



APSA MENA Workshop

Political Science in the Arab Middle East and North Africa

“Civil Society Revisited: Researching Associational Life in Comparative Perspective”

Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship
American University of Beirut
Beirut, Lebanon – May 16-20, 2016

WORKSHOP READING LIST

Monday, May 16, 2016

Introductions, Expectations, Overview (APSA staff and co-leaders)

No Required Readings

Session 1: A 20-year Retrospective on *Civil Society in the Middle East* (Norton)

- Norton, Richard Augustus, ed. [1995] 2005. *Civil Society in the Middle East*, vol. 1. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1-26. (Introduction)
- Ibrahim, Saad Eddin. [1995] 2005. “Civil Society and Prospects for Democratization in the Arab World.” In *Civil Society in the Middle East*, vol. 1. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 27-54. (Chapter 1)
- Schwedler, Jillian, ed. 1995. *Toward Civil Society in the Middle East? A Primer*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1-30. (Introduction)

Session 2: Current Debates on Civil Society (Azzam)

- Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, 2016. Literature Review on ‘Perceptions of Civil Society in the Arab Region.’
- Azzam, Fateh. 2014. “Why Should We Have to ‘Represent’ Anyone?” *Sur – International Journal on Human Rights*, 11(20), 273-280. [Available Online](#).

Small Groups: Research Design (individual co-leaders)

Research Design Exercise

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Session 3: Case Studies: Egypt – Civil Society ‘Then and Now’ (Sullivan)

- Al-Sayyid, Mustapha Kamil. [1995] 2005. “A Civil Society in Egypt?” In *Civil Society in the Middle East*, vol. 1. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 269-294. (Chapter 9)
- Langohr, Vickie. 2004. “Too Much Civil Society, Too Little Politics: Egypt and Liberalizing Arab Regimes.” *Comparative Politics*, 36(2), 181-204.
- Al Malky, Rania. 2015. [“The Egyptian Government Wages War on Civil Society.”](#) The Guardian, October 14, 2015. [Available Online](#).

Session 4: Case Studies: Lebanon – Civil Society, Welfare, and Sectarianism (Norton)

- Cammett, Meliani and Sukriti Issar. 2010. "Bricks and Mortar Clientelism: Sectarianism and the Logic of Welfare Allocation in Lebanon." *World Politics*, 62(3), 381-421.
- Aronoff, Myron J. and Jan Kubik. 2012. "What Can Political Scientists Learn about Civil Society from Anthropologists?" In *Anthropology & Political Science: A Convergent Approach*. New York: Berghan Books, 198-239. (Chapter 8)
- Hicks, Neil and Ghanim Al-Najjar. [1995] 2005. "The Utility of Tradition: Civil Society in Kuwait." In *Civil Society in the Middle East*, vol. 1. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 186-213. (Chapter 6)

Guest Speaker: Informal Forms of Associational Life

No Required Readings

Small Groups: Research Design (individual co-leaders)

Research Design Exercise

Wednesday, 18, 2016

Session 5: Case Studies: Jordan (Lori)

- Wiktorowicz, Quintan. 2000. "Civil Society as Social Control: State Power in Jordan." *Comparative Politics*, 33(1), 43-61.
- Brand, Laurie. [1995] 2005. "In the Beginning was the State...": The Quest for Civil Society in Jordan." In *Civil Society in the Middle East*, vol. 1. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 148-185. (Chapter 5)
- Clark, Janine. 2014. "Relations between professional associations and the state in Jordan." in *Civil Society Activism under Authoritarian Rule: A comparative perspective*, Francesco Cavatorta, ed. London: Routledge, 158-180. (Chapter 9)

Guest Speaker: The Relevance of Civil Society

No Required Readings

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Session 6: Case Studies: Palestine (Azzam)

- Dana, Tariq. 2013. "Palestinian Civil Society: What Went Wrong?" Al-Shabaka, April 14, 2013. [Available Online](#).
- Azzam, Fateh. 2014. "NGOs vs. Grassroots Movements: A False Dichotomy." Al-Shabaka, February 6, 2014. [Available Online](#).
- Roy, Sara. 2011. "Islamist Conceptions of Civil Society." In *Hamas and Civil Society in Gaza: Engaging the Islamist Social Sector*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 51-69. (Chapter 3)
- Roy, Sara. 2011. "Islamist Social Institutions: Key Analytical Findings." In *Hamas and Civil Society in Gaza: Engaging the Islamist Social Sector*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 161-190. (Chapter 6)

Session 7: Civil Society, International Organizations, and Refugees (Lori)

- Belleoni, Roberto. 2001. "Civil Society and Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina." *Journal of Peace Research*, 38(2), 163-180.

- Ward, Patricia. 2014. "Refugee Cities: Reflections on the Development and Impact of UNHCR Urban Refugee Policy in the Middle East." *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, 33(1), 77-93.
- Libal, Kathryn and Scott Harding. 2007. "The Politics of Refugee Advocacy and Humanitarian Assistance." *MERIP Middle East Report*, MER 244 – Displaced. [Available Online](#).

Session 8: Fieldwork in Conflict Situations (Gamblin)

- Gasser, Nathalie. 2007. "Conducting Field Research in Contexts of Violent Conflict: An Annotated Bibliography." NCCR North-South Dialogue No 16. Bern, Switzerland: NCCR North-South. [Available Online](#).
- Carapico, Sheila; Janine A. Clark; Amaney Jamal; David Romano; Jillian Schwedler; Mark Tessler, (2006). "Symposium: Field Research Methods in the Middle East," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 39(3): 417-422 and 439-441.
- Brand, Laurie A. 2007. "Middle East Studies and Academic Freedom: Challenges at Home and Abroad." *International Studies Perspectives*, 8 (4): 384-395.

Small Groups: Research Design (individual co-leaders)

Research Design Exercise

Friday, May 20, 2016

Session 9: NGO Governance and Laws of Association (Azzam and Sullivan)

- Sullivan, Denis J. 1994. "Politics, Philanthropy, and PVOs in Egypt." *Private Voluntary Organizations in Egypt: Islamic Development, Private Initiative, and State Control*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 12-35. (Chapter 1)
- Hurt, Sally. 2014. "Civil or Uncivil Society? The Internal Governance and External Regulation of Civil Society and the Impact of Constitutionalism on Civic Space in South Africa." Paper presented at the '[Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism: Constitutional Rights, Judicial Independence and the Transition to Democracy](#)' conference held at New York Law School in November 2014, New York City, NY. [Available Online](#).
- Elbayar, Kareem. 2005. "NGO Laws in Selected Arab States." *International Journal of Not-for-Profit-Law*, 7(4), 3-27. [Available Online](#).

Session 10: What Elections Mean: The Case of Egypt (Gamblin)

- Elgindy, Khaled. 2012. "Egypt's Troubled Transition: Elections without Democracy." *The Washington Quarterly*, 35:2, 89-104.
- Koehler, Kevin. 2008. "Authoritarian Elections in Egypt: Formal Institutions and Informal Mechanisms of Rule." *Democratization*, 15:5, 974-990.

Guest Speaker: Funding for Associations

No Required Readings

Wrap up Session: Looking ahead to Cairo (APSA Staff and co-leaders)

No Required Readings