Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia presents

MEICON-BC

STUDENT CONFERENCE 2019

MARCH 23, 2019
8:30 am - 5 pm

Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre
515 West Hastings Street
Rooms 1510, 1520, 1600

Organized by the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies (SFU)
Dear Colleagues:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the eleventh annual student conference held at Simon Fraser University and sponsored by the Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia (MEICON-BC). This year we have 18 papers divided into 6 panels. Presenters are students from 7 different universities and colleges: Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Portland State University, Whitman College, the University of Oregon, and Western Washington University. This conference remains a major event for students in British Columbia, Washington State and beyond. It showcases the strength of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies throughout the province and beyond.

We are delighted at the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies to host the conference this year at our Vancouver campus.

Dr. Amal Ghazal
Director, Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies

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The Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia (MEICON-BC) is a collaborative project of Simon Fraser University, the University of Victoria, and the University of British Columbia. Its purpose is to provide an organizational basis for communication and cooperation among British Columbian academics interested in the study of the Middle East and Muslim societies and cultures.

Conference Programme

Panel 1

NATIONS IN TRANSITION
10:25 - 11:45 | Room 1510
Chair: Dr. Pheroze Unwalla, UBC
1. Salma Amer, SFU, “Egypt: Rebuilding a Nation in Transition”
2. Isabelle McRae, Portland State University, “Structures of Sacrifice: Turkish Nation-Making and Narratives of Moral Value”

Panel 2

SPACES AND SOUNDSCAPES
10:25 - 11:45 | Room 1520
Chair: Dr. Laura Marks, SFU
1. Sholeh Mahlouji, UBC, “Beyond the Looking Glass: An &/or Topographic Inquiry”
2. Ellie Gooderham, SFU, “The Lasting Effects of Islamization in the Iberian Peninsula”
3. Flora Klein, Whitman College, “Gendered Soundscapes of the Ottoman Harem”

Panel 3

REPRESENTATIONS AND REALITIES
1:30-2:50, Room 1510
Chair: Dr. Martin Banton, Uvic
1. Harry Deng, SFU, “Orientalism and Land Disputes: The Mandate Perspective and the Jericho Sub-Districts of Buka’a and El-Fashka”
3. Rehan Sayeed, Uvic, “On the Representational Capacity of Money in Islamic Finance: To Be Gold or Not To Be”

Panel 4

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GEOPOLITICS
1:30-2:50, Room 1520
Chair: Dr. Hasan Siddiqui, UBC
1. Scott Bursey, SFU, “Arming the Nation of Islam: Gaddafi, Farrakhan and the Twilight of Third-Worldism”

Panel 5

MEDIA, STORYTELLING, AND RESISTANCE
3:00-4:20, Room 1510
Chair: Dr. Naghmeh Bahaei, SFU
1. Ian Campbell, University of Oregon, “The Role of Social Media in the Recognition of Jerusalem: A Palestinian Narrative of Resistance”
2. Shayma Nowicki and Jules Matragrano, Western Washington University, “Build and Break Down of Tension in Palestinian Cinema”
3. Mona Hedayati, Uvic, “Political Wall Writing as Activism”

Panel 6

CULTURES IN FLUX BETWEEN THE LOCAL AND THE GLOBAL
3:00-4:20, Room 1520
Chair: Dr. Ken Seigneurie, SFU
1. Ely Habibullah, SFU, “Iranian Cultural Production in Vancouver”
2. Fatimah Younes, SFU, “The Preservation of Palestinian Identity While Living in Diaspora”
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8:30 – 9:15  Registration and morning refreshments

9:15 – 9:20  WELCOME NOTE: Dr. Amal Ghazal, SFU  
Director, Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies

9:20 – 10:05  KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Dr. Tamir Moustafa, SFU  
Director, School for International Studies

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12:00 – 1:20  LUNCH AND MUSIC: Amir Eslami (Ney Player)  
Maryam Soroushnasab (Tar Player)

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Hannah West, UVic  
Yara Younis, SFU

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Soheyla Tabai, SFU

4:30 – 5:00  Andrew Rippin Essay Prize Announcement: Room 1600

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