Fall 2014–15 Events Archive

Wednesday, September 3, 2014
1:00 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
M.A. Final Public Oral Examination of
Rephael G. Stern

Monday, September 15, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014–15
John Haldon
Princeton University
“An Existential Threat? Medieval East Roman (Byzantine) Views on Islam and on Jihād, ca 850-950 CE”

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Hussein Ibish
Senior Fellow, American Task Force on Palestine
“The Israel-Hamas Conflict and Palestinian National Reconciliation”

Thursday, September 18, 2014
12:00 noon–1:20 pm
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Aaron Rock-Singer (NES)
Discussant: Max Weiss (HIS/ NES)

Monday, September 29, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014–15
Christa Salamandra
Lehman College and the Graduate Center, The City University of New York
“The Persistence of the Real: Syrian Television Drama in the Satellite Era”

Monday, September 29, 2014
4:30 p.m.
Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall
Workshop on Arab Political Development
A Discussion with His Excellency
Khalid Bin Mohammed Alattiyah
Qatari Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School, the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Near Eastern Studies, the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia; and the Muslim Life Program

Thursday, October 2, 2014
12:00 noon–1:20 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Emily Goshey (REL)
Paper title: “Saudi Islamic Universities and their Exclusive Salafi Networks”
Discussant: Michael Cook (NES)
Monday, October 6, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014 – 15
Alan Mikhail
Yale University
“Ottoman Iceland: A Climate History”

Tuesday, October 7, 2014
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Shadi Hamid
Fellow, Project on U.S.-Islamic World Relations, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution
“The Political Islam Problem: Is the Middle East Exceptional?”

Thursday, October 9, 2014
12:00 Noon
Bendheim Hall 012
The Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination
Crisis Diplomacy Lunch Seminar
“Post-Visit Retrospectives on the Caucasus and Russia”
Michael Reynolds , Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
Wolfgang Danspeckgruber , Director LISD, Princeton University
Co-sponsored with Near Eastern Studies

Friday, October 10, 2014
10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Bowl 16, Robertson Hall
Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP) Conference
“Wars, After-Wars and Structural Crises in the Middle East”
Sponsored by the Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP), in co-sponsorship with the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice; the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies; PIIRS Workshop on Arab Political Development; the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia; the Department and Program in Near Eastern Studies and the Woodrow Wilson School.

Monday, October 13, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014-15
Toby Jones
Department of History, Rutgers University
“Energy and America’s Long War in the Middle East”

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
7:00 pm
Bowl 16
Robertson Hall
Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani
Founder and Chair, Arab International Women’s Forum
“Women as Drivers of Change in the Arab World”
Sponsored by the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Woodrow Wilson School, Department of Near Eastern Studies, and PIIRS Workshop on Arab Political Development

Thursday, October 16, 2014
12:00 noon–1:20 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Nebil Husayn (NES)
Paper title: “Enmity for ‘Ali and His Family: The Discourse between Anti-Alid and Anti-Shī‘ī Sentiment”
Discussant: Michael Dann (REL)
Thursday, October 16, 2014
4:30 p.m.
301 Frist, Film/Performance Theater
The Alexander Hamilton Society
Michael Doran
Senior Fellow in the Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; Former Assistant Secretary of Defense and Senior Director of the National Security Council
“The US in Iraq and Syria: An Interactive Public Interview and Q&A Session
Moderated by Professor Michael Reynolds (NES)

Monday, October 20, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014-15
Roger Allen
University of Pennsylvania
“Translating Arabic Fiction into English, with Examples from the Moroccan Tradition”

Monday, October 20, 2014
4:30 p.m.
101 McCormick
Yair Dalal
"Baghdad – Jerusalem Musical Encounters"
Sponsored by the Program in Judaic Studies, Ronald O. Perelman Institute for Judaic Studies, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies, and the Lewis Center for the Arts

Thursday, October 23, 2014
12:00 noon–1:20 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Cecilia Palombo (NES)
Paper title: “How Could We Be Idolaters?” Representing Christians as Pagans Between Byzantium and Islam (6th-7th Centuries)
Discussant: Jack Tannous (HIS)

Monday, November 3, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014–15
Nadia Abu El-Haj
Barnard College, Columbia University
“History as Tragedy: Ethics, Politics and Responsibility in Late Liberalism”

Tuesday, November 4, 2014
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
William McCants
Director of the Brookings Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World, Saban Center for Middle East Policy
"Sectarian Apocalypse: The Syrian Civil War Explained by Islamic Prophecies of the End Times"

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
The Near East and the World Seminar Series:
Christianity in the Near East: Past, Present...Future?
Sidney H. Griffith
Emeritus Professor of Early Christian Studies, Catholic University of America
“Melkites and Muslims: The Longue Durée of the Arabic Orthodox Church”

Thursday, November 6, 2014
12:00 noon–1:20 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Megan Brankley Abbas (HIS)
Paper title: “The Struggle Against Intellectual Dualism: Western Education and Islamic Religious Authority in late Colonial Indonesia”
Discussant: Usama al-Azami (NES)

Monday, November 10, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2014-15
Shira Robinson
Associate Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University
“The Missing Link in Israel’s Settler Colonial History: Military Rule over the Palestinians Who Remained after 1948”

Wednesday, November 12, 2014
4:30 p.m.
McDonnell A01
“The Challenge of the “Islamic State” (ISIS): What Should the U.S. and the International Community Do?”
A Discussion Featuring:
Professor Bernard Haykel, Near Eastern Studies
Professor Amaney Jamal, Politics
Professor Michael A. Reynolds, Near Eastern Studies
Presented by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions
Cosponsored by the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice and the Workshop on Arab Political Development

Thursday, November 13, 2014
4:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
David Stephan Powers
Cornell University
“The End of Prophecy in the Near East: How Muhammad Became the Last Prophet”

Monday, November 17, 2014
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Alexa Firat
Temple University
“New Papers on an Old Theme: Awraq and the Re-formation of the Syrian Writers’ Collective”

Monday, November 17, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Betts Auditorium
Architecture Building
“Political Dissent, Digital Media, and Futures of Academic Freedom: An Evening with Steven Salaita”
Moderated by Max Weiss
Sponsored by Princeton Committee on Palestine, Program in American Studies, The Council of the Humanities, University Center for Human Values, Program in Near Eastern Studies

Friday, November 21, 2014
8:55 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Bowl 1, Robertson Hall
American University of Beirut and Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs/Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Workshop
“In the Wake of the Uprisings: Economic Development and Social Justice In the Arab World”
Monday, December 1, 2014
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Sarra Tlili
University of Florida
“Retelling 'al-Maqâma al-Maḍīriyya': Intertextuality between a Modern Short Story and a Classical Maqâma”

Monday, December 1, 2014
4:30 p.m.
Bowl 16
Woodrow Wilson School
Dr. Mustafa A.G. Abushagur
Member, Libyan House of Representatives
"Libya, Transition from Dictatorship to Democracy, Challenges and Prospects"

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Prof. Dr. Georges Tamer
Chair of Oriental Philology and Islamic Studies, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg
“Ibn Taymiyya as a Philosopher in Contemporary Islamic Discourses”

Wednesday December 3, 2014
4:30 pm
100 Jones Hall
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Adam Talib
The American University in Cairo
“How do you say "epigram" in Arabic?”

Thursday, December 4, 2014
12:00 noon–1:20 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Brahim El Guabli (COM)
Paper Title: “The “Self” and the “Other” in the Prison Poetry of al-Ḥamdāni and Ibn ‘Abbād”
Discussant: Andras Hamori (NES)

Friday, December 5, 2014
5:30 p.m.
Labyrinth Book Store
122 Nassau Street
What Makes Islam Unique?
A Panel Discussion of Michael Cook’s Ancient Religions, Modern Politics
Michael Cook (Near Eastern Studies), Mark Beissinger (Politics and Director of the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies), Jack Tannous (History), Kanchan Chandra (Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies), Kevan Harris (Near Eastern Studies)

Monday, December 8, 2014
4:30 p.m.
100 Jones Hall
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Bilal Orfali
The Ohio State University
“Mystical poetics: Courtly Themes in Early Sufi Poetry”
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
The Near East and the World Seminar Series:
Christianity in the Near East: Past, Present…Future?
Roberta Ervine
St. Nersess Armenian Seminary
“Like a Tree Planted by the Waters: The Deep Roots of Armenians in Jerusalem”
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
6:00 p.m.
McCormick Hall
Islam in Conversation Series
Michael Barry
Near Eastern Studies
“Searching for Beauty in a Turbulent World: A Presentation & Commentary on The Canticle of the Birds”
Sponsored by The Muslim Life Program, Princeton University Art Museum, and the Program in Near Eastern Studies
Thursday, December 11, 2014
4:30 p.m.
100 Jones Hall
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Professor Elias Muhanna
Brown University
“Reading Post-Classically: Poetry and Encyclopedism in the Mamluk Empire”
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Jocelyn Sharlet
UC Davis
“Do the Right Thing: Manners, Morals and Justice in Classical Arabic Stories and Poetry”
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
4:00 p.m.
012 Bendheim
Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination
Robert Eisen
Professor of Religion and Judaic Studies at George Washington University
“Justifying Israel’s Wars in Jewish Law: Challenges and Solutions”
Co-sponsored with Department of Religion, Near Eastern Studies, and the Program in Judaic Studies
Thursday, January 22, 2015
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Lara Harb
Dartmouth College
“Wonder in Classical Arabic Literary Theory”