

Mattias Gori Olesen (Aarhus University): *Orientopia: Muḥammad Luṭfī Jum`a (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 Qur`ān-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)