

DR. JENS-PETER HANSEN
Curriculum Vitae

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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DEGREES

<u>Degree:</u>	<u>Year:</u>	<u>Institution:</u>
- D.Phil., Modern History	2001	Oxford University
Title of D.Phil. Thesis: “ <i>The Effect of Ottoman Rule on Fin de Siècle Beirut; The Province of Beirut, 1888-1914.</i> ” Supervisor: Dr. E.L. Rogan; External Examiner: Prof. Robert Ilbert (Aix-Marseille), recommended for publication with Clarendon Press, OUP.		
- M.Phil., Oriental Studies	1995	Oxford University
- B.A., Arabic & Islamic Studies	1993	Durham University
(1. class honours with distinction in spoken Arabic)		

Studies:

- Socrates pre-doctoral fellow	2000	La Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l’Homme. Director: Dr. Randi Deguilhem
- Research Associate	1997-99	Center for Behavioral Research, American University of Beirut. Director: Prof. Samir Khalaf
- Stipendiat	1998-99	Deutsches Orient Institut, Beirut
- Pre-doctoral Associate	1996	Deutsches Orient Institut, Istanbul. Director: Prof. Angelika Neuwirth
- Turkish Language Student	1995, 1996	TÖMER Institute, Istanbul, advanced intermediary level
- Visiting researcher	1996	IREMAM, Aix-en-Provence
- Arabic Language Student	1990-91	TAFL- <i>Kulliyat al-Adab</i> , University of Alexandria. Director: Dr. Adrian Gully
- Arabic Language Student	1990	Ma‘had Bourghiba, Tunis
- First-Year Student	1989-90	Universität Tübingen, Introductory Arabic with Prof. Manfred Ullmann

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor (July 2010-present)

- Dpts. of Historical Studies-University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus (UTM); History, and Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations (NMC) - St. George Campus.
- *Assistant Professor* (Tenure Track, July 2005-June 2010)
Appointments: Dpts. of Historical Studies, UTM; History, NMC
- *Assistant Professor* (5-year appointment, July 2002-July 2005)
Dpts. of History and NMC

- Thyssen Foundation Teaching Fellow, Zentrum für gewaltsbezogene Nahostforschung, Erlangen University (2001-02)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- German and English (Fluent); Arabic and French (Advanced); Turkish/Ottoman and Spanish (Intermediate).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Advisory Board Member:

- Sijal School of Arabic Language and Culture (<http://sijal.org/people#MQ>)
- Jarislowsky Chair of in the Modern History of the Middle East and North-West Africa, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

Professional Membership:

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) of North America

Professional Activities:

- *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Editorial Board (2013-2014).
- MESA Committee for Academic Freedom, board member (2008-2014).
- Nominating Committee for MESA president and board members, 2009.
- *MIT-EJMES*, Book Review Editor (2002-04), Editorial Board (2004-2009).

Doctoral Supervision Completed:

- Noa Shaindlinger, “Remembering Pasts, Imagining Futures: The Politics of Hope in Palestine” (September 2008-2016– SSHRC & OGS grants), members: Amira Mittermaier, Ato Quayson, Alejandro Paz, Julie Peteet (external)
- Hicham Safieddine (NMC), “Economic Sovereignty and the Fetters of Finance: The Making of Lebanon’s Central Bank” (September 2008-2015 – SSHRC & OGS grants), Committee members: Paul Kingston, James Reilly, Mohammad Tavakoli, Roger Owen (external)

Doctoral Committees Served

- Oscar Jarzmik (NMC 2011), “Prelude to Revolt: East Jerusalem between Occupation and Uprising” (supervisor: James Reilly)
- Mai Taha (Law), “From the League of Nations to the International Labour Organization: law, labor and nationalism in the inter-war Arab ‘Near East’” (supervisor: Karen Knop). Defended: March 2015
- Brandon King (History), “US Foreign Policy in Iraq under Eisenhower” (supervisor: Ron Pruessen). Defended: Dec. 2013.
- Judith Laffan (School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, University of Queensland, Australia), “Negotiating Empires: British Dragomans and Changing Identity in the 19th-Century Levant”. Defended: May 2011.
- Sargon Donabed (NMC), “The Assyrians of Iraq 1950-2003: Ethno-Religious and Cultural Assimilation, Devastation, and Displacement.” Defended: December 2009. [Publication: *Reforging a Forgotten History: Iraq and the Assyrians in the 20th Century*, Edinburgh U Press, 2015)].

- Awad Halabi (NMC), “The Transformation of the Nabi Musa Festival in Palestine from Local to National Identity: The Ottoman to the British Mandate Periods.” Defended: December 2006.
- Ryan Gingeras (History), “Notorious Subjects, Invisible Citizens: Revolution, Ethnicity and Islam in Western Anatolia, 1913-1938.” Defended: September 2006. [Publication: *Sorrowful Shores: Violence, Ethnicity, and the End of the Ottoman Empire 1912-1923* (Oxford Studies in Modern European History, 2011)].

Current Doctoral Students

- Susan Benson-Sökmen, “Legacies of Armed Struggle in Kurdistan: History, Martyrdom, and Feminism from the Margins of the Non-State Nation,” (September 2009-)
- Ian Costa, “German Jewish Echoes in Arab Thought” (2015-)
- Samar Abdelgalil, “The History of Childhood in 19th-century Egypt and Algeria” (2015-)
- Dina Fergani, “Global Egypt: Dissident Aesthetics in the Age of Decolonization (1948-1978)” (2015-)

Current Committee Member

- Jamila Ghaddar (Information Studies, 2015-), “The Politics of Archiving in Lebanon” (supervisor: Nadia Caidi)
- Kyle Gamble (NMC 2015-), “Wartime and Postwar Lebanese Novels” (Jeannie Miller)
- Dustin Harris (History 2012-), “Housing Algerians: Imperial Legacies in Postcolonial France” (Eric Jennings)
- Mehmet Kuru (History 2011-), “Izmir hits the Market at a Closing Time: Mediterranean Trade in the 17th century Through the Formation of a Port-City” (Natalie Rothman)
- Nimrod Lin (History 2012-), “Strength in Numbers: the Making of a Jewish Majority in Mandatory Palestine 1917-1948” (Derek Penslar)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- SSHRC Insight Grant – four years of funding for “German-Jewish Echoes in 20th-Century Arab Thought,” 2014-18
- Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, conference grant, 2012
- David A. Gardner ‘69 Magic Project of the Humanities Council, Princeton, 2012
- Connaught New Staff Matching Grant, University of Toronto, 2008-10: *Self-fashioning Arabs: Political Culture, Aesthetics and the Quest for Modernity during the Arab Renaissance, 1840-1920*
- 12-months fellowship in the Research Cluster “Cultural Foundations of Integration” at the Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Konstanz, Germany, Oct 2009-Jul 2010 (declined)
- SSHRC Aid to Research Workshop Grant, 2005: Notes from the Field: Canadian Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies after 9/11”
- Thyssen Foundation postdoctoral project: “Visions of a New Social Order; Sociological Dimensions of Arab Thought in the Nineteenth Century” (2001-03), Univ. of Erlangen.
- Research grant from the German Scientific Council (DFG) for a three-year, multi-disciplinary research project, *The Quarter Zokak Al-Blat in Beirut; History, Structure and Change of a Peri-central District*; principle investigator: Prof. A. Neuwirth, Free University of Berlin. Eight co-investigators. (2002-04).

- Socrates pre-doctoral fellow, La Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (Oxford-University of Aix/Marseille exchange) Jan-March 2001.
- DFG Grant for five-day conference on *Arab Provincial Capitals in the late Ottoman Empire*: at the German Orient Institute, Beirut.
- Socrates doctoral fellow, La Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (Oxford-University of Aix/Marseille exchange) Jan-March 2001.
- DAAD doctoral scholar, Center for Behavioral Research, American University of Beirut, Jan. 1997 – July 1999.
- Stipendiat, Deutsches Orient Institut Beirut, March 1998 – July 1999.
- Doctoral fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg Summer Academy Fellow (“Crisis and Memory”), Sept. 1998.
- ESRC scholarship: funding for M.Phil. in Oriental Studies, Oxford 1993-95.
- Doctoral Research fellowships, 1996-99: DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), 18 months; Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft, 15 months; Scatcherd Centre for European Studies in Aix-en-Provence, 6 months; Skilleter Centre for Ottoman Research (Cambridge) in Istanbul, 3 months.

Books, Forthcoming

2018:

- Monograph: *The Middle East at the Fin de Siècle* (commissioned by Oxford University Press, 300pp)
- Translation (76pp) and Introduction (31pp) of *Nafir Suriyya* a series of anti-sectarian pamphlets written after the Lebanese civil war of 1860, co-authored with H. Safieddine (under review by University of California Press)

2017:

- Edited Volume (co-editor Amal Ghazal, Dalhousie): *Handbook of Contemporary Middle Eastern and North African History*, commissioned by OUP, c. 38 contributors, 6-8,000 ws each. (600pp)
- Edited Monograph (co-editor Max Weiss, Princeton): *Arabic Thought Against the Authoritarian Age: Towards an Intellectual History of the Present*, under contract with CUP. (400pp)
- Introduction to above ed. vol. (co-written with M. Weiss, 40pp).
- “The Age of Urban Democracy in the Middle East: The Ottoman Municipalities of Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem and Baghdad, 1868-1914”. Chapter in *Revealing Ordinary Jerusalem (1840-1940)*, ed. by V. Lemire.

Published Books

2016:

- Edited Monograph (co-editor Max Weiss, Princeton): *Arabic Thought beyond the Liberal Age: Towards and Intellectual History of the Nahda, 1780s-1940s* (CUP).
- (Co-author) *History, Space and Social Conflict in Beirut; The Quarter of Zokak el-Blat* (Beirut: German Orient Institute). 406pp, 2nd edition, originally published 2005

2005:

- *Fin de Siècle Beirut; the Making of an Ottoman Provincial Capital* (Oxford Historical Monograph Series, Clarendon Press). 307pp.

2002:

- (Co-editor) *The Empire in the City: Arab Provincial Capitals in the late Ottoman Empire*, (Beirut: German Orient Institute). 375pp.

Scholarly Articles and Chapters

2017:

- “Beirut (pre-Ottoman, Ottoman, and post-Ottoman),” entry for the *Encyclopedia of Islam*. 2000 ws.

2016:

- “Language, Mind, Freedom and Time: The Modern Arab Intellectual Tradition in Four Words,” introduction to *Arabic Thought Beyond the Liberal Age*, 1-38.
- “Albert’s World: Historicism, Liberal Imperialism and the Struggle for Palestine, 1936-1948,” chapter 2 in *Arabic Thought Beyond the Liberal Age*, 62-92.
- “The Expansion of the Political Imagination,” introduction to Part II, 93-99.
- “The Means and Ends of the Liberal Experiment,” introduction to Part III, 167-74.
- “The Persistence of the Nahda,” introduction to Part IV, 235-42.
- “Lebanon’s *Al-Akhbar* and Radical Press Culture: Toward an Intellectual History of the Contemporary Arab Left,” *Arab Studies Journal* 24 (Spring 2016) with Hicham Safieddine.
- Obituary: “Thomas Philipp (1941-2015),” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 48 (2016), 209-12.

2015:

- “The Middle East,” in *The Fin de Siècle World*, ed. by M. Saler (New York: Routledge), 266-82.

2014:

- “Translating Revolution: Khayri Hammad Reads Hannah Arendt,” chapter in *Shifting Borders: America and the Middle East/North Africa*, ed. by A. Lubin (Beirut: AUB Press), 135-46.

2013:

- “Jurji Zaydan and the Meaning of the Nahda,” chapter in *Jurji Zaidan - His Contributions to Modern Arab Thought and Literature*, ed. by T. Philipp (Jurji Zaidan Foundation), 55-82.
- “Translating Revolution: Hannah Arendt in Arab Political Culture,” (35 pp.) for an issue on “Revolutionary Spirit,” in <http://www.hannaharendt.net/index.php/han/article/view/301> - reviewed by Wolf Lepenies, http://www.welt.de/kultur/article127354156/Hannah-Arendt-im-arabischen-Fruehling.html#disqus_thread

2012:

- “Kafka and Arabs,” *Critical Inquiry* (Autumn), 39, 167-97. (to be translated into Arabic and published in *Dirasat Filastiniyya*)
- “Reading Hannah Arendt in the Middle East,” in *European Totalitarianism in the Mirrors of Contemporary Arab Thought*, ed. by M. Sing and T. Scheffler (Beirut: German Orient Institute), http://www.perspectivia.net/content/publikationen/orient-institut-studies/1-2012/hanssen_hannah-arendt, 38 pp. Translated by Thaer Dib as “Qira’a Hannah Arendt fi al-sharq al-awsat: Mulahazat awliyya fi al-shamuliyya wa al-thawra,” in *Majalla Dirasat Filastiniyya*, 24: 95 (summer), 76-107. (<http://www.palestine-studies.org/files/pdf/mdf/11751.pdf>)

2011:

- “Malhamé – Malfamé: Levantine Elites and Trans-imperial Networks in the Late Ottoman Empire,” *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 43:1, 25-48.

2010:

- “History, Heritage and Modernity: Cities in the Muslim World between Destruction and Reconstruction,” *New Cambridge History of Islam*, vol. 6 (Cambridge: CUP), 515-42.

2006:

- “Colonial Anxiety, Scientific Missionaries and Social Containment in *fin de siècle* Beirut,” *Archeology and History in Lebanon* 22, 52-61.
- (Co-author), “Introduction,” *The Sixth War: Israel’s Invasion of Lebanon MIT-EJMES* special issue (Summer), 6-8.

- “Sexuality, Health and Colonialism in postwar Beirut,” in *Sexuality in the Modern Middle East*, eds. S. Khalaf and J. Gagnon (London: Saqi Press), 63-84. (Arabic translation 2015)
- 2005:
- “The Origins of the Municipal Council in Beirut (1860-1908).” in *Municipalités Méditerranéennes*, ed. N. Lafi (Paris: Editions du Seuil), 139-175.
- 2004:
- “From Social Status to Intellectual Activity: Some Prosopographical Observations on the Municipal Council in Beirut (1868-1908),” in *From the Syrian Land to the State of Syria*, eds. C. Schumann and T. Philipp (Beirut: Orient Institute), 59-76.
- 2002:
- “Public Morality and Marginality in *fin de siècle* Beirut” in *Outside In: Shifting Boundaries of Marginality in the Muslim World*, ed. E. Rogan (London: I.B. Tauris), 183-211.
- “Introduction: Towards a New Urban Paradigm,” in *Empire in the City: Arab Provincial Capitals in the late Ottoman Empire*, eds. J. Hanssen, T. Philipp, S. Weber (Beirut: Orient Institute), 1-25.
- “Models of Integration: Centre-Periphery Relations in the Ottoman Empire,” in *Empire in the City: Arab Provincial Capitals in the late Ottoman Empire*, 49-74.
- 2001:
- “Beirut in Memoriam - a kaleidoscopic Space out of Focus” (with Daniel Genberg), in *Crisis and Memory; Dimensions of their Relationship in Islam and adjacent Cultures*, eds. A. Pflitsch and A. Neuwirth (Beirut: Orient Institute), 231-62.
- 2000:
- “Bayrut: madina lil-tanzimat [Beirut: a Tanzimat City]” in ‘*Asr al-Nahda: Muqaddimat Libraliyya lil-Hadatha* [The Era of the Arabic Literary Revival: Liberal Preludes to Modernity] ed. Y. Mouawad (Beirut: Fondation René Mouawad), 99-110.
- 1998:
- “‘Your Beirut is on my desk’: Ottomanizing Beirut under Abdülhamid II, 1876-1909”, in *Projecting Beirut: Episodes on the Construction and Reconstruction of a Modern City*, eds. P. Rowe and H. Sarkis (München: Prestel), 41-67.
- “Imperial Discourses and Ottoman Archaeology: The Ottoman Excavation in Lebanon, 1887”, in *Image and Monument: Baalbek, 1898-1998*, eds. A. Neuwirth, H. Sader and T. Scheffler (Beirut: Orient Institute), 157-172.

Academic Journals Guest-edited

- 2006:
- Co-editor: *The Sixth War: Israel’s Invasion of Lebanon*, MIT-EJMES special issue (summer), 231pp. BP-Refereed (<http://web.mit.edu/cis/www/mitejmes/intro.htm>)

Scholarly Reports

- 2003:
- Coauthor with K. Watenpaugh, E. Méténier and H. Fattah, *Opening the Doors: Intellectual Life and Academic Conditions in Post-War Baghdad*, July 15. Available online at: http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/about/press/opening_doors/; translated into Arabic by *al-Mustaqbal al-‘Arabi* 297 (Oct. 2003), reproduced in *Al-‘Iraq; al-ghazu – al-ikhtilal – al-muqawama. Shahadat min kharij al-watan al-‘arabi* (Beirut: Centre for Arab Unity Studies, 2003) 271-298.

Documentary

2003

Documentary on the Destruction of Baghdad's cultural heritage, 19:30 minutes. My footage was used in Deep Dish's *Shocking and Awful*, a three DVDs documentary of grassroots responses to war in Iraq. Available at www.youtube.com

Journalistic Articles

2011:

- "Alliances and Future Scenarios in Egypt," December 22, 2011 (<http://www.themarknews.com>)
- "al-Sa'a al-sifr' fi-l-Qahira: tafkik al-ba'd al-kulunyali lil-dimuqratiyya," *al-Akhbar* (Lebanon), 17 February, 2011.
- "D-Day in Cairo: Decolonizing Democracy" op-ed piece for *Stabroek News* (Guyana), 7 February, 2011. <http://www.stabroeknews.com/2011/features/in-the-diaspora/02/07/d-day-in-cairo-decolonizing-democracy/>
- "If Mubarak Falls, who is next?" article for www.themarknews.com
- TV interviews & live discussions on CTV News, TVO, CBC Online News

2010:

- "Kafka wa al-'Arab," *al-Akhbar* (Sept. 27)

2006:

- Co-author (with Paul Kingston) of Op-Ed piece in the *Toronto Star*, August 4, 2006 on Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

2004:

- "al-Wa'i al-tarikhi fi Bayrut [Historical Consciousness in Beirut];" review essay on Samir Kassir, *Histoire de Beyrouth* commissioned by *Mulhaq an-Nahar*, vol. 665, Dec. 5 (Lebanon).

2003:

- "An obituary of the Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad, 1925-2003," Commentary in *The Daily Star* (Beirut), April 21.
- "The discovery of the Alexander Sarcophagus in Saida, 1887," in *Lebanese National Museum News*, Vol. 7 (London).

1997:

- "Arab Identity is a Process not a Category," *Beirut Times*, December 18.

1994:

- "The Israel-PLO Agreement: Silver Lining or Silver Cage," *Woodstock Road Editorial* (St. Antony's College, Oxford), Summer Edition.
- "Fundamental Misconceptions: Islam and the Media," *Woodstock Road Editorial*. Spring Edition.

Visiting Scholar

2017

Marburg University (May-June)

Symposia organized and convened

2017:

- Co-organizer and convenor with R. Comay and P. Schwebel, a masterclass with Sami Khatib (AUB) and a mini-symposium on "Benjamin in Palestine," January 10 & 13.

2012:

- Co-organizer and convenor with Max Weiss, *Arabic Thought Beyond the Liberal Age*, conference to mark the 50th anniversary of Albert Hourani's *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age*, Princeton, 4-6 October.

- Organizer and convenor: "Antisemitism, Fascism and Antifascism," mini-symposium with profs. Orit Bashkin (Chicago), Israel Gershoni (Tel Aviv U), Derek Penslar, and Jennifer Jenkins at UofT, 23 April, 2012

2011:

- Organizer of Thematic Conversation on "Debating the Holocaust in Middle East Studies" held at the annual Middle East Studies Association Meeting, Wash.D.C. Dec. 2, 2011.

- Organizer and convenor, "The Arabs and the Holocaust," UofT mini-symposium with Gilbert Achcar, Derek Penslar and Michael Marrus, 14 February

2009-10:

- Organizer, "Questioning the Boycott of Israel: Path to Justice or Obstacle to Peace?" introducing Omar Barghouti and Chandler Davis. (November)

2009:

- Co-organizer (with my graduate students) and discussant of MESA Panel: "Counter-spaces of Modernity in Turkey and Palestine," Boston (November).

- Co-organizer (with my graduate students) of a teach-in on "The War on Gaza," Toronto, (January).

2007:

- Organizer and discussant: Roundtable "Cities at Stake," *Middle East Studies Association*, Montreal (November).

2005:

- Co-organizer, "Notes from the Field; Prospects and Challenges for Canadian Research in Middle East and Islamic Studies Post 9/11," SSHRC-funded workshop, Toronto (4-6 November).

- Chair and panel co-organizer, Middle East Studies Association, "Between a Spring and a Fall: Lebanon and Syria at a Crossroads," Washington, (19-22 November).

- Roundtable organizer, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, Nov. 19-22, 2005: *Cities and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, and presenter: "Colonizing Baghdad," Washington, (19-22 November).

2004:

- Co-organizer of an International Workshop on: *Mapping the Mediterranean*. Funded by the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin and held at Orient Institute Beirut. (December)

2003:

- Co-organizer of the "Forum Commemorating the Intellectual Legacy of Edward W. Said, 1935-2003," University of Toronto. (November)

1998:

- Principle organizer of *Arab Provincial Capitals in the late Ottoman Empire*: a five-day conference at the German Orient Institute, Beirut, in collaboration with the Lebanese Ministry of Culture and Higher Education, the American University of Beirut, the German Archaeological Institute in Damascus, University of Erlangen, the Economic and Social Council for Western Asia (United Nations), and the German Scientific Council (DFG).

Invited lectures

2017:

Lecture: “Between Literature and History: Arabic Thought beyond the Liberal Age,” book-launch lecture at Islamic Studies Institute, McGill University (January 27)

2016:

- Lecture: “The Inventions and Reinventions of the Nahda,” lecture at CAMES, AUB (December 14)
- Lecture: “Time, Language, Mind and Freedom: The modern Arab intellectual tradition in four words,” Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo (Oct. 28)
- Seminar: “In and Out of Palestine with Walter Benjamin,” Dept. of History, University of Oslo (Nov. 2)
- “Archives of Urban Renewal in Ottoman Beirut,” Symposium on *Revealing Ordinary Jerusalem (1840-1940): New archives and perspectives on urban citizenship and global entanglements*” held at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies in Rethymnon, Crete (May).
- “Arabic Thought beyond the Liberal Age: Towards a new intellectual history of the Nahda,” Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (March).

2015:

- “The Struggle for Palestine at the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry of 1946,” *Sijal* Institute, Amman (Dec.). <https://soundcloud.com/sijalinstitute/jens-hanssen-the-struggle-for-palestine-at-the-anglo-american-commission-of-inquiry-of-1946>
- “The Global Cold War and the Arab Intellectual Field.” SOAS, London (May).
- “Khayri Hammad and Hannah Arendt in Cairo: Translating Liberal Thought in Revolutionary Times,” Goethe-Institute, Cairo (Feb).
- “Politics of Regeneration and Discourses of Degeneration: The Middle East at the fin de siècle,” AUC’s Political Science Dept, Cairo (Feb).
- “Time, Language, Mind and Freedom: The Modern Arab Intellectual Tradition in Four Words,” AUC’s History Dept, Cairo (Feb.).

2014:

- “Translating Hannah Arendt: Notes on Modern Arab Intellectual History,” Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin (March).

2013:

- “Imagining *Nahda* Networks: Towards the History of an Intellectual Tradition,” History Department, University of California, Berkeley (January).
- “Translating Revolution: Hannah Arendt and Arab Political Culture,” Bard College, NY, April 2013 (<https://vimeo.com/66665028>).

2012:

- “Kafka & Arabs” & “The Syrian Uprising in Historical Perspective,” Queens University, Kingston, On, (October).
- “The Syrian Uprising, the Arab Left and the Palestinian Struggle,” Community-meets-Academic Debate at Beit Zatoun, Toronto, 10 February.

2011:

- “Reading Hannah Arendt in the Arab Spring: ‘Islamic City,’ ‘Arab Street’ and the Politics of Spontaneity,” Newhouse Center for the Humanities, Wellesley College, (November).
- “Kafka and Arabs,” EUME - Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, research Seminar with three other Kafka scholars (July).
- „Nasif al-Yaziji’s Traum: Überlegungen zur arabischen Nahda,” Arab Studies Dept.at the Free University of Berlin, (July).

- "From Lebanon to Istanbul and Back: toward a Family History of the Middle East." Salt Lake City, Turkish Studies Project at Middle East Center (April).

2010:

- "Translating Sectarianism: The Place of *Nafir Suriyya* (1860-61) in Modern Arab Culture," University of Hamburg & FU Berlin (February).

2008:

- "Malhamé-Malfamé: The Ambiguity of Empire in the late Ottoman Levant," Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University, Cambridge (October).
- "*Fin de Siècle* Beirut", Middle East Center, Ohio State University, Columbus (April)

2007:

- "Reforming Paradigms, Power and Places: 19th Century Middle Eastern Cities in Comparison" Middle East Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (October)
- "*Fin de Siècle* Reflections on Beirut" 2006-07 Speaker Series: *New Directions in Ottoman Studies, Program in Ottoman Studies*, New York University, New York (April)
- "Ottoman Governmentality: Explorations in Political Reason." Ottoman Research Workshop, New York University, New York (April)

2006:

- "*Fin De Siècle Beirut*," Near East Studies Department, Cornell University, Ithaca (April)

2005:

- "Beirut Versus Damascus: The 'Cedar Revolution' in Historical Perspective." History Department, Oberlin College, Oberlin (February)

2004:

- "Historical Echoes and Territorial Blind Spots; The Beirut-Damascus Rivalry and the Arab Nationalisms Debate" Lecture, History Department, Yale University, New Haven. (December)
- "Colonial and Post-Colonial Readings of *Fin De Siècle Beirut*." History Department, Minnesota University, Minneapolis (November)

2003:

- "Report from Iraq with B.H. Yael & Jens-P. Hanssen" Screening of my Baghdad Documentary and lecture on my experience in Iraq, hosts: Science for Peace, Toronto. (November)
- "Baghdad Under Occupation." Centre for Behavioral Research, AUB. (October)

2000:

- "Domestic and Public Architecture in fin de siècle Beirut," Public lecture at the British Museum, London. (Oct.)
- "Osman Hamdi Bey and the Saida Excavation of 1887," Rhodes Race Relations Seminar, Oxford University. (June)

Presentations held at meetings and symposia

2017:

- Panel Discussion: "Nietzsche 13/13: Ali Shariati," the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University (April 27)
- Presentation: "Radical post-colonial intellectuals in Syria and Lebanon," Conference convened by D. Rizk Khoury on *Citizenship/Subjecthood in Comparative Perspective: The Middle East, South Asia and Africa*, George Washington University (March 2-3)
- Presentation: "UofT, the Structure of Knowledge Production and Palestine," History Students' Association annual conference, *The Colonizer and the Colonized: Decolonization, Identity and Nationalism*. (January 18)

- Presentation “Palestinian *Nachträglichkeit*: Walter Benjamin reads Mahmoud Darwish” at UofT mini-symposium on “Benjamin in Palestine: Memory, Politics, Violence” (January 13)
2016:
 - Presentation: “The Arab Radical Tradition in Comparative Perspective,” symposium on *Left-Wing Trends in the Arab World (1948-1979)*, Orient Institute Beirut (December 11-13)2015:
 - Introduction to Keynote Address by Susan Buck-Morss, at Workshop & Conference on “Benjamin in Palestine,” held in Ramallah/Birzeit University, Dec. 6-11 (<http://benjamininpalestine.org/>)
 - Lecture: “We and the Syrians: The Ethics of Engagement in the Age of the War on Terror” at *Syria: A Critical Discussion of Crisis and Destruction*, an NMC symposium in support of Syrian refugees, (<https://nmcsu.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/syria-critical-discussion-for-fb.pdf>)
 - Lecture: “Albert’s World: Hourani and his interlocutors,” Stokes Seminar, History Dept., Dalhousie University, Oct. 30.
 - Keynote panellist and paper presenter at the Oxford Nahda Workshop (<https://oxfordnahdaworkshop.wordpress.com/workshop-programme/>)2014:
 - Presentation: “An Ottoman Excavation in the Levant: Archaeology, State-building and Colonialism after Schliemann’s Excavations,” at NMC Archaeology conference (November)
 - Panel Discussion, “Ali Mustafa: Truths about the Syrian Revolution,” OISE (March)2013:
 - Panel discussion: “They Promised us the Sea,” documentary on the Jewish exodus from Morocco by Kathy Wazana, Innes College, (Nov.)
 - “Turkey and the Arab Spring,” Munk Centre discussion with visiting Turkish scholars and diplomats, UofT; panelist. (October)
 - “Recentring Borderlands: US-Mexico, Israel-Palestine,” Dept. of Anthropology, UofT, paper discussant. (September)
 - Presentation: “The 19th century Revival & Reform Movement: The Nahda as Archimedean Point of Arab Modernity,” *Translation Renaissance: From the Nahda to the Arab Spring*, organized by E. Holt & T. al-‘Ariss, ACLA, annual meeting in Toronto (April).2012:
 - Presentation: “Towards a Third Nahda,” at the 81st Annual Couchiching Conference on: *The Arab Spring: Implications and Opportunities for Canada*, Orillia, Ontario, (August); video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BU1POV0pXA&feature=BFa&list=UUSgAnUzx_zFkJXzIqEGoupg
 - “*al-Akhbar* and Lebanese Political Culture,” paper delivered (with H. Safieddine) at the conference “Intellectual History of the Arab Left,” held at the American University of Beirut (July).
 - Presentation: “The Nahda and Jurji Zaidan,” *Jurji Zaidan: His Contributions to Modern Arab Thought and Literature*, at the Library of Congress, Washington D.C. (June).
 - Presentation: “Between Minorities and the Masses: Kamal Jumblat (1917-1977),” at *Structures of Personalized Power in the Modern Middle East*, conference held at UCLA in honour Roger Owen, recipient of the G. dela Vida award. (May) Podcast: <http://www.international.ucla.edu/news/article.asp?parentid=126397>

- Presentation: “Translating Revolution: Khayri Hammad Reads Hannah Arendt,” *German-Jewish Echoes in the Contemporary Middle-East*, a symposium of the Jewish Studies Center, University of Chicago (May).
- Presentation: “With Schumpeter and Luxemburg in Cairo: Creative Destruction versus Accumulation of Capital,” Global Cities conference, Centre for Transnational and Diaspora Studies, Toronto (April).
- Presentation: “Translating Hannah Arendt,” *Shifting Boundaries: America and the Middle East/North Africa*, conference of the Center for American Studies at AUB (January).

2011:

- Presentation: “Butrus al-Bustani’s *wataniyyat*,” conference on “Visions and Representations of Homeland in Modern Arabic Poetry and Prose Literature,” University of Göttingen (May).
- Presentation: “All that is Solid Melts into Air: 'al-Akhbar' and Lebanon's New Political Culture,” Colloquium on *Lebanon Faces the Future*, University of Chicago (April).

2010:

- Presentation: “Reading Hannah Arendt in the Middle East,” conference on *European Totalitarianism in the Mirrors of Contemporary Arab Thought*, Beirut (October).
- Presentation: “History, Heritage and Modernity: Cities in the Muslim World Between Destruction and Reconstruction,” two-day workshop on *The Urban Imaginary: Cities in the Modern Middle East*, George Washington University (March).
- Presentation: “Nasif’s Network: al-Yaziji and the emergence of an Arab ‘oecumunity’ of discourse,” conference on *Circuits and Networks: Muslim Interactions in the First Age of Globalization*, UCLA (February).
- Panelist on Roundtable on “Academic Freedom in the Canadian Legal Academy: Israel/Palestine and the Discussions on Paths to Peace,” at *Concerning States of Minds; Disturbing the Minds of States*, Faculty of Law, UofT (January).

2009:

- Presentation: “*al-Nahda*’s Paradise: Aesthetics and the Botanical Imagination,” at *Roads to Paradise: Eschatology and Concepts of the Hereafter in Islam*, Göttingen (May).

2008:

- Presentation: “After the War is Before the War is After the War: Urban Crises and Cultures in Modern Beirut,” *Negotiations of Space: the Politics and Planning of Destruction and Reconstruction in Lebanon*, conference at St. Antony’s College, Oxford University (June).

2007:

- *MESA* paper: “Metamorphoses in Ottoman Art of Government,” Montreal (November).

2006:

- *MESA* paper: “Ottoman-Arab Governmentality; A History of Centre-Provincial Relations in the Age of Reforms,” (November).
- Presentation: “Education After 1860; Missionaries, Arab Intellectuals and the Ottoman State,” *Diversity of Modern Arab Thought*, symposium at the Tanner Center for the Humanities, University of Salt Lake City (April).
- Presentation: “Ottoman-Arab Governmentality; A History of Centre-Periphery Relations,” *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*, University of Toronto (March).
- Panellist: “The Jyllands-Posten Muhammad Cartoons Controversy” A public discussion at Hart House’s Debating Chamber, University of Toronto (February).
- Co-Organizer and panellist: “Cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad: Implications of the Crisis,” University of Toronto Mississauga Campus (February).

2005:

- Presentation: “*Nafir Suriyya* and the Creation of a Moral Society on Post-1860 Bilad Al-Sham,” Conference on *The Roots of Liberal Thought in the Arab World*, University of Erlangen (July).

2004:

- Presentation: “Beirut Versus Damascus; The Struggle for a Provincial Capital,” *Mapping the Mediterranean*, workshop at Orient Institut Beirut, Lebanon (December).
- Presentation: Organizing Committee’s Special Panel on *Iraq Under Occupation*, based on our fact-finding Mission to Baghdad in June 2003, AHA, Washington, D.C. (January).
- Panellist on “Orientalism beyond Germany: Perspectives From Central Europe, Russia and the Middle East” Roundtable discussant, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto (October).

2003:

- Presentation: “Public Hygiene and Sexuality in 19th century Lebanon” conference on *Sexuality in the Middle East* at AUB (December).

2002:

- MESA paper: “The Middle East through [Henri] Lefebvre-tinted Spectacles,” Washington, D.C. (November).
- Presentations: “Zuqaq al-Blat: The Birth of an Education Quarter,” “The Politics of Notables Revisited: the Case of the Malhame Family,” at the World Congress of Middle East Studies, Mainz, Germany (July).

2000:

- Presentation: “The City through Renaissance Eyes: Beirut and the *Nahda*.” *Identities and Ideologies in the Syrian Land from the 18th century to the Mandate Period*, University of Erlangen (July).
- Lecture: “Reading, Writing, Building Beirut.” The Middle East Centre Friday Seminar, Oxford University (June).

1999:

- Presentation: “Imperial and local dimensions of urban politics in late Ottoman Beirut.” Workshop: *Making or Shaking the State? The Transformative Capacities of Locality in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*,” Zentrum des Modernen Orients, Berlin (October).
- Presentation: “Nineteenth Century Beirut: A Tanzimat City?” Conference: *Building City, Building Nation: Space, History, Memory, Identity*. AUB (July).
- Presentation: “Places of Leisure, Places of Pleasure in *fin de siècle* Beirut.” Conference: *Shifting Boundaries of Marginality in the Modern Middle East*, Oxford University (June).

1998:

- Presentation: “Bayrut: Madinat lil-Tanzimat,” Conference: ‘*Asr al-nahda: muqaddimat libraliyya lil-hadatha* (The era of Arabic Revival: Liberal Preludes to Modernity), AUB (November).
- Presentation: “‘Your Beirut is on my desk’: Ottomanizing Beirut under Abdülhamid II, 1876-1909.” Conference: *Projecting Beirut: Episodes in the Construction and Reconstruction of a Modern City*, Harvard Graduate School of Design (April).

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses

- NMC2173, “Intellectuals of the Modern Arab World”

- NMC2172, “The Politics of Archaeology in the Modern Middle East”
- HIS1233, “Colonial Urbanism in the Muslim Mediterranean, 1800-1950”
- HIS1783, “International Relations in the Middle East”

Undergraduate Courses

University of Toronto – St. George Campus

- NMC278, “Introduction to Modern Middle Eastern History”
- NMC378, “Modern Arab History”
- NMC355, “The Ottoman Empire in the Age of Reforms, 1808-1918”
- NMC473, “Intellectuals of the Modern Arab World”
- NMC476, “The Politics of Archaeology”

- HIS395, “Urban History in the Modern Mediterranean”
- HIS304, “Topics in Middle East History: International Relations in the Middle East”
- HIS304, “Topics in Middle East History: Palestine-Israel”

University of Toronto – Mississauga Campus

- HIS101, “Introduction to Historical Studies”
- HIS201, “Introduction to Middle Eastern History”
- HIS384, “International Relations in the Middle East”
- HIS385, “Orientalism & Occidentalism”
- HIS392, “Global History: The Middle East at the Fin de Siècle”
- HIS392, “Global History: The Contemporary History of Syria”
- HIS395, “Modernity and Islam”
- HIS493, “Global Intellectual History: Asia and Africa in the 20th Century”

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- UofT Faculty Association Council, member for the Depts. Of Near & Middle Eastern Civilization and East Asian Studies (2015-)
- International Liaison Officer, Dept. of Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations (2016-)
- UofT Institute Islamic Studies, member of the Steering Committee (2013-)
- Search Committee, position: Modern Arabic Literature (NMC-Comparative Literature, 2016-17)
- Intellectual Community Dept. Committee (Historical Studies, UTM, 2010-13)
- Research Committee (Historical Studies, UTM, 2010-12)
- Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations Undergraduate Committee, 2011-13.
- Research Committee of the History Department, 2007-08.
- Search Committee, position: History of Islam, Historical Studies, UTM, Fall 2005.
- Search Committee: position: Transnational History, Historical Studies, UTM, Fall 2006.
- Participant in planning meetings for the Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies (2004)