Amsterdam Middle Eastern Studies Lecture Series 2019

Egypt in focus 1919-2019

This year is the centenary year of the 1919 revolution in Egypt. That year Egyptians took to the street to protest their interests being represented by Great Britain during the Versailles conference which marked the end of the First World War. It took another revolution in 1952 to finally get rid of the British yoke. With the emergence of President Nasser, Egypt became one of the dominant forces in Middle East politics. Egypt in many ways was seen at the vanguard of the Middle East. This manifested itself in various ways, from the Suez crisis in 1956, the wars fought with Israel, involvement in the Yemen civil war in the 1960s, to the emergence of propaganda through the voice of Egypt, Egyptian cinema, state-led economic development. The price paid in terms of war losses and casualties, failed economic policies and increased repression became increasingly clear. The 2011 uprising recaptured the imagination of an Egypt again in touch with a new revolutionary current in the Middle East. The images of Tahrir square became iconic symbols of a possible new dawn. The current state of affairs however seems to suggest that such hope was premature. This fall lecture series focuses on Egypt and reflects on a century of turbulent history.

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| Thursday 26th of September| ACMES at the movies: Ultras of Egypt  
Followed by Q&A led by Dirk Wanrooij with filmmakers Frederick Mansell and Laurens Samsom |
| Thursday 10th of October  | Rethinking cinema histories in Egypt  
Dr. I. Elsaket  
(Leiden University and Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo) |
| Thursday 7th of November  | Reflections on the 1919 Egyptian revolution  
Dr. H. Omar  
(University College Dublin) |
| Tuesday 19th of November  | Egypt: stability or fragility?  
co-organised with the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms and Dr Vivienne Matthies-Boon  
attendance for this event via registration only: acmes@uva.nl |

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