



SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA

Digest of Current Publications and Events

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Call for Papers and Conferences

- [Creativity within Revolt](#), the 2020 American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Maryland
- [Covering Syria - Politics and Communication in Times of War and Revolution](#) at SOAS, London
- [Theorizing Gender and Sexuality in the Historic and Contemporary Middle East](#) at the University of Chicago

Talk & Other Events

- [Palestine and the Politics of Decolonisation](#) (LSE, January 30th)
- [Gendering the Trajectories and Transformation of the Islamic Republic of Iran](#) (LSE, February 5th)
- [Violence and Militants: From Ottoman Rebellions to Jihadist Organisations](#) (King's College, February 12th)

Recent & Forthcoming Books

- [Political Repression in Bahrain](#), by Marc Jones
- [Iran reframed: Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic](#) by Narges Bajoghli

Journal Articles & Other Academic Articles

- ['Failure in the air': activist narratives, in-group story-telling, and keeping political possibility alive in Lebanon](#) by Fuad Musallam
- [Feminisms in Iraq: Beyond the Religious and Secular Divide](#) by Zahra Ali
- [Re-conceptualizing civil society in rentier states](#) by Jessie Moritz

News Pieces & Commentary

- ['They're still robbing us': Angry Lebanese reject new government](#), Al Jazeera
- [Sisi seems to reverse position on local council elections, speaker blames 'deep state' for delay of bill in parliament](#), Mada Masr
- [Diptychs from Lebanon's Revolts](#), Mada Masr
- [Pompeo expresses 'outrage' over prisoner death, rights groups call for Red Cross oversight](#), Mada Masr
- ['No to America, no to Iran': Thousands protest against foreign influence across Iraq](#), Middle East Eye
- [Boycott Amazon: Hashtag trends in Saudi Arabia after Bezos hacking allegations](#), Middle East Eye

Positions & Opportunities

- [Fellowship Program for Emerging Displaced Scholars](#), at Columbia Global Centers, Amman
- [LSE-Sawiris Scholarships for the Executive MSc in Cities](#) at LSE
- [PhD Scholarship in Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies](#) at the University of Edinburgh
- [Assistant Professor in Political History \(Focus Middle East/Mediterranean\)](#) at Universiteit Utrecht
- [Fellowships of the Academic Research Institute](#) in Iraq (TARII) for Research on Iraq
- [Reimagining World Order Postdoctoral Research Associate](#) at the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies

Call for Papers: Covering Syria - Politics and Communication in Times of War and Revolution

February 25, 2020 - SOAS, University of London

This workshop aims at bringing together academics and postgraduate researchers working on Syria, media and political communication. We are particularly interested in the following questions:

- How Syrian opposition media are rethinking their strategies for covering a country that is still fragmented and occupied but mostly dominated by the Assad regime? How Syrian journalists and cultural activists continue to document the conflict in exile? How gender relations were impacted by this new media environment?
- Which forms of archival work is possible to preserve the memory of past engagements?
- How did international media organisations document the conflict and what narratives did they disseminate? What does a context of post-truth and the increasing circulation of fake news mean for Syrian and international media actors?
- How have the Syrian regime and its allies been communicating since their self-declared victory over opposition forces?

We welcome contributions on these themes, or on similar topics, from scholars from various disciplines such as media studies, political science, international relations, anthropology, cultural studies or intellectual history. Some of the sessions of the workshop will be chaired by Dr Dina Matar (SOAS) and Pr Salwa Ismail (SOAS).

The workshop will be a full-day event organised at SOAS on Tuesday 25 February. Each presenter will send her paper in advance to the group, present it and receive comments from the other participants. Applications from Research Master students are welcome as well. The format of the contributions can take various forms: from articles-length papers (5,000-10,000 words), to thesis chapters or proposals.

To participate, please send a 200-300 words abstract and a short bio to Adelie_Chevee@soas.ac.uk or gh142@soas.ac.uk by February 9, 2020.

At the moment we are unable to confirm if we can reimburse travel expenses, but please mention in your application if do not have alternative funding to cover these costs.

Regards,

Dr Adélie Chevée (SOAS, Politics and International Studies) and Gabriel Huland (SOAS, Centre for Global Media and Communications)