



NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF THE ARAB WORLD
Annual Graduate Student Research Workshop
AGENDA
NYU ABU DHABI – Room A6 005
March 6-8, 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023

7:00 – 8:30 PM **Welcome Reception at the Torch Club**, Building D2, NYU Abu Dhabi

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Local Exploration Day

Suggested Outings (on students' own):

Saadiyat Island: Louvre Abu Dhabi, Abrahamic Family House, Manarat al Saadiyat, Soul Beach, Kai Beach

Abu Dhabi and other islands: Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque; Wahat al Karama; The Founder's Memorial; Qasr al-Hosn; Qasr al-Watan; Jubail Mangrove Park

Monday, March 6 | DAY 1

8:30 – 9:30 AM **Breakfast at the Torch Club**

9:30 – 10:00 AM **Welcoming Remarks & Introduction**

Erin Pettigrew, NYUAD, History and Arab Crossroads Studies

Nathalie Peutz, NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Anthropology

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10:00AM – 12:00PM **PANEL I : History through Aesthetics I**

10:00 – 10:55 AM *Postcolonial feminism and the artistic face of a woman in the short stories of Zakaria Tamer*

Irina Giorgadze (Tbilisi University)

Discussant: Maya Kesrouany (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Literature)

- 11:00– 11:55 AM *In the Quest for a National Style: Islam and the State from 1967 to 1981*
Ahmed Abdelazim (University Wisconsin-Madison)
 Discussant: Harshana Rambukwella (NYUAD, Literature and Creative Writing)
- 12:00 - 1:45 PM **WORKING LUNCH: How to Pitch a Journal Article**
 Joel Gordon, editor of the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES)
LUNCH outside A6-005
- 2:00 – 4:15 PM **PANEL II : History through Aesthetics II**
- 2:00 – 2:55 PM *Songs as Political Messages from Sounding the Nahda: Musical Modernity in the Post Imperial Ottoman Empire*
Melissa Camp (University North Carolina Chapel Hill)
 Discussant: Andrew Eisenberg (NYUAD, Music)
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM **Coffee Break**
- 3:15-4:10 PM *Vestiges of the Islamic Antiquarian Tradition in the Modern Perso-Arabic Print Landscape from Āthār: Visualizing Vestiges of Time in Late Nineteenth-Century Iran*
Chaeri Lee (Indiana University)
 Discussant: Bilal Orfali (NYUAD, Literature)
- 6:30 PM Bus to dinner
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM **Otantik Restaurant (downtown, opposite Abu Dhabi Mall)**

Tuesday, March 7 | DAY 2

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast at the Torch Club**
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM **PANEL I: Legal Frameworks and Bordering Practices I**
- 9:00 – 9:55 AM *“Yalla, to Efrin!” from The Bread of Mourning: Violence, Memory and Touch amongst Syrian Refugees in Tripoli, Lebanon*
Brent Eng (University of California, Berkeley)
 Discussant: Nathalie Peutz (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Anthropology)
- 10:00 – 10:55 AM *Child marriage, the age of sexual consent, and the regulation of juvenile sexuality in Lebanon: “she doesn’t know what she wants!”*
Lama Karame (Oxford University)
 Discussant: Jinan Bastaki (NYUAD, Legal Studies)

11:00 – 11:30 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 – 12:30 PM **PANEL II: Legal Frameworks and Bordering Practices II**

11:30 – 12:25 PM *Magic Money Inside Your Central Bank*
Myriam Amri (Harvard University)
Discussant: Kevin O'Rourke (NYUAD, Economics)

12:30 – 2:00 PM **LUNCH inside A6-005**

2:00 – 4:00 PM **PANEL III: Religion and Power**

2:00 – 2:55 PM *Migrant Stories of Practicing Religion: Historical development and social dynamic of the migrant religious life among the early Keralite Muslim migrants in the Arabian Gulf c. 1960s – 1990s*
Muhammad Ashraf Thachara Padikkal (Humboldt University/Groningen U.)
Discussant: Adeel Hussain (NYUAD, Legal Studies)

3:00 – 3:55 PM “Usiomboleze ni Dhambi, Mwombe Mungu Akupe Subra Tu” (*Don't Mourn it's a Sin! Ask God for Şabr Instead*): *Unjust Deaths, the Discourse of Patience, and a Genealogy of Mourning in Zanzibar*
Tanvi Kapoor (New York University)
Discussant: Erin Pettigrew (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and History)

4:00 – 4:30 PM **REFRESHMENTS**

Evening Schedule Open for City Exploration

Wednesday, March 8 | DAY 3

8:00 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast at the Torch Club**

9:00 – 11:00 AM **PANEL I : Interventions in Mental Health**

9:00 – 9:55 AM *The British Governance of Mental Health in Egypt, 1882-1952*
Yasmine Shafei (American University Beirut)
Discussant: Hannah El Sisi (NYUAD, Gender Studies)

10:00 – 10:55 AM *The Effectiveness of Treatment Programs Provided for Drug Addicts and Psychotropic Substances in Dubai*
Alyaa Aljasmī (Sharjah University)
Discussant: Laure Assaf (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Social Research and Public Policy)

11:00 – 11:30 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 – 12:35 PM **PANEL II : The Digital Turn**

11:30 – 12:25 PM *Data Practices in the Arabian Peninsula and Trucial Oman Prior to Aerial Technologies*
Mary Michael (University of California Santa Barbara)
Discussant: David Wisley (NYUAD, Digital Humanities)

12:30 - 1:00 PM Closing Remarks

1 PM **Lunch at the Torch Club, optional**