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Dear Madame, dear Sir, dear colleague and friend,

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Best regards,

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Dans ce cadre, comment appréhender les causes et les enjeux de cette révolte ? Faut-il y voir les conséquences de transformations plus anciennes des modes de régulation politique ? Qui sont les protestataires et de quelles façons expriment-ils leurs revendications ? De quelles ressources disposent-ils pour mener à bien leur lutte dans un contexte de répression maximale ? Et enfin, comment expliquer la longévité du régime malgré l'ampleur croissante de la révolte ? Les intervenants réunis autour de cette journée d'étude tenteront d'apporter des éléments de réponse à ces questions.

<http://iismm.ehess.fr/index.php?/evenements/journees-etudes/annee-2012/1058-syrie> Programme :

2. Conference : "Révolutions arabes et questions palestiniennes : perceptions croisées et mobilisations connectées", EHESS, Paris, 30 mai 2012

Organisée par l'IISMM / EHESS, le Collège de France, le Laboratoire de Recherche Historique Rhône-Alpes. Dans le contexte des révolutions arabes qui se sont succédées au fil de l'année 2011, la question palestinienne occupe une place paradoxale. D'un côté, ces révolutions ont redonné de la pertinence à un langage politique et à des imaginaires nationaux arabes. Dans ces circonstances, où est l'enjeu palestinien, généralement considéré comme central ?

D'un autre côté, à court terme à tout le moins, les Palestiniens apparaissent comme curieusement absents, à la fois comme acteurs et comme enjeu des mouvements de protestation. Les mobilisations politiques arabes en faveur de la Palestine sont-elles distendues du fait du recentrage des revendications révolutionnaires sur des enjeux nationaux, et de perceptions peut-être plus ambiguës à

l'égard de la question palestinienne dans certains pays du monde arabe ? Ou sont-elles renouvelées par l'effet conjugué des réseaux électroniques, de la mise au centre des revendications de l'exigence de dignité des personnes, et de l'expérience de la solidarité révolutionnaire ?

<http://iismm.ehess.fr/index.php?/evenements/journees-etudes/annee-2012/1066-revolution-arabes-et-questions-palestiniennes> Programme :

3. SIPS Conference on "Politics and Religion", Rome, 13-15 September 2012

Paper proposals are invited for the following panels:

[albertagiorgi@ces.uc.pt](mailto:albertagiorgi@ces.uc.pt) 1. "The Religious Factor in Contemporary Political Movements"; Chairs: Alberta Giorgi ( ) and

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[emanuele.polizzi@unimib.it](mailto:emanuele.polizzi@unimib.it)

[luca.ozzano@unito.it](mailto:luca.ozzano@unito.it) ) and Luca Ozzano ( [albertagiorgi@ces.uc.pt](mailto:albertagiorgi@ces.uc.pt) 2. " Religion and Elections"; Chairs: Alberta Giorgi ( )

[luca.ozzano@unito.it](mailto:luca.ozzano@unito.it)

[valter.coralluzzo@libero.it](mailto:valter.coralluzzo@libero.it) 3. "Transnational Religious Actors"; Chairs: Valter Coralluzzo ( ) and Luca [valter.coralluzzo@libero.it](mailto:valter.coralluzzo@libero.it)

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All scholars interested in participating as paper givers can send an abstract of about 200 words to the convenors. The deadline for paper proposals is 20 May 2012.

[www.religione-politica.it/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=28:cfp-sisp-information-conference-rome-13-15-september-2012&catid=6:leading](http://www.religione-politica.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=28:cfp-sisp-information-conference-rome-13-15-september-2012&catid=6:leading) Information:

4. Conference: "Biographies of Religious Engagement – Islamic Activism in Psychological Perspective", University of Cape Town, 10-12 October 2012

This is a conference dedicated to study the life histories of religious activists from the perspective of the psychology of religion. It will focus attention on Islamic activists involved in some or the other form of religious activism since the 1970s. Papers will examine personal trajectories over a long period of time, focusing on initial participation through to their present positions. For the purpose of this conference, Islamists will denote individuals who have come together to (re)establish Islam on a social or political level.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DXkALLNMWImAistzaugZDxBkTWLptRxaKpiS9ebBZBw/edit> Deadlines for Paper and Poster Abstracts: July 15, 2012. Information:

5. International Colloquium: "Revolts and Transitions in the Arab World: Towards a New Urban Agenda?", French Center for Research in Cairo (CEDEJ), 7-8 November 2012

This international colloquium aims to discuss the urban dimension of the great changes in the Arab world, from the origins of the 2011 revolutionary episodes to the present experiences of democratisation, along with phases of political transition and socio-economic crisis in which states are still entangled. Our objective is to (re)consider processes of urbanisation and urban practices, by the yardstick of the political, economic and social issues relevant in the region since the beginning of the decade. Researchers in social sciences and experts on Maghreb, Middle-East and Arabian Peninsula will compare their different points of view. Thus, this colloquium aims to contribute to the revitalization of urban studies in the Arab world, as aligned to economic and political analysis.

Five topics structure this call for contributions:

1. The urban dimensions of revolts
2. Living in cities in revolt and transition
3. Legacies of the past: details and questions about urban action of the « former regimes »
4. Elections and new political powers: the urban agenda in question
5. Rethinking sustainable urban development: proposals from civil society and silent partners

This multidisciplinary colloquium is willing to collect communications highlighting recent fieldworks, or experts' reports and critical analyzes. Case studies or comparative analyzes will be welcome, from young researchers, (post)doctoral students and experienced researchers. We strongly encourage proposals (eg feedbacks) from NGOs, associations, national and international experts, etc.

Proposals for papers (5000 signs), and a brief biography or CV, can be sent in French or English. The <http://www.cedej-eg.org/spip.php?artic> dead line to submit a proposal is may 15th 2012 ! Information

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6. Atelier: "La présence chinoise en Algérie : perspectives maghrébines et africaines", Paris, 1 février 2013

Organisé par le « groupe Chine-Afrique » du CECMC (UMR 8713 EHESS/CNRS). Propositions de communication (économie, science politique, sociologie, histoire, droit,) en 2 pages maxi (problématique, méthodologie appliquée et principaux éléments de bibliographie) avant le 31 mai <http://pairault.fr/> . Information [chine-algerie@pairault.fr](mailto:chine-algerie@pairault.fr) 2012 à Thierry Pairault et Fatiha Talahite à [chine-algerie](#)

7. Conference of the Maghreb Studies Association / L'Association des Études du Maghreb, "Colonial Heritage in the Middle East and the Maghreb: the Shaping of Hopes and Perspectives", Mansfield College, Oxford, 24-25 June 2013

or from Ben-Madani; E-Mail. [maghreb-studies-association.co.uk](mailto:maghreb-studies-association.co.uk) Further information: [www.ben-madani@ociation.co.uk](http://www.ben-madani@ociation.co.uk)

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8. Two Lectureships in the Contemporary Middle East and Iran and in Modern Islam, University of Manchester

The posts are intended to be permanent (subject to probation) and the starting date is intended to be 1st September 2012. The closing date for applications is 30th May 2012. Note that application can only be submitted via the University of Manchester electronic applications system, though Professor John ([john.healey@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:john.healey@manchester.ac.uk)) Healey may be contacted for informal advice (

<https://www.jobtrain.co.uk/universityofmanchester/vacancies.aspx> For details see:

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9. Research Fellow on "Higher Education and Political Change in the Arab World: What Role for the Social Sciences?", British Institute in Amman, Jordan

The CBRL is looking to recruit a Research Fellow to run its new research programme looking at the relationship between higher education and social change in the contemporary Arab world. Focusing on teaching and learning in the social science disciplines, the project will explore how these subjects inform understandings of the possibility of social change amongst Arab youth.

Based at the British Institute in Amman, with travel to Egypt, Palestine and the Gulf, the successful appointee will conduct new field-based research, study international research cooperation, and develop new projects in cooperation with local academic institutions and researchers.

The position is ideally suited for a holder of a PhD in sociology, politics, international relations, anthropology, geography, education, or related disciplines. Previous fieldwork experience in the Middle East and good Arabic language skills are essential.

The successful candidate will be appointed on a fixed term contract from 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2014. Inquiries about the position should be addressed to Dr Daniel Neep, ([d.neep@bi-amman.org.uk](mailto:d.neep@bi-amman.org.uk)).

[www.cbri.org.uk/doc/CBRL/20Research/20Fellow/20-20further/20particulars/20-20final.pdf](http://www.cbri.org.uk/doc/CBRL/20Research/20Fellow/20-20further/20particulars/20-20final.pdf) Further particulars

The deadline for applications is 24 May 2012.

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10. Scholar at the Kenyon Institute in Jerusalem

The Council for British Research in the Levant conducts research in the subject areas supported by the British Academy in the countries of the Levant. The successful candidate will recently have completed a Masters or PhD in a relevant discipline in the humanities or social sciences and will be seeking to develop an active research interest in the area, leading to the production of a significant publication.

The Scholars' duties will include research and assisting with the administration of the Kenyon Institute. The principal responsibility of the Scholar will be to complete a programme of research relating to Jerusalem, Israel or the Palestinian Territories. The Scholarship is tenable for two years, with a start date of 1 September 2012. The Scholar will receive an annual Scholarship of £8,000 and free accommodation.

The closing date for completed applications and references is 28 May 2012. For further particulars, visit <http://www.cbri.org.uk/news.html>

#### 11. Assistant/Associate Professor of Middle Eastern, School of Arts and Sciences, American University in Dubai

Candidate: Ph.D. in Islamic Studies or Middle Eastern Studies (or closely related field), Academic qualifications to teach courses in history, business and/or culture, and courses with a geographic regional focus, Active research and/or scholarly production, Excellent English written and oral communication skills, Strong team ethic, Experience teaching diverse student populations.

Candidates must have an earned Doctorate from a Western accredited institution at the time of appointment (begin August 2012). Applications accepted and evaluated until this position is filled. Applicants must send a cover letter, CV, statement of teaching philosophy, and the contact of three academic and/or professional references to Faculty Recruitment, The American University in [facultyrecruitment@aud.edu](mailto:facultyrecruitment@aud.edu) Dubai, P.O. Box 28282, Dubai, UAE.

#### 12. Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), American University of Beirut (AUB)

CAMES is an interdisciplinary program that offers an MA in Middle East Studies. This two-year appointment begins 1 September 2012. Candidates with completed Ph.D. before that time, have teaching experience, and hold promise of original scholarship are welcome.

. Review of files will [as\\_dean@aub.edu.lb](mailto:as_dean@aub.edu.lb) Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent to begin on May 7, 2012 and will continue until the post is filled. For more information on this position, please visit <http://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/> and <http://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/cames/>

#### 13. Two PhD Studentship on "Islam and Christianity in Africa", ZMO, Berlin

Birgit Meyer, Professor of Religious Studies at Utrecht University, and ZMO in Berlin are jointly advertising the posts of two fully funded PhD studentships for the course of three years, starting from 1st October 2012.

We invite well-qualified candidates (preferably with a background in Anthropology, Religious Studies, Islamic Studies or African Studies) to submit innovative proposals for doctoral research projects on comparative aspects of Islam and Christianity in Africa. The projects will be part of a larger program titled Habitats and Habitus: Politics and Aesthetics of Religious World Making.

Candidates will receive a monthly stipend of 1,300 EUR, plus sufficient travel expenses for long-term fieldwork and conference visits within this period. African candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

The successful candidates will be registered as PhD students at the University of Utrecht and employed in Berlin at ZMO. They will also be linked to the Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies, and thus be well integrated into an existing infrastructure of scholarly expertise on the Muslim world as well as on Africa and its historical and social interconnections with Europe, South Asia and the Middle East.

[www.zmo.de/Ausschreibung/PhD\\_Call\\_Meyer\\_Kresse\\_2012.pdf](http://www.zmo.de/Ausschreibung/PhD_Call_Meyer_Kresse_2012.pdf) Candidates should submit their applications by 1 June 2012. Further information

#### 14. Fellowships for Research on EU/German-Turkish Relations, Climate Change, Education, Sabancı University

Stiftung Mercator and Istanbul Policy Center at Sabancı University invite young academics and professionals with an interest in Turkey to apply for a new fellowship program. The 2012 fellowships begin September 1, 2012 and the deadline for applications is May 15, 2012.

<http://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/fellowships> Applications or further questions by email to the Program Coordinator Mr. Daniel Grütjen

#### 15. Recrutement de doctorants et postdocs pour le projet de recherche RELMIN : "Le statut légal des minorités religieuses dans l'espace euro-méditerranéen (Ve-XVe siècles)".

[www.relm.eu](http://www.relm.eu) Projet financé pour 5 ans par le Conseil Européen de la Recherche. Pour plus d'information :

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 16. International Work Camps and Workshops in Palestine

1- 24 June - 5 July 2012

2- 26 August - 7 September 2012

We are pleased to extend our invitation to you to join one of our International Work Camps and Workshops in Palestine. These programs have been designed to bring individuals from around the world to Palestine in order to foster relationships, exchange skills and ideas, and progress cultural exchange in an academic setting.

[http://youth.zajel.org/summer\\_camps/](http://youth.zajel.org/summer_camps/) For more information about the June summer camp, Please visit

[discoverpalestine.htm](http://discoverpalestine.htm)

[http://youth.zajel.org/summer\\_camps/annou](http://youth.zajel.org/summer_camps/annou) For more information about the August camp, please visit

[ncement2012.htm](http://ncement2012.htm)