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Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology
Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

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*“Continuity and Change:
Diaspora, Religion, Kinship, Food, Art and Architecture”*

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***Conference Venue:** The Main Building of the Jagiellonian University (2nd floor), Golebia 24, Krakow, Poland.

PROGRAMME

August 10th

- 9:00-10:00 Registration
- 10:00-10:10 Dr. S. Shahshahani: Welcome Note to Participants
- 10:10-10:25 Dr. Hab. Marcin Brocki, Head of the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Jagiellonian University.
“Creating and Professing the Myth of the Middle East and Refugees in Contemporary Poland: Introductory Remarks”
- 10:25-10:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:30-14:00** **Panel I: The Cultural Expression of the Relationship Between Human / God Through Oral or Written Culture**
Organiser and Chair: Prof. Kim Shively, Kutztown University, Pennsylvania
- 10:30-10:50 Anna Łukjanowicz, Hamad bin Khalifa University, Qatar
“Muhajirun, the Muslim Expats. Experiences of Western Converts to Islam in Qatar”
- 10:50-11:10 Prof. Kim Shively, Kutztown University
“Good Deeds and Sincere Hearts: Hopes of Salvation among Members of the Turkish Gülen Movement”
- 11:10-11:30 Dr. Marie Sato, JSPS
“Islamic NGOs and their Provision of Urban Refugee Protection in Jordan”
- 11:30-11:50 Dr. Sachiko Hosoyo, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
“Supporting Negotiation with God: Examples of Spiritual Care for End-Stage Cancer Patients and Their Families in Isfahan”

- 11:50-12:10 Discussion
- 12:10-12:25 Coffee / Tea Break
- 12:25-12:45 Dr. Liyakat Takim, McMaster University
“Rituals and Pilgrimages in Kerbala”
- 12:45-13:05 Stefan Williamson Fa, University College London
“Voices of Regret: Sound, Performance and Listening in Contemporary Turkish Shi'ism”
- 13:05-13:25 Dr. Mateusz M. Kłagisz, Jagiellonian University
“The Omar-košan Festival and some Polish Parallel Observances”
- 13:25-13:45 Prof. Hiroshi Nawata, Akita University
“Methods for Selecting and Processing Red Sea Black Coral into Muslim Prayer Beads in Cairo, Egypt”
- 13:45-14:00 Discussion
- 14:00-15:00 Lunch Break
- 15:00-17:55** **Panel II: Middle Eastern Diaspora in Europe and in Latin America**
Organised by Dr. Leonardo Schiocchet (ISA, Austria) & Prof. Cecília Baeza (PUC-SP) & Prof. Paulo Pinto (UFF)
Chair: Dr. Leondardo Socchio
- 15:00-15:20 Dr. Schiocchet Leonardo, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austria
“Home, (im)mobility, and belonging among Palestinians”
- 15:20-15:40 Prof. Paulo G. Pinto, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil
“Ambiguous Differences: Constructions of Arab/Syrian-Lebanese Identities in Brazil”
- 15:40-16:00 Prof. Cecília Baeza, University of Brasilia
“The Palestinian Diaspora in Brazil in Perspective”

- 16:00-16:20 Liza Dumovich, Fluminense Federal University
“Following the Prophet’s Path: Narrating Migration in the Hizmet Community in Brazil”
- 16:20-16:35 Coffee / Tea Break
- 16:35-16:55 Yutaka Takaoka, The Middle East Research Institute of Japan & Aiko Nishikida, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
“Syrian and Palestinian Diaspora: Their Experience and Consciousness of Migration”
- 16:55-17:15 Yuko Suzuki-Monatte, Azad University, Tehran
“Iranian Migrants in French Society – A Comparative Study of Immigration Politics and Cultural Elements to Integration”
- 17:15-17:35 Dr. Sophie Roche, University of Heidelberg
“The Religious Infrastructure of the Cathedral Mosque in Moscow between Political Loyalty and Sociality of Migrants”
- 17:35-17:55 Discussion
- 17:55-18:10 Coffee / Tea Break
- 18:10-18:30 Panel III: Middle East in Distress, Roundtable Presentation and Discussion**
Organiser and Chair: Dr. S. Shahshahani, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran

All participants are invited to give their views, and summary will be made to make a Statement from our Commission to the IUAES

August 11th

9:00-10:40

Panel IV: Food, Family, and Fellowship: The Ethnography of Culinary Work in The Middle East

Organisers: Prof. Mary Hegland & Prof. Nefissa Naguib, University of Oslo

Chair: Prof. Nefissa Naguib

9:00-9:20

Dr. Saideh Saidi, Bremen University

“Food and Identity: Changes in Afghan Culinary Culture”

9:20-9:40

Anna Zadrožna, University of Oslo

“Circulation of Foods within a Diaspora: Foods, Belongings, and Sensory Experience”

9:40-10:00

Dr. Ayisha Khansaheb, New York University Abu Dhabi

“Life Histories and Shared Platters: Food, Religion, and the Values of Senior Emirati Women”

10:00-10:20

Dr. Reik Otsubo, The University of Tokyo

“Changing Meanings of Qat Consumption in Sana’a, Yemen”

10:20-10:40

Discussion

10:40-11:00

Coffee / Tea Break

11:00-14:25

Panel V: 4. Gender and Religion

Organiser and Chair: Dr. Soraya Tremayne, University of Oxford & Prof. Nefissa Naguib, University of Oslo

11:00-11:20

Dr. Paulina Niechciał, Jagiellonian University

“Women in Zoroastrianism in the Contexts of Gender Relations in Iran”

11:20-11:40

Dr. Jabbar Rahmani, Institute for Social and Cultural Studies, Tehran & Dr Mehri Tayebinia

“Women’s Reflexive Identity in Redefinition of Spirituality: Case Study: Women Who Are Employed And Have Higher Education In Iran”

- 11:40-12:00 Dr. Sahar Maranlou, University of Essex
“Sharia, Gender and Personal Status: Understanding Public Legal Culture”
- 12:00-12:20 Dr. Magdalena Rodziewicz, University of Warsaw
“The Phenomenon of ‘White Marriages’ in Iran – Legal Perspective”
- 12:20-12:35 Discussion
- 12:35-12:50 Coffee / Tea Break
- 12:50-13:10 Anna Zadrożna, University of Oslo
“The Lions’ Milk: Women and Consumption of Alcohol in Turkey”
- 13:10-13:30 Dr. Erol Saglam, University of London
“Islamic Practices in a Gendered Prism: Normativity, Masculinity, and Public in the Turkish Context”
- 13:30-13:50 Dr. Saideh Saidi, Bremen University
“Exacerbation in Tensions between Change and Loyalty, case study: Afghan Migrant Women’s Religious Identity in Germany”
- 13:50-14:10 Corinne Fortier, CNRS
“The Right to Divorce for Women (khul‘) in Islam: Gender and Practices in Mauritania”
- 14:10-14:25 Discussion
- 14:25-15:30 Lunch Break
- 15:30-18:00** **Panel VI: Anthropology of Art and Architecture in the Middle East**
 Organiser & Chair: Dr. Farniyaz Zaker, University of Oxford
- 15:30-15:50 Prof. Anna Krasnawolska, Jagiellonian University
“Tracking the Vanishing Old Tehran in Zoyā Pirzād’s Novel Adat mikonim”

- 15:50-16:10 Dr. Fakhri Haghani, Rutgers University
“Egyptian Women, Revolution, and the Making of a Visual Public Sphere”
- 16:10-16:30 Shokoufeh Arvin, Alzahra University, Tehran & Golsadat Seyed Mahdavi
“The "Others" in Iranian Movies on the Subject of Iran-Iraq War (Based on Ideas of Bakhtin)”
- 16:30-16:45 Coffee / Tea Break
- 16:45-17:05 Nasim Yazdani, Deakin University, Australia
“Linking Ideology, Habitus and Landscape, Traditional and Contemporary Uses of Gardens and Parks in Iran”
- 17:05-17:25 Kenichi Tani, Hitotsubashi University, Japan
“A Study On the Bodily Aspect of Hussein’s Mourning Ritual in Iran”
- 17:25-17:45 Sara Bamdad, University of Warwick
“Physical Boundaries and Beyond: The Spatial, The Social And The Embodied in an Infertility Treatment Clinic in Iran”
- 17:45-18:00 Discussion and Announcement of Zubaydeh Ashkanani Prize
- 18:00-18:05 Coffee / Tea Break
- 18:05-18:45 Documentary Film Screening
Chair: Dr. Danila Mayer
Rona Sela: *“Looted and Hidden – Palestinian Archives in Israel”*
- 18:45-19:00 Discussion

August 12th

9:00-11:15

Panel VII: Ethno-history of the Middle East

Organiser and Chair: Dr. Fakhri Haghani, Rutgers University

9:00-9:20

Dr. S. Shahshahani, Shahid Beheshti University
“Culture and Governance in Pre-Islamic Persian Literature”

9:20-9:40

Dr. Kaseim Sh. Al Sultani, Al Nahrain State University, Iraq
“The Sectarian Conflict in Iraq in the Seventeenth Century and after: A study of its Causes and Extensions”

9:40-10:00

Prof. Tomoko Yamagishi, Meiji University
“Preparatory Study for the Ethnography of Mobile-phone Usage in the Middle East”

10:00-10:20

Dr. Matthias Batts, Higher School of Economics’ Centre for Historical Research, St. Petersburg
“Russian Oriental Studies and the 1934 Ferdowsi Milenary Celebration”

10:20-10:40

Khalil A. Arab, Jagiellonian University
“Matrimonial Traditions in Pre-Islamic (Zoroastrian) Afghanistan: Focusing on Epic Poetry Mainly Shāhnāmeḥ of Ferdawsi”

10:40-11:00

Dr. Kenichiro Takao, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
“Development of Hisba in Today’s Muslim Society: “Religious Police” and its Scope of Operation”

11:00-11:15

Discussion

11:15-11:30

Coffee / Tea Break

11:30-12:50

Panel VIII: Anthropological Perspectives of Documentary Films About Women in the Middle East

Organised by Prof. Esther Hertzog, Levinsky Academic College, Tel Aviv. & Prof. Yael Katzir, Beit Berl Academic College, Kfar Saba, Israel
Chair: Prof. Esther Hertzog

- 11:30-11:50 Prof. Yael Katzir, Berl Academic College
“Coping With The Military And The Religious Male Clubs”
- 11:50-12:10 Dr. Abeer Zeibak Haddad, Beit Berl Academic College
“Our Silence is a License to Murder”
- 12:10-12:30 Prof. Esther Hertzog, Levinsky Academic College
“Anthropological Perspectives of Documentary Films about Women in The Middle East”
- 12:30-12:50 Discussion
- 12:50-14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30-16:30** **Business Meeting of the Commission on the Middle East and Closure of the Conference**
Agenda
- ISSC Meeting in Japan this Fall, should our Commission Participate?
 - Next year we shall meet in Florianopolis, Brazil, it will be the 18th Congress of IUAES, entitled **The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge, the date will be July 16-20th, 2018.**
 - Should we Hold Joint Commission Sessions?
 - Titles for our Sessions in Brazil
 - Structure of our Commission: Adding Regional Representatives?
 - Publication of Conference Papers