

EURAMES-Info-Service 38/2026

Dear Colleague,

Please find below the following announcements:

CONFERENCES / ONLINE EVENTS

1) ONLINE Book Discussion of "A Daring Enterprise: A US-Egyptian Partnership and the Case for Soft Power" by James A. Harmon, Cornelius Queen and Mark Warren, AUC Press, 21 September 2026, 18:00 CET

2) ONLINE Presentation "Electricity and Early Recovery in Syria: Pathways to Transformative Reconstruction" by Sultan Jalabi, Hosted by German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), 22 September 2026, 15:00 – 16:30 pm CET

3) HYBRIDE Séance « Les nouvelles configurations au Moyen-Orient » avec Hamit Bozarslan (Directeur d'études à l'EHESS), Institut français d'Irak, Bagdad, 22 septembre 2026, 17h00 CET

4) ONLINE Talk "Sneak Peek | An Exclusive Glimpse into "From the Louvre: Masterpieces of Islamic Art"" by Simon Rettig, National Museum of Asian Art, Washington, DC, 22 September 2026, 18:00 – 18:45 CET

5) ONLINE Virtual Islamic Art History Seminar Series (VIAHSS): "Echoes of Geometry: The Enduring Legacy of Islamicate Ornament in Medieval Malta" by Charlene Vella, 22 September 2026, 18:00 CET

6) HYBRID Third Annual Palestine Conference: "Shifting Tides: Palestine, US Elections, and Pathways Forward", Arab Center Washington DC, 23 September 2026, 15:15 – 21:00 CET

7) HYBRID Lecture "The Wondrous Phenomenon of the Artesian Spring – New Excavations at Tall Zirā'a" by Prof. Dr. Dieter Vieweger, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, 23 September 2026, 16:00 CET

8) ONLINE Webinar "Why Read Homer? Byzantine Scholars on the Value of Ancient Literature" by Baukje van den Berg, Hellenic College Holy Cross, Brookline, MA, 23 September 2026, 18:00 – 19:30 CET

9) HYBRIDE Séance « La question kurde à l'horizon des années 2030 ? », Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo), Erbil, Irak, 24 septembre 2026, 15h30 CET

10) HYBRID Lecture "The Impish Revolutionary: Mischief, Play, and Counter-Sovereignty in Iran" by Alireza Doostdar (University of Chicago), Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, 24 September 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

11) HYBRID Lecture "Envisioning a Messianic Horizon: Ḥamūya's Shī'ī-Inspired Eschatology and Its Impact on Kubrawī and Timurid Spirituality" by Prof. Seyed Saleh Pezhman (University of Tehran), Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo, 25 September 2026, 7:00 – 8:30 CET

12) ONLINE Roundtable to Present the Volume: "Enduring Legacies: Resistance, Ideology, and Social Opposition in Contemporary SWANA", SeSaMo, 25 September 2026, 17:00 – 19:00 CET

- 13) 2nd Annual Meeting of the "Belgian Association for the Study of Islam, Culture and Society (BASICS)", Ghent University, 25 September 2026
- 14) HYBRID International Conference "Arts and Crafts in the Late Ottoman Empire: Rethinking Practices and Concepts of Material Culture in Syria and Beyond (18th – Early 20th Century)", Lebanese American University, Beirut, 25-26 September 2026
- 15) Early Modern History Workshop: "Translation and Diplomacy in the Early Modern Ottoman World", Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, 2-3 October 2026
- 16) HYBRID Opening Lecture of the Exhibition "From the Louvre: Masterpieces of Islamic Art" by Souraya Noujaim, National Museum of Asian Art, Washington, DC, 3 October 2026, 20:00 – 21:30 CET
- 17) HYBRID Lecture "Embedded in the Flesh: Jewish Women and the Making of Modernity in the Late Ottoman Period" by Anabella Esperanza, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 5 October 2026, 18:00 – 19:30 CET
- 18) Workshop "Family in History, History in the Family: Historical Approaches to Family, Household, Kinship, and Generations (Focus Turkey)", Istanbul University, 20-21 November 2026
- 19) Symposium "Arab Comics: Creation, Circulation, and Reception", MMSH, Aix-en-Provence, 30 November 2026
- 20) ONLINE "Ninth Annual Graduate Student Book Review Colloquium on Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies", AbuSulayman Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, 3 December 2026
- 21) HYBRID Symposium on Archives in and from the SWANA Region: "Critical Digital Archives. Travel, Translation, Transformation", British Institute for Libyan and Northern African Studies (BILNAS) & University of London, 21-22 January 2027
- 22) HYBRID Panel on "Palestine and the Challenge to German Studies" at the Annual Convention of the "Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA)", Newport, Rhode Island, 6-9 March 2027
- 23) Panel "Gendered Mobilities: Migration, Community and Belonging in World Literature" (Focus MENA) at the "58th Annual Northeast Modern Language Association Convention (NeMLA)", Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, 8-9 March 2027
- 24) International Conference "The Composition of the Qur'an: Structure, Style & Meaning", Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB) & Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies (IDEO), Cairo, 19-20 March 2027
- 25) "Graduate Student Research Workshop: New Directions in the Study of the Arab World", New York University (NYU), Abu Dhabi, 5-7 April 2026
- 26) Colloque international "Cinéma libanais histoires, enjeux et patrimoines cinématographiques", Caen, 12-14 avril 2027
- 27) International Conference "Power, Aid, and Transnational Humanitarianism between War and Peace. A Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century History", Sapienza Università di Roma, 26-27 May 2027
- 28) Workshops at the "17th Annual Gulf Research Meeting", Cambridge, 20-22 July 2027

29) Conference "Reclaiming Identity and Memory: Creative Resistance, Indigeneity, and Cultural Production in the Middle East and Beyond", Marquette University, Milwaukee, 15-17 October 2027

POSITIONS

30) PhD Candidates (Especially from the Middle East, 3 Years) in Peace and Conflict Resolution, "European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution", Europa-Universität Flensburg

31) Postdoctoral Research Fellow for Middle East and North Africa Studies: Peace and Conflict Studies/International Relations/Comparative Politics or International Political Economy, GIGA Institute for Middle East Studies, Hamburg

32) Postdoc in Social Anthropology (4 Years) with a Focus on Yemen, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Wien

33) Postdoctoral Researcher (2 Years +) in MENA Constitutionalism and Field Research, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague

34) Assistant Professor for Law, Politics, and Public Discourse (Focus MENA), Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley

35) Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) in Arts of the Medieval World, Department of History of Art, University of California, Berkeley

36) Roger E. Covey Professorship in Silk Road Studies (Open Rank, Tenure Track), Indiana University Bloomington

37) Corcoran Visiting Chair (1-2 Years) in Christian-Jewish Relations, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College, MA

38) Five Positions (1 Year) as Research Associate and Visiting Faculty in Women's Studies and Religion, Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

39) Assistant Professor of Medieval History (Focus Near East), Stetson University, DeLand, Florida

40) Assistant Professor of Religious Studies (Tenure Track): Philip and Muriel Berman Scholar of Jewish Studies, Lafayette College, Easton, PA

41) Open-Rank Position on the History of the Modern Middle East (Focus on the History of Israel/Palestine after 1917), Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

42) Tenured Associate or Full Professor in Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

43) Fellowship (1 Year) for Scholars of the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

OTHER INFORMATION

44) Transdisziplinärer Masterstudiengang „Nahoststudien“, Universität Heidelberg und Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

- 45) Fellowship for the Research Writing Residency for the Study of the Arab World, New York University (NYU), Abu Dhabi, 11-29 January 2026
- 46) Fellowships for the Graduate Student Research Workshop on "New Directions in the Study of the Arab World", NYU Abu Dhabi, Spring 2027
- 47) "Monsoon Book Prize for the Indian Ocean" of the German University of Technology in Oman GU-tech
- 48) Prix scientifique des "Éditions Fenêtres" pour une thèse en sciences humaines et sociales portant sur le monde musulman (publication prévue en 2027)
- 49) Chapters for "Heirs of Suyūṭī", Edited Volume in the "Beiruter Texte und Studien" Series
- 50) Chapters for "Bloomsbury Cultural History of the Middle East & North Africa", Volume: "The Later Middle Ages, 1050-1450"
- 51) Chapters for the Middle East and North Africa Profile of the "Atlas of Today's World"
- 52) Articles on "Digital Humanities in Alewi-Bektashi Studies" for a Special Issue of the "International Journal of Alevi-Bektashi Studies (IJABS)"
- 53) Articles on "Ecologism of Conflict. Inventing Futures in the Middle East and the Mediterranean" for the Journal "REMMM – Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée"
- 54) Articles on "Literature Beyond Borders: Festschrift in Honour of Ferial Ghazoul" for "Alif: Journal of Comparative Poetics", American University in Cairo, 48, 2028
- 55) Articles for an Open (Miscellaneous) Issue of the Journal "Occhiali – Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico"
- 56) Proposals for a Thematic Special Issue of the Journal "Occhiali – Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico"
- 57) Articles on "Transitions: Examining Changing Regimes of Sexuality in Post-Soviet Muslim Republics" for a Special Issue of the Journal "Sexualities"

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- 58) ONLINE New Article: "Fragile Consolidation. Yemen's New Government and the Case für European Governance Support" by Mohammed Al-Amrani & Julia Pickhardt, Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO), 14 September 2026, 17 Pages
- 59) ONLINE New Article: "From 'Securitisation' to 'Relational Ecologies': War, Environment and Vegetation Loss in Gaza" by Rahul Gandhi, Journal "Pluriversal International Relations", Bristol University Press Digital, Vol. 1, Issues 1-2, 10 September 2026, Pages 8-26
- 60) New Volume: "Tunisian Literatures: Multilingual Realities, Genealogies, Testimonies" Edited by Hanan Natour and Mohamed-Salah Omri, Bloomsbury, 3 September 2026, 240 Pages
- 61) New Book: "Ibn Khaldun in Iran: How Contemporary Iranian Scholars Interpret Ibn Khaldun" by Seyed Javad Miri, Ekpyrosis Press, 25 August 2026, 262 Pages

62) New Book: "Qur'anic Abrogation After Muhammad: The Eternal Flux" by Javad Fakhkhar Toosi, Routledge, 31 July 2026, 206 Pages

If you want to distribute an announcement via EURAMES Info Service (more than 6000 recipients, English, French, and German announcements), please apply the usual format of the text with no more than 50 words and no attachment. Please send only the most important information to eurames@geo.uni-mainz.de and refer to further details with a link to the respective website or an email address.

With all best wishes,
Guenter Meyer, Center for Research on the Arab World (CERAW), University of Mainz

CONFERENCES / ONLINE EVENTS

1) ONLINE Book Discussion of "A Daring Enterprise: A US-Egyptian Partnership and the Case for Soft Power" by James A. Harmon, Cornelius Queen and Mark Warren, AUC Press, 21 September 2026, 18:00 CET

The book offers an inside story of the Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund and its efforts to strengthen Egypt's private sector in the aftermath of the 2011 revolution. Drawing on firsthand experience, the book explores an unconventional model of foreign assistance, examining how investment, entrepreneurship, and partnership can create jobs, expand opportunities, and build lasting ties between the United States and Egypt.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3jb58zmm>

2) ONLINE Presentation "Electricity and Early Recovery in Syria: Pathways to Transformative Reconstruction" by Sultan Jalabi, Hosted by German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), 22 September 2026, 15:00 – 16:30 pm CET

Reliable energy provision is one of the most urgent prerequisites for post-conflict reconstruction. But how can Syria rebuild the electricity sector in ways that are not only technically viable, but also socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable? This event will combine a paper presentation and policy discussion on options and limits for a transformative rehabilitation of the energy sector.

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdpnhemhj>. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/mx9akhfk>

3) HYBRIDE Séance « Les nouvelles configurations au Moyen-Orient » avec Hamit Bozarslan (Directeur d'études à l'EHESS), Institut français d'Irak, Bagdad, 22 septembre 2026, 17h00 CET

Information et inscription : <https://tinyurl.com/y626rz29>

4) ONLINE Talk "Sneak Peek | An Exclusive Glimpse into "From the Louvre: Masterpieces of Islamic Art"" by Simon Rettig, National Museum of Asian Art, Washington, DC, 22 September 2026, 18:00 – 18:45 CET

For this show, an exceptional selection of twenty-six objects from the most famous Parisian museum crosses the Atlantic Ocean all together for the first time. Among them are many celebrated artworks, such as the basin known as the "Baptistry of Saint Louis", the so-called Lion of Monzón, the Iznik peacock plate, and one of the monumental portraits of Fath Ali Shah Qajar.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2fda4r6u>

5) ONLINE Virtual Islamic Art History Seminar Series (VIAHSS): "Echoes of Geometry: The Enduring Legacy of Islamicate Ornament in Medieval Malta" by Charlene Vella, 22 September 2026, 18:00 CET

Information and registration: <https://viahss.org/upcoming-talks/>

6) HYBRID Third Annual Palestine Conference: "Shifting Tides: Palestine, US Elections, and Pathways Forward", Arab Center Washington DC, 23 September 2026, 15:15 – 21:00 CET

The conference will discuss the realities on the ground in Palestine and assess shifts in US politics toward Palestine and Israel. Experts will evaluate the ongoing devastation, status of human rights, and the urgent need for international accountability, explore where Palestinian politics, regional stability, and the global diplomatic effort can go from here, and examine the potential for genuine policy shifts and change as pivotal midterm elections take place in the United States.

Information, programme, and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4u7ybuaz>

7) HYBRID Lecture "The Wondrous Phenomenon of the Artesian Spring – New Excavations at Tall Zirā'a" by Prof. Dr. Dieter Vieweger, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, 23 September 2026, 16:00 CET

Since 2001, Tall Zirā'a has been the flagship excavation project of the DEI. This season focuses on one of the site's most intriguing features: the artesian spring at the center of the tell. Active until 2008, it was not only a surprising phenomenon in modern times but must also have been a vital and wondrous source of life in antiquity. The lecture will present the latest results and shed light on this unique natural and cultural feature of Tall Zirā'a.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4yt95r2k>

8) ONLINE Webinar "Why Read Homer? Byzantine Scholars on the Value of Ancient Literature" by Baukje van den Berg, Hellenic College Holy Cross, Brookline, MA, 23 September 2026, 18:00 – 19:30 CET

By taking the oeuvre of the twelfth-century scholar Eustathios of Thessaloniki as my starting point, I will discuss different ways in which Byzantine scholarship made ancient texts relevant for new contexts. Eustathios' engagement with the Iliad and the Odyssey – and that of other middle and late Byzantine scholars – reveals how he used ancient poetry to instruct students in ancient Greek, teach rhetoric and literary aesthetics, and draw moral lessons from the past.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3jfj2erk>

9) HYBRIDE Séance « La question kurde à l'horizon des années 2030 ? », Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo), Erbil, Irak, 24 septembre 2026, 15h30 CET

Information et inscription : <https://tinyurl.com/y626rz29>

10) HYBRID Lecture "The Impish Revolutionary: Mischief, Play, and Counter-Sovereignty in Iran" by Alireza Doostdar (University of Chicago), Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, 24 September 2026, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

Can revolutionary energy be understood as a form of mischievous play? This lecture takes up shaytanat – devilry, roguishness, impish mischief – as an overlooked idiom of Iranian revolutionary life, one that runs alongside the more familiar registers of heroic piety and martyrdom. I ultimately suggest that the revolutionary state is not only one that devours its children but one that teaches them to revolt against it.

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/2nwdxc37>. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/mu6642r8>

11) HYBRID Lecture "Envisioning a Messianic Horizon: Ḥamūya's Shī'ī-Inspired Eschatology and Its Impact on Kubrawī and Timurid Spirituality" by Prof. Seyed Saleh Pezhman (University of Tehran), Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo, 25 September 2026, 7:00 – 8:30 CET

Sa'd al-Dīn Ḥamūya (d. 649/1251) was a towering Persian Sufi saint of the 7th/13th century, widely known for his enigmatic Sufi doctrine and his deep engagement with the occult sciences. This lecture aims to examine some of the Shī'ī-inspired aspects of Ḥamūya's eschatology and to demonstrate how his ideas served as a driving factor in the gradual Sufi-Shī'ī convergence within the Kubrawī order, as well as how they inspired the rise of some of the messianic movements in the Timurid period.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/6b8pw5du>

12) ONLINE Roundtable to Present the Volume: "Enduring Legacies: Resistance, Ideology, and Social Opposition in Contemporary SWANA", SeSaMo, 25 September 2026, 17:00 – 19:00 CET

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/4xf35ysr>. Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yn6mw399>

13) 2nd Annual Meeting of the "Belgian Association for the Study of Islam, Culture and Society (BASICS)", Ghent University, 25 September 2026

Panels: – Anthropology: Social Reproduction under Displacement and Confinement: Intergenerational Perspectives on Mobilities. – History and Culture: Boundaries of Authority: Spatial and Social Frontiers in the Medieval Middle East. – Islamic Studies: Insights into the Study of Classical Arabic Texts in Belgium. – Politics and Society: Muslims and Politics: Between Participation, Contestation and Securitisation. – Keynote: Middle East Studies in the Age of Catastrophe.

Information and programme: <https://tinyurl.com/44knay8n>

14) HYBRID International Conference "Arts and Crafts in the Late Ottoman Empire: Rethinking Practices and Concepts of Material Culture in Syria and Beyond (18th – Early 20th Century)", Lebanese American University, Beirut, 25-26 September 2026

The conference brings together scholars working across art and architectural history, material culture, heritage, and social and economic history. It considers objects and practices as products of complex networks of artisans, patrons, merchants in the context of industrialization, expanding global markets, new technologies, museums and exhibitions, and emerging modern concepts of art and craft. The papers explore both local practices and the circulation of objects, materials, techniques, and ideas across regional and imperial boundaries.

Information, programme and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/yetjhmeh>

15) Early Modern History Workshop: "Translation and Diplomacy in the Early Modern Ottoman World", Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, 2-3 October 2026

The workshop aims to bring together scholars working on translation and diplomacy in the Ottoman and Persianate worlds, with particular attention to diplomatic translation between Persian, Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, and various European languages. It will address dragomans not only as practical intermediaries in diplomatic encounters but also as producers of knowledge whose translations, dictionaries, treatises, and descriptive writings shaped European understandings of Ottoman political culture, law, and society.

Information and programme: <https://tinyurl.com/5ydkc38e>

16) HYBRID Opening Lecture of the Exhibition "From the Louvre: Masterpieces of Islamic Art" by Souraya Noujaim, National Museum of Asian Art, Washington, DC, 3 October 2026, 20:00 – 21:30 CET

In this talk, department director Souraya Noujaim presents some of the masterpieces that could not make the journey to Washington for the exhibition "From the Louvre: Masterpieces of Islamic Art". She shares their fascinating story and delves into their journey to the Louvre. Noujaim also focuses on individuals, curators, and donors who helped shape the collections through the present day. Following the lecture, she discusses the exhibition with co-curator Simon Rettig.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2zcfp9nn>

17) HYBRID Lecture "Embedded in the Flesh: Jewish Women and the Making of Modernity in the Late Ottoman Period" by Anabella Esperanza, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 5 October 2026, 18:00 – 19:30 CET

The speaker is completing her first monograph, a social and cultural history of Jewish women during the modernization of the Ottoman Empire throughout the 19th century to the second decade of the 20th century, when the empire finally ended. Drawing on a diverse array of sources, the book focuses on bodily practices and rituals embedded in the material body, and conducts a corporeal exploration of Judeo-Spanish-speaking women's daily lives from Istanbul, Salonica, and Izmir. It will provide new histories of Jewish women navigating modernity, with a special focus on the Islamicate world.

Information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2upzyn27>

18) Workshop "Family in History, History in the Family: Historical Approaches to Family, Household, Kinship, and Generations (Focus Turkey)", Istanbul University, 20-21 November 2026

While dynasties, political elites, and notable families have received substantial attention, the families of religious scholars and intellectuals, merchants and artisans, migrants, non-elite households, and families in the Republican period remain comparatively understudied. The workshop approaches the family not simply as a line of descent or a collection of individual biographies, but as a unit of historical analysis. With particular interest in Ottoman and Turkish history, it also welcomes original, source-based research on other periods and geographical contexts.

Deadline for abstracts: 28 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/2mukwbkp>

19) Symposium "Arab Comics: Creation, Circulation, and Reception", MMSH, Aix-en-Provence, 30 November 2026

By bringing together researchers from a range of disciplines (literature, art history, linguistics, translation studies, cultural studies, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, political science, etc.) as well as

artists, publishers, and archivists, this study day aims to establish a first scholarly panorama of the production of Arab comics and to identify the stakes it raises for research on the Arab and Muslim worlds.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/22zfyztm>

20) ONLINE "Ninth Annual Graduate Student Book Review Colloquium on Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies", AbuSulayman Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, 3 December 2026

The Colloquium invites advanced graduate students and advanced undergraduate students in the social sciences and humanities to submit reviews on noteworthy books published since 1 January 2025 in the field of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies. At the Colloquium, the accepted students will have the opportunity to present their book reviews in pre-organized panels lasting 20 minutes.

Deadline for abstracts: 1 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhua4t3>

21) HYBRID Symposium on Archives in and from the SWANA Region: "Critical Digital Archives. Travel, Translation, Transformation", British Institute for Libyan and Northern African Studies (BILNAS) & University of London, 21-22 January 2027

This symposium aims to provide a forum for scholars, archivists, community and cultural organizations interested in critical approaches to digital archives containing materials from and about the SWANA (Southwest Asia and North Africa) region. We are interested in digitalization as a transformative process that reshapes archival practices, knowledge production, and power relations.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/3vwm4hj8>

22) HYBRID Panel on "Palestine and the Challenge to German Studies" at the Annual Convention of the "Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA)", Newport, Rhode Island, 6-9 March 2027

This panel welcomes contributions that examine where Palestine appears, where it is actively excluded, and how these patterns expose German Studies' unresolved tensions around race, German colonial histories, and the politics of knowledge production. The goal of this panel is to open a conversation about how German Studies might expand beyond memory-centered approaches toward more globally attuned, anti-imperialist, and decolonial analytical frameworks.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/2wvhrhcs>

23) Panel "Gendered Mobilities: Migration, Community and Belonging in World Literature" (Focus MENA) at the "58th Annual Northeast Modern Language Association Convention (NeMLA)", Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, 8-9 March 2027

This session aims to examine how global narratives represent the friction between shifting geopolitical borders and the ontological reconstruction of the gendered self. Consequently, it intends to investigate how authors across diverse historical epochs, geographic regions, and genres textualize the quest for belonging. By transcending static regional paradigms, this session highlights the multi-faceted modalities through which literature maps human mobility.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/mpb7xhd3>

24) International Conference "The Composition of the Qur'an: Structure, Style & Meaning", Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB) & Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies (IDEO), Cairo, 19-20 March 2027

The conference aims to bring together leading scholars and early-career researchers working on the literary, rhetorical, philological, historical, and theological dimensions of the composition of the Qur'an. The conference welcomes contributions that revisit established assumptions, develop new methodological perspectives, or explore how composition functions as a dynamic process of meaning-making within the Qur'an and across its interpretive traditions. Publication in MIDEO 45, 2029.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/4574krfy>

25) "Graduate Student Research Workshop: New Directions in the Study of the Arab World", New York University (NYU), Abu Dhabi, 5-7 April 2026

We welcome applications from international doctoral students with the opportunity to present and thoroughly discuss their Ph.D. projects related to the Arab world. Participants will read and discuss each other's work in addition to presenting their own. They will be required to prepare a 10-minute presentation of their research project, which will be followed by 10 minutes of commentary from an assigned discussant, and a 35-minute open discussion.

Deadline for abstracts: 15 October 2026. Information: <https://apply.interfolio.com/193285>

26) Colloque international "Cinéma libanais histoires, enjeux et patrimoines cinématographiques", Caen, 12-14 avril 2027

Notre colloque s'articulera autour de quatre axes complémentaires : I) Le cinéma national et international : Filmer Beyrouth. – II) Histoire du Liban et Histoire du cinéma : enjeux d'écritures et de représentations. – III) Pratiques artistiques contemporaines. – IV) Les pratiques archivistiques autour du cinéma libanais.

Les propositions de communication sont à envoyer avant le 30 septembre 2026.

Information: <https://calenda.org/1421869>

27) International Conference "Power, Aid, and Transnational Humanitarianism between War and Peace. A Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century History", Sapienza Università di Roma, 26-27 May 2027

The conference invites historically grounded contributions examining the circulation of humanitarian practices, personnel, expertise, material resources, and ideas in the 19th and 20th centuries, with particular attention to their entanglement with military power and state authority. Rather than treating humanitarianism as a purely normative or institutional sphere, the conference approaches it as a historical process shaped by movement, translation, negotiation, and friction across local, national, imperial, and global scales.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/ypwjsm68>

28) Workshops at the "17th Annual Gulf Research Meeting", Cambridge, 20-22 July 2027

The Gulf Research Centre Cambridge (GRCC) welcomes any innovative proposal in the social science field dedicated to a better understanding of developments in the Gulf region. The organizing committee particularly seeks workshops in the following themes: – Gulf International Relations. – Gulf Environment and Sustainability. – Gulf Security. – Gulf Society (Culture, Education, Sports, Women). – Gulf Economy (Labour Market; Trade, Investment).

Deadline for proposals: 28 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/3ayh4ny5>

29) Conference "Reclaiming Identity and Memory: Creative Resistance, Indigeneity, and Cultural Production in the Middle East and Beyond", Marquette University, Milwaukee, 15-17 October 2027

Communities across the Middle East and its diasporas, as well as in comparable global contexts, continue to confront the legacies of colonialism, displacement, occupation, mass violence, and cultural erasure. This conference explores how identity, memory, indigeneity, and cultural production are reclaimed, negotiated, and transformed through scholarship, artistic practice, community engagement, and diverse forms of knowledge production.

Deadline for abstracts: 1 February 2027. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9ppbjr>

POSITIONS

30) PhD Candidates (Especially from the Middle East, 3 Years) in Peace and Conflict Resolution, "European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution", Europa-Universität Flensburg

Successful applicants will be able to pursue cutting-edge doctoral research in political reconciliation and conflict resolution within a uniquely international, interdisciplinary, and dialogue-driven academic environment.

Deadline for applications: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/46pkaccd>

31) Postdoctoral Research Fellow for Middle East and North Africa Studies: Peace and Conflict Studies/International Relations/Comparative Politics or International Political Economy, GIGA Institute for Middle East Studies, Hamburg

Qualification: A very good doctoral degree in Social Sciences (Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, or Economics and related Disciplines) or History. – Emerging track record of publications in high-ranking journals and university presses. – Field work experience in the MENA; focus on Egypt, Iraq, Iran, or the Gulf region. – Fluency in English and at least one language of the region (e.g. Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, Turkish, Kurdish). – Knowledge of German or willingness to learn it. – Experience with policy exchange and knowledge transfer activities

Deadline for applications: 15 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/3hvkdvad>

32) Postdoc in Social Anthropology (4 Years) with a Focus on Yemen, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Wien

Qualifications: A PhD in Social Anthropology not more than six years prior to the start of the position. – Excellent command of English and Arabic. – Experience with digital/remote fieldwork methodologies. – Demonstrated interest in theoretical debates in anthropology and related fields. – Familiarity with the academic literature on Yemen is an asset. – A track record of publication in peer-reviewed journals, or a clear and realistic publication plan for early-career researchers.

Deadline for applications: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzuvpy5>

33) Postdoctoral Researcher (2 Years +) in MENA Constitutionalism and Field Research, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague

Qualifications: – A Ph.D. in socio-legal studies, political science, political sociology, sociology, anthropology, Middle Eastern Studies, or a closely related field. – Substantial prior experience conducting qualitative field research in the MENA region. – Demonstrated competence in interview-based, observational, ethnographic, interpretive, or comparable qualitative methods.

Arabic proficiency sufficient to conduct field research and interviews independently, and excellent written and spoken English. – Familiarity with constitutionalism, political community, informal institutions, religion and politics, or related debates is an advantage. – Etc.

Deadline for applications: 20 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/ytdbvywk>

34) Assistant Professor for Law, Politics, and Public Discourse (Focus MENA), Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley

The position is open to applicants whose research and teaching critically engage with the rhetoric and traditions of politics and political thought, legal thought, legal history, law & humanities, and/or socio-legal studies. The position is open in terms of specialization, historical period, and geographical area. We especially welcome candidates whose research in law and/or politics contributes to the Department's historical and existing strengths in aesthetics, gender and sexuality, religion, science and technology, and the environment.

Deadline for applications: 28 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/6y8s7cm3>

35) Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) in Arts of the Medieval World, Department of History of Art, University of California, Berkeley

The position is open in terms of geographical and chronological focus, welcoming a range of local, regional, transregional, or comparative approaches to the study of art and the built environment in Africa, Asia, and/or Europe from the 7th to the 15th century. Candidates' teaching and research might also engage historic trade routes, sites of pilgrimage, axes of scholarly exchange, or itineraries of conquest and enslavement.

Deadline for applications: 1 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/yh3t4e23>

36) Roger E. Covey Professorship in Silk Road Studies (Open Rank, Tenure Track), Indiana University Bloomington

Applicants should have an established or emerging record of innovative research on the overland and/or maritime Silk Roads (2nd century BCE through 15th century CE) and their relevance to the contemporary world. We welcome applications from scholars whose research advances understanding of one or more aspects of the histories, societies, religions, languages, politics, diplomacy, material worlds, and interconnections of the overland and/or maritime Silk Roads.

Deadline for applications: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/3zy97vj9>

37) Corcoran Visiting Chair (1-2 Years) in Christian-Jewish Relations, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College, MA

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or its earned equivalent, have a demonstrated record of publication in the field, and hold (or have retired from) a tenured position (or its equivalent) in a university or seminary. Applications from all relevant disciplines are welcome.

Deadline for applications: 1 November 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/y4h3sa97>

38) Five Positions (1 Year) as Research Associate and Visiting Faculty in Women's Studies and Religion, Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Proposals for book-length research projects utilizing both religion and gender as central categories of analysis and focusing on any religion are welcomed. They may address women and religion in any time, place, or religious tradition, and may utilize disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches from across the fields of theology, the humanities, and the social sciences.

Deadline for applications: 15 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/cs5bnm4y>

39) Assistant Professor of Medieval History (Focus Near East), Stetson University, DeLand, Florida

Qualifications: Ph.D. in History or a related field by August 2027. Specific field of expertise is open, but candidates with specialization in Late Roman/Early Medieval History and the ability to teach Ancient Greek, Roman, and/or Near Eastern History are especially encouraged to apply. Other subfields of interest include the History of Science/Medicine/Technology, Public History, and Military History.

Deadline for applications: 15 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/4fcefbxt>

40) Assistant Professor of Religious Studies (Tenure Track): Philip and Muriel Berman Scholar of Jewish Studies, Lafayette College, Easton, PA

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a relevant field or plan to complete all requirements for a Ph.D. before 15 August 2027. We seek a dynamic scholar whose teaching and research engage Judaism in its historical, cultural, and intellectual diversity, and who situates that work within the broader theoretical and methodological frameworks of Religious Studies. We especially welcome candidates whose scholarship is interdisciplinary, intersecting with fields such as environment and sustainability, digital media and technology, religion and nationalism, materiality and the body, and gender and sexuality.

Deadline for applications: 12 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/57vxnr7>

41) Open-Rank Position on the History of the Modern Middle East (Focus on the History of Israel/Palestine after 1917), Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

A PhD in history with a specialization in the history of Palestine/Israel is required. The candidate will have an excellent record of innovative research, fluency in both Hebrew and Arabic, and proficiency in other research languages (e.g., Levantine Arabic, Egyptian Arabic, modern Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, Ladino, Yiddish, French, etc.). Our department's areas of interest include the history of migration, gender, law, the environment, memory, and public history.

Deadline for applications: 15 November 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/3y4rcu7b>

42) Tenured Associate or Full Professor in Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

We seek a scholar who specializes in early modern or modern Jewish Studies. The successful candidate must be an accomplished scholar as well as a dedicated and dynamic teacher. Applicants should demonstrate a substantial record of scholarly achievement, including sustained publication and research activity. We are especially interested in candidates with a proven commitment to academic citizenship, service, and leadership.

Deadline for applications: 1 November 2026. Information: <https://apply.interfolio.com/193126>

43) Fellowship (1 Year) for Scholars of the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

The fellowship is open to all disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences – particularly politics, economics, history, religion, sociology, or anthropology. Successful applicants must be tenure track or tenured professors (or equivalent) with a well-established publication record seeking a faculty leave appointment and interested in engaging in a substantive research or book project, mentoring the Center's junior research fellows, and contributing to the Center's publications.

Deadline for applications: 15 December 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdf3fhyp>

OTHER INFORMATION

44) Transdisziplinärer Masterstudiengang „Nahoststudien“, Universität Heidelberg und Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

Das Studienprogramm vereint die Fachbereiche • Islamwissenschaft • Jüdische Studien • Israel-Studien • Geschichts- und sozialwissenschaftliche Nahoststudien. Ein besonderer Schwerpunkt liegt auf der Sprachausbildung sowie auf der Verbindung von sprachlicher, historischer und sozialwissenschaftlicher Expertise.

Bewerbungsfrist endet am 30. September 2026. Informationen: <https://tinyurl.com/55jc59p8>

45) Fellowship for the Research Writing Residency for the Study of the Arab World, New York University (NYU), Abu Dhabi, 11-29 January 2026

The three-week residency will bring together an international cohort of up to ten scholars to advance an existing research project toward completion. We welcome projects in all areas of the Humanities related to the study of the Arab world, its rich literature and history, its cultural and artistic heritage, and its manifold connections with other cultures. Scholars may work on any type of academic writing, including a research article, book manuscript, chapter, or essay.

Deadline for abstracts: 15 October 2026. Information: <https://apply.interfolio.com/193284>

46) Fellowships for the Graduate Student Research Workshop on "New Directions in the Study of the Arab World", NYU Abu Dhabi, Spring 2027

The workshop provides the opportunity for advanced doctoral candidates who are currently in the writing stage to present, discuss, and receive valuable feedback on their Ph.D. research related to the Arab world. Accepted applicants will pre-circulate an English-language chapter of their project and orally present a short overview of the project, raising questions or challenges to be discussed with the group.

Deadline for applications: 15 October 2026. Information: <https://apply.interfolio.com/193285>

47) "Monsoon Book Prize for the Indian Ocean" of the German University of Technology in Oman GUTech

The prize will be awarded to three scholarly books published between 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2026. Nominations are welcome from both publishers and authors. The selection committee will consider to book works within the following domains: – Heritage, History & Culture. – Anthropology, Sociology & Political Economy. – Ocean Economy & Sustainability. One winning book from each category will be awarded USD 4,000.

Deadline for nominations: 1 October 2026. Information: <https://rio-gutech.org/monsoon-prize/>

48) Prix scientifique des "Éditions Fenêtres" pour une thèse en sciences humaines et sociales portant sur le monde musulman (publication prévue en 2027)

Critères de sélection des thèses: – la contribution significative à la recherche sur le monde musulman; – l'originalité du sujet et le caractère innovant de l'approche; – la qualité d'écriture en vue de la publication.

Les candidatures sont ouvertes jusqu'au 26 octobre 2026. Information : <https://tinyurl.com/5em7r2zd>

49) Chapters for "Heirs of Suyūṭī", Edited Volume in the "Beiruter Texte und Studien" Series

Building on the previous "Heirs of Suyūṭī" Zoom Series, we are looking for additional contributions on scholars who lived during the 16th to 19th centuries and who were connected, in one way or another, to Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī (d. 1505).

Deadline for abstract: 1 November 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/5a9nm3er>

50) Chapters for "Bloomsbury Cultural History of the Middle East & North Africa", Volume: "The Later Middle Ages, 1050-1450"

Subject Fields: Islamic History / Medieval and Byzantine History / Middle East History. Essays are invited on the themes: Perception, Representation, and Memory. – Selves and Society. – Emotions.

Deadline for contributions: December 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/3x6sca5b>

51) Chapters for the Middle East and North Africa Profile of the "Atlas of Today's World"

Topics: – Human Rights, Minorities and Gender. – Living Standards & Impacts of Conflict. – Environmental Conditions. – Economic Systems and Corruption. – Ideology and Religion. – Society, Demography, Migration & Social Tensions. – Nature of the State. – Major Non-State Actors. – International Relations & Regional Power Dynamics. – Colonial Legacy, State Formation & Post-Independence Transformations. – Political Upheavals, the Arab Spring, Youth and Digitalization.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfkrswc>

52) Articles on "Digital Humanities in Alewi-Bektashi Studies" for a Special Issue of the "International Journal of Alewi-Bektashi Studies (IJABS)"

This issue will explore the growing role of Digital Humanities in the study of Alewi and Bektashi communities, histories, cultures, and religious traditions. We welcome proposals engaging with the ways digital methods, tools, archives, and technologies can open new avenues for research in Alewi-Bektashi Studies.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026.

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/wzdce6rv>. Contact: akstump@wm.edu

53) Articles on "Ecologism of Conflict. Inventing Futures in the Middle East and the Mediterranean" for the Journal "REMMM – Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée"

What impacts do conflicts and wars have on living beings and living environments in the Middle East and the southern Mediterranean? How do situations of destruction, contamination, and dispossession reconfigure relationships to places, resources, and other species? Under what conditions do ecopolitical alternatives emerge, laying the ground for new social, economic and ecological models?

Deadline for abstracts: 15 December 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/4y7eavdy>

54) Articles on "Literature Beyond Borders: Festschrift in Honour of Ferial Ghazoul" for "Alif: Journal of Comparative Poetics", American University in Cairo, 48, 2028

Ferial Ghazoul, Professor of English and Comparative Literature and founder of Alif, is honoured on her retirement with the journal's forty-eighth issue. The call invites colleagues, students, and collaborators to engage with her scholarship on medieval and contemporary Arabic literature, and particularly the Arabian Nights; on translation studies, untranslatability, and comparative method; on the formation of comparative literature as a discipline in Egypt and the Arab world; and on her editorial legacy in shaping Alif and other Arab scholarly journals.

Deadline for abstracts: 1 October 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/yr68v8vd>

55) Articles for an Open (Miscellaneous) Issue of the Journal "Occhiali – Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico"

Proposals are invited for miscellaneous articles related to the Islamic Mediterranean, without any specific thematic restriction: – Religious forms, ritual, and devotional practices. – The history of Islam in the Mediterranean, its institutions, and religious authorities. – Languages, texts, and translations. – Cultural circulations, literary and artistic representations. – Social movements, migrations, and contemporary transformations.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/5ay4hnfy>

56) Proposals for a Thematic Special Issue of the Journal "Occhiali – Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico"

We invite proposals for complete thematic issues devoted to topics relevant to the study of the Islamic Mediterranean. Proposals may cover historical, religious, political, social, legal, linguistic, philosophical, anthropological, pedagogical, and cultural themes, spanning from the rise of Islam to the present day.

Deadline for abstracts: 30 September 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/5ay4hnfy>

57) Articles on "Transitions: Examining Changing Regimes of Sexuality in Post-Soviet Muslim Republics" for a Special Issue of the Journal "Sexualities"

Topics of interest: – “Norm entrepreneurs” in shaping discourses on gender and sexuality in Central Asia and the Caucasus since the 1990s. – Localization of reforms or discourses introduced by external actors. – The role of religious actors in debates on gender and sexuality. – The role of other actors including from Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and the UAE in influencing debates and norms of gender and sexuality. – Etc.

Deadline for abstracts: 1 December 2026. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/4byn4uc2>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

58) ONLINE New Article: "Fragile Consolidation. Yemen's New Government and the Case für European Governance Support" by Mohammed Al-Amrani & Julia Pickhardt, Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO), 14 September 2026, 17 Pages

The dissolution of the Southern Transitional Council (STC) and the formation of a new Yemeni government have created a unique political constellation that offers a genuine window of opportunity. This paper argues that European actors should treat this as a ‘governance investment opportunity’ rather than as a humanitarian holding pattern – and resist the reflex to reprogramme governance commitments into emergency response now that fighting has resumed.

View: <https://tinyurl.com/33zsbtz5>

59) ONLINE New Article: "From 'Securitisation' to 'Relational Ecologies': War, Environment and Vegetation Loss in Gaza" by Rahul Gandhi, Journal "Pluriversal International Relations", Bristol University Press Digital, Vol. 1, Issues 1-2, 10 September 2026, Pages 8-26

This article suggests an alternative IR framework that views the social and political world as a ‘relational ecology’. The article makes this case through an analysis of the continuing conflict in Gaza, which shows that over 85 per cent of the region's vegetation was destroyed over a period of 24 months since the conflict began on 7 October 2024. A ‘relational ecology’ draws from such studies as a multidisciplinary and empirical endeavour that explores how conflict emerges from and affects these relationships.

View: <https://tinyurl.com/y2hj6m8x>

60) New Volume: "Tunisian Literatures: Multilingual Realities, Genealogies, Testimonies" Edited by Hanan Natour and Mohamed-Salah Omri, Bloomsbury, 3 September 2026, 240 Pages

This volume explores the multiple facets of Tunisian literature in the modern period, embracing its plurilinguality, its literary historical genealogies and testimonial functions during times of profound political

and social change – covering poetry, fiction and drama written in Arabic, French and variations of the local dialect (dārija).

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/55dx47r8>

61) New Book: "Ibn Khaldun in Iran: How Contemporary Iranian Scholars Interpret Ibn Khaldun" by Seyed Javad Miri, Ekpyrosis Press, 25 August 2026, 262 Pages

Despite his enduring influence on world scholarship, Ibn Khaldun has remained a surprisingly marginal figure in contemporary Iranian social and political thought. This book explores the intellectual, institutional, and ideological conditions that have shaped his reception in Iran, asking why key concepts such as 'asabiyyah, 'umran, state formation, and civilizational decline have seldom become enduring tools of social analysis. It argues for a critical reconstruction of Khaldunian theory as a framework for understanding the crises of state, power, and social change in modern Iran.

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/fzv5fr3w>

62) New Book: "Qur'anic Abrogation After Muhammad: The Eternal Flux" by Javad Fakhkhar Toosi, Routledge, 31 July 2026, 206 Pages

Challenging the notion of Islamic legal rigidity, this book introduces the paradigm of "Contemporary Abrogation" – a reformist approach that emerges not in opposition to Islamic tradition, but from within its foundational hermeneutics. Drawing on Sunni and Shi'i jurisprudential sources, the study reveals how the classical understanding of the Qur'ān's legal audience was historically limited to the Prophet's contemporaries, making modern application conditional and situational.

Information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdr4ukh9>
