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Reconstructing Neighborhoods of War: Beirut, Warsaw, Dresden, Aleppo et al

Orient-Institut Beirut, 29 November - 1 December 2018

Deadline: 1 August 2018

Reconstructing neighborhoods destroyed in war involves two aspects which are both interrelated and interdependent: From the technical perspective issues as mapping the damages, developing strategic plans for reconstruction, restoration and renovation of buildings and infrastructures, and, in

consciously want to compare cities from various world regions (Europe, Eastern Europe, Middle East) and of different sizes, which are of course situated within specific historical political war and post-war settings. We therefore invite concrete examples of cases of neighborhoods which had to be rebuilt after conflict . We encourage the bottom-up perspective which especially look s at people on the ground – neighbors, neighborhoods, local responsi bles and stakeholders for r econstruction and how they use d (and use) the possibilities open to them in the face of political and other odds.

Questions to be tackled (and to be chosen from) :

- 1. What kind of neighborhood(s) in both the spatial and the social sense are you dealing w ith? We invite both mappings as well as analyses of the social fabric.

- 2. What kind of neighborly relations were to be found among the residents? What kinds of active and lived neighborliness, in varying degrees of intimacy? Is this especially important w hen it comes to neighborhoods made up of a mix of diverse groups and individu als cohab itating the same space? Or were/are good neighborly rel ations vital in the face of difficult living conditions in the city/coun try ?

3. What kind of attachment to the neighborhood did residents have? When did they move there? How long have they lived there? How do they feel about their neighborhood? How do they feel about their city/country? How do they feel about their life? How do they feel about their future? How do they feel about their neighbors? How do they feel about their community? How do they feel about their country? How do they feel about their world?

- x Histories of solidarity with, and within, the Third World (South–South and/or North-South linkages, networks and movements)
- x Arts, cultures and aesthetics of solidarity (design, film, print, literature, poetry, music, visual and material culture broadly construed)
- x Solidarity in circulation (objects, ideas and images on the move)
- x Mobility of activists, intellectuals and artists
- x Nodal cities/spaces of encounter
- x Solidarity in public spaces of protest
- x Memories, legacies and futures
- x Leftist internationalism, transnationalism, cosmopolitanism from below
- x Opening public roundtable on the evening of 27 June 2019 (Speakers to be confirmed)

Conference keynote speakers:

Vijay Prashad, Tricontinental Institute for Social Research.

Cynthia Young, Pennsylvania State University.

Submission Guidelines

Please send proposals for individual papers/ and or panels by 28 September 2018 to:

Radical60s@brighton.ac.uk

Individual paper proposals should include: name of presenter and contact information; proposed paper title; abstract (250 words); short biography (50 words).

Panel proposals should be pre-formed and include: title and short rationale for the panel (100 words) with 3-4 corresponding individual paper proposals (as per above-guidelines).

Accepted proposals will be notified by November.

There is limited bursary support available for applicants: if you wish to apply, please send a paragraph explaining your need for support, together with your abstract. Decisions will be made on the basis of both abstract and need.

Organizing Committee

Zeina Maasri (convener); Cathy Bergin; Francesca Burke; Andrea Garcia Gonzalez; Garikoitz Gomez Alfaro; Megha Rajguru; Zoe Sutherland.

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The Iranian Revolution as a World Event

13 and 14 December 2018

University of Amsterdam

Deadline: 23 July 2018

“The Iranian Revolution as a World Event” is a conference organized at the University of Amsterdam in order to mark the 40th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution of 1978-79, rightly considered as one of the most significant events of 20th century world history.

Firstly, the causes of the Iranian Revolution are deeply rooted in the domestic-international nexus embodied in uneven development, urbanization, migration, the oil crisis of 1973, the Cold War, etc. Secondly, the dynamics of the Iranian Revolution posed a serious challenge to prevalent perspectives on revolutions, (political) Islam, and modernity, giving rise to important subsequent debates on social theory. Thirdly, the consequences of the Revolution have gone far beyond political structures, impacting culture, everyday life, the arts and social relations. In a geographical sense, the Iranian Revolution had an intense impact on the region and the world, signaling amongst others the rise of Islamist movements, altering geopolitical relations, eliciting reactions from regional and global powers and political formations alike, creating diasporic transnationalism, and more.

This workshop seeks to reconsider the revolution’s causes, dynamics and consequences from local, national and transnational perspectives. It will consist of a public event with a keynote speaker and a number of sessions organized around the following core themes:

- x Global and Regional Dimensions of the Iranian

(ARTES), Amsterdam Center for Middle Eastern Studies (ACMES), International Institute of Social History (IISH).

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Transformations in Minority Religious Leadership: The Yezidis, Shabak, and Assyrians in Northern Iraq

Michiel Leezenberg

Sociology of Islam, Volume 6, Issue 2, Publication Year : 2018

This paper discusses three religious communities in Northern Iraq that are characterized by the shared fate of having been targeted by the 2014 “Islamic State” (IS) offensive. These events dramatically brought home the vulnerability of these communities in post-Saddam Iraq; but the precarious status of these groups was already painfully visible even to the most casual observer prior to the IS onslaught. In this paper, I trace the rather different trajectories of these—initially broadly comparable—minority groups, with a focus on the changing articulation and legitimation of religious leadership. I do so by pointing out some of the longer-term tendencies among these groups, while treating religious leadership in terms of patronage.

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'We are one': Jordanians rally support for displaced Syrians

Arwa Ibrahim

Al-Jazeera, 6 July 2018

A week ago, Amjad Thiabat, a car mechanic in al-Ramtha, a town near Jordan's border with Syria

The Programme is among the most selective – attracting circa 1200 applicants each year - in the fields of political and social sciences, economics, law and history for some 55-60 Fellowships. The Programme awards 1, 2, and exceptionally 3 year long fellowships according to departments. The Fellowship provides a grant of 2000 EUR per month plus - when appropriate - a family allowance. Fellows in the Department of Economics and Political and Social Sciences who stay on for a second year will have the possibility of applying for a Part-time professor contract (level PR9/1) for R

✕Have versatility to take on organisational roles when required, and the ability to work independently as well as with teams as outlined.

Timeline

✕June 20, 2018: Application forms are available online.

✕July 15, 2018: Deadline for submissions.

✕Last week of July 2018: Decisions are communicated to applicants.

✕August 2018: Accepted applicants sign their contracts.

✕September 2018: Fellowship starts.

x April 2019: Present at the ACSS Fourth Biennial Conference in BeirutLebanon.

Applicants are required to create an account and a Profile Page on the ACSS Applications Platform , then apply to the fellowship using the online application form for the Bassem Chit Fellows Programme.

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Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies (of the Global South), Trinity College

Deadline: 1 October 2018

The Department of Political Science and the International Studies Program at Trinity College invite applications for a joint, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Comparative Politics of the Global South commencing with the 2019-2020 academic year. We especially welcome applications from candidates whose research intersects the subjects of comparative urban politics, ethnic politics, and/or contentious politics. The successful applicant will be expected to design courses that contribute to both Political Science and International Studies. The candidate should demonstrate the potential for becoming an outstanding scholar and teacher. The Ph.D. should be in hand or expected by the end of August, 2019.

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Assistant/Associate/Professor of Islamic and Middle East Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki

Deadline: 28 August 2018

The Faculty of Arts (<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts>) of the University of Helsinki is Finland's oldest institution for teaching and research in the humanities and the largest in terms of the structure and range of disciplines. It is also a significant international community fostering research, education and cultural interaction.

The successful applicant may be appointed to a permanent professorship or a fixed-term associate/assistant professorship (tenure track system), depending on his or her qualifications and career stage.

The focus of Islamic studies is on the history of Islam, the religion itself and Islamic cultures and societies from the 7th century to the present. The appointee can be acquainted with either the historical or current forms of Islam. The geographical focus is on the Middle East (the MENA region). Familiarity with other regions central to Islam, the global manifestations of Islam or classical Arabic are considered an asset. The successful candidate is particularly expected to have a creative perspective on the development of the field.

The professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies will work within the overall context of African and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Helsinki.

An appointee to the position of assistant/associate professor within the tenure track system shall hold a doctoral degree, have the ability to conduct independent scholarly work and have the teaching skills necessary for the position. In addition, applicants for assistant professorships shall demonstrate their capability and motivation as regards an academic career through publications and other means.

An appointee to a full professorship shall hold a doctoral degree and possess top-level scholarly qualifications and experience in the supervision of scientific research, along with the ability to provide top-level research-based teaching as well as to supervise theses and dissertations. In addition, the appointee shall present documenta6(c)-1.9(u)13.v6(cf3.1(o)13.1(all p)2.2 Tw 0.293 0H1k)-2.5(t)7.9(e)-30

experience as well as international elected positions. When considering the teaching qualifications of each applicant, attention will be focused on teaching experience and pedagogical training, the ability to produce learning material, other teaching merits and, if necessary, a demonstration of teaching skills as well as participation in doctoral education. The applicant's leadership and interaction skills as well as activity in the academic community will also be taken into account.

To successfully attend to the duties of the position, the appointee must have good Arabic and English skills. If the appointee is not proficient in Finnish or Swedish, he/she is expected to acquire moderate proficiency within a reasonable time after the appointment. Support for language studies is offered.

professor) of the requirement scheme for teaching and research positions in the salary system of Finnish universities. In addition, a salary component based on personal performance will be paid. Annual gross salary for a full professor varies between 64,000 and 96,000 euros, and for an assistant/associate between 50,000 and 68,500 euros, depending on the appointee's qualifications and experience.

Applicants are requested to enclose with their applications a single PDF file that includes the following documents in English:

- 1) A curriculum vitae
- 2) A report (max. 5 pages) on pedagogical expertise
- 3) A report (max. 5 pages) on the applicant's research activities (including activities in scientific communities, the acquisition of research funding and international scholarly work)
- 4) A report (max. 2 pages) on how the applicant intends to develop his or her research

Assistant Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College

Review of applications from: 1 July 2018

We invite applications for a tenure-

Please include

Job Opening ID (JOID) on all correspondence.

San José State University is California's oldest institution of public higher learning. The campus is located on the southern end of San Francisco Bay in downtown San José (Pop. 1,000,000), hub of the world-famous Silicon Valley high-technology research and development center. Many of California's most popular national, recreational, and cultural attractions are conveniently close.

A member of the 23-campus CSU system, San José State University enrolls approximately

30,000 students, a significant percentage of whom are members of minority groups. The University is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty so our disciplines, students and the community can benefit from multiple ethnic and gender perspectives.

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