

NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF THE ARAB WORLD
Annual Graduate Student Research Workshop
AGENDA
NYU ABU DHABI
March 7-9, 2022

Sunday, March 6, 2022

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

Monday, March 7 | DAY 1

Bus leaving campus at 9 am, from A6 building

9:15 – 10:00 AM **Breakfast at the Saadiyat Rotana**

10:00 – 10:30 AM **Welcoming Remarks & Introduction**
Martin Klimke, NYUAD, Vice Provost, History, PI of the HRF program
Erin Pettigrew, NYUAD, History and Arab Crossroads Studies
Nathalie Peutz, NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Anthropology

10:30 – 12:30 PM **PANEL I: Artistic and Cultural Production I**

10:30 – 11:25 AM *'We Pretend We're in India': Cultural Production and Consumption of India in the Arab World, 1990-2021*
Ada Petiwala (NYU New York)
Discussant: Dale Hudson (NYUAD, Film Studies)

11:30 – 12:25 PM *Voice, Arabness, and the Vocal Talent Competition Arab Idol*
Insia Malik (City University New York)
Discussant: Ghazi Faisal Al-Mulaifi (NYUAD, Music)

12:30 – 2:00 PM **LUNCH**

2:00 – 5:30 PM **PANEL II: Artistic and Cultural Production II**

2:00 – 2:55 PM *Mother Figure: Art and the Palestinian Dream State, 1965-1982*
Alessandra Amin (UCLA)
Discussant: Rana Tomaira (NYUAD, Social Sciences)

3:00 – 3:55 PM *The Process of the Canon (Re)formation: A Study of Selected Anthologies of World Literature*
Rana Elbowety (Cairo University)
Discussant: Nathalie Handal (NYUAD, Literature and Creative Writing)

- 4:00 – 4:30 PM** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 4:30 PM Bus to Campus
- 6:30 – 9:00 PM** **Bus from A6 building to dinner at Cafè Otantik (opposite Abu Dhabi Mall)**

Tuesday, March 8 | DAY 2

Bus leaving campus at 9 am, from A6 building

- 9:15 – 9:30 AM** **Breakfast**
- 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM** **PANEL I: Global Histories**
- 9:30 – 10:25 AM *Cold War From Below: A social history of Communist internationalism in the Middle East (1943-1983)*
Arash Azizi (NYU New York)
Discussant: Masha Kirasirova (NYUAD, History)
- 10:30 – 11:25 AM *A Global History about the Independence of Qatar*
Javier Guirado Alonso (Georgia State University)
Discussant: Nelida Fuccaro (NYUAD, History)
- 11:30 – 12:00 PM** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** **PANEL II: Minority Lives**
- 12:00 – 12:55 PM *Black and Jewish: The Social Life of Archives in North Africa*
Jessie Stoolman (UCLA)
Discussant: Erin Pettigrew (NYUAD, History and Arab Crossroads Studies)
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** **LUNCH**
- 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM** **PANEL III: Social Movements and Politics**
- 2:30 – 3:25 PM *Recasting Minority: Islamic Modernists between the Middle East, South Asia, and the World, 1856-1947*
Roy Bar Sadeh (Columbia University)
Discussant: Zeynep Ozgen (NYUAD, Social Research and Public Policy)
- 3:30 – 4:25 PM *The Official Ottoman Perception of the Wahhabi Movement (1745-1818)*
Elif Conker (Freie Universität Berlin)
Discussant: Suphan Kirmizialtin (NYUAD, History)
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM **Coffee Break**

5:00 – 5:55 PM *Structuring Inclusive Local Governance in Tunisia: Prospects for Political Participation in Emerging Democracies*
Salih Yasun (Indiana University)
Discussant: Monica Marks (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Political Science)

6:00 PM Bus to Campus

7:00 PM **Dinner, Torch Club, NYU Abu Dhabi**

Wednesday, March 9 | DAY 3

Bus leaving campus at 9 am, from A6 building

9:15 – 9:30 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM PANEL I: Ethnographic Perspectives

9:30 – 10:25 AM *Assistive Technologies for Deaf People in Jordan: Entanglements of Language, Religion, and Disability*
Yui Leh Timothy Loh (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Discussant: Warren Churchill (NYUAD, Music)

10:30 – 11:25 AM *Martyred Citizenship: Law, Culture, and Sacrifice in Iraq*
Arran Walshe (NYU New York)
Discussant: Laure Assaf (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies and Social Research and Public Policy)

11:30 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 1:00 PM PANEL II: Postcolonial Ideologies

12:00 – 12:55 PM *Secularism and Religion: Nasser, Islam and the Making of Modern Egypt (1952-1970)*
Ibrahim Gemeah (Cornell University)
Discussant: Justin Stearns (NYUAD, Arab Crossroads Studies)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM LUNCH

2:00 PM Bus to Campus

3:00 PM – 11:30 PM Optional Excursion: Dubai World Expo 2020
Transportation Provided from A6 building
Ticket cost and meals not included