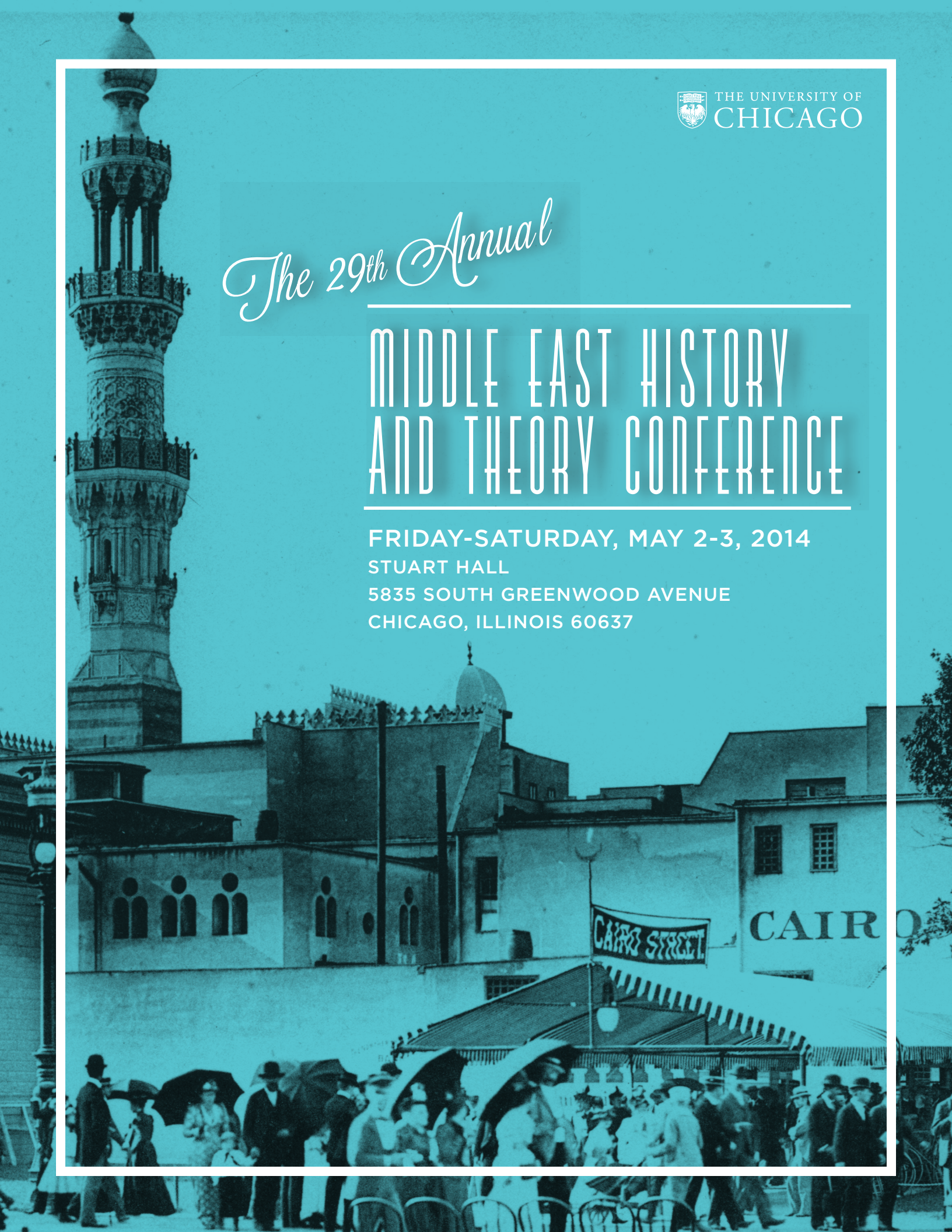


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**Middle East History
and Theory Conference**

Friday, 2 May - Saturday, 3 May 2014

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*Welcome to 29th Annual Middle East
History and Theory Conference*



Entrance to Street of Cairo section of the Midway at the
1893 World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Illinois

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Location. All panel sessions will be held in Stuart Hall, 5835 South Greenwood Avenue. Throughout the conference, a registration table will be located on the main floor of Stuart Hall. All panel rooms are on the same floor. Coffee, the reception following the keynote address, breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be in the Cox Lounge, on the lower level of Stuart Hall. Men's and women's restrooms are also on the lower level of Stuart Hall. The keynote address, at 5:00PM Friday, will be given in Room 120 at the Kent Chemical Laboratory on the north side of the Quad. All Saturday evening events will be in Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 East 59th Street. Signs and guides will help direct you from Stuart Hall to Kent or Ida Noyes.

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The 2014 Middle East History and Theory Conference was organized by
Annie Greene and Michael J. Bechtel.

Conference Schedule

Friday, 2 May 2014

Registration begins at 1:00PM in Stuart Hall

1:30 - 2:50PM - Panel Session 1

3:00 - 4:20PM - Panel Session 2

5:00 - 6:30PM - Keynote Address by Professor Marilyn Booth (University of Edinburgh): "Cairo in Chicago, Chicago in Cairo, 1893: Arab Women, Egyptian Representations, and the World Columbian Exposition" (Kent Chemical Laboratory, Room 120)

Saturday, 3 May 2014

7:30 - 8:30AM - Breakfast

8:30 - 9:50AM - Panel Session 3

10:00 - 11:20AM - Panel Session 4

11:30AM - 12:50PM - Panel Session 5

12:50 - 2:00PM - Lunch

2:00 - 3:20PM - Panel Session 6

3:30 - 4:50PM - Panel Session 7

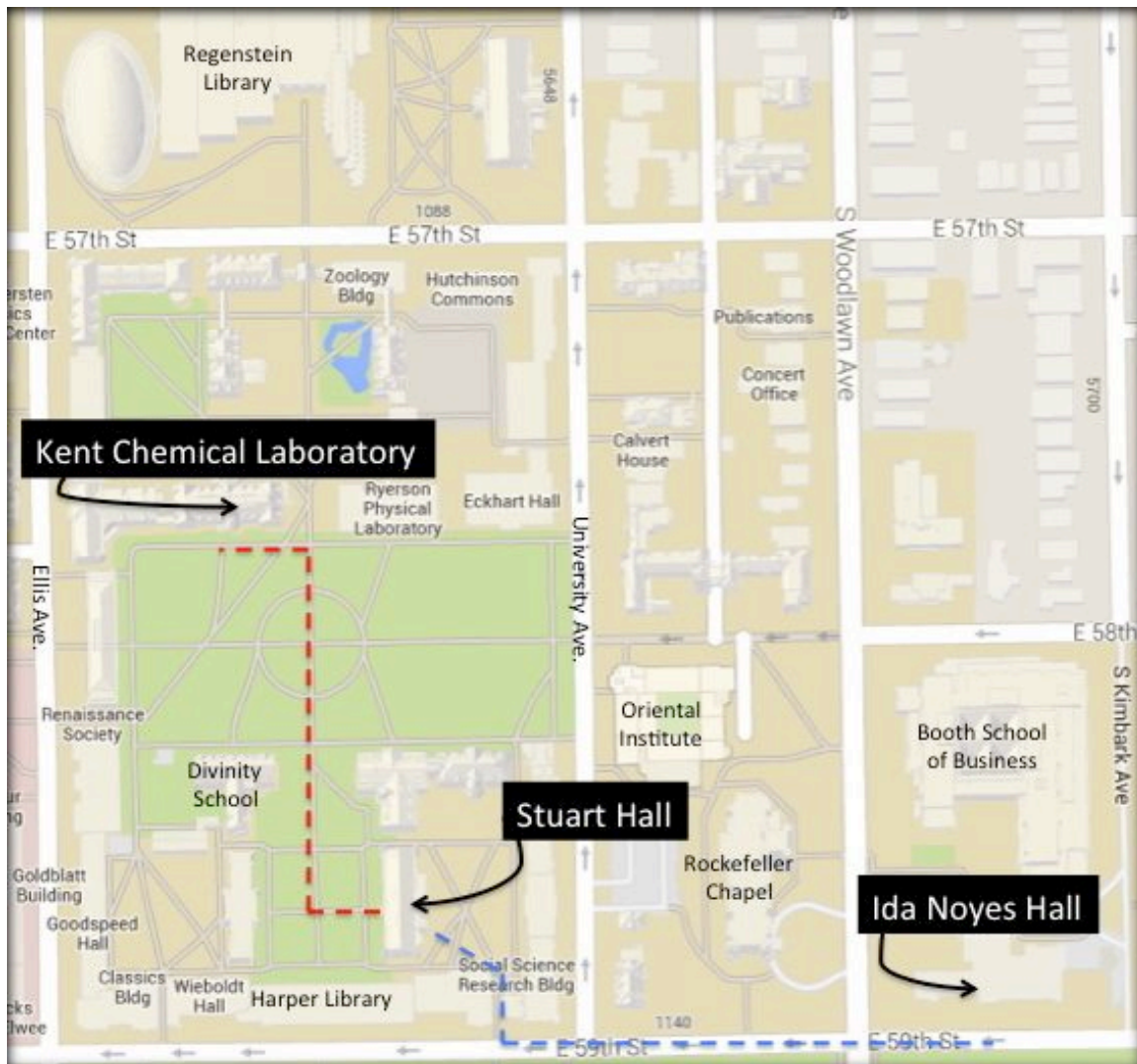
Saturday evening events will be held in Ida Noyes Hall

5:00 - 6:00PM - Happy Hour - *Provided by the Central Eurasian Studies Committee*

6:00 - 6:45PM - Middle East Music Ensemble Performance

7:00PM - Lamb Roast Dinner - *Provided by the Middle East Studies Students Association*

MEHAT Conference Map of Events



Stuart Hall: 5835 South Greenwood Avenue

Friday: Registration, Panel Sessions, Keynote Reception
Saturday: Registration, Panel Sessions, Breakfast, Lunch

Kent Chemical Laboratory: 1020-24 East 58th Street

Friday: Keynote Address, 5:00PM

Ida Noyes Hall: 1212 East 59th Street

Saturday: Happy Hour, Middle East Music Ensemble, Dinner

*** Friday, 2 May 2014 ***

All panel sessions will be held in Stuart Hall

Session 1 - 1:30 - 2:50PM

Knowledge and Status away from Home: Travel, Mobility, and Scholarship in the Near East (1500-1800) - *Stuart 102*

Cornell Fleischer (University of Chicago), Discussant

Nir Shafir (UCLA), "Traveling to Know or Knowing by Travel? Differing Uses of Travel in the Early Modern Middle East"

Basil Salem (University of Chicago), "The Creation and Representation of Class in Murādi's Biographical Dictionary of the 12th/18th Century"

Sabahat Adil (University of Chicago), "Writing the Maghrib: Mobility, Intellectual Exchange, and Patronage in Seventeenth-Century Damascus"

Christopher Markiewicz (University of Chicago), "Making it Among the Ottomans: Persian Émigrés at the Courts of Bayezid II (r. 1481-1512) and Selim I (r. 1512-1520)"

Politics in Action: Power Dynamics in Colonial and Post-Colonial Contexts - *Stuart 104*

Carl Shook (University of Chicago), Discussant

Joshua Donovan (University of Chicago), "From Commies to Comrades, or How the US Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Ba'th, 1947-1966"

Julio Rivera (University of Chicago), "Hama: A City Ripe for Rebellion A Look at Political, Socioeconomic, Ideological, and Security Motivations Behind the 1976-1982 Armed Uprising"

Philip Issa (University of Texas - Austin), "An Obstructive Debate: Islam, Slavery, and Modernity"

Sami Sweis (University of Chicago), "Mukhtars: The Coalescence of Tribal and State Politics in Transjordan"

Session 2 - 3:00 - 4:20PM

Discourses of Islamic Law and Philosophy - *Stuart 102*

Amir Toft (University of Chicago), Discussant

Emann Allebban (McGill University), "From Avicenna to 'Abduh: Uses of Proofs of God in Medieval and Modern Thought"

Mohammad Syifa A. Widigdo (Indiana University), "Imām al-Ḥaramayn al-Juwaynī: The Beacon of Sunnī Scholarship in the Eleventh Century"

Paul Anderson (Harvard University), "The Poetics of Ascension: Purification, Resurrection, and the Journey of the Soul in Ismā'īlī Philosophy, with Reference to Ancient Iranian Religions"

Mariam Sheibani (University of Chicago), "Before the Qawā'id: The History and Functions of Legal Maxims in Early Shāfi'i Literature"

Political Narratives and Images in the Modern Middle East - *Stuart 104*

Yasmeen Mekawy (University of Chicago), Discussant

Amr Leheta (University of Chicago), "Three Moments in the Discourse on Religion and State in Egypt"

Andrew Ver Steegh (University of Chicago), "'7,000 Years of Civilization': The Idea of Egypt's National History From al-Ṭaḥṭāwī to al-Tahrīr"

Brian Keenan (University of Chicago), "Secular Third-Worldism in the Iranian Political Imagination"

Samee Sulaiman (University of Chicago), "Representation, Authority, and Spectacle in the 'Arab Spring'"

**Keynote Address - 5:00 - 6:30PM, Friday
Kent Chemical Laboratory, Room 120**

**The Farouk Mustafa Memorial Fund
and the Middle East History and Theory Conference present**

Marilyn Booth

Iraq Chair of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Edinburgh

**Cairo in Chicago, Chicago in Cairo, 1893:
Arab Women, Egyptian Representations, and the
World Columbian Exposition**

The keynote address will be followed by a reception in Cox Lounge, Stuart Hall

This event is open to the public.

*** Saturday, 3 May 2014 ***

All panel sessions will be held in Stuart Hall

Breakfast (Cox Lounge, Stuart Hall) - 7:30 - 8:30AM

Session 3 - 8:30 - 9:50AM

Media Markets and Museum Arts: Literary Production and Aesthetic Consumption in the Middle Eastern Cultural Sphere - Stuart 101

Maryam Sabbaghi (University of Chicago), Discussant

Ali Beh-Pajooch (University of Hamburg), "The Discourse of Authentic Novel in the Book Market of Reza Shah's Era (1921-1941)"

Manon McGuigan (University of Chicago), "Localization and Globalization in 'Morocco World News'"

Moain Sadeq (Qatar University), "Unpublished Mamluk Cartouches and Blazons Displayed in the Museum of Islamic Arts, Doha: An Art Historic Study"

Ahmad Arbaboun (University of Chicago), "Alternative Market: Iranian Government's Competition with its Rival Satellite TV Providers"

Primacy of Place - Stuart 102

Ekin Enacar (University of Chicago), Discussant

Doğa Öztürk (Ohio State University), "Piracy in the Persian Gulf-A Historiography"

Kyle Evered (Michigan State University), "Draining an Anatolian desert: Overcoming Water, Wetlands, and Malaria in Early Republican Ankara"

Owain Lawson (The American University in Cairo), "'Our Nation, Predestined by Nature': Constructing National, Natural, and Touristic Spaces in Mandate Lebanon"

Rachel Cook (University of Washington), "Al-Hima: Addressing Environmental Challenges to the Marine Environment of the Arabian Peninsula with the Revival of Saudi Arabia's Indigenous Community-Based Resource Management Practice"

~~**Immediate History of the Arab Turmoil - Stuart 104**~~

~~*Henry Laurens (Collège de France), Discussant*~~

~~Hana Jaber (Collège de France), "Syrian Conflict: Exodus, Boundaries, Narratives"~~

~~Chaymaa Hassabo (Collège de France) and Matthieu Rey (University of Singapore), "Immediate History Facing the Egyptian and the Syrian Crises"~~

~~Mohammed Ezzeldin (City University of New York), "Deconstructing Thuggery: Revisiting Neoliberalism, Violence and Revolution in Egypt"~~

~~Wajdi Limam (Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), "Tunisians Abroad and the Uprising"~~

Cultures of East, West and Center: Early Modern Ottoman Performances of State - Stuart 105

Hakan Karateke (University of Chicago), Discussant

Golriz Farshi (University of Chicago), "Timur and Bayazid: Yildirim Bayazid as Portrayed by the Timurid Historians"

Kara Peruccio (University of Chicago), "Better to Be Ottoman?: Machiavelli's *The Prince* and State-building in the Early Modern Mediterranean"

Mustafa Kaya (University of Chicago), "The Making of Religious Culture in the Early Ottoman Empire"

Session 4 - 10:00 - 11:20AM

Global Perspectives on Salafism and Society - Stuart 101

Thomas E.R. Maguire (University of Chicago), Discussant

Abdullah F. Alrebh (Michigan State University), "Wahhabist Ethics in Saudi Arabia: The Application of Beliefs in a Muslim Society"

Issam Eido (University of Chicago), "Salafism as a 'Discourse of Crisis' in the Context of Syrian Uprising"

Jawad Anwar Qureshi (University of Chicago), "A Salafi Polemic Against Taqlid: A Responsum of Muḥammad al-Ma'sūmī al-Khujandī (d. 1954) to Muslims of Japan"

Mohamed-Ali Adraoui (European University Institute - Florence), "Salafism and Power: From Religion to Politics. A History of the Search for Orthodoxy"

Un/Clothing Bodies, Performing Identities and Negotiating Societal Mores - Stuart 102

Rachel Schine (University of Chicago), Discussant

Catherine Bronson (Beloit College), "The Morality of Clothing: A Source Critical Analysis of Vestments"

Gwendolyn Collaço (Harvard University), "Reforming Feminine Bodies through Ottoman Fashions: Ottoman Dress on Women's Rights Activists of the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries"

Madoka Morita (Tokyo University), "Hamams and Non-Muslim Women: Religious Segregation in Eighteenth-century Istanbul"

Nazlı İpek Hünler (University of Chicago), "Midwife in Word Only: Religious others in pre-Tanzimat Fiction"

Theology, Charisma and Politics between the Two Rivers: From Shi'i Imams to Military Amirs - Stuart 104

Paul Walker (University of Chicago), Discussant

Ed Hayes (University of Chicago), "Were the Imams Charismatic?"

Mohammad Sagha (University of Chicago), "From Mercenaries to Amirs: The Politics of Military Rule under the Buyids in Baghdad"

Mohammad Allehbi (University of Chicago), "Streets of Baghdad: Government Interplay with the Ayyarun in the Buyid and Seljuq Eras"

Rodrigo Adem (University of Chicago), "The Imam and the Theologian: On the Imami-Shi'ite Reception of Kalam"

Islamic Mysticism: Exploring Themes of Law, Piety, and Epistemology - Stuart 105

Theodore Beers (University of Chicago), Discussant

Alex Massad (Georgetown University), "Are You Certain? Theophanic Knowledge in al-Qusharyi's Risāla"

Antonio Musto (University of Chicago), "A Tale of Two Mystics: A Look at the Relationship between Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī and Ḥājī Baktāsh Walī"

Armaan Siddiqi (University of Chicago), "'The Spirit of the Law': A Study of Ahmad Zarruq's Juridical Sufism"

Daniel Morgan (University of Chicago), "The Revolution of the Self in South Asian Islam"

Session 5 - 11:30AM - 12:50PM

Tensions of History and Anxieties of Modernity in Twentieth-Century Arabic Literature - Stuart 101

Marilyn Booth (University of Edinburgh), Discussant

Esra Taşdelen (University of Chicago), "Slave Girls or Mothers of Caliphs?: Hierarchies of Gender and Race in Jurji Zaydan's 'Al-Amin wa al-Ma'mun'"

Annie Greene (University of Chicago), "Jamil Şidqi al-Zahawi and the Politics of Poetry, 1908 - 1918"

Kay Heikkinen (University of Chicago), "'Al-Tantouriyya': Portraying Post-Nakba Palestine in a Modern Historical Novel"

This panel on modern Arabic literature is organized in the memory of Prof. Farouk Mustafa (1942 - 2013), translator and beloved teacher of Arabic at The University of Chicago. The organizers thank Prof. Kay Heikkinen and the Farouk Mustafa Memorial Fund for their support.

Innovations and Investigations in Islamicate Historiography - Stuart 102

Rich Heffron (University of Chicago), Discussant

Andrew DeRouin (University of Chicago), "Amir Khalil and a Timurid Dynastic Transition"

Edward Zychowicz Coghill (University of Chicago), "Qurashi Clientage and Egyptian Historical Knowledge: A First Look at the Affiliations of a Local Egyptian Historiography"

Kyle Bellows (University of Chicago), "Marshall Hodgson: Historian as Theologian"

Richard Harrod (University of Chicago), "The Druze Beginnings: One Faith's Origins Through the Eyes of Five Historians"

Faultlines of Middle Eastern Democracies - Stuart 104

Naz Yücel (University of Chicago), Discussant

Mehmet Celil Çelebi (University of Oregon), "A Sociological Approach to 'Hybrid Regimes': Trajectory of Justice and Development Party in Turkey"

Zafer Yılmaz (UC Berkeley), "Politics of Social Assistance, Family and Reproduction Policies in the Turkish Context: Institutionalization of the Conservative-Populist Project via Transformation of the Social"

Sara Salem (Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands), "Historicizing the 2011 Egyptian Uprising: A Neo-Gramscian Approach"

Other Traditions, Other Knowledges: Pushing the Limits of an Anthropology of Islam - Stuart 105

Hussein Agrama (University of Chicago), Discussant

Nada Moutaz (Ohio State University), "Intersections and Transformation of Traditions: Islamic Tradition and the Laws of the Economy"

Alireza Doostdar (University of Chicago), "Doxa and Orthodoxy in Scientifically-validated Islamic Practice"

Asad Ahmed (Harvard University), "An Impossible Object? Asad and the Idea of an Anthropology of Islam"

Fadi Bardawil (University of Chicago), "Tradition, Critique, and the Anthropologist's Positionality"

Lunch (Cox Lounge, Stuart Hall) - 12:50 - 2:00PM

Session 6 - 2:00 - 3:20PM

Religion, Society and Politics in Medieval Al-Andalus and North Africa - *Stuart 101*

Mohamad Ballan (University of Chicago), Discussant

Jessica A. Coope (University of Nebraska - Lincoln), "Geographical Distance and Culture: Two Muwallad Rebellions in Al-Andalus"

Jamal Abed-Rabbo (University of Chicago), "A Legal Debate in Late Naṣrid Granada Concerning the Status of the Mudéjars"

Liran Yadgar (University of Chicago), "Medieval Jewish-Muslim Polemics in the Islamic West: The Case of Muḥammad b. 'Abd al-Karīm al-Maghīlī"

Justin Benavidez (University of Chicago), "Sufism in Naṣrid Granada: An Analysis of al-Sahīlī's Bughyat al-Salik and its Role in the Development of Ṭarīqa Sufism"

The Holy Qur'an: Text and Context - *Stuart 102*

Fred Donner (University of Chicago), Discussant

W. Scott Chahanovich (Harvard University), "Understanding the Qur'ānic Apocalypse: A Case Study on the Function of the Fig in Surah 95"

Adam Flowers (University of Chicago), "The Sura as Compilation: Thematic and Syntactic Structural Analyses of Sūrat Āl 'Imrān"

Jessica Mutter (University of Chicago), "Iltifat and Narrative Voice in the Qur'an"

Twentieth-Century Islamic Publications and Islamic Thought - *Stuart 104*

Toygun Altıntaş (University of Chicago), Discussant

AyşePolat (University of Chicago), "The Ottoman Print Regime on the Domain of Printed Qurans and Islamic Publications"

Ayşen Baylak (Boğaziçi University), "Subjects and Genres: A General Outlook to the History of Print-Islam in Turkey"

Farhad Dokhani (Harvard University), "The Pan-Islamic Vision of Agha Khan III"

Khalil Andani (Harvard University), "Monorealism: The Theology of Agha Khan III"

Traversing Islam: Travelers and Tourists of Islamicate Lands - *Stuart 105*

John E. Woods (University of Chicago), Discussant

Matthew Brauer (Northwestern University), "Writing the Moroccan Protectorate in French Travel Narratives, 1881-1912"

Carol Fan (University of Chicago), "Chen Cheng's Xiyu fanguo zhi: a Full Translation"

Elizabeth Matsushita (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign), "From Cairo to the Streets of Cairo: Tourism, Exhibition, and the Discursive Production of an Oriental City, 1870-1920"

Mikiya Koyagi (University of Texas at Austin), "The Vernacular Journey: Iranian Railway Travelers, 1926-1950"

Session 7 - 3:30 - 4:50PM

The Heavy-Handed State: Modern Nation-building Through Legitimation - Stuart 101

Orit Bashkin (University of Chicago), Discussant

Archana Prakash (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign), "Reappraising the French Role in Early Nineteenth-Century Egyptian Education"

Andrew Alger (City University of New York), "Moral Education and Revolution in Hashemite Iraq"

Emine Evered (Michigan State University), "Between Morality and Medicine: Debating the Place and Practice of Drink in Early Republican Turkey"

Lydia Harrington (University of Washington), "Regionalism and Nationalism in Modern Turkish and Iraqi Architecture: A Comparative Analysis of the Works of Sedad Eldem and Rifat Chadirji"

Commitments and Rhetoric in the Early Twentieth-Century Modernism of South and Central Asia - Stuart 102

August Sami'e (University of Chicago), Discussant

Ahona Panda (University of Chicago), "Aestheticizing Politics: Tagore, Gandhi and the Question of Nationalism"

Claire Roosien (University of Chicago), "From Victim to Victor: The Aesthetics of Unveiling in Soviet Uzbekistan"

Nicholas Makinster (Tufts University), "Legacies of the Tajik Civil War: The Current State of Education and Political Legitimacy in Tajikistan"

Sam Hodgkin (University of Chicago), "Ghazals in a Purge Year: Formal Experimentation and Neoclassicism in Lāhūtī's Soviet Poetics"

Politics, Justice, and Cultural Intellect of the Ottoman Long Nineteenth Century - Stuart 104

Holly Shissler (University of Chicago), Discussant

Işın Taylan (Sabancı University), "Tracing Ottoman Reception of Le Bon's 'Foules' in Rūḥ'ul-Aḳvām and Rūḥ'ul-Cemā'āt"

Patrick Scharfe (Ohio State University), "Ottoman Political Discourse and the Islamic Public Sphere in the Age of the Nizam-i Cedid (c. 1790-1830)"

Hümeyra Bostan (İstanbul Şehir University), "Institutionalizing Justice in a Distant Province: Ottoman Judicial Reform in Yemen (1872-1918)"

Concluding Events

Saturday evening events will be held in Ida Noyes Hall

Happy Hour - 5:00 - 6:00PM Sponsored by the Committee on Central Eurasian Studies

Middle East Music Ensemble Performance - 6:00 - 6:45PM

Lamb Roast Dinner - 7:00PM Sponsored by the Middle East Studies Students Association

After the conclusion of Saturday evening events, MEHAT Conference participants and guests are invited to The Pub, located in the basement of Ida Noyes. The Pub offers a wide selection of beers on tap, mixed drinks and wine, and will be running specials on Saturday night. The Pub is a private club, but non-University of Chicago guests may enter with a U of C affiliate for a fee of \$3.



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