

IAIS VISITING SPEAKER EVENTS

Each Wednesday (unless indicated), the IAIS has a visiting speaker. Below is the forthcoming speakers' programme for Spring Term 2017.

Tea and Coffee is served in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies Common Room from 4:30pm followed by a talk in the lecture theatre commencing at 5:15 pm.

8 February: (with the Centre for the Study of Islam): **Professor Christian Lange** (University of Utrecht): "What No Eye has Seen: The Development of Early Muslim Literature on Paradise and Hell".

15 February: (To be confirmed)

22 February: **Dr Alexis Norman Wick** (American University of Beirut): "History at Sea: The Ottoman Empire, the Red Sea and the Oceanic Turn".

1 March: (with the Centre for Gulf Studies): **HIV Panel** with **Farida Al Hosani, Adel Karrani, Maha Al-Mozaini, Chair: Noor Al Qasimi/Marc Valeri**. Start Time: 4:30 pm.

Please contact Melanie Williams, IAIS Reception at m.j.williams2@exeter.ac.uk with any queries about the events.

AWARDS/PRIZES

Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies:

Dr Marc O Jones received the **2016 PhD Dissertation Prize** for his thesis entitled 'Methods of Repression in Bahrain during the 20th and 21st Century: From the Civil List to Social Media' (completed at Durham University).

Kuwait National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters: Abdulrahman Alebrahim received the **2016 State of Kuwait Prize for Historical and Archaeological Studies** for his article entitled *تطوير الاختراعات رداً عن رداه* (published in *Liwa Journal* (vol.13, 2015), pp.52-88 (available here: <http://bit.ly/2fmTjqB>).

PhD Awards

Endika Rodriguez Martin: *Settler Colonial Demographics: A Study of the Consequences of Land Purchases and Immigration during the British Mandate in Palestine* – supervised by Professor Ilan Pappé and Professor William Gallois.

Jerry Thomas: *Human and National Security in Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates – Should Climate Change Matter?* – supervised by Professor Tim Niblock (internal) and Dr Kristian Coates Ulrichsen (Washington University and Rice University).

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Events

Forthcoming:

The Centre for the Study of Islam, based in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, brings together the core teaching staff in Islamic Studies, other staff who have an interest in Islamic culture and civilisation, and all interested postgraduate students (at MA and PhD level). We sponsor visiting speakers in Islamic Studies, hold regular seminars and conferences, and convene the Islamic Arabic Texts group.

All are welcome to our events, though those aiming to attend the Text group's session should be aware that competence in reading classical Arabic and Islamic texts in Arabic is assumed. To join the group and be on the mailing list, you should email Rob Gleave (r.gleave@exeter.ac.uk).

Centre for the Study of Islam events:

Further information about the Centre's activities can be found at: <http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/iais/research/centres/csi>

All lunchtime seminars will last one hour (1 pm – 2pm-ish), unless otherwise stated. Please do bring a packed lunch! The sessions are informal and we do not mind people having lunch during discussions.

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1 March: 1pm Arabic Texts Seminar: Kumail Rajani: hadith

8 March: 1pm Classic Article Seminar (details TBC)

8 March: Visiting Speaker: Professor Wen Chin Ouyang (SOAS) title: TBC

15 March: 1pm Visiting Speaker: Ramon Harvey (Cambridge Muslim College), "Towards a Neo-Māturīdī Natural Law Theory: A Constructive Re-Reading of al-Māturīdī's (d. 333/944) Theology and Ethics"

29 March: 1pm Arabic Texts Seminar: Dr Suha Taji-Farouki chooses a text on contemporary Islamic thought

To receive a copy of the texts, or if you have any queries, then contact Pam Navran (p.navran@exeter.ac.uk). Arabic texts sessions are open to everyone, regardless of your Arabic reading ability. Classic Article sessions materials will all be in English. Additional sessions may be added during the term.

Publications

Samer Traboulsi, Toby Mayer and Ian Richard Netton (eds. & trans.), *Epistles of the Brethren of Purity: On Companionship and Belief: An Arabic Critical Edition and English Translation of Epistles 43-45*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

Insoll, T., Almahari, S., MacLean, R., Priestman, S., Al-Mearaj, M., and Overton, N. 2016. *Bilad al-Qadim Revisited: Recent Archaeological Research at the Al-Khamis Mosque, Ain Abu Zaydan and Abu Anbra, Bahrain*. *Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy* 27: 215-242.

Insoll, T., Kankpeyeng, B., and Fraser, S. 2016. *Internal Meanings: Computed Tomography Scanning of Koma Figurines from Ghana*. *African Arts* 49(4): 24-33.

Gao, E., Bush, S. "Small tribes, big gains: The strategic uses of gender quotas in the Middle East". *Journal of Comparative Politics*, 49(2).

Mehran Kamrava, Gerd Nonneman, Anastasia Nosova and Marc Valeri (November 2016). 'Ruling Families and Business Elites in the Gulf Monarchies: Ever Closer?', *Chatham House Paper* (available at: <http://bit.ly/2hPR4dC>).

Marc Valeri (2017). 'Iran-Oman Relations since the 1970s. A Mutually Beneficial Modus Vivendi,' in G. Bahgat, A. Ehteshami and N. Quilliam (eds). *Security and Bilateral Issues between Iran and its Neighbours* (Palgrave MacMillan), pp. 149-166.

PhD student, Dr Hadi Borhani, has turned part of his dissertation into an article, published in the *Journal of Holy Land and Palestine Studies* Vol. 15, No. 2, November, 2016. The article is called "*Biases and the Question of Palestine/Israel: Textbook Treatment of the Question's History in Western Universities*".

R. Gleave, "*The status of the battlefield martyr in classical Shii law*" in M. Hatina and M.Litvak, *Martyrdom and Sacrifice in Islam: Theological, Political and Social Contexts* (Ib Tauris, 2017), 52-75

PhD student, Shwaikh, Malaka Mohammed, has co-authored an article in the *Asian Affairs* (Routledge publishers): Gils, M. V., and Shwaikh, M. M., (2016), *Fighting without Weapons: Palestinian Documentary Films and Acts of Resistance*, *Asian Affairs Journal*, 047-03, Routledge, pp. 443-464. Available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03068374.2016.1225903>

Ian Richard Netton, "*Narratology as Philosophy: The Case of the Brethren of Purity*", *Sacred Web: A Journal of Tradition and Modernity* (International Canadian Journal), (December 2016), pp. 27-48.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

A warm welcome to **Pam Navran**, who joined IAIS in November 2016 as part-time Project Administrator/PA, working with Rob Gleave and his team, mainly on two EU funded research grants.

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