

International Conference - Urban Violence in the Middle East: Histories of Place and Event

SOAS University of London, 13–16 February 2013

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

February 13, 2013

5.30 – 6.45 Keynote/Public Lecture Charles Tripp (SOAS, University of London)

7.00 – 8.00 Conference Reception

February 14, 2013

9.00 – 9.45 Registration/Coffee

9.45 – 10.00 Welcome and Introduction

10.00 – 12.10 Beyond Middle Eastern Cities Chair/Discussant Stephen Legg (Nottingham University)

Sinisa Malesevic (University College, Dublin) Urban Life and Organised Violence

Freek Colombijn (VU University, Amsterdam) Urban Violence in Indonesia: Looking Back on Fifty Years of Killing

Angus Lockyer (SOAS, University of London) Urban Violence in Northeast Asia

Nandini Gooptu (University of Oxford) Angry Elites and Urban Violence

12.10 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 3.10 Encountering State Discipline: Urban Frontlines Chair/Discussant: Charles Tripp (SOAS, University of London)

Benjamin C. Brower (University of Texas, Austin) Civilian Camps and Shantytowns in Colonial Algeria

Dina Rizk Khoury (George Washington University) When Basra became a Battle Front (1980-8): War and the Re-Organization of Space

Claudia Schröder (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) A Tamed Urban Revolution: the 1967 Riots in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province

3.10 – 3.30 Coffee

3.30 – 5.10 Violence as Event and Communities of Violence Chair/Discussant: Sami Zubaida (Birkbeck College, University of London)

Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS, University of London) Dissecting Public Unrest: Moments of Violence in Kirkuk as a 'Frontier' Society

Orit Baskhin (University of Chicago): Urban Violence and *Minoritization* in Baghdad: The *Farhud*, the *Wathba* and the Iraqi Jewish Community

Rasmus Elling (University of Copenhagen/SOAS) Narrating Ethnic Violence in Abadan: the 1946 Strike

February 15, 2013

9.30 – 11.10 Urban Networks and Cultures of Political Violence I: Narrating and Interpreting Factional Politics Chair/Discussant Dina Matar: (SOAS, University of London)

James Baldwin (Queen Mary, University of London) Intra-Elite Violence in Eighteenth Century Cairo

Lauren Banko (SOAS, University of London) Interpreting Urban Violence to Achieve Rights of Citizenship in Mandatory Palestine: between Nablus and Jaffa, 1931-1934

Franck Mermier (CNRS, Paris) Political Violence in Aden and Changes in Urban Society

11.10 -11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 1.10 Urban Networks and Cultures of Political Violence I: Imperial Contexts Chair/Discussant: James McDougall (University of Oxford)

James Grehan (Portland State University) Sectarianism and Urban Violence in Ottoman Syria and Palestine (c. 1770-1830)

Nora Lafi (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) Challenging the *Pax Urbana*: Urban Violence in Tunis. Local Stakes and the Emergence of a New International Context, 1857-1861

Fati Masjedi (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) Beyond Empire: Violence and Foreigners in Qajar Tabriz, 1905-1918

1.10 – 2.30 Lunch

2.30 – 4.10 In Words and Signs: Semantics and Semiotics of Violence Chair/Discussant: John Parker (SOAS, University of London)

Yair Wallach (SOAS, University of London) On Writing and Violence

Jason Mohaghegh (New Jersey City University) The Poetics of Urban Violence: Avant-Garde Narratives of Spatial Collapse in Tehran, 1952-1979

Till Grallert (Freie Universität, Berlin) The Semiotics of *Hadatha*: Late Nineteenth-Century News Reports of Violent 'Incidents'

4.10- 4.30 Coffee

4.30 – 5.40 Spatialities of Violence and their Meaning Chair/ Discussant: TBA

Yasser Elsheshtawy (United Arab Emirates University, al-'Ayn): Urban Ruptures: Modernity and Urban Development in Nasser's post-1952 Cairo

Are Knudsen (Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen) Urbanity and Urbanizing Violence in Beirut, 1958-2008

February 16, 2013

9.30 – 11.10 Challenging Urban Space and Orders: Rituals of Violence Chair/ Discussant: TBA

Jeanine Dayyeli (The Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Berlin) Rioters and Martyrs: Ritual Urban Violence in late 18th-Century Bukhara

Ulrike Freitag (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) Contestation over Urban Space and Prestige - When Festivals Turned Violent in late 19th/early 20th century Jeddah

Gölz, Olmo (Albert Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg): Henchmen or Honourable Men? Violent Non-State Actors in the 1953 Coup in Iran

Saghar Sadeghian (University of Sorbonne Nouvelle) The Tradition of Attacking non-Muslim Quarters in Iran during Moharram and Safar (19th/20th centuries)

11.40 – 12.00 Coffee

12.00 – 1.00 Final panel discussion and conference conclusion

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch