



SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA

Digest of Current Publications and Events

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Conferences & Calls for Papers

- [Call for Papers: Gramsci in the Middle East and North Africa](#), LSE, 9-10 May 2022
- [Call for Chapters: Gulf Women's Lives: Voice, Space, Place, Call](#) (edited volume)
- [Call for Papers: Revolt in a time of collapse. Revolution, dignity and livelihood in Lebanon and the contemporary Arab world](#) (July 15th deadline)
- [Call for Papers: "Belong Nowhere:" States of Statelessness in the Muslim World, Michigan State University](#), 24-25 February, 2021

Online Events

- [Youth in Resistance, Mizna Film Series Summer 2021: Beirut](#) (Online) (June 23-27)
- [Islamist Movements as Revolutionary Subjects? A Social Movement Perspective on the Muslim Brotherhood's Rise and Fall](#) – EN, Carmen Fulco (Dunedin) and Doha Abdelgawad (Coventry), chair: Jannis Grimm (Berlin) (June 28)
- [Criminalising Social Justice: Protest & Activism under British State Repression](#), Makan (June 29th)
- [Lecture 'Syrian LGBTIQ Refugees after the Hype: Affects, Representations, and Queer Humanitarianism' by Fadi Saleh](#) (June 29)
- [Book Panel: Diaspora Entrepreneurs and Contested States, Oxford University Press, 2021](#) (June 29)

Recent & Forthcoming Books

- [Bullets in Envelopes: Iraqi Academics in Exile](#), by Louis Yako
- [Sisters in the Mirror: A History of Muslim Women and the Global Politics of Feminism](#), Elora Shehabuddin

Journal Articles & Other Academic Articles

- ["People Want a Clean Environment": Historical Roots of the Environmental Crisis and the Emergence of Eco-Resistances in Tunisia](#), by Renata Pepicelli
- [An Analysis of Urban Initiatives in Cairo: Locality, Everyday Politics and Relational Space in Cairo's Unplanned Neighbourhoods](#), by Azzurra Sarnataro
- [Beyond the "Epopee of Ben Guerdane": Exploring the Plurality of Resistance at the South-Eastern Tunisian Border](#), by Guendalina Simoncini

News Pieces & Commentary

- [Palestinians protest death of activist Nizar Banat in PA police custody](#), Middle East Eye
- [Algerian prime minister resigns following election results](#), Al Jazeera

- [Turkey: Egypt opposition media 'asked to stop airing some programmes'](#), Middle East Eye
- [Saudi Arabia one of the world's worst abusers of human rights, according to index](#), Middle East Eye
- [Israeli police commit 'catalogue of violations' against Palestinians, Amnesty says](#), Middle East Eye
- ['Rot in prison': Jordanians react to unprecedented sedition trial](#), Al Jazeera

Positions and Opportunities

- [Education Coordinator & Lecturer](#), Nederlands Institute Marokko
- [Teacher in Social Sciences & Communication officer](#), Nederlands Institute Marokko
- [Assistant Professor of Conflict Studies](#), Radboud Universiteit
- [Lecturer for Islamic History \(ca. 600-1500 CE\), Faculty of Oriental Studies](#), University of Oxford
- [Lecturer in Middle East Politics \(Education & Scholarship\)](#), University of Exeter

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: "BELONG NOWHERE:" STATES OF STATELESSNESS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

Michigan State University

Muslim Studies Program 15th Annual Conference

East Lansing, MI, USA

February 24-25, 2022

The deadline to apply is August 31, 2021, and accepted papers will be announced by September 30, 2021.

Michigan State University is hosting an international conference entitled "Belonging Nowhere:" States of Statelessness in the Muslim World." This conference recognizes that Muslims comprise a significant portion of the over 36 million refugee and stateless persons worldwide and seeks to understand the drivers of conflicts that lead to displacement in the Muslim world and the effects it has on Muslim communities. Further, we hope to explore avenues for advocacy for such communities, at local, regional and global scales.

Significance of theme: Several international conventions frame our understanding of and responses to statelessness and refugees. These include the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (1954) and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1961). Under these conventions, contracting states must afford displaced individuals protections and rights as any lawful alien in that country. Various other conventions and organizations have been created over the years to establish rights for stateless persons and refugees under international law. Despite these efforts, stateless individuals and refugees continue to be denied basic human rights and protections such as identity documents, employment, education, and access to health services. Stateless people continue to have no legal protection and no right to political participation, or even to advocate on their own behalf. They often lack access to education, employment, health care, registration of birth, marriage or death, and property rights. Refugees and stateless people may also encounter travel restrictions, social exclusion, and heightened vulnerability to poverty, poor health outcomes, social exclusion, sexual and physical violence, exploitation, human trafficking, forcible displacement, and an increased risk of radicalization.

According to the UNHCR, statelessness and refugee status have devastating effects on the lives of at least 36 million people around the world. Of these, nearly 75% have effectively become minority groups in new lands, as is the case with, for example, Palestinians, Kurds, Syrians, and Rohingya Muslims. Whole generations of Muslims are growing up disenfranchised with little to no legal protections and long-lasting political, social and psychological

consequences. Panelists will be invited to discuss the causes of displacement and the consequences for individuals, states, and our increasingly global Muslim communities

CONFERENCE FORMAT: The two-day conference will take place on February 24-25, 2022, and will include a networking dinner, panels, and a keynote. The precise format will be announced at a later date.

CALL FOR PAPERS The organizers welcome abstracts for previously unpublished research on the conference theme conceived broadly; and hope to include scholarship reflecting a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary backgrounds—including (but not limited to) refugee studies, sociology, history, anthropology, psychology, political studies, law, and religious studies. Junior scholars and post-doctoral researchers are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration. The deadline to apply is August 31, 2021, and accepted papers will be announced by September 30, 2021.

15th Annual Muslim Studies Conference

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