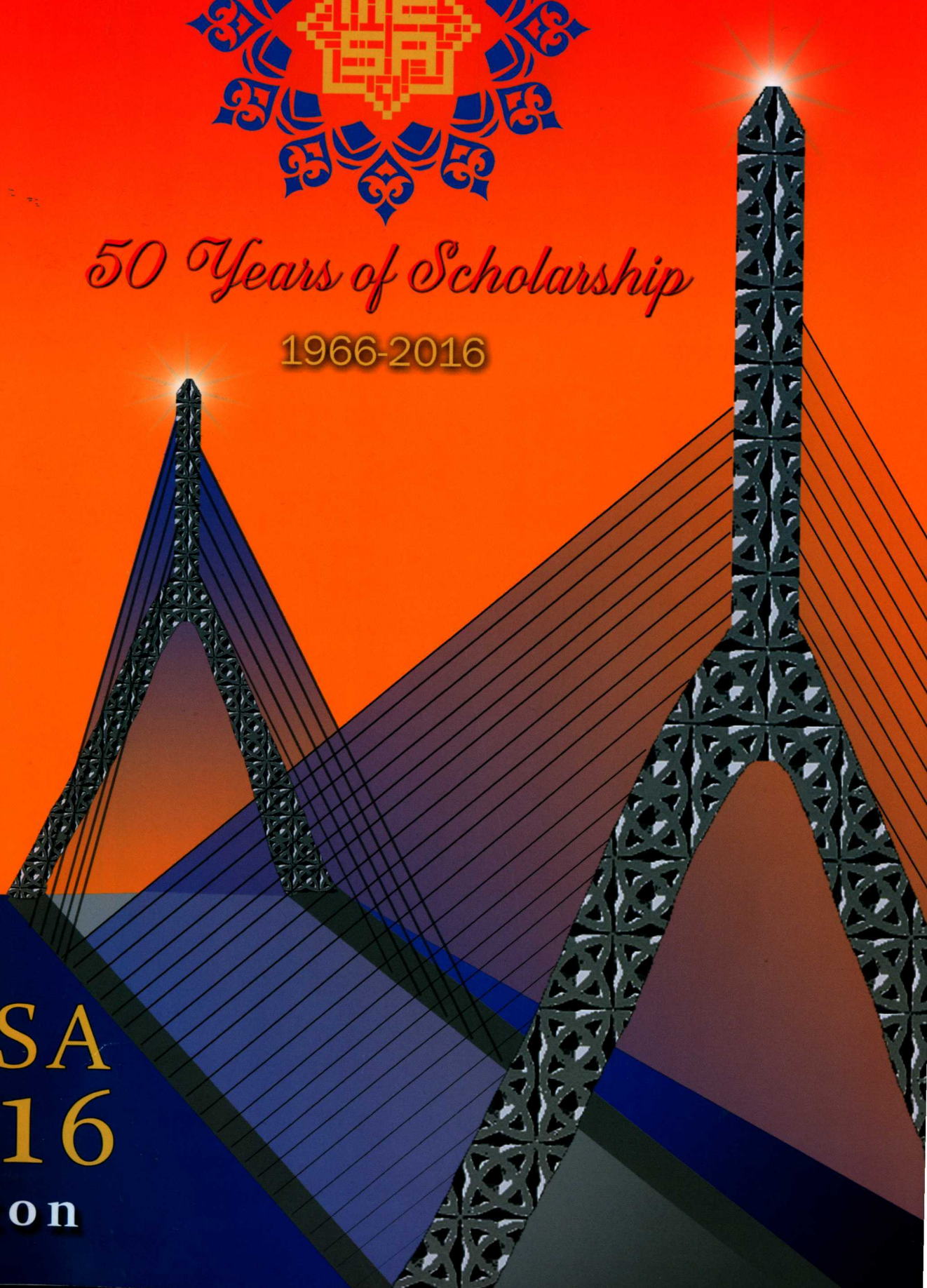


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2-3:45PM Saturday November 19

4-Salon G

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4-Salon K

**Production of Meaning in the Diaspora**

Chair: **Karam Dana**, U Washington

**Fin Hughes**, U Edinburgh-*The national dilemma of refugee admissions: the Assyrian and Chaldean diaspora in the United States from the Iraq-War through ISIS*

**Nancy Christou**, U Poitiers/American Beirut/Sciences Po Paris-*The political mobilisation of the Palestinian diaspora in Sweden: contribution to the redefinition of the Swedish mainstream and of the homeland politics*

**Manuela Dalmasso**, U Amsterdam-*Perseas citizens at a time of unstable authoritarian rule: Morocco and its diaspora during the 2011 political crisis*

**Dev Waxman**, Northeastern-*Diaspora makers?: the role of American Jews in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process*

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4-Nantucket

**The Syrian Civil War, Refugees, & Regional Responses**

Chair: **Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver

**Ana Reumert**, Columbia-*Intimate strangers: notes on Syrian refugees in Beirut*

**Matthew Goldman**, Swedish Research Inst-Istanbul-*Repertoires of refuge: explaining divergent responses to refugees in Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon*

**Alyssa Miller**, Duke-*Precarious itineraries: Tunisian routes to war in Syria*

**Matthieu Cimino**, Oxford/Sciences Po-*The war next door: the Syrian policy of Israel since 2011*

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3-Tufts

**Sociology of Contemporary Turkey:**

Chair: **Gunes Murat Tezcur**, U Central Florida

**Meltem Odabas**, U Arizona-*Tweeting from Gezi Park: social media and repression backfire*

**Defne Bilir**, Florida State-*The digital divide within and between Turkey and the U.S.: the promises of social media in dealing with the solutions to bridge the divide*

**Ladin Bayurgil**, Boston U-*Experience of urban transformation among Istanbul's doormen: a case of urban displacement*

**Ayca Alemdaroglu**, Northwestern-*Politics of the past, politics of the future: governing youth in Turkey*

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4-Salon H

**Museums, Place, and Memory.**

Chair: **Melissa Figueroa**, Ohio U \*

**Andrea Pauw**, U Virginia-*Moriscos in nineteenth-century historiography and art*  
**Elisabeth Friedman**, Illinois State-*Qalandiya International and the new spaces of Palestinian art*

**Katie J. Hickerson**, U Penn-*Clothes of contention: the pageantry and politics of the Mahdist Jibba*

**Ozge Sade Mete**, Bellevue Col-*Cosmopolitan and feminist memories: four provincial museums in Turkey*

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5-New Hampshire

Thematic Conversation

**Evaluating and Incentivizing Digital Scholarship in Middle East Studies**  
Organizer: **Amy Singer**

Session Leader: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv U.

**Sabine Schmidtke**, Inst for Advanced Study  
**Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan  
**Intisar Rabb**, Harvard Law Sch  
**Bogac Ergene**, U Vermont  
**Virginia Aksan**, McMaster

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3-Simmons

### Exploring the Field: New Perspectives on Middle East Studies in the United States

Organizer: Zachary Lockman

Discussant: Robert Vitalis, U Penn

**Osamah Khalil**, Syracuse U-A time of national emergency: U.S. foreign policy and Middle East expertise

**Jessica Winegar**, Northwestern-The politics of Middle East studies from the viewpoint of anthropology

**Nathan Citino**, Rice U-Dilemmas of American exceptionalism in the Middle East  
**Zachary Lockman**, NYU-Rethinking the history of US area studies/Middle East studies

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4-Salon H

### The Middle East in Latin America

Organizer: Ellen McLarney

Chair: Ellen McLarney, Duke

**Lily Balloffet**, North Carolina State-Nuestras Malvinas & the Suez: Argentine solidarity in the early non-alignment era  
**Ellen McLarney**, Duke-Connecting the community: Islamic media and institutions in Argentina

**Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**, CIDE-Mexican Islam: transnational leaderships and institutionalization

**Steven Hyland**, Wingate U-Anti-colonial Muslim activists in Argentina, 1920-1940

205 4-5:45pm

3-Regis

Roundtable

### Sykes-Picot at 100: Mapping, Migrants, and Myths

Organizer: Stacy Fahrenthold, UC Berkeley, Melanie Tanielian, Michigan Ann Arbor

Chair: Andrew Patrick, Tennessee State

**Laura Robson**, Portland State

**Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale

**Lauren Banko**, U Manchester

**Nick Danforth**, Bipartisan Policy Ctr

**Steven Wagner**, McGill

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4-Salon B

### Reform, Violence and Revolutionary Organizations in the Late Nineteenth-Century Ottoman East

Organizers: Yasar Tolga Cora, Umit Kurt

Chair/Discussant: Janet Klein, U Akron

**Edip Golbasi**, Simon Fraser-The anti-Armenian riots of 1895-1896: the "climate of violence"-and intercommunal strife in the Ottoman eastern provinces

**Umit Kurt**, Harvard-The breakdown of a previously peaceful coexistence: the Aintab Armenian massacres of 1895

**Toygun Altintas**, U Chicago-The making of an anti-Armenian "disorder": Hamidian massacres in the province of Bitlis

**Yasar Tolga Cora**, Michigan Ann Arbor-Early Armenian "revolutionaries": local, national(-ist), revolutionary?

207 4-5:45pm

3-Harvard

### The Moriscos' Testimonies After Their Expulsion From the Iberian Peninsula

Organizer: Lisette Balabarca

Chair: Chad Leahy, U Denver

Discussant: Catherine Infante, Amherst Col

**Diana Galarreta-Aima**, U Virginia-"The supporter of religion against the infidel," a Morisco's testimony

**Melissa Figueroa**, Ohio U-Theater reminiscences: the politics of memory after the expulsion of the Moriscos

**Teresa Soto**, CSIC-More glory to the poets: Ibrahim Taybili and Morisco poetry in exile

**Lisette Balabarca**, Siena Col-Poetry and religious polemics: Spanish Christian influences on a Morisco author in exile

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3-Arlington

### Technology and Transnational Networks in the Middle East

Organizers: Killian Clarke, Gozde Guran

Chair/Discussant: Arang Keshavarzian, NYU

**Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut-New 'empires of the air'?: Middle East airport hubs and the shifting geopolitics of global aviation  
**Gozde Guran**, Princeton-Technology and economic informality: cross-border money transfers in Beirut and Istanbul

Laleh Khalili, SOAS London-

*Quartermasters of capital: military logistics and the making of maritime connections in the Arabian Peninsula*

**Killian Clarke**, Princeton-New media, old networks: how protest diffused in the Egyptian uprising

209 4-5:45pm

4-Salon C

### The Legacy of A.I. Sabra: New Perspectives on the History of Science in Islam

Organizer: F. Jamil Ragep

Dedicated to the Memory of A.I. Sabra

Chair: Robert J. Wisnovsky, McGill

Discussant: Robert G. Morrison, Bowdoin Col

**Elaheh Kheirandish**, Harvard-"Checkered history" recolored: the changing fortunes and misfortunes of optical works in Islamic and European lands

**Tzvi Langermann**, Bar Ilan U-Ibn Al-Haytham's commentary to Ptolemy's Almagest

**Alnoor Dhanani**, Harvard-Vision, visual rays, and perception in kalām: A preliminary enquiry

**F. Jamil Ragep**, McGill-One Ibn Al-Haytham or two: the evidence from astronomy

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5-Maine

### Reconfigurations of Modern Space

Organizer: Noa Shaindlinger

Chair: Noa Shaindlinger, U Toronto

**Dina Fergani**, U Toronto-Staged modernity: theatre and the ethics of progress in colonial Egypt

**Samar Nour**, U Toronto-The Cairo mental asylum as a colonial space

**Ian Costa**, U Toronto-The dialectics of reform in modern Iran

**Kyle Gamble**, U Toronto-The poetics of the apartment in Lebanese Civil War fiction