

# Digest of Current Publications and Events

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impassivity? How have memory studies and trauma theory responded to accusations of Eurocentrism and anthropocentrism? What is the relation between liberalism and world literature?

#### Lateness

How might the concept of world literature be related to periods of world-historical lateness (e.g., Erich Auerbach's postwar lament over the demise of *Weltliteratur* through 'standardisation' ? If 'postmodernism' is the cultural logic of 'late' capitalism, what is the cultural logic of 'late fascism' Toscano ? How is Utopia imagined under conditions of 'nostalgia for a post-utopian industrial modernity' Toscano ? What is the relation of cosmopolitanism and memory to lateness? Does there exist a 'late style' of world literature?

#### Archives of the Future

How does world literature write the Anthropocene/ Capitalocene? How is the circulation of memories being shaped by diverse contemporary factors such as mass migration, refugee crises, environmental disaster and digital culture? How might world literature be reconceived as a counter-archive of resistant futurity? What is the role of collective memory in forging anti-capitalist solidarity?

By combining an investigation of resistance, the limits of liberalism, lateness and futurity, we aim to explore the idea of world literature as an archive of resistance.

Further topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Economic crisis
- World-ecology
- Combined and uneven development
- Postcolonialism and decolonial struggles
- Animal studies
- Biopolitics/ necropolitics
- Posthumanism
- Islamophobia
- Settler colonialism
- Indigenous studies
- Literary sociology (e.g., print culture, book market, UNESCO)

Professor Mariano Siskind (Harvard University)  
Professor Lyndsey Stonebridge (University of East Anglia)  
Professor Charles Forsdick (University of Liverpool)  
Professor Janice Carruthers (Queens University Belfast)

This event is



Organizing Committee may reshuffle the distribution of the proposal from one group to another. The researcher interested in attending the conference should provide a summary of up to 4,000 characters. In t



The *Politics of Movement: Racialization, Religion, and Migration* graduate conference will bring students and faculty together to facilitate an interdisciplinary exploration of the multiplex ways of theorizing the politics of movement broadly defined in the US and abroad. This not only includes various forms of mobility migration, diasporas, refugees, settlements, travels, transportations, etc. but also the often racialized political techniques that restrict, contain, indoctrinate, limit, manage, or move people to create various forms of im/mobility dislocation/removal, borders, prisons and confinements, ghettos and reservations, militaries and policing, colonies and camps, etc.

The conference will feature keynote speaker Dr. Darryl Li (Anthropology, University of Chicago) Organizers of the *Politics of Movement* invite graduate student papers from a wide range of disciplines that explore issues such as (but not limited to):

Migration

Diaspora

Transnationalism, global politics

Ethics

Gender/Sexuality

The Politics of Religion/ Political Theology

Secularism, secularity, secularization

Refugees

Undocumented, "Illegal", and "Alien"

Settlement, indigeneity, settler colonialism

Militarism, Policing

Empire

Political economy

Citizenship

Race/racialization/ racism

26 - 29 April 2018, Chicago (USA)

Deadline: 31 December 2017

Rosa Luxemburg dedicated her life to the fight against war, poverty, exploitation and any kind of suppression. Yet today in the age of neo-liberalism, we have the same problems as in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Luxemburg, a versatile Marxist theoretician, excellent journalist, and effective agitator has left us a body of work that may support and impact on the present left. We invite you to present relevant papers on the life and work of Rosa Luxemburg and her close comrades.

Organizer: *International Rosa Luxemburg Society*:

Chairs:

- Prof. (pens.) Dr. Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, Kolkata, India,
- Prof. Dr. William A. Pelz, Chicago, Illinois, USA,
- Prof. Dr. Pablo Slavin, Mar del Plata, Argentina
- Dr. Albert Scharenberg, Co-Director, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, New York, USA

Send paper proposals by 31 December 2017 with abstract of 300-500 words, paper title and short vita to Ottokar Luban, Voluntary Secretary: [oluban@gmx.de](mailto:oluban@gmx.de) with a copy to William A. Pelz, [bpelz@elgin.edu](mailto:bpelz@elgin.edu)

A very limited number of travel grants will be available, please indicate if you would like to apply for one.

More information [here](#)

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1-3 August 2018 in St Andrews, Scotland

Deadline: 15 December 2017

The Centre for Syrian Studies (CSS) at the University of St Andrews in Scotland invites submission of abstracts for papers to be given at its Fourth International Conference on Syria to be held 1-3 August 2018 in St Andrews, Scotland.

The theme of the conference will be the late Uprising period since roughly 2015, with the focus on issues such as the sectarianization of the conflict; the evolution of the balance of power among groups in the conflict; governance and civil society amidst civil war in both regime and opposition

areas; diplomacy and external intervention in the conflict; the Syrian diaspora; and issues of "reconciliation" and "reconstruction."

Submissions are especially welcome from junior scholars, including graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. Contributions by Syrian scholars are especially welcome. Several senior scholars will be invited to chair panels and act as discussants along with the Centre director, Professor Raymond Hinnebusch, and other senior fellows of the Centre. Original research based on empirical data and/or new theoretical approaches are encouraged. Papers should be scholarly, not polemical.

Please send 200 word abstracts and a CV by Dec 15 to Dr Jasmine Gani at [jkng@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:jkng@st-andrews.ac.uk). Those selected to present papers will be notified by 30 January 2018. Panelists will be expected to provide a full paper draft by May 30th 2018. Delegates should plan to arrive for a plenary session and reception in late afternoon 1 August and to depart on 4 August.

The best papers will be eligible for inclusion in the Centre's multi-volume series on the Syrian Uprising (see here for volume 1, due for publication in 2018: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Syrian-Uprising-Domestic-Factors-and-Early-Trajectory/Hinnebusch-Imady/p/book/9781138500501>). Those whose papers are accepted will be provided with free accommodation and most meals.

Limited travel grants may also be available on the basis of need and the quality of the paper draft hence decisions on this will be made on receipt of participants' conference papers; assistance will normally take the form of reimbursement for part of



segregation, fragmentation, polarisation, gentrification, ghettoisation, militarisation, and ultimately apartheidisation, observed around the globe; and question what are the (bio-)political, ideological discourses and practices, be they hegemonic or banal, that shape those very phenomena.

By calling geographers, architects, urban planners, anthropologists, historians, political scientists, sociologists, philosophers, and activists with a word on the matter, in this multidisciplinary conference we aim to present a crosscut perspective of the phenomenon of planetary apartheid, discussing such spaces and going beyond the mainstream critiques, avoiding any manichaeist visions between settlers/colonisers and natives/colonised, discussing dystopian presents and futures.

*More information* [here](#)











dreadful consequences. With the prospect of democratisation and political openness still remote and with human rights still a challenging issue, what is the future for relations between the UK and Saudi Arabia beyond the significant, but now staple, arms trade? And what of the 'purge' of officials? Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman led efforts to arrest 11 princes and four sitting and ten former ministers, but to what end? Officially, it's about tackling corruption, but analysts suggest it's more likely an effort to raise funds for the Kingdom and the Crown Prince or to take out any and all competitors to his accession to the throne. *More information & registration* [here](#)

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21 November 2017, 18:00-20:00

Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Auditorium, Bush House, King's College, London

Speaker: Prof. Madawi Al-Rasheed

King Salman began his rule in 2015 with a series of unprecedented challenges. From leadership shuffles and falling oil prices to regional and international upheaval, he faced new dilemmas. This



Arab Awakening' examines in detail how Salafism, both theologically and politically, is contending with the Arab uprisings across a number of countries. The focus is primarily on what kind of politicisation, if any, has taken place and what forms it has adopted. As some of the contributions make clear, politicisation does not necessarily diminish the role of jihad or the influence of quietism, revealing tensions and struggles within the complex world of Salafism. *More information* [here](#)

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05 December 2017, 18:00-20:00

Venue: 4th Floor, Auditorium 2, Bush House, King's College, London

Speaker: Dr Steven Brooke

Why do Islamist parties dominate Middle Eastern elections? We argue that mosques provide Islamic parties with a ready-made platform for face-to-face mobilization of large numbers of voters. This







environment, greatly influenced the outcomes of each revolution. For example, Mohamed Morsi ascended to power largely because he was able to garner support from revolutionaries outside of his Muslim Brotherhood base, whose political desires he then ignored after his election. Rougier and Lacroix also argue that, in order for President 'Abd al-Fattah Sisi to remain in power, he must institute sweeping governmental reforms quickly before he loses key support from the military and liberals.

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## JOURNAL ARTICLES & OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Ranj Alaaldin

The Middle East Journal, Volume 71, Number 1, Winter 2017

Based on extensive field research and primary source material, this article analyzes the history of the Islamic Da'wa Party and its emergence as a sociopolitical movement. It looks at the party's impact on Iraq's Shi'i community. In doing so, it argues that it was with the advent of the party and the 2000s period that Iraq's traditionally heterogeneous Shi'i community became increasingly communalized and collectively mobilized. The Islamic Da'wa Party is Iraq's most powerful political force today. The party enjoys considerable support among the Iraqi electorate and has capitalized on its rivals' factionalism and divisions. It managed to sideline its rivals at the ballot box predominantly by redefining itself as a secular and nationalist Iraqi party. Unlike other sociopolitical actors, it has effectively combined its history, as a Shi'i party, with Iraq's national identity. Da'wa has contested elections, running since 2009 as the State of Law Coalition (al-Hizb al-Qanun), a sociopolitical bloc that espoused a unified Iraqi vision and sought the establishment of the rule of law in the aftermath of the 2003 sectarian conflict. State of Law's electoral campaign was augmented by the former prime minister Nuri al-Maliki's successful security operations against the country's militias (whom he described as outlaws), a decline in terrorist attacks, and an assertive policy vis-à-vis the country's Kurds.

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Zvi Bar'el

The Middle East Journal, Volume 71, Number 1, Winter 2017

Due to its role in the Egyptian Revolution, Tahrir Square in Cairo became synonymous with the Arab Spring. During the protests it was transformed from a physical place into a symbolic space and then into an abstract space. This article follows the stages of the square's transformation and aims to expose the implications that this transformation has on public discourse and on the political legitimacy that abstract spaces might bestow on regimes in general, and particularly in Egypt. Tahrir Square, a downtown Cairo roundabout that forms a maze of pavement leading up to the 14-story government building called the Mugamma', which had metamorphosed into a symbol of government, tells the story of a place transformed into a space.<sup>2</sup> Before 2011, Tahrir Square was a place of domination; ordinary citizens once crossed the square in a hurry, trying to avoid any encounter with police or the secret police who were stationed in and around the square. However, when in need of an official document, they walked straight across the square into the Mugamma' to face with dread the monstrous Egyptian bureaucracy.

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Orit Bashkin

The Middle East Journal, Volume 70, Number 4, Autumn 2016

This article explores the protests, demonstrations, and sit-ins organized by Iraqi Jews in Israel during the 1950s. Protesting their living conditions and discrimination by the state, Iraqi Jews traveled from their transit camps to urban centers, demanding housing, employment, education, and access to water and electricity services. I argue that the protests challenged both the invisible borders between cities and transit camps and the notion that Jews' exodus from Iraq signified a liberation from exile. The protesters offered a different narrative, in which their struggle to achieve social mobility and civil rights had actually begun upon arrival to Israel.

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Volpi, F., Merone, F., Loschi, C.

Middle East Journal 70, Number 3, Summer 2016, pp. 365-381

In postrevolutionary Tunisia, local politics have played an important role in the reconstruction of political authority in the wake of regime change. Continuities of governance between the old and

new regimes, the local emergence of new social and political actors, and the competition between new and old local actors, as well as between them and the central state, have challenged the authority of national institutions and elected officials. As national actors attempted to rein in local experiments with “direct democracy,” local politics generated resistance toward the Islamist-led Ennahda coalition. In recent scholarship on democratization in the Arab world, there have been repeated criticisms of the dominance of top-down institutionalist analyses in the period prior to the 2011 uprisings.<sup>1</sup> This is not to say that bottom-up approaches did not exist, as there were indeed very relevant studies produced in the years prior, even in such unpropitious research settings as Tunisia. Researchers looking at the protests in the Gafsa mining region in 2008 already highlighted some of the dynamics between local unrest and state authoritarianism that would later impact the Tunisian revolution.

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Kasper Ly Netterstrøm

Middle East Journal 70, Number 3, Summer 2016

The Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) played a major role in the 2010/11 Tunisian revolution and in the subsequent democratization process. This article seeks to explain why the union was capable of taking on this role in light of the fact that, before the revolution, it cooperated with and was heavily infiltrated by the regime of President Zine El-‘Abidine Ben ‘Ali. By describing the UGTT’s internal struggles during the dictatorship, the article claims that the UGTT demonstrated elements of both resistance and compliance. This duality made it possible for the organization to survive authoritarianism and also be a credible player in the transition to democracy. The article shows, in contrast to the dominant theories within democratization studies, that a regime-affiliated civil society organization can play an important role in the democratization process. Before the Tunisian revolution in late 2010 and early 2011, almost the entire body of literature on civil society in the Middle East came to the same conclusion: There was no such thing as an independent civil society in the region. For example, Holger Albrecht and Oliver Schlumberger stated in their influential article on the persistence of authoritarianism in the region that, aside from Islamists, “there are absolutely no



# POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline: 30 November 2017

The Department of Political Economy invites applications for two lectureships in Political Economy. We encourage applicants with an interest in any branch of political economy, including theoretical work and/or empirical work drawing on qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies. The department is informed by an inclusive interdisciplinary vision and welcomes applications from candidates who share that vision.

Located in the heart of London, King's College London is the hub of a global network of strong academic connections and collaboration, with prestigious international partnerships within and across disciplines – scientific and medical, social and creative. King's is investing in the highest caliber of talent to drive the university forward to achieve its greatest potential. The very best from the United Kingdom and across the globe are invited to join King's. We are looking for a strong commitment to teaching, to push the boundaries of knowledge, influence the future and create a lasting impact

The selection process will include a presentation and a panel interview.

If you have questions about this role, please contact: Mark Pennington, Head of Department, Tel: 020 7848 1687, Email: [mark.pennington@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:mark.pennington@kcl.ac.uk)

*More information and application [here](#)*

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Priority Deadline: 1 December 2017

The Department of Political Science invites applications for a five-year fixed term contract position in Comparative Politics with emphasis on methods at the Assistant or Associate Level Professor beginning in Fall 2018. Teaching responsibilities will include a combination of courses in comparative politics, using examples outside as well as inside the Middle East and North Africa. Candidates who can teach quantitative and qualitative methods and apply them to studies of surveys and elections in the Arab region are encouraged to apply. This position will involve teaching at the BA and MA level within the Department of Political Science. The search committee is eager to review applications of individuals with demonstrated excellence in teaching, an accomplished and active research agenda,

and an interest in living and working in the Middle East. The American University in Cairo is committed to recruiting a diverse faculty to complement the diversity of its student body.

Requirements:

PhD is required at time of appointment. Successful candidates should have an ongoing program of research and publication. Teaching experience is required. Applicants should address the two criteria of teaching and research Excellence. Responsibilities include undergraduate as well as graduate teaching, an active program of research and publications, and service to the Department and the University.

Priority will be given to applications received by December 1, 2017. Position is open until filled.

All applicants must submit the following documents online:

- a) a current C.V;
- b) a letter of interest;
- c) a statement of teaching philosophy;
- d) a completed AUC Personnel Information Form (PIF);
- e) a copy of a recently published article or manuscript chapter in progress.
- f) Please ask three referees familiar with your professional background to send reference letters directly to [hussref@aucegypt.edu](mailto:hussref@aucegypt.edu);

All applications should be uploaded online: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/faculty/services/faculty-vacancies> . Please remember your account login enables you to respond to AUC additional questions (if required). For more information, e-mail Dr. Ibrahim Elnur, Chair, ([ielnur@aucegypt.edu](mailto:ielnur@aucegypt.edu)); Ms. Gehan Wissa, Executive Assistant to the Chair, ([gehanwm@aucegypt.edu](mailto:gehanwm@aucegypt.edu)) or visit the department's website at <http://www.aucegypt.edu/huss/pols/pages/default.aspx>

*More information and application [here](#)*

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Priority Deadline: 1 December 2017

The Department of Political Science invites applications for a tenure-track position in political theory

Requirements:

PhD is required at time of appointment. Successful candidates should have an ongoing program of research and publication. Teaching experience is required. Applicants should address the two criteria of teaching and research Excellence. Responsibilities include undergraduate as well as graduate teaching, an active program of research and publications, and service to the Department and the University.

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The Department of Political Science invites applications for a five-year fixed term contract position in international relations at the Assistant Professor level beginning in Fall 2018. Teaching responsibilities will include a combination of courses on theories of international relations, contemporary foreign policies, international organization. This position will involve teaching at the BA and MA level within the Department of Political Science. The search committee is eager to review applications of individuals with demonstrated excellence in teaching, an accomplished and active research agenda, and an interest in living and working in the Middle East. The American University in Cairo is committed to recruiting a diverse faculty to complement the diversity of its student body.

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The History Department at Denison University invites applications for a one-year visiting position in the history of the Middle East or South Asia to begin in Fall 2018. Teaching responsibilities in a 3/3 load include a two-semester introductory survey sequence in the Middle East or South Asia and upper level seminars in the candidate's areas of expertise. Ability to teach courses in the pre-modern period is desirable.