

LEFT-WING TRENDS IN THE ARAB WORLD (1948-1979): BRINGING THE  
TRANSNATIONAL BACK IN

12-14 December Orient-Institut Beirut



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| 12 December: | 09.00 am-07.00 pm  | Panels and Roundtables       |
|              | 07.00 pm           | Screening and Diner-Aperitif |
| 13 December: | 10.00 am- 07.00 pm | Panels and Keynote Speech    |

***In collaboration with* The Mansion-Nadi li Kull Nas, Zoqaq al Blat. Beirut:**

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| 14 December | 07.00 pm | Screening and Discussion |
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## DECEMBER 12

9.00

### Welcoming Address

Stefan Leder, Director of the Orient-Institut Beirut

### Introduction

Laure Guirguis, Postdoctoral Researcher, OIB, and Organizer of the workshop

9.15-12.15

## **(ARAB) NATIONALISM AND THE LEFT: CONVERGENCES, TENSIONS, APORIA**

Discussant: Marlene Nasr, Researcher, Doha Institute

09.15 Dyala Hamzah, Assistant Professor, University of Montreal

*Pan-Arabism, Regionalism and Socialism in the Making of Professional Arab Historiography (1920s-1950s)*

09.35 Sune Haugbolle, Associate Professor, Roskilde University

*Reconstructing Discord through Everyday Ideology: Khaled Bakdash and the Palestine Question*

09.55 Matthieu Rey, CNRS

*Baathism: An Original Experiment with Leftist Ideas (1943-1970)*

10.15 Maher Charif, Researcher, The Institute for Palestinian Studies

*الشيوعيون الفلسطينيون وإشكالية العلاقة بين "الخاص" و "العام" في النضال الفلسطيني*

(Palestinian Communists: The Problem of the Relationship between the Particular and the General in the Palestinian Struggle)

*10.35 - 10.45 Break*

10.45 Gennaro Gervasio, Senior Lecturer, Roma 3 University

*Between Pan-Arabism and Communism: the Radical Left in Egypt in the 1970s*

11.05 Mohamed Eid, Researcher, Doha Institute

*From Identity to Politics in the 1960-70s: The Great Shift in Arab Culture, Society and Identity*

11.25 Michaëlle Browers, Professor, Wake Forest University

*Communism, Socialism, Arab Nationalism, and the Imperative of Nation-Building: A Moment of Enthusiasm?*

11.45-12.15 Discussion

*12.15 - 01.45 LUNCH*

01.45-02.25

*سنوات السعادة الثورية، دار التنوير، القاهرة، 2016*

*(Years of Revolutionary Joy, Dar al-tanwir, Cairo, 2016)*

Discussion with the author, Dalal al-Bizri, Columnist for *al-Modon*

02.30-04.45

## **TRANSNATIONAL GENEALOGIES OF AN ARAB TRADITION OF RADICAL THOUGHT**

Discussant: **Dyala Hamzah**, Assistant Professor, University of Montreal

**02.30 Ilham Khuri-Makdisi**, Associate Professor, Northeastern University

*Leftist Radicalism in the Arab World in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries*

**02.50 Giedre Sabaseviciute**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Oriental Institut Prague

*The Journal Al-Adab and Transnational Intellectual Network between Cairo, Bagdad and Beirut*

**03.10 Elliott Colla**, Associate Professor, Georgetown University

*Revolution in an Era of Counter-Revolution: Transnational and Local Registers of 1970s Activism in Egypt*

**03.30 Yoav Di-Capua**, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin

*Sacred Politics and The Arab Revolutionary Self*

**03.50 Jens Hanssen**, Associate Professor, Toronto University

*The Arab Radical Tradition in Comparative Perspective*

**04.10-04.40 Discussion**

*04.40 – 05.00 Coffee Break*

05.00-05.55

## **Paradoxes and Legacies of the Southern Yemeni Left**

Discussion around Fawwaz Traboulsi's

جنوب اليمن في حكم اليسار. شهادة شخصية، رياض الريس، بيروت 2015

(*South Yemen under the Rule of the Left. A Personal Testimony*, Ryad al Rayess, Beirut, 2015)

**Anne-Linda Amira Augustin**, PhD Candidate, Centre for Near and Middle East Studies, Philipps-University Marburg

**Abdulsallam Alrubaidi**, PhD Candidate, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

**Fawwaz Traboulsi**, Visiting Professor, AUB

06.00-06.55

## **The Dhofari Revolution: Model and Exception?**

Roundtable

**Abdel Razzaq Takriti**, Associate Professor, Houston University

**Dr Kamel Mhanna**, Amel Association

07.00-08.00

Screening

مائة وجه ليوم واحد (*A Hundred Faces for a Single Day*) (1972), by Christian Ghazi

*DINER-APERITIF*

## DECEMBER 13

10.00-11.40

### **LEFT-WING TRENDS IN THE 1960-70s: INTELLECTUAL LINKAGES AND DISJUNCTIONS BETWEEN THE THREE WORLDS**

10.00 Margaret Scarborough, PhD Candidate, Columbia University

*Abdel Khaliq Mahgoub: The question of Sudanese Spontaneity between European, Arab and African Marxist Milieu*

10.20 Haggag Ali, Academy of Arts, Cairo

*Left-wing Egyptian Intellectuals' Readings of the Frankfurt School in the 1960-70s*

10.40 Idriss Jebari, ASSRC Postdoctoral Fellow at CAMES, AUB

*'Perspectives,' the Tunisian Student Movement (1963-1974) and the European New Left*

11.00 Alexander Flores, Professor Emeritus, Hochschule, Bremen

*Coping with Decline: Trajectories of the Arab Left and their Perception by European Leftists*

11.20- 11.40 Discussion

11.45-12.30

### **Digital Histories of the Underground: Teaching the Palestinian Revolution**

Abdel Razzaq Takriti, Associate Professor, University of Houston

*12.30-01.40 LUNCH*

01.40-05.30

### **(COUNTER-) REVOLUTIONARY CIRCULATIONS IN THE INTERPLAY OF TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS, POWER GAMES AND LOCAL CHALLENGES**

Discussants: Laure Guirguis, OIB Postdoctoral Fellow, and Aline Schlaepfer, Swiss National Science Foundation Fellow, Université de Genève & AUB

01.40 Elizabeth Holt, Assistant Professor, Bard College

*Covert Cold War in the Arabic Press: Archives of 1950s and 1960s Beirut and Cairo*

02.00 Nate George, PhD Candidate, Rice University

*"The Day of Judgment Has Fallen Upon this Generation": The Front for Freedom and Man in Lebanon and Global Counterrevolution*

02.20 Nicolas Dot-Pouillard, Researcher, ERC program WFAFW

*The Fatah's Student Brigade (Katiba tullabiya): between Maoism, "Asian models" and Islamism (1972-1979)*

02.40 Valentina Napolitano, Dr., Lecturer, IEP, Aix-en-Provence

*The Italian Left Militants and Palestinian Political Actors*

03.00 Eskandar Sadeghi-Boroujerdi, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Manchester

*From Anti-Colonial Nationalism to Radical Internationalism: Iran's Communist Unity (Vaḥdat-i kumūnistī) in the Arab World*

*03.20-03.30 Break*

03.30 **Jeffrey Byrne**, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia

*Of Cosmopolitanism and Color: Reconciling Arabism, Pan-Africanism, Maghribism, and Socialist Internationalism in Algeria's Postcolonial Revolution*

03.50 **Malika Rahal**, Researcher, Institut du Temps présent, CNRS

*The Algerian PAGS Inside Out: Circulating Between Clandestinity and Legality from Dakhil to Kharij*

04.10 **Philipp Winkler**, PhD Candidate, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg

*Khalid Ahmad Zaki and the Revolutionary Struggle in Iraq's Southern Marshlands*

04.30 **Orit Bashkin**, Professor, Chicago University

04.50-05.30 Discussion

*05.30-06.00 Coffee Break*

06.00-07.00

**Keynote Speech: Gilbert Achcar, Professor, SOAS**

اليسار العربي الجديد في الستينيات والسبعينيات : بماذا يشترك مع اليسار الجديد العالمي  
وبماذا يختلف عنه؟

(The New Arab Left of the 1960-70s and the Global New Left: Commonalities and Differences)

*20.00 DINER*

**DECEMBER 14**

*At the Mansion (Zoqaq el-Blat, Beirut)*

07.00 pm

**Screening and Discussion.....**