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CALL FOR PAPERS & CONFERENCES

The *Re*Birth of Marxism: haunting the future

Maynooth (near Dublin), 4-5 May 2018

Deadline: 1 February 2018.

Keynotes: Toni Negri, Jodi Dean

May 5, 2018 will be Marx's 200th anniversary – one among many anniversaries which remind us of Marx and Engels' long-lasting impact on the modern world. As we send this out, we are sandwiched between the 150th anniversary of Capital and the 100th of what Gramsci called a "Revolution against Capital" in Russia. Our conference includes the May Day bank holiday, celebrated by the traditional labour movement – but it also marks the 50th anniversary of the start of "May 1968" in Paris, while "Ireland's 1968" is sometimes dated to the violent suppression of a civil rights demonstration in Derry, five months later.

Marx's work dramatises one of the most vital impulses in contemporary thought and politics, a spectre haunting not only Europe but the world: it is invoked by social movements and trade unions, parties and governments representing a bewildering variety of political approaches; by researchers and teachers in many different disciplines, reading Marx in many different ways; by pundits and critical journalists from the very soft left to the radical fringe; as well as an afterlife in films and music, streetnames and museums from the celebratory to the condemnatory. Within or in dialogue with feminism or postcolonialism, ecology or anti-racism, psychoanalysis or literature, Foucauldians or anarchists, struggles for global justice or GLBTQ+ liberation, Marxist voices and echoes of Marx continue to contribute to popular and intellectual attempts to understand and transform the world. A major international conference at the National University of Ireland Maynooth, near Dublin, will explore Marx and Engels' far-reaching different contributions to analysis and political practice, the ways in which their lives and work helped shape history and culture around the world, the many different strands and meanings of "Marxism", and how we can understand the legacy and ongoing relevance of Marx today, in a world which has changed so much but which – as many have commented in recent years – he would have had no difficulty in recognising. How can Marxism continue to contribute intellectually and practically to critique, understanding and transformation, in Ireland and globally?

Our keynote speakers for the conference are two authors and activists whose work has had an impact around the world: the Italian philosopher Toni Negri, a major figure in leftist thought and debates for half a century, and the American political scientist Jodi Dean, one of the most influential of a younger generation seeking to refashion Marxist ideas today. They exemplify the diversity which this conference seeks to support and celebrate: not the search for a single "true Marxism" but a dialogue of critique as well as solidarity between different traditions, and between theory and practice.

Marx and Engels' engagement with Ireland exemplifies some of the diversity we seek to express: from Engels' love for the Burns sisters and exploration of Manchester's "Little Ireland" to Eleanor Marx' support for the Fenians, and from Marx' analysis of the economics of Irish soil to his conviction that the "Irish Question" was central to working-class emancipation *in England*, we do not find a single, simple idea but a living engagement with complex realities in need of dialectical connection and political transformation.

We welcome proposals for contributions from activists as well as academic researchers. The conference programme will include cultural and social dimensions; while many presentations will be traditional (20-minute) talks followed by discussion, we are also open to other formats as well as panel proposals conventional and unconventional. Please send us a title, author details (name, affiliation, "independent scholar" etc.) and an abstract (no more than 250 words) to marxinmaynooth2018@gmail.com by February 1st 2018. For panel proposals etc., please send us a single short document with details and a single contact point. We also welcome informal enquiries in advance of the deadline. Selected papers from the conference will be published by a major academic press.

Possible themes for presentations include, but are not limited to:

- Marxisms, many and fertile: the diversity of interpretations, multiple contributions to intellectual work in the academy and beyond, different traditions and cultures, many afterlives;
- Marx and Engels' intellectual, political and personal engagement with Ireland and the Irish;
- **Praxis: Marxism's contribution to and engagement with many different kinds of social movements and political struggle** in hugely varying contexts today;
- "Marxism and...": dialogue and engagement with other radical theoretical and political traditions whether around race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, power, democracy, ecology, postcolonialism...

We particularly welcome papers which speak to the very diverse audiences – of scholars, activists and students, people working in different disciplines and movements, from different countries and different Marxist and other traditions – we expect for this conference. We encourage people to attempt prove the "this-worldliness" of their thinking – and Marxism! – for these different fields, to create a lively and challenging space for discussion. What if anything is the value of Marxism today?

The conference programme is not narrowly intellectual – we are working on cultural and social events to develop our themes and will announce details as they are confirmed.

The organising committee is made up of (alphabetically) Colin Coulter, Laurence Cox, Fergal Finnegan, Sinéad Kennedy, Chandana Mathur, Conor McCarthy and Eamonn Slater, representing a range of academic disciplines, Marxist traditions, political affiliations and none. The conference is supported by the departments of Anthropology, English and Sociology at Maynooth as well as by Maynooth's Conference and Workshop Support Fund and the Sociological Association of Ireland.

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Violence, Conflict and Development Workshop

16 January 2018 School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

Deadline: 11 December 2017

The Violence, Conflict, and Development Workshop is a full day doctoral/early career researcher workshop that welcomes PhD candidates and post - doctoral researchers from across London universities who work on issues related to violence and conflict and their connections to such concerns of 'development' as international aid, the international political economy, and state formation.

The aim of this workshop is to gather early career researchers working on similar topics and interests in order to provide participants with detailed, well - informed feedback, grounded in thematic expertise, provide an opportunity to connect to fellow early career researchers across London universities, and to provide a forum for discussion and a launch - pad for potential future collaboration.

At the workshop, each participant will have 15 minutes to present their paper in a panel alongside thematically closely related papers. Each presentation will be followed by 5 minutes of concentrated feedback from senior academics with particular expertise on the selected panel topics, acting as discussants, as well as 10 minutes of dedicated discussion with the audience.

Submissions are particularly invited in the following thematic categories: " Gender Perspectives on Law and Violence," "Violence , Intervention, and State Formation ," and "Micro - Level Approaches to Urban and Rural Violence ." Further thematic foci will be determined in - line with submissions.

Potential participants are asked to submit a title and abstract and an indication of the thematic panel (if any) they would like to be considered for by 11 December 2017. Successful applicants will need to submit a written version of their paper (4,000 - 6,000 words) before the workshop. These papers will be circulating among the discussants and participants to facilitate more in - depth engagement and more effective and detailed feedback.

If you have any questions please contact Joshua Rogers (jr51@soas.ac.uk) or Bilge Sahin (bs42@soas.ac.uk)

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33rd Annual Middle East History & Theory Conference

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

May 4-5, 2018

Deadline: 2 February 2018

We invite proposals for papers and pre-arranged panels from graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars about the Middle East from the sixth century c.e. to the present day, including but not limited to history, religious studies, geography, anthropology, political science, literary studies, philosophy, art history, and media studies.

We also encourage submissions related to the theme of this year's conference, the intersection of Digital Humanities and pedagogy in contemporary Middle Eastern studies. Questions of interest include, but are not limited to:

- What tools can Digital Humanities offer the field beyond data mining or algorithmic analysis?
- Is Middle Eastern Studies able to show the way forward in the changing world of Digital Humanities, and in digital scholarship in general?
- How can modern technology serve the needs of students, teachers, and other scholars impacted by limitations on travel or by the closure or destruction of archives?
- Does the increase in readily-accessible information (documents, imagery, etc.) available to scholars mean rethinking the foundations and aims of the discipline, especially in the classroom?

The keynote speaker of this year's conference is Professor James Gelvin (University of California, Los Angeles), whose address will be entitled, "Theorizing Nationalism in the Arab Middle East: A Personal Story."

Please send submissions electronically to mehatconference@gmail.com, no later than Friday, February 2, 2018. Please include each presenter's name, institution, and position, and attach a 250-word abstract with a tentative title. For pre-arranged panels, please send a single email with an overall panel description plus individual paper abstracts. The best abstracts will summarize the paper's topic, its relationship and contribution to existing scholarship and specific conclusions. Abstracts will be evaluated anonymously by the coordinators; therefore, please do not include names or any identifying information in the abstract. If you are unsure about the suitability of your topic, feel free to email us at the above address. Selection results will be announced by early March, 2018.

Approximately 50 papers will be selected and grouped into panels of three or four. Special preference will be given to pre-arranged panels, although individual submissions are always welcome. Participants should be prepared to deliver a maximum twenty-minute presentation and respond to questions from an assigned discussant as well as conference attendees. Written papers must be circulated to the respondent and fellow members of the panel at least two weeks before the conference.

As in previous years, three of our sponsors will offer limited funding for panels in the following fields: (1) Modern Arabic Literature; (2) Central Eurasian Studies; and (3) South Asian Studies. Participants chosen for one of these panels may be eligible for a modest travel subsidy. Those interested should submit abstracts according to the process outlined above, with a note indicating their interest in a sponsored panel. Applicants not placed on a special panel will still receive full consideration.

For questions and accessibility concerns, please write to: mehatconference@gmail.com

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The Endurance of Empire - 2018 Telos Europe Conference

31 August - 2 September 2018, Ragusa, Sicily

Deadline: 30 March 2018

The end of the two world wars saw the fall of mighty empires—from the Tsarist Empire, the *Kaiserreich* and the Ottoman Empire to the Third Reich and the Japanese Empire. This was followed by the dissolution of the French and British empires in the 1950s and 1960s. After 1989, the demise of the Soviet Union—dubbed the "evil empire"—seem to confirm the triumph of liberal democracy over tyranny and of national independence over imperial domination. The age of revolution from 1789 to 1989 appeared to mark the end of empire.

But at the same time, the post–Cold War era is often characterized as the hegemony of the Anglophonic liberal empire led by the United States of America. Officially, the United States denies that it is in the business of building an empire, arguing that the independent United States came into existence precisely to throw off the shackles of colonial rule and to fight imperialism everywhere. Donald Rumsfeld famously said in 2003, "We don't seek empires. We're not imperialistic. We never have been." In the same year however, Karl Rove—adviser to George W. Bush's—was quoted as saying that "We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality."

According to the historian Niall Ferguson, "the United States is an empire in denial, and U.S. denial of this poses a real danger to the world. An empire that doesn't recognize its own power is a dangerous one." If so, then this has implications for Trump's America and just as much for both contemporary Russia and China. Putin's actions in Crimea, Ukraine, and Syria suggest that there is a profound continuity with the Soviet Union and Tsarist Russia. And the "Chinese Dream" invoked by Xi Jinping is the idea that the "Middle Kingdom" will regain what many in China see as her ancient birth-right since the Qin dynasty—a global primacy at the heart of world affairs.

Much of nineteenth- and twentieth-century philosophy and history focused on the decline and fall of empires and civilizations. Faced with the resurgence of imperial politics, a question for the twenty-first century is rather about the endurance of empire both in theory and practice. From Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri's conception of empire as multitude via Pierre Manent's work on the metamorphoses of Western political organization to ideas of liberal empire in International Relations (John Ikenberry or Michael Ignatieff), the attempt to renew this theme requires critical engagement. Today there is a further twist. Alongside the resurgence of old empires and the emergence of new ones, we are also witnessing the return of nationalism and a reaffirmation of the nation-state as the natural locus of sovereignty. Brexit and the election of Donald Trump reflect popular unrest and a rejection of dominant elites in the name of "taking back control" and "making America great again"—a consequence of the liberal *imperium*. This raises questions about the endurance of both

nationalism and imperialism. Appeals to imperial traditions have often met with ridicule. "Neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire," Voltaire quipped. Yet this ignores long-standing continuities in terms of both ideas and institutions, which were marginalized by revolutions but never entirely destroyed.

The 2018 Telos Europe conference will explore the endurance of empire, its nature and meaning. Among others, the questions that will be debated include the following: Are we witnessing the resurgence of old empires or the formation of new ones? Are empires based on economic power and military might, or on ideology and cultural appeal? Winston Churchill remarked that the empires of the future would be "empires of the mind." Can power be contained or is it inherently imperial? The specific topics of the conference include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The meaning of empire and imperial power
- The legacy of empire
- Westphalia and the rise of national states and transnational markets?
- Empire, church/mosque/temple/synagogue, and city-state as alternatives to the Westphalian system of states and markets?
- The Atlantic West as a liberal empire? Are liberalism and empire contradictory or compatible?
- Western vs. non-Western empires (Russia, China, Muslim caliphate)
- Old and new empires—ideology and cultural appeal
- Nationalism, imperialism, and capitalism
- Contemporary conceptions of empire in philosophy, politics, and IR

Speakers will include:

Russell Berman (Stanford University and *Telos*)

Christopher Coker (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Lord (Maurice) Glasman (Common Good Foundation; House of Lords, London)

Adrian Pabst (University of Kent and *Telos*)

David Pan (University of California, Irvine, and *Telos*)

Nicholas Rengger (St. Andrews University)

Richard Sakwa (University of Kent)

We invite scholars from all disciplines to submit 250-word abstracts along with a short c.v. to europe2018@telosinstitute.net by March 30, 2018.

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Conference to Study Regional and Global Factors of Democratic Transition

Deadline: 1 February 2018

The Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies will host its seventh annual Conference on the Issues of Democracy and Democratic Transition in September, 2018. The theme of this next meeting will be devoted to understanding how external factors, on the regional and global levels, influence the course of the democratic transition in Arab countries.

Most authors writing on the democratic transition have concerned themselves with the internal factors influencing political change, leading to the neglect of external, factors in the literature. Since the 1990s however, an increasing number of scholars have moved beyond internal factors when seeking to understand the nature of the democratic transition. This new shift, which envisages an interplay between internal and external factors, also coincided with the end of the Cold War and the rise of a new phase in international relations.

The Arab world was not immune to these global transformations. The region has long been subject to foreign influence, beginning with the rise of colonialism and the birth of Arab states and through the period of post-colonial independence and the Cold War up to and until the Arab Spring of 2011. With this in mind, authors interested in covering the topic of regional and global influences on the Arab democratic transition since the popular revolutions of 2011 are invited to submit research proposals by 1 February, 2018. Submitted proposals will be subject to a review process by a selected committee nominated by the project of "Democratic Transformation and Transition Phases in The Arab Countries"

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Lebanon Doctoral Dissertation Summer Institute

18-29 June 2018, Beirut, Lebanon

Deadline: 15 February 2018

The Arab Studies Institute (ASI) and AUB's Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) are pleased to announce the third Doctoral Dissertation Summer Institute on Lebanon, to be held 18-29 June 2018. The program aims to provide a framework for facilitating and advancing rigorous interdisciplinary doctoral dissertation research on Lebanon.

Scholarly literature on Lebanon is seldom fully integrated into the graduate coursework of PhD students focusing on the Middle East and North Africa. Furthermore, such students rarely find themselves at institutions with access to a scholar of Lebanon to fulfill the role of course professor, academic advisor, field examiner, or dissertation committee member. These dynamics are particularly important given the frequent and problematic ways that historical and contemporary

political, economic, social, and cultural dynamics in Lebanon are exceptionalized vis-à-vis the comparative study of societies in general and the Middle East in particular.

By bringing together PhD students of various disciplinary training and topical foci, this program creates a space to interrogate, modify, and develop critical approaches to the study of Lebanon. Central to this process is increasing students' familiarity with the contours of knowledge production as well as field research in Lebanon.

The goals of the doctoral dissertation summer workshop are as follows:

- Deepen participants' theoretical and empirical foundations;
- Introduce applicants to the main questions and methods of various disciplines;
- Facilitate logistical preparation for archival and other forms of research fieldwork;
- Contribute to the development of a doctoral dissertation research and writing community;
- Expand critical knowledge production on Lebanon.

There is no participation cost other than international travel and local accommodation. The Arab Studies Institute (ASI) and Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) are covering the costs associated with the implementation of all summer workshop activities, including most related local meals and all local transportation, as well as a one-year research affiliation with CAMES. Please note each accepted participant is responsible for funding and securing their international airfare, entry visa, and local accommodation. The co-directors of the summer workshop will provide participants with information on reserved accommodations available at a special group rate.

In order to apply and be considered for admission into the doctoral dissertation summer workshop, individuals must fulfill the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited doctoral program of any university around the world (including those residing in Lebanon, or enrolled at a university in Lebanon). Please note: applicants can be based in humanities or social science divisions of their academic institutions, and can be seeking a discipline-specific or interdisciplinary degree.
- Advanced to candidacy or ABD (i.e., have formally defended their dissertation research proposal and passed their general and/or qualifying exams) by no later than 1 June 2018.
- Possess advanced Arabic proficiency in reading and speaking and intermediate Arabic proficiency in writing.

All applicants must submit the following materials via email to Lebanon.Dissertation@gmail.com:

1. Cover Letter (must include reasons for applying to the workshop; summary of research agenda; description of academic preparation; and mention of prior experience in the region and/or Lebanon).
2. Current Curriculum Vitae (CV).
3. Letter of Recommendation from Primary Advisor and/or Dissertation Chair.
4. Copy of Research Prospectus Approved by Home University (15-page limit).
5. Completed Academic and Language Training Form ([click here to download](#)).

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TALKS & OTHER EVENTS

Egypt: Seven Years Forward

11 December 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Venue: SOAS, Russell Square: College Buildings, Room: DLT, London, UK

Speakers: Mohamad Adam (TIMEP and journalist), Khaled Fahmy Amr ,(University of Cambridge) (Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy) Nancy Okail ,(Stanford University) Hamzawy

As we approach the seventh anniversary of the Egyptian Revolution, join us for an evening of reflections on Egypt's road to revolution, current state and future. Panellists will offer remarks on the state's fulfilment of the revolution's demands, what is missing, and what is needed to be undertaken and the challenges and opportunities ahead for Egypt to surpass the defeatist moment felt by many revolutionaries. *More information* [here](#)

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The Context and Afterlife of the Armenian Genocide

13 December 2017, 5 pm

Veneue: Forum Transregionale Studien, Wallotstr. 14, 14193 Berlin, GErmany

Speaker: Yektan Türkyilmaz

The current EUME project of Türkyilmaz traces the contacts and confluences of Armenian Genocide scholarship and historiography with the broader body of literature on collective violence, and especially with the Holocaust Studies. Despite the common tendency to employ a blueprint of the Holocaust as an archetype, ironically, the dialogue between the Holocaust and Armenian Genocide studies has been scant. In contrast, the framework here pays particular attention to the ways in which critical genocide studies and especially contemporary Holocaust studies, that increasingly highlight the intricacies and paradoxes of decision making processes, can offer us new avenues for analysis.

In his talk, Türkyilmaz will present my most recent work that addresses the decision-making processes in the Armenian genocide. For his previous work, he has explored the state-community interactions and political debates within the Armenian communities on the eve of the genocide, carrying out an ethnographical survey of historical sources and accounts. In so doing, his analysis has engaged in a conceptual and methodological evaluation of widespread deterministic, teleological and casual/linear models for the precedents of the exterminationist violence and the genocidal escalation. Instead, he offers an actor-based framework that highlights institutional interests and political agency. At all stages of the research, a key goal of his study has also been to historicize the making of major threads and presumptions in narrative construction. Hence, he traces the imprints and influences of i)

denialism, ii) genocide stereotyping (particularly around the Holocaust), and iii) regional and global political circumstances. *More information* [here](#)

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“Under a Diverse Hammer and Sickle: Interlinkages between European and Iranian Communisms, 1917-1991”

18 December 2017, 09:00-17:30

Venue: University of Manchester, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

Speaker: Professor Touraj Atabaki, Professor Oliver Bast, Peyman Jafari, Professor Luca Riccardi, Ghassem Nurmohammadi, Dr Denis V. Volkov, Dr Siavush Randjbar-Daemi

This one-day workshop, sponsored by the SALC Research Network Fund and CIDRAL, will explore the interlinkages and relationship between proponents of different variants of communism in Iran and Europe and the ways through which these variants have influenced the evolution of the Left in Iran during the period of existence of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991. This rationale is driven by the paucity of research done on this dimension of an intrinsically transnational ideology such as 20th century communism, and on the rich potential that a collaborative project with both thematic and geographic tentpoles based on this theme would have for securing external funding.

Thematically, the workshop will look at both structural links (e.g. interaction between the CPSU, Moscow-oriented Communist Parties in Europe and the Communist and Tudeh Parties of Iran; the role of European Maoist movements in the founding of the Iranian counterpart; inspiration and interlinkage between smaller heterodox groups, and on the geographical aspect, with special regards to the role of host political environments vis-à-vis Iranian émigré communities in Europe.

Provisional Title of Papers (To Be Completed):

A Study in Contrasts: The Lannutti Report on the Tudeh and the Kurdistan Democratic Party Leadership - Siavush Randjbar-Daemi (Manchester)

Against the Current: Iran's Alternative Left and Its Transnational Links - Peyman Jafari (Amsterdam)

Friendship and comprehension for everybody: Italian foreign policy and the Middle East during the First republic (1946-1992) - Luca Riccardi (Cassino)

From the Communist Party of Iran to the Tudeh Party. The Comintern in Action - Touraj Atabaki (IISG, Amsterdam)

Attendance is free, but registration is required via email to siavush.randjbar-daemi@manchester.ac.uk. Tea, Coffee and Sandwich Lunch will be provided to registered participants. *More information* [here](#)

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Middle East Studies after September 11 - Neo-Orientalism, American Hegemony and Academia

Tugrul Keskin (Ed)
February 2018 – Brill

Middle East Studies after September 11: Neo-Orientalism, American Hegemony and Academia will show the long-term implications of current approaches to Middle East scholarship on the internal transformation of Middle Eastern societies. It describes the complex relationship between American academia and state government: a relationship which has influenced and restructured the state, society and politics in the Middle East as well as in the United States. It engages the disciplines of Sociology, Political Science, Anthropology, History and International Studies, while maintaining the epistemological, methodological, and ontological insights of a sociological approach to the Middle East.

Contributors are: Beyazit H. Akman, Mahmoud Arghavan, Dunya D. Cakir, Emanuela C. Del Re, Babak Elahi, Manuela E. B. Giolfo, Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, Merve Kavakci, Tugrul Keskin, Seyed Mohammad Marandi, Ameena Al-Rasheed Nayel, Staci Gem Scheiwiller, Francesco L. Sinatora, Zeinab Ghasemi Tari

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Settler Colonialism

Maya Mikdashi (Ed)
2017 – JadMag

For those interested in settler colonialism as a form of domination and rule, as well as for those currently navigating settler societies as spaces of living, working, and acting—we have gathered a selection of articles published on Jadaliyya since the site's founding in 2010. The articles focus on the technologies, histories, and quotidian practices of settler colonialism in states such as the United States, Algeria, Canada, Israel, Australia, and South Africa. Questions of ethics, transnationalism, epistemology, intersectionality, race, indigeneity, gender and sexual difference, comparative analysis, solidarity, and political action are paramount to this collection of articles. This volume analyzes the totality of the experiences of settler colonialism in its many facets across many indigenous groups, the mobilization of solidarity groups, and what it means in an ongoing contemporary context.

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Foucault's Orient: The Conundrum of Cultural Difference, From Tunisia to Japan

Marnia Lazreg

2017 - Berghahn Books

Foucault lived in Tunisia for two years and travelled to Japan and Iran more than once. Yet throughout his critical scholarship, he insisted that the cultures of the "Orient" constitute the "limit" of Western rationality. Using archival research supplemented by interviews with key scholars in Tunisia, Japan and France, this book examines the philosophical sources, evolution as well as contradictions of Foucault's experience with non-Western cultures. Beyond tracing Foucault's journey into the world of otherness, the book reveals the personal, political as well as methodological effects of a radical conception of cultural difference that extolled the local over the cosmopolitan.

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JOURNAL ARTICLES & OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Introduction: revolution and counter-revolution in Egypt

Cemal Burak Tansel & Brecht De Smet

Review of African Political Economy, Debate Special Issue: Revolution and Counter-revolution in Egypt: Debating "Gramsci on Tahrir"

This introduction to the *ROAPE* debate reasserts the centrality of revolutionary theory to understand the dynamics of social and political struggles in contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Framed around the conceptual and political interventions brought about by Brecht De Smet's *Gramsci on Tahrir* (2016), we discuss the utility of Gramscian concepts in explaining the trajectories of social mobilisations in the peripheries of global capitalism.

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Behind every Caesar a new one? Reflections on revolution and counter-revolution in Egypt in response to *Gramsci on Tahrir*

Anne Alexander & Sameh Naguib

Review of African Political Economy, Debate Special Issue: Revolution and Counter-revolution in Egypt: Debating "Gramsci on Tahrir"

Focusing on the political ramifications of the concepts and historical analysis deployed in *Gramsci on Tahrir* (De Smet 2016), Anne Alexander and Sameh Naguib challenge Brecht De Smet's reading of the development of capitalism and the 2011 revolution in Egypt through the lens of Caesarism, offering an alternative perspective on how the theory of permanent revolution can be applied in the Egyptian case as a tool for understanding why a revolution erupted in 2011 and why it took the course it did.

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Again on the revolutionary subject: problematising class and subalternity in *Gramsci on Tahrir*

Roberto Roccu

Review of African Political Economy, Debate Special Issue: Revolution and Counter-revolution in Egypt: Debating "Gramsci on Tahrir"

Roberto Roccu's intervention provides a detailed reading of the concepts of subalternity, common sense and passive revolution as employed in *Gramsci on Tahrir*. Roccu calls for a more sustained and careful reading of how 'subaltern agency' is invoked and performed in revolutionary upheavals.

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Passive revolutions and the dynamics of social change in the peripheries

Cemal Burak Tansel

Review of African Political Economy, Debate Special Issue: Revolution and Counter-revolution in Egypt: Debating "Gramsci on Tahrir"

Tansel's contribution to the debate dissects the concept of passive revolution and highlights the significance of understanding passive revolutions as concrete historical episodes of mobilisation and state formation.

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Critical interventions in debates on the Arab revolutions: centring class

Sara Salem

Review of African Political Economy, Debate Special Issue: Revolution and Counter-revolution in Egypt: Debating "Gramsci on Tahrir"

Salem contrasts De Smet's contribution to the debates on revolution and counter-revolution in Egypt with other important materialist readings of the uprisings. Echoing the centrality of class analysis employed in *Gramsci on Tahrir*, Salem challenges De Smet's reading of the Nasserist period and situates Nasserism within a broader pattern of coeval political struggles in Africa.

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NEWS PIECES & COMMENTARY

Mouin Rabbani Discusses Jerusalem on Al Jazeera English

Jadaliyya, 8 December 2017

In this episode of Al Jazeera English *Inside Edition*, *Jadaliyya* Co-Editor Mouin Rabbani participates in a discussion on President Trump's decision to recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem. He is joined by Trump campaign advisor J.D. Gordon as well as Yossi Mekelberg, Professor of International Relations at London's Regent's University. *Watch [here](#)*

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Noura Erakat Discusses Trump's Jerusalem Announcement on CBS News

Jadaliyya, 7 December 2017

In this interview (above) that aired live on CBS News on 6 December 2017, *Jadaliyya* Co-Editor Noura Erakat responds to US President Donald Trump's statement recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Taking note of the fact it has been one hundred years since the United Kingdom issued the Balfour Declaration, Erakat locates the recent decision in a longer trajectory of the persistent and systematic denial of the Palestinian population's political rights. She also addresses the current status of the so-called peace process and the need for Palestinian leadership to abandon its reliance and dependence on the United States. Worth noting in this interview is the manner in which mainstream US media have adopted the Trump Administration's talking points about the statement, and how

Erakat challenges those talking points directly with explicit reference to Israel as a settler colonial state. *Watch [here](#)*

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Saudi women scholars call out prince's reform agenda

Gavin O'Toole

Al-Jazeera, 30 Nov 2017

Leading female scholars from Saudi Arabia have described moves to ease restrictions on women as government spin aimed at an international audience to bolster support for efforts to liberalise its ailing economy. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is seeking to appeal to western governments as a reformist while cracking down on the very women inside the country who have been campaigning for an end to systematic discrimination, they say. Rights groups welcomed a decision to end a ban on women driving in Saudi Arabia, but have called for more comprehensive changes to the kingdom's "guardianship" system", which Human Rights Watch describes as the main obstacle to realising women's rights. *Continue reading [here](#)*

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POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tenure-track assistant professor in Sociology, AUB

Deadline: 1 January 2018

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies at the American University of Beirut (AUB) invites applications for a full-time tenure-track assistant professor in Sociology. While areas of specialization are open, we particularly encourage applicants whose research focus is in economic sociology or the sociology of inequalities with a comparative perspective if possible. Preference will be given to candidates who can teach our core sociology courses in theory and research methods (both quantitative and qualitative). Knowledge of the Arabic language is considered an advantage. A Ph.D in sociology or a closely related field with an equivalent training in sociology is required by the time of appointment. Candidates should be able to show excellence in teaching. The teaching load is two courses per semester. Position is to begin on August 15, 2018.

Interested candidates should send before January 1, 2018, electronically, a letter of intent, a writing sample and a recent CV. Letters of reference will be requested only from the shortlisted candidates.

All documents are to be e-mailed to as_dean@aub.edu.lb

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Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Award in Palestinian Studies

Deadline: 28 February 2018

The Center for Palestine Studies at Columbia University's Middle East Institute is pleased to announce that the competition for the 2018-2019 Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Post-Doctoral Award is open. This year-long post-doctoral fellowship seeks to recognize and foster innovative and ground-breaking scholarship on issues related to Palestine and Palestinians. The award will support a scholar working a book project in any field of the humanities or social science who will spend the academic year at Columbia University in New York, pursuing her or his research and writing, teaching one undergraduate course at Columbia College, and participating in the intellectual life of the Center for Palestine Studies.

The international competition is open to post-doctoral scholars who share the mission of the Center for Palestine Studies to advance the production and circulation of knowledge on Palestinian history, culture, society, and politics through outstanding scholarship. The Award carries a stipend of \$50,000 for the academic year.

The deadline for full applications including supporting letters is February 28, 2018.

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Professor and Department Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Richmond

Review of applications from: 15 January 2018

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Richmond (UR) invites applications for the position of Department Chair to begin during the summer 2018. The successful candidate will have an outstanding record as a teacher-scholar in either Sociology or Cultural Anthropology.

We seek an established scholar with an exceptional publication record who also thrives in teaching and mentoring in the context of an undergraduate environment. In addition, the successful candidate will possess the dedication, vision, and skills to lead a diverse department. Thus, the successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to diversity and equity throughout their career. The

candidate should have a Ph.D. in related fields, teaching and publication record commensurate with the rank of Full Professor at the University of Richmond, and administrative experience in higher education. Applications will be also accepted from Associate Professors who are prepared for promotion to Full Professor. The Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology reports to the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. The Chair will serve for a five-year term, renewable, with a specific review in the third year and other reviews consistent with Chair appointment in Arts & Sciences.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology serves approximately 900 students annually. Additional information on the department can be found at <https://socanth.richmond.edu/>. The Chair of Sociology and Anthropology will lead a department of eight tenured and tenure stream faculty, in addition to term and adjunct faculty, a diverse group both in human and intellectual terms. Arts & Sciences comprises 70% of the undergraduate majors at the university. The first-year class in the fall of 2017 was comprised of 30% underrepresented students and 10% international students.

The University of Richmond is a top-ranked, liberal arts institution comprised of Arts & Sciences, along with four other Schools: Business, Leadership Studies, Law, and Professional and Continuing Studies. UR was ranked 23 in 2017 in the US News & World Report among its peers. UR is a cutting-edge, dynamic learning and research environment. The position is an opportunity to join in the implementation of Arts & Science's strategic plan, "Conceptualizing Arts & Sciences at 30," or Concept 30, which places an emphasis on innovation and creativity in an interdisciplinary, liberal arts setting (<https://asadmin.richmond.edu/concept-30/plan-draft/index.html>).

Applicants should apply online at <http://jobs.richmond.edu> and submit the following: (1) a cover letter indicating interest and relevant professional and academic background, including leadership appropriate to the rank of full professor and experience working with diverse populations; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) a statement of research, teaching, and leadership (interests and philosophy); (4) sample publications; (5) names and contact information of at least three references. Review of applications is rolling, until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2018. Questions about the search should be addressed to Patrice Rankine, prankine@richmond.edu.

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One-year Post-doctoral Fellowship in Modern Middle East History, Rice University

Deadline: 1 February 2018

The Department of History at Rice University in Houston, Texas invites applications for a one-year post-doctoral fellowship in modern Middle East history. This fellowship is renewable for a second year contingent upon successful review and completion of the first year. In addition to research, the successful candidate is expected to teach 3 courses per academic year and to participate in the intellectual life of the department and other units on campus. S/he will receive a stipend of \$50,000

plus benefits, a research and relocation fund of \$2,000 in the first year, and a research fund of \$1,250 in the second year. Applicants must have received their Ph.D. within the last five years or at the latest by July 1, 2018.

This position begins on July 1, 2018. Only electronic applications will be accepted, on the Rice University RICEWorks website, jobs.rice.edu. Please apply by February 1, 2018, and attach a letter of application and CV to the respective tabs, as well as a 1,000-word research statement and the names of three references to the tab labeled "Other." Three letters of recommendation are required. Applicant will be asked to input necessary information on the evaluators, who will receive an email generated by the system. In this email, they are given instructions on the process for submission of their letters. All documents are required for the applicant to be considered for the position. Applications must be received by February 1, 2018. Questions regarding the post should be addressed to the Department of History at hist@rice.edu. Rice University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities, women, and international scholars are encouraged to apply.

More information and application [here](#)

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History Visiting Assistant Professor of African, Middle Eastern, or South Asian History, Reed College

Review of applications from: 10 January 2018

The Department of History at Reed College invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Humanities, with a specialization in modern or early modern African, Middle Eastern, or South Asian history. This is a one-year position with a possibility for renewal. In addition to teaching courses in their own area, the appointee may also contribute to the College's interdisciplinary Humanities program (see: <http://academic.reed.edu/humanities>). Teaching duties also include advising year-long senior theses. Reed College is a small, distinguished undergraduate institution with a strong liberal arts curriculum, committed to excellence in teaching and scholarship.

The College has a long tradition of exceptional visiting faculty, and seeks to provide its visitors with the competitive salary, benefits, and institutional resources commensurate to their significant contribution to our curriculum and intellectual culture. Reed also believes that cultural and intellectual pluralism is essential to the excellence of its academic program. In your letter of application, we encourage you to address how your teaching, scholarship, mentorship, and/or community service might support the commitment to diversity and inclusion articulated in the College's diversity statement (<http://www.reed.edu/diversity/>).

Applicants should have the PhD in hand by August 2018. Please send an application letter, a CV, and contact information for three referees to Josh Howe at <http://apply.interfolio.com/47484>. Review of applications will begin on January 10, 2018. First-round interviews will be conducted by video conference. *More information and application [here](#)*

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Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, Arab Crossroads Program, Open Rank, NYUAD Abu Dhabi

Review of applications from: December 2017

New York University Abu Dhabi invites applications for an open rank faculty position in Middle Eastern studies for its Arab Crossroads program. We are searching for faculty in all disciplines (particularly Anthropology, Economics, Politics or Sociology) whose research and teaching focuses on the contemporary society and politics of the Gulf and the Middle East. We expect successful candidates to commence their appointment September 1, 2018, subject to final budget approval. The position will be in the Arab Crossroads Program, as a joint appointment across the divisions of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences. Please visit the NYU Abu Dhabi Arab Crossroads program website for a description of its innovative curriculum: <http://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/academics/academic-divisions/multidisciplinary-programs/acs.html>

The Arab Crossroads Program forms part of a large, interdisciplinary network of teaching and research in the areas of Middle Eastern Studies and the Islamic World within the division of Arts and Humanities at NYUAD. This network includes the Library of Arabic Literature, Library of Arabic Literature fellowships, Arabic Literature Online, the Humanities Research Fellowships in Gulf and Middle Eastern Studies, Arabic Language Program, Akkasah Center for Photography, Dhakira Center for Heritage Studies in the UAE, Tharawat Family Business Histories in the UAE, as well as a wide range of teaching and research in this area in other programs including Art and Art History, Film, History, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Theater (Arts and Humanities), and Economics, Political Science, Social Research and Public Policy (Social Sciences).

The review of applications will begin in December, and will continue on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for campus visits to NYU Abu Dhabi in 2018. The excellent terms of employment are competitive and include generous start-up and on-going research funds, as well as housing subsidies and educational subsidies for children.

To ensure full consideration by the search committee, applicants must submit their curriculum vitae, statements of research and teaching interests, two course outlines and two representative writing samples. To complete the online process, applicants will be prompted to enter the names and email addresses of at least three referees. Each referee will be contacted to upload his or her reference letter. Senior candidates are not required to submit references at this time. If you have any questions, please e-mail philip.kennedy@nyu.edu

NYU Abu Dhabi is a degree-granting research university with a fully integrated liberal arts and science undergraduate program in the Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Engineering. NYU Abu Dhabi, NYU New York, and NYU Shanghai, form the backbone of NYU's global network university, an interconnected network of portal campuses and academic centers across six continents that enable seamless international mobility of students and faculty in their pursuit of academic and scholarly

activity. This global university represents a transformative shift in higher education, one in which the intellectual and creative endeavors of academia are shaped and examined through an international and multicultural perspective. As a major intellectual hub at the crossroads of the Arab world, NYUAD serves as a center for scholarly thought, advanced research, knowledge creation, and sharing, through its academic, research, and creative activities.

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Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships (postdoc)

Deadline: 11 December 2017

Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships are for highly skilled researchers from other Commonwealth countries to spend one or two years at an eligible UK university or higher education institution conducting postdoctoral research. These fellowships are funded by the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) through the Rutherford Fund, with the aim of attracting global talent and supporting the UK's research base. Up to 50 fellowships are available.

Highly skilled and highly motivated PhD graduates whose proposed research topic is innovative, timely, and likely to lead to wider impact beyond the academic community and build research collaboration between the UK and other Commonwealth countries.

In your application, you are expected to identify **one** institution that you think is the most appropriate to host your fellowship, and to explain your reasons. You must also provide evidence of agreement to host your fellowship from an academic at your chosen institution.

To apply for these fellowships, you must:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by a Commonwealth country other than the United Kingdom, or be a British Protected Person
- Be permanently resident in a Commonwealth country other than the UK, and not based in the UK at the time of application
- Be available to start your fellowship in the UK before 31 March 2018
- Have been awarded your PhD no more than ten years prior to 1 November 2017
- Not have previously held a Commonwealth Scholarship or Fellowship awarded by the CSC

You may apply for support for postdoctoral research for one or two years. You must make your application directly to the CSC using the Electronic Application System (EAS). All applications must be submitted via the EAS by 12.30 (GMT) **on** 11 December 2017 at the latest. You must provide the following supporting documentation, which must be received by the CSC by 12.30 (GMT) **on** 13 December 2017 in order for your application to be eligible for consideration:

- References from at least two individuals. One of these referees must be your PhD supervisor; without a reference from this person (except in exceptional circumstances) your application will be ineligible

- PhD certificate
- Supporting statement from your proposed supervisor in the UK
- Copy of your passport showing your photograph, date of birth, and country of citizenship

You must ask three referees to submit a reference on headed paper by email to references.rutherford@cscuk.org.uk as soon as possible. Your EAS number must be included in the subject line of each email. You must also include the name and email address of each of your three referees in your application. When you submit your application, each referee will receive an email reminding them to submit their reference by the deadline above, in case they have not already done so; this email will include a link to your application, which they can view.

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Jusoor Scholarship

Deadline: 8 January 2018

St Antony's College, in partnership with Jusoor, are offering one scholarship a year for entry in 2018/19 to a student who is a Syrian citizen or a stateless person normally residing in Syria to study for a one-year Master's degree at St Antony's College in the University of Oxford.

Jusoor is an NGO of Syrian expatriates supporting the country's development and helping Syrian youth realize their potential through various programs and initiatives in the fields of Education, Career, and Global Community Engagement.

The scholarship is open to applicants who are Syrian citizens or Palestinian refugees in Syria (Palestinians with a Syrian Travel Document), who are currently living in Syria or abroad, and who have applied for a one-year full-time Master's degree in any subject offered at St Antony's College except the MBA (please see [here](#) for a full list). Preference will be given to students who have not already completed a Master's degree.

Please ensure you meet the requirements for entry to your course, including English language requirements. See the University's course guide for more information.

What does it cover?

100% of university and college fees, and an annual grant for living costs of £14,553 for 12 month courses and £10,915 for 9 month courses. The stipend for courses with different durations will be adjusted accordingly.

How do I apply?

In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must submit your application for graduate study to the University by the January deadline (8 or 19 January 2018 depending on the programme you apply

to - please check the University's guidance on application deadlines) and you must have secured a place on your chosen programme of study by the expected final decision date (16 March 2018). All eligible applications will be considered and there is no separate application process for this scholarship.

More information and application [here](#)

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