

APSA MENA Workshops

Political Science in the Arab Middle East & North Africa



MENA Alumni at the 2020 MESA Annual Meeting October 5-17 (Virtual)

Seventeen of our MENA Workshops alumni, including fellows and co-leaders, presented their research and/or served as discussants at the 2020 MESA Annual Meeting.

Monday, October 5, 2020, Session II 1:30 pm

I-17: Ideology and Identity in Democratic Tunisia

- *Chair/ Presenting Author: Alexandra Blackman (2015), Cornell University, Repression, Political Socialization, and Mobilization after Democratization*

II-06: The Fixed and the Changing: From Social Movements to Public Policies Across the MENA Region

- *Organizer & Presenting Author: Courtney Freer (2015), London School of Economics, Assessing the Power of Ideology in Kuwaiti Policymaking*

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Session IV 1:30 pm

III-04: Gulf State-Society Relations and New Dynamics of the Rentier Debate

- *Chair: Courtney Freer (2015), London School of Economics*
- *Presenting Author: Hamad H. Albloshi (2015), Kuwait University, Identity, Citizenship, and Privilege in Rentier States: The Case of Kuwait*

III-06: Progress and Relegation: Women as Workers, Candidates, and Voters

- *Presenting Author & Organizer: Justin Gengler (2015 Co-leader), Qatar University, Social Barriers to Female Labor Force Participation in the Arab World*

III-07: Roundtable: Citizenship and Belonging in the Arabian Peninsula

- *Discussant: Noora Lori (2016 co-leader), Boston University*

III-13: Rethinking 'Contentious Politics' in the Middle East and North Africa: Analysis of Social Networks Beyond Protests

- *Organized /Chair/Presenting Author: Ester Sigillo (2018), European University, Institute Trajectories of Tunisian Islamic Activism: An Emerging Revolutionary Movement?*

IV-16: Women's Activism and Disenfranchisement

- *Chair: Nermin Allam (2013), Rutgers University*

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 Session VI 1:30 pm

VI-12: Rethinking The Maghreb: Power and Margins Part 2

- *Discussant: Meriem Aissa (2019), Rutgers University, The Daughters and Sons of Hassiba Ben Bouali: The Return of Resistance in Algeria*

Roundtable: VI-07: New Directions in Necropolitics

- *Discussant: Osman Balkan (2021 Co-leader), Swarthmore College*

Thursday, October 8, 2020 Session VII 11:00 am

VII-19: Affect after the Arab Spring

Organizer & Presenting Author: Nermin Allam (2013), Rutgers University, Affective Encounters: Women's Groups and Contentious Politics in Egypt

Chair: Alexandra Blackman (2015), Cornell University

VIII-10: Ethnographies of Migration, Displacement, and Belonging

- *Organized /Chair/Discussant: Osman Balkan (2021 Co-leader), Swarthmore College*

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Session IX 11:00 am

IX-16: Resistance, Violence, and Agency: The Past, Present, and Future of the Palestinian Struggle

- *Discussant: Dana El Kurd (2016), Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Support for Violent versus Non-Violent Strategies in the Palestinian Territories*

IX-18: Engineering Culture: Understanding the State-led Transformation in Saudi Arabia

- *Organized by: Ahmed Alowfi (2016), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

IX-21: Prolonging Authoritarian Rule

- *Discussant: Shimaa Hatab (2016), Cairo University, Transformation of State Corporatism and Evolution of Authoritarianism in the Arab Region*

Thursday, October 15, 2020 Session XI 11:00 am

XI-11: Redefining Gender Relations and Rights in Transnational Contested Spaces

Discussant: Jillian Schwedler, Hunter College CUNY and Graduate Center The Genders of Political Protests—and Protesters—in Jordan

Thematic Conversation XI-16: The Future of Political Islam

- *Discussant: May Darwich (2013), University of Birmingham*

XI-23: Social Policy in the Gulf Region: Realities, Visions, and Futures

- *Discussant: Noora Lori (2016), Qatar University, Beyond State Feminism: Public Opinion about Women in Politics in the Gulf Region*

Friday, October 16, 2020 Session XIV 1:30 pm

XIV-01 Roundtable: International Relations of the Middle East: A Decade after the Arab Uprisings

- *Organizer & Presenting Author: May Darwich (2013), University of Birmingham*

Saturday, October 17, 2020 Session XVI 1:30 pm

XVI-19: Defining Identities, Norms, and Boundaries in Contemporary Tunisia

- *Presenting Author: Youssef Chouhoud (2016), Christopher Newport University, Elite Political Tolerance in Tunisia and the Malleability of Democratic Norms*

Saturday, October 17, 2020 Session XV 11:00 am

XV-10: Governmentality in the Era of the Flâneuse

- *Presenting Author: Noora Lori (2016), Boston University*

XV-12 Roundtable: Imperial Decline? The Shifting Contours of U.S. Power in the Middle East

- *Discussant: Omar Dahi (2020 Co-leader), Hampshire College*