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Ainsi est brossé le tableau d'une société composite qui a vécu pendant seize ans au rythme des affrontements : soldats et miliciens, victimes et survivants, populations déplacées, réfugiés palestiniens... Tableau d'où sourd la résilience d'un peuple qui, tout en éprouvant dans sa chair les traumatismes de la guerre, s'est organisé pour maintenir une économie de subsistance et assurer une éducation à ses enfants.

Information et inscription: <https://framaforms.org/atelier-rencontre-avec-dima-de-clerck-1746021724>

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2. **ONLINE Book Talk on "Filling the Power Vacuum? China's Engagement with the Middle East" by Dr. Zhang Chuchu, National University of Singapore, 21 May 2025, 9:00 – 10:00 CET**

Drawing on content analysis, qualitative interviews, and archival research, Dr. Zhang examines how China's engagement with the Middle East has transformed in recent years and how regional and international actors have responded. Her research highlights key distinctions between China's approach and that of established powers like the United States and the European Union, offering new perspectives on the geopolitical shifts shaping the region.

Information and registration:

<https://mei.nus.edu.sg/event/filling-the-power-vacuum-chinas-engagement-with-the-middle-east/>

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Stamp and cylinder seal amulets have long factored into debates on the nature of east Mediterranean inter-connectivity during the late third to early second millennium BCE. This lecture presents new research identifying and contextualizing the widespread appearance of a glyptic koine, arguing for sustained interaction and a new focus on the role of skilled labor in the making of an east Mediterranean exchange system.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhj24sv>

4. HYBRIDE Séminaire „La participation citoyenne dans la province de Taza : Rôle des acteurs et contraintes locales”, Centre Jacques-Berque, Rabat, 21 mai 2025, 15:00 – 17:00 CET

La session du séminaire a pour objectif d'une part, de présenter les différentes expériences de la participation des jeunes et de la société civile dans la commune de Gueldaman, plus largement dans la province de Taza ; et d'autre part, de discuter de la manière avec laquelle les mécanismes de la participation citoyenne, adoptés dans cette province, contribuent ou non au renforcement de la relation et de la collaboration entre les acteurs publics et les représentants de la société civile.

Information et inscription : <https://tinyurl.com/3vwr44de>

5. ONLINE Book Discussion "Edward Said: The Politics of an Oppositional Intellectual" with Author Nubar Hovsepian, American University in Cairo Press, 21 May 2025, 18:00 CET

The political, cultural, and personal dimensions of Edward Said's thought will be discussed - from his groundbreaking work *Orientalism* to his enduring advocacy for Palestinian rights and his vision for justice and humanism in global affairs. The conversation will also reflect on Said's relevance in today's world and Hovsepian's unique insights as both a scholar and someone who knew Said personally.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3jxabb67>

6. HYBRID "International Conference on Social and Educational Sciences", Alparslan University, Muş, Turkey, 21-23 May 2025

The conference focuses on the theory and applications of all aspects of social and educational sciences. The conference will be held in English and Turkish.

Information and program: <https://icses-2025.alparslan.edu.tr/en/page/17889>

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This talk queries the importance of the "small" in contemporary and modern Arabic literature, asking: what narrative openings are made possible by centering seemingly small-scale actors such as butterflies, spiders, flies, bees, 'details,' tomatoes, and grains of sand? Together, we will query how several contemporary Arab authors posit the

small and the minor as portals to contemporary questions of overwhelming magnitude, such as borders, genocides, and mass displacement.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/276c52zr>

8. HYBRID Research Seminar "Woman and Feminism in Shia Diaspora", Gender and Sexuality Research Cluster, University of Copenhagen, 22 May 2025, 14:00 – 15:30 CET

Presentations on "Shi'a Women in Italy: Between Tradition and Traditionalism" by Dr Minoo Mirshahvalad and on "Locating Diasporanian (Be)longing: A Feminist Collage of Zekr" by Aman Agah.

Information and registration: <https://shorturl.at/5NEKe>

9. ONLINE Webinar "Syria's Transitional Government: Challenges, Policies, and Prospects – A Key-note Conversation with Three Syrian Ministers", Arab Center Washington DC, 22 May 2025, 16:00 CET

As Syria's transitional government faces a multitude of challenges, ACW is convening a high-level ministerial keynote discussion with three of the independent new ministers in the Syrian government. The conversation will address the significance of the new government and its makeup, the implications of the constitutional declaration and prospects for a democratic process, the various challenges facing the country, and how the transitional government plans to address those issues and rebuild Syria.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/nra99jtp>

10. HYBRID Workshop "Arabic Magical Realisms: Foundations, Concepts and Manifestations", Cluster of Excellence "Temporal Communities: Doing Literature in a Global Perspective", Freie Universität Berlin, 22-23 May 2025

How does magical realism manifest itself in Arabic literature? Which literary heritages serve as its inspiration? What role does this mode of writing play in contexts of war, displacement and trauma? These texts constitute powerful literary devices, hybrid and often subversive, which bridge the divide between premodern and modern periods, defy textual and physical boundaries, and break societal taboos.

Information, program, and registration:
<https://www.temporal-communities.de/events/2025/workshop-arabic-magical-realisms.html>

11. Conference "The Kurdish Issue and the Developments in the Middle East", Centre for Mediterranean, Middle East and Islamic Studies (CEMMIS), University of the Peloponnese, Institute of International Relations (IDIS), Athens, 24 May 2025, 8:30 – 18:30 CET

Information and program: https://cemmis.edu.gr/images/events/cemmis_agenda_kurdish.pdf

12. ONLINE Séminaire "Paris, Venise, Rome et Constantinople en conflit. Qui protège les églises catholiques de Smyrne au XVIIe siècle ?" avec Alper Metin (Università di Bologna), École Française de Rome, 26 mai 2025, 17h30 – 19h00 CET

Ce séminaire éclaire un aspect méconnu de "l'Histoire de la Latinité" en Méditerranée orientale : la rivalité franco-italienne autour de la protection des églises et de l'administration des paroisses catholiques dans les territoires ottomans. L'étude des mutations survenues durant les guerres vénéto-ottomanes (1645-1718), qui renforcèrent l'influence française au détriment de la Sérénissime, révèle la complexité des enjeux politiques, religieux, architecturaux et urbains dans l'Égée.

Information et inscription : <https://tinyurl.com/3ex5e27c>

13. International Conference "Crises and Preaching in the Middle East: Lexis, Framing, Timings: 19th – 21st Centuries in the Middle East", PredicMO, Institut Français in Amman, 26-27 May 2025

By focusing on how crisis and preaching have intersected across religious traditions since the late 19th century, this international conference seeks to shed light on the transformation of religious discourse in the contemporary Middle East.

Information and registration: <https://iismm.hypotheses.org/122793>

14. HYBRID Book Launch "Paths Made by Walking: The Work of Howzevi Women in Iran" by Amina Tawasil, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics, 27 May 2025, 18:00 – 19:00 CET

This groundbreaking ethnography on Iranian howzevi (seminarian) women reveals how ideologies of womanhood, institutions, and Islamic practices have played a pivotal role in religiously conservative women's mobility in the Middle East.

Information and registration:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/middle-east-centre/events/2025/howzevi-women-iran-amina-tawasil>

15. ONLINE Webinar "The Connected Histories of James Baillie Fraser's "The Kuzzilbash: A Tale of Khorasan (1828)"" with Brenden Benjamin, British Institute of Persian Studies (BIPS), 28 May 2025, 18:00 CET

This relatively neglected work of historical fiction is a story of adventure, romance, and identity exploration set against the backdrop of General Nader's rise to power. It explores the intricacies of tribal relations in Iran's north-east Khorasan region, with particular attention to Tekeh Turkmen society and their strife for autonomy and self-determination in a period of dynastic upheaval.

Information and registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t3w6U1w3RMmE26sS95oqPA#/registration

16. HYBRID Inaugural Lecture of Prof. Dr. Michael Engel on "Jewish Authors on Human Agency: Theological and Philosophical Reflections", Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies, 4 June 2025, 18:00 CET

Information and registration:

<https://www.hfjs.eu/hochschule/profil/veranstaltungen/inaugural-lecture-of-prof-dr-michael-engel.html>

17. HYBRID Sir William Luce Lecture on "Anarchiving Sudan Memories: The Present War and Troubled Past" by Dr Mariasole Pepa, Durham University, 11 June 2025, 11:00 CET

The work of the speaker engages with transformations in development geographies through post-development and decolonial lenses, with a focus on the geopolitical implications of Africa-China relations. Her research examines how water and land can serve as critical geographical lenses for understanding processes of transformation across the Sahel, particularly in Sudan.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4ts9x5ab>

18. HYBRID Mohamed Ali Foundation Fellowship Lectures, Institute for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Durham University, 11 June 2025, 15:00 – 16:15 CET

Lectures on "Competing Sovereignities and Jurisdictions in Litigation over Abbas Hilmi's Sequestered Royal Estates, 1915-1924" by Dr Will Hanley (Florida State University) and on "Between Two Empires: Anglo-Ottoman Rivalry and Networks of Capital, Labor, and Expertise in the Estates (Ciftliks) of Khedive 'Abbas Hilmi II in the Aegean, 1895-1914" by Dr Mohamed Abdou (American University in Cairo).

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ms78avyc>

19. Workshop on "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Its Spillover into Germany: Exploring Jewish-Muslim Relations in a Time of War and Crisis", Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies, 28 July – 4 August 2025

Through lectures, workshops, and dialogue sessions, we will examine and reflect on the current crisis, its impact on Jewish-Muslim relations, and broader questions of migration, co-existence, and identity in Germany, in Israel/Palestine, and in-between Germany and the Middle East. Please apply only if you are either: 1) Palestinian, 2) Israeli, or 3) a student in Germany.

Deadline for applications: 28 May 2025. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/38d8htdc>

20. First International Conference of the Syrian Academics and Researchers' Network in the UK (SARN UK): "Rebuilding Syria: Reflections, Innovations and Collaborations", University of Sussex, Brighton, 18-19 September 2025

Themes: The role of education in the rebuilding process. – Historical approaches and imaginative futures. – The role of art and music in healing and building bridges. – Transitional justice. - Civil liberties, gender relations and sexuality in civic society. – Diasporic connections and intercultural innovations. – Reflective storytelling in literature, art, cinema and dance. – Political plurality and civil society. – Cross-sectarian dialogue. – Multiple identities and belonging. – Syrian culture and soft power.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4pv244jc>

21. 2nd International Conference of the Persian Manuscript Association: "Listen to the Flute: Timurid Music and its Transmissions Across the Persianate World", SOAS, University of London, 20-21 September 2025

The aim of this conference is to cultivate a broader multidisciplinary discourse among musicologists, historians, philosophers, literary scholars, theologians, and art historians, with the goal of facilitating a comprehensive exploration of musical traditions, practices, and institutions in the Persianate world.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 May 2025. Information: <https://persianmanuscripts.org/news/>

22. 4th Biennial Conference on Contemporary Iranian Studies: "Iranian Studies in the Contemporary Era", University of Tehran, 27-28 October 2025

Panel proposals and abstracts related to all major fields of Iranian studies in four general categories of politics, sociology, culture and economics are welcomed. The themes include but are not limited to contemporary history, sociology, political science, religions and theology, art, international relations, new media and communication studies, and Diaspora studies. Interdisciplinary approaches and comparative studies are also very welcomed.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 May 2025. Information: <https://iranianstudies.ut.ac.ir/?lang=en>

23. 11th Biannual Gulf Comparative Education Society (GCES) Symposium: "Pedagogy, Policy, and Praxis in the GCC", Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates, 12-14 November 2025

Themes: Global education governance, policy, and stakeholders. – Educational hegemony, marginalization, and power dynamics. – EdTech, artificial intelligence, and distance learning. – Pedagogy, teachers' qualifications, and professional development. – Teacher retention/attraction policies, regulations, and accountability. – Nationalization policies, educational visions, and Gulf policies. – Learning outcomes, international assessments, and quality assurance.

Extended deadline for abstracts: 31 May 2025. Information: <https://gces.ae/gces-symposium-2025>

24. International Workshop on "Education, Power and Possibility: Rethinking "Quality Education" in the Middle East", Unit for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Societies (MOMuG), University of Bern, January 2026

This workshop seeks to critically interrogate the notion of "quality education" as international policy directive and universal ideal by examining how the concept of quality education is constructed, negotiated and/or challenged in the Middle East. Our focus will be on how local actors – including educators, students, civil society organizations, policymakers and communities – define and deliberate on what constitutes quality education. Etc.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 May 2025. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/2s6vh9f5>

25. Workshop: „Mobilizing Nature: The Environmental History of the Ottoman Danubian Frontier“, University of Vienna, 12-13 March 2026

Focusing on the Middle and Lower Danubian frontiers in the early modern period, the workshop will explore the Danube River's place and role in Ottoman warfare. The workshop aims to shed light on the relationship between

the riverine environment, war and military in the early modern Ottoman Danube. It aims to bring together researchers working on the river's military and environmental histories and those with a broader focus on river history.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 May 2025. Information: <https://danfront.univie.ac.at/workshop/>

26. Conference "Elemental: Ismaili Perspectives on Earth, Water, Air, Fire and Ether", Institute of Ismaili Studies, Aga Khan Centre, London, 19-10 March 2026

This inaugural conference will critically examine the Ismaili intellectual heritage, its philosophical, literary, poetic and artistic expressions, as well as accounts of lived experiences from diverse historical and contemporary contexts to generate pivotal research using the lens of elements – earth, water, air, fire, and ether.

Deadline for abstracts: 2 June 2025.

Information: <https://www.iis.ac.uk/news/2025/april/call-for-papers-elemental-ismaili-perspectives/>

27. Symposium "Literature, Care, and the Ethics of Living in Southwest Asia and North Africa", Utrecht University, 10 April 2026

The symposium aims to explore deeper understandings of how care – as a critical, creative, and ethical framework – can mediate our engagements with modern-day challenges, particularly through the complex and embodied histories of the SWANA region. The symposium will investigate literature's response to, and influence on, ethical and political practices while recognising care as a contingent and relational operation.

Deadline for abstracts: 1 July 2025. Information: <https://swanalit.sites.uu.nl/news-and-events/>

28. Conference on "Global Iranian Diaspora Studies", Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute of Iranian Studies, University of Toronto, 29-30 May 2026

Main Themes: Exploring diverse historical, artistic, literary, and cultural expressions of the global Iranian diaspora, including gender, class, ethnicity, generation, etc. – Comparative studies across Iranian diaspora communities, including between Iranian and other migrant groups. – Activism and social movements within the Iranian diaspora. – The role of language and media in shaping Iranian diasporic identities.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 May 2025. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/4462nbxw>

29. Conference "Istanbul: Cultural Pasts – Urban Futures", Işık University, Istanbul, 6-8 July 2026

The conference is expressly international and welcomes perspectives from across a range of fields: the humanities and the social sciences; architecture, urban planning and landscapes; heritage studies and design, and more. As such, it is open to local, regional and international discussions of art historical research, building renovation projects, digital art and heritage, anthropological study and socio-cultural critiques – past, present and future.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 July 2025. Information: <https://amps-research.com/conference/istanbul-heritages/>

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Qualification: Outstanding doctorate in Jewish Studies / Judaic Studies; relevant publications in the research areas of rabbinic literature, medieval biblical exegesis, material cultures (manuscript studies and printed works); proficiency in German to (C1) level (language proficiency may be obtained within the first 2 years of employment); less than 4 years since completing the doctorate.

Deadline for applications: 19 June 2025. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8hkysm>

31. Postdoctoral Position (2 Years) in the Project "Mapping Occult Sciences Across Islamicate Cultures", Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Qualification: PhD in Early Modern Ottoman or Islamic Studies, or related fields; – an excellent command of Classical Arabic and Ottoman Turkish (the knowledge of additional languages such as Persian is considered an advantage); – an outstanding publication record relative to career stage; – academic writing and presentation skills in English.

Deadline for applications: 14 June 2025. Information: Contact fatmasinem.eryilmaz@uab.cat

32. HYBRID Fellowship of the Institute for Advanced Israel Studies 2025-2026: "Diversifying the Israeli Diaspora", Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

This hybrid fellowship will feature a virtual workshop series throughout the year, and an in-person conference at Brandeis University. It aims to explore the dynamic of Israeli identity beyond Israel, as it intersects with new trends of migration, and multilayered cultures in diverse destinations. It also analyzes the ways this identity intertwines with the increasingly diverse Jewish, Israeli, and Palestinian diasporas, as well as other diasporas of Israeli residents without Israeli citizenship.

Deadline for applications: 31 May 2025.

Information: <https://www.brandeis.edu/israel-center/iais/call-for-proposals.html>

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33. Launching MESA's Academic Freedom Initiative (AFI)

MESA has been building out the AFI to identify and track trends regarding academic freedom and repression on campuses across North America. Since starting the initiative in February, our research priorities have been to document recent mass immigration enforcement and incidents of employment retaliation on campuses, with upcoming projects focused on tracking litigation among other efforts.

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/649jpfkz>

34. HYBRID Summer Schools: "Ottoman Paleography" & "Ottoman Diplomatica" of the "Archive Languages Training Program", Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, Istanbul, 8-31 July 2025

The classes will be held between 09.00 – 12.30 (UTC +3 Istanbul) on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday.

Deadline for applications: 30 May 2025. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/327248rt>

35. "German-Yemeni Autumn School" for German Master Students Studying in Germany, Amman, Jordan, 29 September – 3 October 2025

The Autumn School is organized by the "Woman Research & Training Center" at Aden University and the "Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO)" in Bonn. We are looking for students with good knowledge of English, who either a) have experience with civil society organizations or demonstrated interest in the topic of social cohesion, science communication and/or Yemen through courses taken and internships done.

Deadline for applications: 8 June 2025.

Information: <https://carpo-bonn.org/weitere-inhalte/german-yemeni-autumn-school-in-amman>

36. Early Scholars Publication Grants for Dissertations that Reconceptualize "Translating Cultures in the Digital Age", UNESCO Chair in Translating Cultures, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

We seek dissertations that explore the evolving relationship between humans and advanced AI systems, including the new interpretive strategies required to navigate AI's fluid, data-driven formulations, and focus on themes such as agency, authorship, translation, and the human-machine interface. Qualification: PhD in a relevant field, such as Arabic language and culture, translation studies, comparative literature, Middle Eastern studies, cultural sociology, etc.

Deadline for applications: 26 May 2025. Information: <https://www.kfcris.com/en/unesco/grant/2025>

37. Articles on "The Pilgrimage to Mecca as a Social Experience" for a Special Issue of the Journal "Arabian Humanities – International Journal of Archaeology and Social Sciences in the Arabian Peninsula"

Three dimensions will be emphasized here: The *hajj* as religious experience and dramaturgy of salvation. – The *hajj* as an issue of governance and a vector of collective identity. – The *hajj* as a means of experiencing space.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 October 2025. Information: <https://journals.openedition.org/arabianhumanities/15236>
