# Digest of Current Publications and Events

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<u>Of P. Arab-Soviet Internationalism</u> Socialist Internationalism, International
Organizations and the Politics of Revolution in the 20th and 21st Centuries, Forum
Transregionale Studien, Berlin, Germany, 13-15 July, 2022
Call for Papers: "The Arab-majority and Muslim-majority Worlds in/ and
Contemporary Decolonisation Debates", University of Edinburgh, 5-6 April 2022
The Making and Unmaking of Identities in the Early Modern
European University Institute, Florence, 12-13 May 2022
and the Beginning of the British Mandate Century Anniversary
College, Akko, 1-2 June 2022
Call for Papers: "Queer in the Middle East, Queering the Middle East," University of
Texas at Austin, 4, 5 & 12 March 2022
Online Seminar: The Framing Palestine Series #2 - Living Through the Nakba (26th of
Nov)
Online Seminar: Imperial Bodies: Empire and Death in Alexandria (1st of Dec)
Webinar: Gender and the Oultural Lives of Neoliberalism (8th of Dec)
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Militias, by Jennifer Philippa Eggert
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The Nakba Continues: The Palestinian Crisis from the Past to the Present, by Ahmad
Qabaha and Bilal Hamamra
Settler Colonialism (Without Settlers) and Sow Violence in the Gaza Strip, by, Michelle Pace and Haim Yacobi
Qaiming an Individual: Party, Family and the Politics of Memorialization in the
Lebanese Civil War, by Dylan Baun
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Madbouly
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Sudan: The Pre-Revolutionary Development of Resistance Committees, Al Muzaharat
, Al Jazeera Sudanese security forces fire tear gas at anti-coup protests, Al Jazeera
Dozens killed in clashes in Suda
Turkish police fire tear gas at women protesters in Istanbul, Al Jazeera
Israeli settlers attack father and child as violence against Palestinians escalates,
Middle East Eye
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### Two Palestinians end hunger strike after release deal with Israel, Middle East Eye

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## "QUEER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, QUEERING THE MIDDLE EAST"

a conference devoted to understanding current queer methodologies used in the study of the Middle East

Dates: 4, 5 & 12 March 2022

Location: Zoom

Organizer: Ipek Sahinler [ipeksahinler@utexas.edu] Organizing Institution: University of Texas at Austin

#### DESCRIPTION

As a school of criticism jeopardizing its core premise of deconstructing the centre by centralizing itself around the LGBTI+ discourse, Queer Theory, without doubt, has a curious place within the academy today. Though it is a thirty-years-old school of thinking, we less often

-sterile, perverted, underdeveloped, orks by critics and theorists such as

Edward Said, or Mary Louise Pratt). This is evident from how the Anglo-American culture, by orientalising the Middle East, has unwillingly attributed a queerness to its other. Therefore, we ironically owe the possibility of talking about the queerness of the Middle East to the

short, there is an urgent need to talk about queerness in the Middle East and the existing methodologies used in the study of understanding queer voices from this region.

This three-day virtual conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, artists, and activists to discuss theoretical and practical applications of Queer Theory and queer thinking in the study of the Middle East. Concomitantly, we have three objectives. First, to talk about proto-queer and queer works from the Middle East. Second, to discuss whether Queer Theory can speak, not for, but about this designated region. Finally, to queer the current, ossified

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will address issues of queerness, sexuality, gender, and identity politics. We invite original and unpublished works from different disciplines such as literature, anthropology, linguistics, cultural studies, sociology, translation studies, philosophy and more. Topics include but are not limited to:

- -representations of gueerness in the Middle East
- -queer narratives from or about the Middle East/MENA
- -queerness being used as a subversive strategy in authoritarian times and regimes
- -censured and challenged cultural productions due to their gueer(ing) content
- -translated texts that speak to issues related to queerness
- -grammatical or linguistic queerness
- -queer affect conveyed via Arabic, Turkish, Kurdish, Persian (also Urdu and Hebrew)

#### TIMELINE

Please submit an abstract (around 300 words) and a short bio by December 15, 2021 to ipeksahinler@utexas.edu. Participants will be notified by January 15, 2022. Accepted participants will submit full drafts of their unpublished works (5000-8000 words) by Feb 15,

2022. As a preliminary step to the event in March 2022, conference participants will attend a one-day workshop in late February to discuss the papers.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER