The Past in the Present of the Middle East

A Conference

Friday 15th April and Saturday 16th April 2016

Hosted by:
The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) and The London Middle East Institute
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| 9.30–9.45 | Opening Address  
Bill Finlayson (CBRL)                                                       |
| 9.45–10.30 | Keynote Speech: Sedimented Violence: Continuities and Ruptures in Political Struggle  
Charles Tripp (SOAS, University of London) |
| 10.30–11.00 | Coffee Break                                                                               |
| 11.00–12.30 | Panel 1: Cultural Heritage, Society and Economics  
Convener and chair: Bill Finlayson (CBRL)  
**Cultural Heritage as a Sustainable Development Asset**  
Paul Burtenshaw (CBRL)  
**The Impact of Heritage on Society and Economy**  
Oroub el Abed (CBRL)  
**Whose Heritage, Whose History? Crisis in the Countryside**  
Carol Palmer (CBRL)  
**Whose Language? Disappearing Dialects, Disappearing Cultures**  
Alex Bellem (CBRL and University of Durham) |
| 12.30–14.00 | Lunch – with introduction to the British Institute in Amman and poster session             |
| 14.00–15.30 | Panel 2: Cultural Heritage in Conflict  
Convener and chair: Peter Stone (University of Newcastle and Blue Shield)  
**Caring for the Past — Syria and her Heritage: Local, National and International Perspectives**  
Emma Cunliffe, Greg Fisher and Isber Sabine (Heritage for Peace)  
**Material Mnemonics and Cultural Heritage in Palestine–Israel**  
Luisa Gandolfo (University of Aberdeen)  
**Shared Holy Sites in Palestine: Whose Cultural Heritage?**  
Mahmoud Hawari (British Museum)  
**The (W)Hole Story: the Intersection of Pots, People and Planes on the Dead Sea Plain in Jordan**  
Morag M. Kersel (DePaul University)  
**Autour de la Maison jaune: Presenting the Past in Postwar Beirut**  
Claire Launchbury (University of London)  
**SHIRIN and the Syrian Sites and Monuments Record**  
Graham Philip (CBRL and University of Durham) |
| 15.30–16.00 | Tea Break                                                                                   |
| 16.00–17.30 | Panel 3: Britain and the Levant: Culture and (Mis)Communication; Reflecting on British Understandings(s) of the Levant over the Years  
Convener and chair: Rosemary Hollis (CBRL and City University)  
**Perceptions and Misperceptions of UK Policy; Representing the Official Line in the Levant**  
Frances Guy (Head of Middle East region at Christian Aid and former Ambassador to Lebanon)  
**Law and Love**  
Zeina Ghandour (Birkbeck, University of London)  
**The Links that Bind Conflict Studies in Northern Ireland and the Levant**  
Michael Kerr (King’s College London)  
**Sacred Geography: Scholarship and Politics in Late Imperial Britain**  
Simon Mills (University of Kent) |
<p>| 17.30 | Evening reception and launch of new <em>Contemporary Levant</em> journal sponsored by Taylor and Francis |</p>
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<td>Lina Khatib (Incoming Head of MENA Programme, Chatham House)</td>
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<td>Philip Marfleet (University of East London)</td>
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<td>Dana Abi Ghanem (University of Manchester)</td>
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<td>Juliette Harkin (University of East Anglia)</td>
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<td><em>Policy-driven Research and Context Analysis in Humanitarian Settings: a Practitioner’s Perspective</em></td>
<td>Anna Chernova (Oxfam)</td>
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<td><em>Counter-revolution and Geopolitics in the Middle East</em></td>
<td>Jamie Allinson (CBRL and University of Edinburgh)</td>
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<td>Elian Weizman (CBRL)</td>
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<td>Nancy Hawker (University of Oxford)</td>
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<td><em>Rightwing anti-Zionism: A Typology Proposal</em></td>
<td>Roman Vater (University of Oxford)</td>
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<td><strong>Closing Session: The Future of the Past in the Middle East</strong></td>
<td>Eleanor Robson (University College London) to lead</td>
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Saturday 16th April 2016, 9.30–17.00

Venue:

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
SOAS, University of London

Admission:

£50 (both days)
£30 (single day)

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