

BRISMES Annual Conference 2014

University of Sussex, 16-18 June 2014

The Middle East in Global Perspective:
Interactions Across Time and Space

Sunday 15th June – Film Event

11.00 - 13.00 **UK Premier of Moroccan Film *They Are the Dogs*** (Duke of York Cinema, Brighton)
Director Hicham Lasri will attend for a Q&A session after the film
Tickets available directly from the Duke of York

Monday 16th June – The Middle East in Global Perspective, Day 1

8.00 – 9.15 **Registration, Tea & Coffee**

9.15 – 9.30 **Opening & Welcome Addresses (Jubilee Lecture Theatre)**
Professor Michael Farthing, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sussex
Frances Guy, BRISMES President and Representative for U.N. Women in Iraq, former UK Ambassador to Lebanon (2006-2011) and Yemen (2001-2004)

9.30 – 10.30 **Plenary Session: The Middle East in Global Perspective I (Jubilee LT)**
Professor Marilyn Booth (Edinburgh), Professor Mark Sedgwick (Aarhus),
Dr Benjamin Thomas White (Glasgow), Chair: Dr Hilary Kalmbach (Sussex)

10.30 – 11.00 Tea & Coffee

11.00 – 13.00 **Panel Session 1**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 **BRISMES AGM (Jubilee LT)**– *all members encouraged to attend*

14.30 – 16.30 **Panel Session 2**

14.30 – 15.30 **The Pearson Memorial Lecture: ‘Printing as an agent of tradition: Printed materials in nineteenth-century Qajar Iran’ (Jubilee LT)**
Professor Ulrich Marzolph, University of Goettingen, Germany
Organised by the Middle East Libraries Committee (MELCOM)

16.30 – 17.00 Tea & Coffee

17.00 – 18.15 **I.B. Tauris Plenary Session: The Middle East in Global Perspective II (Jubilee LT)**
Professor Francis Robinson (Oxford), Dr Andrew Arsan (Cambridge),
Chair: Dr Jacob Norris (Sussex)

18.15 – 19.45 **Buffet Dinner and Drink Reception** (Main Foyer, Jubilee Building)
Catering by the Wild Cherry, Brighton

19.45 – 21.15 **New Middle Eastern and North African Cinema (Jubilee LT)**
Screening of *SOFIA* followed by discussion about filmmaking in the region
Ani Lauri Boulahri (Filmmaker), Bila Boulahri (Film star Bella Wilde)
Yasmin El Derby (Film Curator, founder MENA Film Hub)
Dr Jamal Bahmad (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)
Chair: Professor Martin Evans (Sussex)

Tuesday 17th June – The Middle East in Global Perspective, Day 2

8.00 – 8.30	Registration
8.30 – 10.30	Panel Session 3
10.30 – 11.00	Tea & Coffee
11.00 – 13.00	Panel Session 4
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Panel Session 5
16.00 – 16.30	Tea & Coffee
16.30 – 17.15	Keynote Address: ‘After the Arab Spring’ (Jubilee LT) Professor Asef Bayat (University of Illinois)
19.30 – 21.30	Conference Dinner, Al Duomo, Brighton – <i>ticketed event (additional fee)</i>

Wednesday 18th June – Middle Eastern Studies Engaging Wider Audiences

8.00 – 8.30	Registration
8.30 – 10.30	Panel Session 6
10.30 – 11.00	Tea & Coffee
11.00 – 13.00	Panel Session 7
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Panel Session 8
16.00 – 16.30	Tea & Coffee
16.30 – 18.30	Roundtable Discussion: A Question of Impact: Increasing Engagement between Academics and Policy Makers (Jubilee LT) Cornelia Sorabji, Head of Research Analysts, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Chris Doyle, Director of the Council for Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) Matt Dixon, Senior Cultural Analyst, Human Factors, Ministry of Defence) Chair: Greg Shapland, Research Counsellor, Middle East and North Africa, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

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