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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

Day One	Friday 15th April 2016
9.00–9.30	Registration and Coffee
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 <i>Paul Burtenshaw (CBRL)</i> The Impact of Heritage on Society and Economy <i>Oroub el Abed (CBRL)</i> Whose Heritage, Whose History? Crisis in the Countryside <i>Carol Palmer (CBRL)</i> Whose Language? Disappearing Dialects, Disappearing Cultures <i>Alex Bellem (CBRL and University of Durham)</i>
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 <i>Emma Cunliffe, Greg Fisher and Isber Sabine (Heritage for Peace)</i> Material Mnemonics and Cultural Heritage in Palestine–Israel <i>Luisa Gandolfo (University of Aberdeen)</i> Shared Holy Sites in Palestine: Whose Cultural Heritage? <i>Mahmoud Hawari (British Museum)</i> The (W)Hole Story: the Intersection of Pots, People and Planes on the Dead Sea Plain in Jordan <i>Morag M. Kersel (DePaul University)</i> Autour de la Maison jaune: Presenting the Past in Postwar Beirut <i>Claire Launchbury (University of London)</i> SHIRIN and the Syrian Sites and Monuments Record <i>Graham Philip (CBRL and University of Durham)</i>
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 <i>Frances Guy (Head of Middle East region at Christian Aid and former Ambassador to Lebanon)</i> Law and Love <i>Zeina Ghandour (Birkbeck, University of London)</i> The Links that Bind Conflict Studies in Northern Ireland and the Levant <i>Michael Kerr (King's College London)</i> Sacred Geography: Scholarship and Politics in Late Imperial Britain <i>Simon Mills (University of Kent)</i>
17.30	Evening reception and launch of new <i>Contemporary Levant</i> journal sponsored by Taylor and Francis

Day Two

Saturday 16th April 2016

9.30–10.15

Keynote Speech: The Reinvention of Turmoil in the Middle East
Lina Khatib (Incoming Head of MENA Programme, Chatham House)

10.15–11.45

Panel 4: The Past in the Political Present: the Legacy of Colonialism and Intervention
Convener and chair: Mandy Turner (CBRL)

Legacies of the Colonial State: Mass Migration in a Zone of Crisis

Philip Marfleet (University of East London)

The Political Economy of Imperialism in the Middle East

Adam Hanieh (SOAS, University of London)

The Forgotten Past of Jerusalem: Stones, Streets and Trams (the Governorship of Ronald Storrs 1917-1926)

Roberto Mazza (SOAS, University of London)

Cutting up Palestine: Plans for Partition and Actual Outcomes

Greg Shapland (University of Sussex)

Returning to Sites of Destruction in Historic Palestine: Challenging Zionism and the Continuing Nakba

Yara Hawari (University of Exeter)

11.45–12.00

Coffee Break

12.00–13.00

Panel 5: The Impact of Research – Working with Humanitarian Agencies /Practitioners

Chair: Adam Hanieh (SOAS)

Living with Power Outages in Lebanon: Practices and Infrastructures for Maintaining Electricity Services in Homes

Dana Abi Ghanem (University of Manchester)

The Idea of Dignity in Syria's Revolutionary Moment: Extending Ideas into the Field of International Development

Juliette Harkin (University of East Anglia)

Policy-driven Research and Context Analysis in Humanitarian Settings: a Practitioner's Perspective

Anna Chernova (Oxfam)

13.00–14.00

Lunch with introduction to the Kenyon Institute and poster session

14.00–15.30

Panel 6: The Politics of Dissent: Challenges to Orientalism and Zionism

Convener and chair: Cherine Hussein (Swedish Institute of International Affairs and CBRL)

Counter-revolution and Geopolitics in the Middle East

Jamie Allinson (CBRL and University of Edinburgh)

Decolonising Israeli Society? Contemporary Jewish-Israeli anti-Zionist Resistance

Elian Weizman (CBRL)

Dissonant Arabic Performativity on Zionist Stages: The Political Discourse of Palestinian Citizens in Israel

Nancy Hawker (University of Oxford)

Rightwing anti-Zionism: A Typology Proposal

Roman Vater (University of Oxford)

Making History through Dissent: Repertoires of Contention in the Middle East

Tara Povey (SOAS, University of London)

15.30–16.00

Tea Break

16.00–17.00

Closing Session: The Future of the Past in the Middle East

Eleanor Robson (University College London) to lead

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Venue:

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
SOAS, University of London

Admission:

£50 (both days)
£30 (single day)

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