Alumni at the MESA Annual Meeting
in Boston, MA – November 17-20, 2016

This year, 18 MENA Workshop alumni (including fellows and co-leaders) have been invited to present or discuss their research and/or chair a panel at the Middle East Association’s Annual Meeting in Boston. Congratulations to:

Friday
Friday, November 18; 10:00 – 11:45am
[P4407] Experimental Methods in the Middle East
- Discussant: Luai Allarakia (2015)
- *The effect of international involvement on state-society relations: the case of the Palestinian Territories; Dana El Kurd (2016)*

Friday, November 18; 10:00 – 11:45am
[P4597] Mass Displacement and Struggles over Identity in the Contemporary Middle East
- *Statelessness through state-building: the impact of identity management upgrades on displaced populations in the UAE; Noor Lori (2016)*

November 18; 1:45 – 3:30pm
[R4300] Ethics of Researching Middle East Politics (Roundtable)
- Participant: Amaney Jamal (2013)

Friday, November 18; 3:45 – 5:30pm
[P4362] The Causes and Consequences of Political Participation and Social Movements in the Middle East
- Chair/Discussant: Amaney Jamal (2013)

Friday, November 18; 1:45 – 3:30pm
[P4532] Probing the Process: Beyond Outcomes-Based Studies of Contentious Politics
- *When cooptation fails: the spatial dynamics of protest and repression in Bahrain; Trevor Johnston (2015)*
- *Outsmarted, co-opted, and repressed: understanding the Moroccan monarchy’s strategic manipulation of protesters; Yasmina Abouzzohour (2016)*

Friday, November 18; 1:45 – 3:30pm
[P4622] Shifting Patterns of Authoritarianism and Democratization
- *Rigging democracy: maintaining power through authoritarian electoral institutions in Jordan; Kristen Kao (2015)*

Friday, November 18; 5:45 – 7:30pm
- *Egyptian youth: a retreat to abstention? Somaia M. El Sayed (2014)*
- *Ruling elites, producing Islam and transition predicament in Egypt; Shimaa Hatab (2016)*
Saturday
Saturday, November 19; 8:00 – 9:45am
[P4486] Gulf Politics beyond Rentierism
  •  *Tribalism and hydrocarbon wealth: examining dynamics of the rentier bargain in Kuwait,* Courtney Freer (2015)

Saturday, November 19; 10:00 – 11:45am
[S4710] Explaining Divergent Outcomes: The Arab Spring Five Years On (Special Session)
  •  Participant: Amaney Jamal (2013)

Saturday, November 19; 2:00 – 3:45pm
[P4569] Political Dissent and Activism in Post-Arab Spring Egypt
  •  *Youth Collective Agency in the aftermath of Egypt’s “coup-volution;”* Nadine Sika (2013)

Saturday, November 19; 4:00 – 5:45pm
[P4660] Gender and Conflict: Activism, Resilience, and Disengagement
  •  *Packing relations: a case study on young refugee women’s capability to form social capital;* Zeynep Balcioglu (2016)

Sunday
Sunday, November 20; 8:00 – 9:45am
[P4670] Tunisia’s Democratic Transition: Progress and Challenges
  •  Chair: Fred H. Lawson (2014)

Sunday, November 20; 10:00 – 11:45am
[P4375] The Shi’a of Lebanon: New Approaches to History, Politics, and Religion
  •  Discussant: Augustus Richard Norton (2016)

Sunday, November 20; 12:00 – 1:45pm
[P4365] Borders and Boundaries in the Mashreq
  •  *The issue of borders and sovereignty in the Islamist thought from the early years to the present times: illustrating the path towards democratization through Islamist thinkers’ production on geopolitics;* Mohamed-Ali Adraoui (2015)

Sunday, November 20; 12:00 – 1:45pm
[P4621] Authoritarianism: Persistence and Resistance
  •  *When tolerance matters most: transforming political culture following authoritarian breakdown;* Youssef Chouhoud (2016)

Sunday, November 20; 2:00 – 3:45pm
[R4332] Bleak Prospects? Tourism, Travel, and Heritage in an Era of Regional Upheaval (Roundtable)
  •  Participant: Sandrine Gamblin (2016)

Sunday, November 20; 2:00 – 3:45pm
[P4688] Issues in the Ottoman Empire: Boundaries, Belonging and the Ottoman Way
  •  Chair: Fred H. Lawson (2014)