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Best regards,

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CONFERENCES

1. Conference: "The Role of Media in the Arab World's Transformation Process", Deutsche Welle
Headquarters, Bonn, 16 May 2012

The conference aims to analyze the diversity of the structural, economic, legal and political dimensions of the media market in the Arab World and its influence on the political development.

Panel 1 "Regulation versus liberty: Media landscape transformation" will focus on the state and the development of the media market, the legal and economic situation and the future perspectives of the media in specific countries of the Arab world.

Panel 2, "Social Media revolution and freedom of expression", the focus will be on the impact of Social Media on political mobilization and on the possibilities and hindrances of Social Media regarding the recent social processes in the Arab world.

The conference will be held in English. We invite international media and political scientists, economists, academic lawyers as well as journalists.

Please send your proposal for a 15-minute presentation to the DW. Submission deadline 6 February 2012. Information:

http://www.fh-bonn-rhein-sieg.de/fhbrsmedia/Downloads/aktuell/news/2011/Deutsche+Welle+Call+for+Papers+2012_Invitation.pdf

2. Workshop: „Governance Beyond the Centre: Informality, Institutions and Contested Power Structures in Authoritarian Contexts”, Berlin, 9–10 February 2012

The workshop is organized by Arbeitsstelle Politik des Vorderen Orients in cooperation with SFB 700 “Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood”, Freie Universität Berlin.

The workshop will provide contributions that investigate forms of governing and contestation beyond central regimes and reflect on their significance for analyzing the changing dynamics of government and politics. It will draw intensively on case studies from the Arab World while reaching out to experiences in Africa, Latin–America and Asia as well. Conceptually, different authors will provide theoretical explanations for the transformation of state in its relation to social forces as well as for the relation between formal and informal institutions. In understanding politics beyond the centre, the workshop aims to close the existing research gap on contested politics in developing countries enhancing it by insights from the periphery.

Speakers: Hala Caroline Abou–Zaki, Paul Amar, Fadi Bardawil, Malika Bouziane, Cilja Harders, Anja Hoffmann, Thomas Hüsken, Mohammed Ibahrine, Katharina Lenner, Jean–Pierre Olivier de Sardan, Finn Stepputat (Keynote Speaker), Annemie Vermaelen and Lisa Wedeen. The workshop is open for public after registration. Please contact

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for further information or see

http://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/polwiss/forschung/international/vorderer-orient/aktuelles/WS_governance.html

3. 34th Annual Conference of MELCom International, Paris, 4–6 July 2012

The conference will take place at the BULAC, the University of Languages and Civilisations Library in Paris.. The local convener is Farzaneh Zareie of the Middle East and Central Asia Department. A day–trip is planned for 7 June.

Conference sessions will be dedicated to the following topics:

1. Collection development, acquisition policies, cooperation between libraries holding Middle Eastern collections
2. Electronic resources and digitization programmes
3. Current issues of information science in Middle East area studies
4. History of libraries, ownership and readership
5. Manuscripts, rare books and documents
6. Catalogues and bibliographies

And any other topics related to Middle Eastern librarianship.

Participants have to fill in the Registration Form online at <http://www.melcominternational.org/> under the Conferences' tab (Conferences > Forthcoming > Registration [eng]) until the end of February 2012. Working languages of MELCom International are English and French. Further information melcom.international@gmail.com.

4. Mediterranean Seminar/UCMRP Workshop and Round Table "Can We Talk Mediterranean?," University of Colorado at Boulder, 6–7 April 2012

The workshop will consist of discussion of three to four pre-circulated article-length essay. Proposals from all relevant Humanities and Social Science disciplines and methodologies are welcome. Papers may be tightly focused but should have a broader comparative or theoretical element that relates more broadly to the Mediterranean as a region. Papers explicitly addressing the workshop topic of the viability of the Mediterranean as a historico-cultural paradigm will be preferred, although other proposals are also welcome. Deadline for proposals 1 February. Contact and further information

mailbox@mediterraneanseminar.org

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5. Second International Conference: "Nazareth – Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage with special emphasis on the Ottoman Period", Nazareth, 3–5 July 2012

The Conference is organized by the Municipality of Nazareth, the University of Haifa–Department of Middle Eastern History and the Nazareth Academic Institute. It will bring together both established and emerging scholars working throughout the world, in order to discuss potent issues of concern that have their roots in the Ottoman Period and that continue to define and shape the cultural heritage of the city of Nazareth.

To be considered to present a paper in the above panels, please submit a 250–word abstract to shareef.s@nazareth.muni.il

OR

myazbak@univ.haifa.ac.il

, by 15 March 2012. Selected papers may be published. Travel and accommodation will be covered by the Municipality of Nazareth. For further information contact address above.

6. 4th International Conference of Mediterranean Worlds: "Domino Effects and Hybridization of the Mediterranean", Istanbul, 5–7 Sept. 2012

This interdisciplinary conference is hosted by the Department of History, 29 Mayis University, in collaboration with The Mediterranean Seminar, University of California Santa Cruz; Bern University, Department of the History of the Art, TransMediterraneanStudies.

The goal of this conference is to focus on the effects of mixture upon various elements in the Mediterranean, dwelling on outcomes that are not easily labeled as one thing or other, defining the critical stages of change. This would, in a sense, be an extension of the macro–micro history dialectic and the diversity of the local regional outcomes.

The deadline for session and paper submissions is 27 February 2012. For further information, see <http://medworldsfour.wordpress.com/>

7. BYS–LMEI Conference: “Yemen: Challenges for the Future”, SOAS, London, 16–17 November 2012

The British Yemeni Society (BYS) in collaboration with the London Middle East Institute (LMEI) at SOAS are organizing this international conference. This will be the first academic conference in the UK for at least a decade to discuss in depth the many economic and social challenges facing Yemen. It is hoped that the conference will increase understanding of these challenges by presenting recent academic research on a wide range of relevant issues.

Papers are invited along the following broad themes: Water and natural resources management; population, education and employment; economic development; lessons from Yemeni history; state and society; Yemen, the region and the world. The BYS will also consider suggestions for other panels with up to four participants.

Deadline for proposals 31 March 2012. For further information please contact Louise Hoskins at lh2@soas.ac.uk or Thanos Petouris at agpetouris@soas.ac.uk

CALL FOR ARTICLES

8. Call for Articles for “Encounters: An International Journal for the Study of Culture and Society” on “Islamic Law; Society, Culture and State”

We invite papers that deal with the intersection between Islamic law and society particularly as it pertains to such issues as: the status of women and/or family law, property rights, land tenure, criminal law, finance/economy, and inter-faith relations. Papers from all periods of history and all disciplines are welcome, as are papers that examine the impact of Islamic law in western contexts.

Please submit your paper to the guest editor, Sabrina Joseph, Zayed University, Dubai, email [Sabrina.joseph@zu.ac.ae](mailto: Sabrina.joseph@zu.ac.ae) by July 1, 2012. For further information see:

<http://encounters.zu.ac.ae>

9. Call for Articles for "Bilgi Journal", Special Issue: "Transformation of Islamism"

The special issue aims to bring different contributions in order to redefine terms of debate and critique the crises of Islamism with particular emphasis on the issues and themes of 'power', 'multiculturalism', 'popular culture', 'market economy' and 'international relations'. In this context and as such, this volume also seeks to unearth whether new forms of Islamism both in Turkey and the world are in sight.

Guest Editors: Bünyamin Bezci and Nebi Mi[]

The language of articles must be either English or Turkish. Deadline for submissions: 1 April 2012. For more information visit:

<http://www.bilgidergi.com/index.php?dil=en>

and e-mail:

nebis@yahoo.com

10. Call for Articles for Journal Al-Raida on "Women & Disability in the Arab World"

This special issue of Al-Raida considers the lives of disabled Arab women in relation to contemporary debates about disability and society. We are interested in papers which explore ways in which disability is being experienced by Arab women. We also have in mind the concerns of women who are mothers of disabled children or practitioners working to support disabled women and girls.

In addition to academic papers we would also like to include conference reports, interviews, book reviews, student perspectives and disabled women's arts news. Please send suggestions for possible inclusion to the Guest Editor Michele Moore, Professor of Inclusive Education, Northumbria University at

michele.moore1@btinternet.com
