



## Multiple Encounters: Europe in the Middle East / the Middle East in Europe

ACMES Research Convention, 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, University of Amsterdam

*In collaboration with ACES and ARTES*

**Venue:**  
**University Library, Singel 425, Amsterdam**

	<b>Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> of December</b>	<b>Location</b>
8.30-9.00	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Foyer Doelenzaal</i>
9.00-9.15	Welcoming words Introduction to the program	Doelenzaal (C0.07)
9.15-10.45 Parallel sessions	1) Eastern European contacts with the Middle East 2) Ethics, politics and academic freedom	Potgieterzaal (C0.01) Doelenzaal (C0.07)
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Foyer Doelenzaal</i>
11.00-12.30 Parallel sessions	3) Producing and closing political space under conditions of authoritarianism 4) EU External relations and the MENA region	Doelenzaal (C0.07) Vondelzaal (C1.08)
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Foyer Doelenzaal</i>
13.30-15.00 Parallel sessions	5) Migrations and Refugees 6) Historical encounters (part 1)	Belle van Zuylen (C1.13) Potgieterzaal (C0.01)
15.00-15.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Foyer Doelenzaal</i>
15.15-16.45	7) Historical encounters (part 2)	Doelenzaal (C0.07)
16.45-17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Foyer Doelenzaal</i>
17.00-18.00	Closing panel in a plenary session	Doelenzaal (C0.07)
18.00	<i>Reception drinks</i>	<i>Foyer Doelenzaal</i>

## **Panel 1: Eastern European contacts with the Middle East**

- 1) **From empire to the post-war constellation in the Middle East: The Eastern European connection**  
*Dr. Michiel Leezenberg (UvA)*
- 2) **Through Kurdish eyes: Why did Tatars and Poles dream of modernising the Ottoman Empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century?**  
*Dr. Joanna Bocheńska (Jagiellonian University)*
- 3) **The Socialist Polish People's Republic and the development of Kurdish humanities: An unknown PhD dissertation by Abdullah Fatah**  
*Dr. Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut (independent researcher)*
- 4) **Akhmatova in Arabic: Russian literary influences in Iraq**  
*Dr. Mariwan Kanie (UvA)*

## **Panel 2: Ethics, politics and academic freedom: cross-regional reflections**

- 1) **The burden of "neutrality". Ethical Dissonance and racialized politics in the neo-liberal university**  
*Dr. Ruba Salih (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)*
- 2) **The trouble with transparency: Doing research on Islam/the Middle East at the University of Amsterdam**  
*Prof. dr. Annelies Moors (UvA)*
- 3) **The politics of researching Palestine: Access, law-fare, BDS and other attacks on academic freedom**  
*Dr. Anne de Jong (UvA)*
- 4) **Critical research, positionality and studying the security sector in Israel**  
*Dr. Erella Grassiani (UvA)*
- 5) **Linguistic research in Sudan**  
*Dr. Caroline Roset (UvA)*

### **Panel 3: Producing and closing political space under conditions of authoritarianism**

- 1) **Hegemonic Crisis and the Management of Authoritarianism in Israel Palestine**  
*Hilla Dayan (AUC)*
- 2) **From point of exit to place of arrival... and back to point of departure: Tangiers as city of lost dreams**  
*Dr. Miriyam Aouragh (UvA)*
- 3) **Comparing Tahrir Square and Puerta del Sol: The production of political space in Egypt and Spain**  
*Wladimir Riphagen (UvA)*

### **Panel 4: EU external relations and the MENA region**

- 1) **European Union practices of governing space and population in contested states: insights from EUPOL COPPS in Palestine**  
*Dr. Dimitris Bouris (UvA) Dr. Beste İşleyen (UvA)*
- 2) **Irregular migration management in Turkey**  
*Dr. Beste İşleyen (UvA)*
- 3) **Multilateral financial flows from the EU to Morocco**  
*Dr. Farid Boussaid (UvA)*
- 4) **'Ethical policy' and the immoral hierarchy of victimhood in post-conflict assistance to Syria and Iraq**  
*Dr. Robbert Woltering (UvA)*

### **Panel 5: Migrations and Refugees**

- 1) **Making *hijra*/coming back: Existential (im)mobility of women converts to Islam from the Netherlands**  
*Dr. Vanessa Vroon-Najem (UvA)*
- 2) **Narratives of vulnerability: the approach of international organizations to "early marriages" among refugees in Jordan**  
*Dina Zbeidy (UvA)*
- 3) **Upward mobility between geopolitical peripheries: Palestinian students in Eastern Europe**  
*Dr. Shifra Kisch (UvA)*

## **Panel 6: Historical encounters (part 1)**

- 1) Encounters with non-Muslims in early-modern and modern Hajj Accounts**  
*Dr. Richard van Leeuwen (UvA)*
- 2) Tellings of the encounter between ‘Abduh, Spencer and Blunt in 1903: entangling and disentangling Europe and the Middle East**  
*Dr. Ammeke Kateman (UvA)*
- 3) The racialized political theology of the Sykes-Picot Middle East**  
*Prof. James Renton (Edge Hill University and MONITOR Global Intelligence on Racism, EUI)*
- 4) Semitic brotherhood: ‘Arab-Jewish’ intellectuals in Monarchic Egypt**  
*Lucia Admiraal (UvA)*

## **Panel 7: Historical encounters (part 2)**

- 1) Ritual, conflict, and memory: Kristallnacht commemorations in the Netherlands and Jewish-Muslim relations**  
*Prof. dr. Gerard Wiegers (UvA)*
- 2) The ‘Actie Dousadj’ as a case-study for Iranian-Dutch relations in the early 1960s**  
*Dr. Maaike Warnaar (Leiden University)*
- 3) (Post)Coloniality and Museum Failure**  
*Dr. Chiara De Cesari (UvA)*