

US Centre PhD Summer Grant report

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I. Brief summary of research project

My PhD dissertation, provisionally titled, 'Resisting Marxism and Imperialism in the Persian Gulf: Political Alliances and Revolutionary Transnationalism, 1965 – 1979', is concerned with the intersections of global Cold War history, anti-colonialism, Third Worldism, and revolution. It analyses the global and transnational connections of the Iranian intervention in Oman in the 1970s, given how little is known about the Iranian intervention and the many global actors and forces that were involved in the war and revolution. Using previously unused primary sources in multilingual archives, my dissertation explores and constructs a history of the Cold War in the Middle East, arguing that the multifaceted Iranian involvement in the Dhufar revolution of Oman sheds light onto numerous global dimensions and entanglements of the Cold War and so-called Third World.

II. Overview of the research trip

Between July and September 2019, I travelled to the United States for a period of six weeks to undertake archival research for my PhD dissertation across five locations. The purpose of the trip was to collect material from a number of archives I had identified which hold crucial primary sources needed for at least two of my dissertation chapters. I travelled to the following destinations:

- The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in College Park, Maryland
- Georgetown University Archives, Georgetown, Washington DC
- Gerald R Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Michigan State University Archives, East Lansing, Michigan
- University of Oklahoma Special Collections, Norman, Oklahoma

III. Outcome

This phase of archival research was predominantly concerned with data collection. The next stage of my research involves analysing the material gathered in depth and writing the two chapters that this research corresponds with. I am very grateful to the LSE US Centre for providing me with a generous summer research travel grant that made this research possible.